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Contract Awarded For Building New Bridge At Little Current



By *Rosalind Russell* - The Ontario government has named a construction manager for the Little Current Swing Bridge replacement project. The new bridge will replace the existing bridge on Highway 6 connecting Manitoulin Island to the mainland, providing reliable, year-round access to the provincial highway network and making it easier for workers and families to connect to jobs, housing and essential services.

The company EllisDon has been awarded the contract, but no other details are being released at this time. "Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is making historic investments to build and strengthen the highways and bridges northern communities rely on," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "Replacing the Little Current Swing Bridge will protect this critical connection to Manitoulin Island, support

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Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre welcomes new financial V.P.



By Rosalind Russell - The Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre has welcomed a new vice-president of Corporate & Chief Financial Officer.

According to the release, Steffi Wiittmaack has over 20 years of experience, most recently as Director of Finance at Health Sciences North in Sudbury.

She has also worked for West Nipissing General Hospital, Ontario Health Northeast, the North Bay Regional Health Centre, and the North East LHIN.

Photos by Rosalind Russell



Evening Nursing Clinics Available In Espanola

By Rosalind Russell - The Espanola Health Team is providing RN clinics in the evening for those who need care outside normal business hours.

According to the release, whether you're unable to visit during the day or simply need a more convenient option, the Evening RN Clinic offers a range of healthcare services for both attached and non-attached patients.

Patients who have a doctor can access a booking site to make an appointment, while those who are orphaned patients can call reception for more information.

The clinics are set for September 29 and 30, October 7 and 8, November 24 and 25 and December 2 and 3.

The clinics run from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Espanola Lions Bingo

By Grant Lewis - It's that time of year again: NO mosquitoes, cool nights, warm days, and best of all Lions TV Bingo is ready to start. Last year, the club was

able to give back just over \$98,000 from TV Bingo in prizes and donations to various local groups. Last year we decided that the Club should support the arts more...and we did...big time. This year with your help, we hope to expand our horizons even more. Soooooo, the first Bingo will be October 7th and every Wednesday thereafter. We will be calling from downstairs at the Legion at 6:30 p.m. right after Catch the Ace. Cards will be available soon, so stay tuned. Same price...same prizes...and same vendors. So join us at the Legion if you want. Guaranteed laughs!!!

Step into the Wild P. Lynn Halliday

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When you go to camp you often get to learn new skills—skills that you may get to put into practice in the years to come. It was at camp that I learned how to paddle and boy have I had lots of opportunities to practice that skill. Often, I got just good enough at this skill, that I thought I didn't have to learn anything more—big mistake. But camp has a way of dealing with issues of pride as you will soon see. Jan, who is quite a bit like me, had to learn this lesson as well. Enjoy!

Chapter One

The second day at camp, the girls chose partners to learn and practice their paddling skills. Chrissy, my friend was reluctant to even get into a canoe, but I promised I would take care of her—because I was an expert.

“Okay, you've got me here Jan, but remember I warned you that I'm not very good at paddling. Crafts are more

my style,” Chrissy said. “I sure hope that you're as good at this as you claimed.” A worried frown creased her brow.

“Relax. I'm an expert paddler,” I boasted. “We'll be fine. This afternoon you'll get your chance to shine since our activity is rock painting.”

“Well, if you're sure, I don't want to sink like a rock to the bottom of the bay. Promise me you'll keep me alive,” she said, laughing.

We chose a canoe, paddles and lifejackets and then climbed in, shoving off from shore as we did. It took a moment to decide who wanted to paddle on which side, but once that was settled, we seemed to do fairly well. We were moving forward in a somewhat straight line. I was in the stern because I was experienced, but what I forgot to mention was that I had actually never steered a canoe before.

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Contract Awarded For Building New Bridge At Little Current

good-paying jobs in the region and keep families.”

Located on Highway 6 in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, the existing 110-year-old bridge is the only road crossing to Manitoulin Island and a vital connection for residents, businesses and visitors. Last fall, the province awarded a detailed design contract for a new two-lane swing bridge to maintain reliable, year-round access to Manitoulin Island. Construction of the new bridge will support good-paying local jobs and help drive economic growth across the region.

“The Little Current Swing Bridge is a vital connection for Manitoulin Island residents, businesses, and visitors. As the

Island’s only year-round road crossing, it supports access to jobs, education, healthcare, and economic opportunities across the region,” said George Pirie, Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth. “Our government is proud to be taking another important step toward replacing this critical piece of infrastructure while preserving its iconic swing bridge design. This investment will help keep people and goods moving safely and reliably for decades to come, while protecting the unique character of this important gateway to Manitoulin Island.”

Today’s announcement builds on the government’s ongoing

work to better connect Ontario’s communities, including a \$31 billion investment to repair and expand highways, roads and bridges across the province. This includes major highway projects across Northern Ontario, such as upgrading Highway 17 from Echo Bay to Highway 548, four-laning the Trans-Canada Highway from Thunder Bay to Nipigon and from Kenora to the Manitoba border, and widening Highway 69 between Parry Sound and Sudbury.

