

Politics

OIPRD releases 'Broken Trust' report

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Wawatay News

Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler is looking for action after the Office of the Independent Police Review Director released the Thunder Bay Police Service Systemic Review Report - Broken Trust: Indigenous People and the Thunder Bay Police Service report this past December.

"The fact that the report spells out the current reality that there is systemic as well as individual racism within the (Thunder Bay) Police Service (TBPS) should be a wakeup call for them," Fiddler says minutes after OIPRD director Gerry McNeilly delivered the Broken Trust report at the DaVinci Centre in Thunder Bay. "That should be the starting point, for them to first of all acknowledge that systemic racism exists in their police service and then to look at the plan and figure out a way they will implement all of these recommendations in a timely manner."

The Broken Trust report included 44 recommendations, including #1: Nine of the TBPS sudden death investigations that the OIPRD reviewed are so problematic I recommend these cases be reinvestigated.

"I found that deficiencies in how the Thunder Bay Police was investigating Indigenous sudden deaths was so problematic that I have recommended at least nine of these cases should be reinvestigated by a multi-disciplinary team," McNeilly says. "This team should include investigators from other police services, a coroner and a forensic pathologist. The original investigators are not to be members of this multi-disciplinary team."

McNeilly says the TBPS has introduced some measures, such as a Sudden Death Review Committee, but more needs to be done.

"For example, inadequate resources are directed to seri-



Brad DeBungee, wearing hat, brother of Stacy DeBungee, a Rainy River citizen whose body was found in the McIntyre River in Thunder Bay in 2015, listens as Office of the Independent Police Review Director Gerry McNeilly releases the Thunder Bay Police Service Systemic Review Report - Broken Trust: Indigenous People and the Thunder Bay Police Service in Thunder Bay.

ous investigations," McNeilly says. "It is unacceptable that a police service investigating a large number of serious, complex cases has no Major Case Management Unit and assigns investigators to lead the investigation of such cases without appropriate training or expertise. We must ensure going forward that sudden death investigations are adequately done so that confidence is adequately restored in the Indigenous community. Accordingly, I recommend that Thunder Bay Police Service should initiate an external peer review process of its investigations for at least three years following the release of this report."

Brad DeBungee, brother of Stacy DeBungee, a Rainy River citizen whose body was found in the McIntyre River in Thunder Bay in 2015, was pleased overall with the recommendations in the Broken Trust report but concerned about the recommendation for the three-year external review process.

"Three years just isn't long enough," Brad says.

Rainy River Chief Robin McGinnis says he is worried that the recommendations in the Broken Trust report will not be followed.

"The report can only be as good as it is followed," McGinnis says. "I love the report, I love how in-depth it went. It was a long two years and the DeBungee family from my community has been waiting a long time for this. There is still pain there and there is still healing that has to be done."

Julian Falconer, partner with Falconer's LLP and legal representative for the DeBungee family and Rainy River, says the Broken Trust report is "absolutely unprecedented."

"It sets a new mark for agencies looking at issues of race," Falconer says. "Director McNeilly was courageous in his willingness to tell it like it is, so what I think you now have is an unprecedented finding of racism across an entire police

service. I don't think there is any precedent for this kind of widespread finding. It is a reality that Indigenous people in this community have been living with for decades. You're not telling them anything they didn't already know, but the fact that McNeilly and the OIPRD were prepared to recognize it is of huge consequence. So I think this is an important day because it is vindication of what people have gone through."

McNeilly's recommendations include 11 that specifically address racism in TBPS policing, including #32: TBPS should focus proactively on actions to eliminate systemic racism, including removing systemic barriers and the root causes of racial inequities in the service; and #33: TBPS leadership should publicly and formally acknowledge that racism exists at all levels within the police service and it will not tolerate racist views or actions.

"The relationship between

the Thunder Bay Police Service and the Indigenous community is, in my assessment, a broken one," McNeilly says. "While it is understood that much of the mistrust Indigenous people feel toward police is rooted in the history of colonialism, that does not in any way relieve Thunder Bay Police Service of its obligation to earn the trust of Indigenous people. In fact, it only creates a greater onus on the service to do so."

TBPS Chief Sylvie Hauth says she takes the Broken Trust report "very seriously."

"I have been very upfront in terms of my commitment and dedication about where we stand on the reconciliation process," Hauth says. "Trust is very important and regaining that trust has been at the forefront of my new role."

Hauth says the TBPS can build upon the initiatives that have been introduced over the past two years since the 145 recommendations of the Joint Inquest into the Deaths of



Office of the Independent Police Review Director Gerry McNeilly.

Seven First Nations Youths in the City of Thunder Bay were released in 2016.

"When you look at systemic racism, it's really about, right now when you look internally within our service, is giving them the tool set, giving them the information, giving them the training, the education that they need," Hauth says. "We've for far too long I think only provided them with sporadic (training). I think we need something that is sustained, something that follows the officers throughout their career and really affords them to be well-rounded and be culturally competent, is what I call it, so that by the time you are quite a few years into your career you have a lot of extra tools in your toolbox to be really effective, to have a good understanding."

The Broken Trust report is located online at: oiprd.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/OIPRD-BrokenTrust-Final-Accessible-E.pdf.

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Spring Cleaning the Workplace Toxicity for the New Year

John Gagnon

Happy New Year all, time to dust off last year’s incomplete resolutions, and re-jig them for optimal use with the wisdom you gained from another year on the planet. Maybe you want to make enough money to rival Bill Gates, or be more conscience of cultivating healthier relationships with your family, friends, pets, plants or work family. Yes I said work family. Think about it, we spend a third of our lives sleeping and rejuvenating, a third of our time with family, and a third at work. Sometimes our work environment has enough emotions that the intimacy is family in nature. And, as we know, some of our families are politically dysfunctional so it is only natural that our employment interactions can be the same.

Office politics, we deal with it every day, is the basic human interactions involving power and authority in the workplace. A well-oiled operation is heavily reliant on healthy functional interactions and relationships. In her article, What I Learned About Office Politics That Changed My Career Forbes magazine, ForbesWoman, Bonnie Marcus interviewed a lot of women and asked them to describe office politics. The consensus of what office politics was, “dirty, manipulative, and evil.” They expressed their, “anger, frustration, and betrayal when ‘political animals,’ people who spent more time schmoozing than working, would rise through the ranks faster than they did.”

A toxic workplace has many ugly faces that present themselves through variations of harassment, political, intellectual, and spiritual divisions. Some pit people in the workplace against each other, and all work appears to get done through chaos production. Sometimes some people can take a high road, but as they say there’s always an astoundingly negative person in every circle. Gary Chapman, Paul White, and Harold Myra, share a story in their book, Rising above a toxic workplace: taking care of yourself in an unhealthy environment, about a friend, a teacher whose life drastically changed when a new authority figure appeared at work.

“After teaching math in the public schools for eighteen years. He [the teacher] had a stellar record of taking underachieving children and bringing them up to above average standards. He invested hours providing free tutoring to children after school. His fellow teachers admired him. All was fine until a new principal arrived and began to find fault with this teacher. His room appeared disorganized, his desk cluttered with papers. The principal gave him twenty-four hours to get his room and desk in order. He said that he had received complaints from parents about his teaching. Though when the teacher asked, “What complaints and what parents?” there was silence. Day after day the principal harassed the teacher by walking into his classroom, looking around, turning and walking out. He told the teacher on more than one occasion, ‘You do not have a future in this school.’ This teacher sat in my office expressing extreme frustration that the principal was intruding into his efforts to help the children. ‘All I ever wanted todo,’ he said, ‘is to help the children succeed in life. I have poured my life into these children and now this principal is making my life miserable.’ This emotional harassment went on for three years until the principal was transferred to another school and life for the teacher returned to normal. Fellow teachers affirmed their colleague and said, ‘We are so glad that you stuck it out. The children need you so desperately.’”

One of the hard lessons we must journey through and learn like the teacher is that there are people who will mess with you and your place in life due to sheer jealousy. They will plan and act out ways to trip a person up, stop someone from succeeding. Basically, plotting against a person and premeditating to undermine that person on different levels of hateful actions. It’s sad to believe that people will go out of their way to make other people feel as crappy as they do. This is our glass ceiling, ‘residential school syndrome,’ Junebug a work mate at that time, said to me. The glass ceiling, or syndrome creates the biggest mistakes in our work force

like the principal in the story. The toxic dysfunctional work behaviour of the principal is irony, allowing ego and jealousy to invariably affect the children he was empowered to ensure were getting a good education. The uselessness of a toxic work place.

Junebug and I worked together early in my administrative career. It was a time of confusion and disarray and learning about my own grandmother and her brother and other extended family members attending residential school. The work place was very family ‘like’ and also very sensitive like, family, and it seemed that all our production was achieved through chaos production. There was a lot of superficial animosity and picking at silly details while performing our duties, but I shrugged it off not wanting to be confrontational. So I did the smartest thing I knew at that time, I stuffed it down deep into the bowels of my memories. Looking back now, if office politics is deemed bad now, then it was equal to the medieval times of dysfunctional office politics and only a decade removed from Clarence Thomas.