“The Constable Marc Hovingh Minjimennikaade Memorial Bridge is a critical infrastructure to connect Manitoulin Island to the mainland. This vital

year-round corridor serves residents, businesses, visitors and transporters with a dependable and accessible route,” said Bill Rosenberg, MPP for Algoma–Manitoulin. “This investment by the Province of Ontario ensures a strong and prosperous future for Manitoulin Island and Algoma-Manitoulin.”

The government is investing more than \$236 billion through its plan to build Ontario, including historic investments in road and highway infrastructure in Northern Ontario to support economic growth, help drivers get around safely and keep workers on the job.

Espanola Woman Founder Of Oaks Tree Of Love Honouring Lost Pregnancies And Newborns



By Rosalind Russell - An Espanola woman, Kristin Pichoskie, the founder of the group, Oaks Tree of Love, says it is important to acknowledge lost pregnancies and newborns. Pichoskie says the campaign was named in memory of her son, Oak Beaudyn Noel, who passed away four days after his birth in March 2023.

She says it supports families who have experienced pregnancy loss, infant loss, and child loss through memory boxes, remembrance projects, advocacy, awareness, and community support.

Pichoskie extends a thank you to the Espanola Council, which has proclaimed October 15 as

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day, adding that the public can mark the day with the Wave of Light by lighting pink, blue and white candles. She adds the CN Tower, Sudbury Water Tower and other landmarks will also be lit up in pink, blue and white as part of the campaign honouring the lost children.

Photo: Kristin Pichoskie says a walk was held in Sudbury this past weekend to highlight Oaks Tree of Love initiative, including a barbecue and entertainment. She thanks everyone for their support. Photos provided by Kristin Pichoskie.



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Pedestrian Walkway In Espanola Officially Named For A Former Councillor



By Rosalind Russell - Espanola Council has approved the naming of a path requested by the family of a former councillor.

In a letter, the Leson family asked council to consider naming a pathway, Leson Path, acknowledging the

contributions of their former family member, Bill Leson. According to their presentation, Bill served on council in the 1960s; his wife, Bernie, was a Registered Nurse and Supervisor at the Espanola General Hospital and Espanola Regional Hospital during her nursing career.

Council learned that the couple built their home in 1959 just beyond the former St. Louis de France, the only home in that area until 1962.

Gradually, the subdivision expanded to include many homes, including a pedestrian path between Second Street and Haig Street that runs through Pinegrove Park.

Council endorsed naming it Leson Path, and signage will be erected soon to acknowledge the pedestrian walkway.

Photo: unsplash.com

Anishinabe Spiritual Centre Receives Funding To Hire A Cultural Planning Intern



By Rosalind Russell - The Anishinabe Spiritual Centre, located five minutes south of Espanola on Lake Anderson, has received funding from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation through its Indigenous Workforce Development Stream to hire a cultural planning intern.

The centre is seeking an intern for a two-year placement and will be responsible for planning cultural programs and community events, creating social media and promotional content, welcoming visitors, conducting research, and supporting the centre's daily operations.

The centre recently released a new logo, and its board of

directors is taking a more business-like approach to promoting the property to the wider community, including the opening of a small café, community gatherings and more.

The intern must self-identify as First Nation, Métis or Inuit, be legally eligible to work in Canada and reside in Northern Ontario during the placement. Application deadline: September 25, 2026

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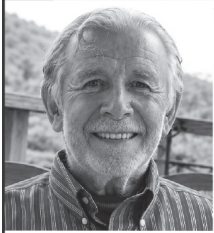
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*Municipal Act, 2001
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN

TAKE NOTICE that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on Monday, October 26, 2026 at the Township of Baldwin, 11 Spooner Street, McKerrow, ON P0P 1M0.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at the Township of Baldwin, 11 Spooner Street, McKerrow, at 3:15 p.m.

Description of Lands:

PIN 73391-0074 (LT), PCL 8929 SEC SWS
Part Lot 6, Con 1 Baldwin as in WP4848
Township of Baldwin, District of Sudbury
Being 2 Hardwood Rd, McKerrow, File #.B-24-04
Roll 5228 000 003 03000 0000
According to the last returned assessment roll,
the assessed value of the land is \$ 8,500
MINIMUM TENDER AMOUNT \$ 39,998.99

PIN 73391-0327 (LT), PCL M-1123-23 SEC SWS
Lot 23, Plan M-1123
Township of Baldwin, District of Sudbury
Being 23 Jarbeau St., McKerrow, File #.B-24-05
Roll 5228 000 003 06800 0000
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the assessed value of the land is \$ 7,800
MINIMUM TENDER AMOUNT \$ 4,461.48