Essentially, I experienced something similar to the teacher with the exception that on this one particular day a fellow (soon to be former work mate) told me why she was behaving that way. We approached Junebug a respected professional on the IRS portfolio, and the work mate intrigued Junebug and I with more office gossip- that turned out to be true. Before all was done, Junebug organized a talking circle for the office and the Elder spoke about Indian Residential School syndrome and fear based living and interacting due to the traumas of IRS. Simply, it was similar to post traumatic stress syndrome, living and thinking within the confines of the fears created by these types of syndromes. Something bad must be going on. Something bad is always going to happen. Sometimes bad is happening and people trust and then get burnt. So trust is lost, then it creates a ‘too good to be true’ mentality that erroneously feeds the first fear. This is the vicious circle of a fearful life.

The Aboriginal Healing Foundation Research Series, Reclaiming Connections: Understanding Residential School Trauma Among Aboriginal People reports that abuse endured by survivors and inter-generational survivors was and is nothing short of miraculous. The reports states, “Indigenous (Aboriginal) therapists and front-line workers describe the abuse that occurred at residential schools as ritual and . . . defines ritualize abuse as repeated, systematic, sadistic and humiliating trauma to the physical, sexual, spiritual and/or emotional health of a person that may utilize techniques, including but not limited to, conditioning, mind control and torture.”

The Elder spoke about how these negative work conditions must end and that we are aware so we must be the ones who change this dysfunctional cycle. Everyone apologized we all hugged-smiled and went on our way with a good heart. I never did see my work place nemesis, with the hankering to be honest, again after that day of the talking circle. As a matter of fact, it was not long after that day the ED resigned, something to do with company ink and a pen. All joking aside, these behaviours are direct causes of severe mental health issues for the employee, speaking with compassion, and major financial and litigious liabilities to the corporation. It is especially a major liability when we’re all attempting to put our best efforts towards making our communities healthier.

If you consider yourself as a person of awareness, then another person’s discomfort would be noticeable. So, it is my opinion that it is the obligation of the aware to have openness toward internal and external feelings and the unseen divine understanding of why discomfort exists. Ultimately, acknowledging, understanding and rectifying the toxic behaviour and purging the negativity from the work environment. It will inspire passionate corporate culture where people feel and know their valued purpose, which is then an increased enthusiasm that transfers to the clients and creating mutually beneficial bottom line.



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Caitlyn Bird presents artwork at Thunder Bay Art Gallery

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Noatkamegwanning's Caitlyn Bird is looking to pursue a curatorial career after graduating with a BFA in Museum Studies at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

"I want to take about a year off, but I want to go back and do my masters eventually for curatorial work," says Bird, who delivered a presentation on The Art of Caitlyn Bird at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery. "My art really guided me to: 'OK, we need to get into these collections, we need to tell these stories and we really have to bring our community together for this.'"

After completing her BFA last spring, Bird worked at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery, where she enjoyed spending time with the gallery's collection of Indigenous artworks by artists such as Norval Morrisseau.

"There is a back room — who knew there was so much spiritualism there," Bird says. "It was amazing. I was back there a couple of times and I got to spend time with some of the Norval Morrisseau paintings. Just sitting there, like face to face, I was looking at it, I was examining it, I was sniffing it. It was a being to me, it was alive."

Bird says the artifacts, which she refers to as Elders, have "so much life to them." Elders was a



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Caitlyn Bird speaks about her art and achieving her BFA in Museum Studies at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico during her presentation of The Art of Caitlyn Bird at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery.

term that she and the other students in her class at IAIA used for artifacts.

"A birch bark basket isn't just a birch bark basket," Bird says. "It comes from the land and it was made with that good intention and prayer. So that is why I want to get into collections

and help tell the stories of these Elders.”

Bird says there is a need for more Indigenous curators to apply traditional protocols for the Elders (artifacts) that are in collections across the country.

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Caitlyn Bird delivered a presentation on The Art of Caitlyn Bird at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery.

Protocols needed for ceremonial items

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“Even ceremonial (items) are in the collections and a lot of the time proper protocol is not followed,” Bird says. “What we believe as Indigenous people, just speaking for Anishinabe people, is that Elders have life forms, they have spirits attached to it. There are so much good intentions that go into making it, and they are not just a lifeless object. They are alive and that is why I refer to them as Elders, because they continue to teach us even after many years. They are our teachers, they sit with us, they listen to us, they show us how to do it

by observing it.”

Bird's mother and father, Barbara Wynn and Colin James Bird, enjoyed listening to her presentation on The Art of Caitlyn Bird at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery.

"I loved it, very emotional," Wynn says. "From the time she was accepted into the (Museum Studies) program til now, she has grown so much as a young lady, spiritually (and in) her knowledge of art. Prior to her interest in this, I was never an arts person, but now she is showing me a new way through her eyes and her learning and I am proud of her and I will continue to support her on her

journey.”

Colin adds that he is proud of his daughter for pursuing her education goals.

"She did a lot of work, she put a lot of thought into it," Colin says. "Her studies brought her to where she is today. All of us are proud of her accomplishments and the work that she is going to be doing now."

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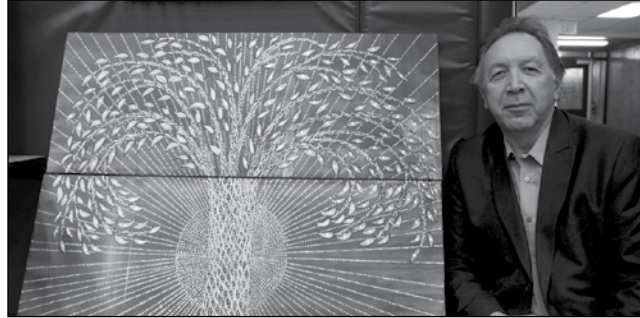
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LEFT: Elsie Kwandibens had a range of beadwork for sale at the 17th Annual Aboriginal Fine Arts and Crafts Gift Show, held at the Lakehead University C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse.

TOP LEFT: Lawrence Martin had seven art pieces by Wabimeguil for sale at the 17th Annual Aboriginal Fine Arts and Crafts Gift Show, held at the Lakehead University C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse.



BOTTOM LEFT: Timothy Tait, Ringo Fiddler and Dwayne Wabegijig had a range of art pieces for sale at the 17th Annual Aboriginal Fine Arts and Crafts Gift Show, held at the Lakehead University C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse.

Aboriginal Fine Arts show a yearly hit

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The 17th Annual Aboriginal Fine Arts and Crafts Gift Show was held at a new location in Thunder Bay with many of the familiar craftspeople and artists in attendance from across northern Ontario.

"We have a number of originals (by Wabimeguil) here again," says Lawrence Martin, a Moose Cree citizen who sells art pieces by Wabimeguil (Betty Albert). "I've been on the road for the past couple of weeks so I've sold most of the paintings. I only have seven left here today."

One of the art pieces that Martin had for sale was a three-panel painting called *The Tree of Life*.

"It illustrates the connection that we as all humans and all life are connected to the Earth," Martin says, noting that each branch represents different families and nationalities but they all have the same roots. "So that one was created that way and it is always the sun that continues to provide the life to everybody."

Martin adds that Wabimeguil has been creating art for about 30-35 years. He usually travels with her art pieces to sell at conferences and art shows across Ontario and Quebec.

"I was at an art show last week in Chisasibi, about 15 hours from Cochrane," Martin says. "So it was well received and that is why you don't see any animal pictures up there right now because they love geese up there, they love wolves, so those went really fast right away."

Some of the other craftspeople and artists who participated in the Fine Arts and Crafts Gift Show were

Darryl Big George, Ringo Fiddler, Elsie Kwandibens, Timothy Tait and Clara Winnepetonga. The Fine Arts and Crafts Gift Show was held at the Lakehead University C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse.

"I sold my first art piece when I was in Grade 5," Big George says. "And now it's just exploded for the past five years. All of a sudden I've been invited to go to all of these places across Canada."

Big George says he has travelled to art shows as far as Vancouver, Montreal and Quebec over the past five years and has been invited to art shows in Toronto, Ottawa and Minneapolis this upcoming summer.

"I enjoy coming here — it's fun," Big George says about the Fine Arts and Crafts Gift Show. "You get to meet all different people from all different directions, people selling their moccasins, gloves, hand drums. It's nice to see all this happening."

Fiddler says he first started doing artwork when he was about seven or eight-years-old during camping trips with his grandfather.

"I used to go camping with my grandfather with a pencil or crayons," Fiddler says. "That's where I saw visions of art in the bush."

Fiddler says his artwork has been sold to people as far away as Germany, Poland and China.

"And all over Manitoulin Island, across Canada, B.C., Vancouver," Fiddler says.

Kwandibens says she first started beading when she was 13-years-old.

"When a girl comes into her time, these are some of the things they are supposed to be doing, how to sew or create moccasins or gloves, et cetera,"

Kwandibens says. "And I've been doing it and I'm 70 today."

Kwandibens says her mother's motto was: if you have beadwork, it will put bread on your table.