PIN 73391-0045 (LT), PCL 6151 SEC SWS
Lot 4, Plan M70 Baldwin
PIN 73391-0022 (LT), PCL 5111 SEC SWS
Part Lot 7, Con 1 Baldwin as in LT1084 except LT18611
Township of Baldwin, District of Sudbury
Being 501 Hwy 17 W, McKerrow, File # B-24-07
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Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque / bank draft / money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, crown interests, availability of road access, or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

Pursuant to the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act, S.C. 2022, c. 10, s. 235 (the "Act"), effective January 1, 2023, it is prohibited for a non-Canadian to purchase, directly or indirectly, any residential property, as those terms are defined in the legislation. Contraventions of the Act are punishable by a fine, and offending purchasers may be ordered to sell the residential property.

The municipality assumes no responsibility whatsoever for ensuring bidders/tenderers comply with the Act, and makes no representations regarding same. Prospective bidders/tenderers are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act and are advised to seek legal advice before participating in this sale.

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

Take Notice: Where a refund is claimed by a qualifying first-time Homebuyer under the Land Transfer Tax Act, the Municipality requires the purchaser to retain legal counsel to complete the transfer.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository website under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender contact:

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NOTICE



SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SABLES-SPANISH RIVERS

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on October 7, 2026, at the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers Municipal Office, 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey, Ontario.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 52 18 000 008 06800 0000; 290 IMPERIAL ST. N, MASSEY; PINs 73423-0431 (LT) & 73423-0432 (LT); File No. 24-02;
Minimum Tender Amount: \$22,713.34
2. Roll No. 52 18 000 010 07900 0000; 17 YOUNG ST., WEBBWOOD; PINs 73413-0187 (LT) & 73413-0397 (LT); File No. 24-03;
Minimum Tender Amount: \$63,569.80
3. Roll No. 52 18 000 010 18100 0000; 2 ALGOMA ST., WEBBWOOD; PIN 73413-0062 (LT); File No. 24-05;
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Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, crown interests, or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Any interests of the Federal or Provincial Crown encumbering the land at the time of the tax sale will continue to encumber the land after the registration of the tax deed. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. A full copy of the tax sale advertisement and further information about this matter is available online at www.OntarioTaxSales.ca or you may contact Ruth Clare, Treasurer, The Corporation of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers, 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey ON P0P 1P0, Telephone: 705-865-2646 ext 225, Email: rclare@sables-spanish.ca



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Notice Of Annual General Meeting - Espanola Little Theatre - is holding their annual general meeting on Wednesday, September 23 at the A.B. Ellis School library. Meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend."

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Manitoulin North Shore Federation of Agriculture AGM Dinner – Friday, September 25, 2026. Sheguiandah Hall. Federation subsidized dinner/meeting. RSVP by September 18 to emirfamily@hotmail.ca

Espanola Elks Trivia Night – September 25, 8:00 p.m. Text 705-822-3733 to secure a table.

Women of Faith Luncheon – Saturday, October 3, 11:00 a.m. at the Espanola Seniors Complex. For Tickets call: Evelyn 705-869-3561 or Marilyn 705-849-5095

Webbwood Eagles #4269 Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday, October 3. Eat in or Takeout 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & desert.

Espanola Elks Elimination Draw, Dinner & Dance – October 24, 4:30 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Perogies, baked beans, pulled pork, buns & dessert. For tickets please reach out to a local Elks member or message on Facebook.

Massey Legion 432 - is collecting liquor bottles and cans for children's activities. Any local children's activities are welcome to apply for funding. Donations can be dropped off at the back of the legion at 320 Imperial St in Massey.

Massey Legion 432 weekly events - Tuesday evenings, Euchre 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Afternoon, Bid 500, 1:00 p.m., Northern Light Seniors. Lions club TV Bingo, Wednesdays (October -end of May). 6:30 p.m. Dart night, Thursdays 7:00 p.m. (starting again on Sept 24). Friday Roll Off with Poiter's Gift cards, Doors open at 6 pm, Wheel Rolls at 7:00 pm. Bar is open. Pool table available.

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.

Church Services – St. Francis of Assisi, Walford, Saturdays 4:00 p.m. St. Lawrence the Martyr, Webbwood, Sundays 9:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception Parish, Massey, Sundays 11:00 a.m. Everyone Welcome

North Shore Seventh-day-Adventist Church - invites you to join us on Saturdays (Sabbaths) 10:00 a.m. for Sabbath School, 11:00 a.m. Divine Service. 10 Menard Cres. Walford. For more info call 705-865-3013.

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

The Remnant Call Church – Service: Sunday 10:30 a.m., Espanola Elks Hall; All welcome. Non denominational.

Al-Anon - Not everyone Trapped by Alcohol is an Alcoholic. Family and Friends are suffering too. Meetings: Tuesdays at 7, St George's Anglican Church. 213 Tudhope St, Espanola.

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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