"I really believe it's true, especially now," Kwandibens says. "We have a

high school student, he's a teenager and he's actually doing earrings and selling them."

Tait says he began doing art when he was nine-years-old.

"(My artwork's about) Woodland style and colours," Tait says. "People

buy it from other countries and all around Ontario for sure. All over the country somebody has a painting of mine."

Winnepetonga says she started sewing again this past year after not sewing for "quite a while."

"I'm just getting back with the Elders," Winnepetonga says. "We usually have a craft sewing night, so we get together and just start making things and just visiting and talking and sharing stories. We've got very talented people."



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Toys for the north campaign a success

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North Star Air, Gardewine and the RCMP recently delivered more than 10 skids of toys to children in Nishnawbe Aski Nation and Grand Council Treaty #3 communities through the Toys for the North charitable drive.

"We've done a few trips this Christmas season so far, but most recently to Poplar Hill and Deer Lake," says Jeff Stout, vice president of commercial operations for North Star Air. "That was in cooperation with the RCMP and Gardewine and Toys

for the North."

Stout says children in Eabametoong also received toys through the Toys for the North initiative and the RCMP, Gardewine and Regional Food Distribution Association of northwestern Ontario.

"We went up there and took Santa," Stout says. "Santa has gone to these three communities: Eabametoong, Poplar Hill and Deer Lake."

Stout says the holiday season is "all about being grateful," noting that Eabametoong, Poplar Hill and Deer Lake are three of North Star Air's community partners.

"We're grateful for our partners," Stout says. "We have great relationships with these communities, mainly through the revenue share agreement. Over \$3 million has gone back since 2014 when we started. At this time of the year we like to do what we can to give back to the communities, and this is just one of the ways we try to do it."

Stout, who has travelled on the toy delivery trips in previous years, says the deliveries are a big event for the communities.

"It's exciting — the whole community comes out," Stout

says. "Most importantly, for the youth it is very exciting to get Santa to come up into the community. It's as good as it gets for the youth."

RCMP Staff Sgt. Normand Roy, detachment commander of the Thunder Bay detachment, says a load of toys was also delivered to Northwest Angle in Treaty #3 territory.

"The RCMP has been involved in this program for a few years now," Roy says. "The toys are donated from the Canadian Toy Association in Toronto. It is always good to be involved in this campaign and be able to bring some of the toys and

the joy to some of these remote communities."

Roy says the Toys for the North deliveries could not be done without the help of the partners and the community citizens.

"Yesterday I was in Northwest Angle, and I had the teachers involved, people from the community that came with their trucks," Roy says. "That's how we do it, as a great team. Everybody got together and I just want to wish everybody a merry Christmas."

Since the Toys for the North initiative was developed in 2010 in partnership with the Canadian Toy Association and Thomson Terminals transportation, more than \$500,000 worth of toys have been distributed to children in communities across the northern parts of Labrador, Manitoba, Nunavut and Ontario.

"There are many youth oriented charitable groups out there that help the disadvantaged at Christmas but Toys for the North is the only drive that sends toys to thousands of Canadian children that live in Canada's northern most regions," says RCMP Corporal Stacey Anderson, national coordinator 2018 Toys for the



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Santa helped to deliver more than 10 skids of toys to children across Nishnawbe Aski Nation and Grand Council Treaty #3 through the Toys for the North charitable drive.

North. "It is not an easy task to co-ordinate but the reward of these efforts is seeing smiles on those kids' faces, and knowing we are making a difference in their lives."

The Toys for the North campaign included the efforts of hundreds of volunteers who contributed toys, gift wrap, transportation services, planning and distribution from the member companies of the Canadian Toy Association, Hallmark Canada, Thomson Terminals, Canadian Forces, North Star Air, Gardewine, RCMP Veterans Association, RCMP detachments and policing partners as well as private businesses and Canadian citizens.

REVIEW

Review of Draft Contingency Plan: Trout Lake Forest 2019-2021 Contingency Plan

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)**, **Domtar Inc.** and the **Local Citizens' Committee (LCC)** invite you to review and comment on the Draft Contingency Plan for the **Trout Lake Forest**.

Why is a Contingency Plan Required?

The approved 2009-2019 Trout Lake Forest Management Plan (FMP) will expire March 31, 2019. Delays have been experienced in planning the next 10-year FMP; as such, a CP is required. A two-year Contingency Plan will enable the implementation of forest operations until the ten year 2021-2031 FMP is approved.

The purpose of this notice is to:

- Invite you to review and comment on the draft Contingency Plan at the locations and times listed below, and
- Request contributions to the background information to be used in planning.

Comments will be considered in revisions to the draft CP.

How to Get Involved

The Draft CP will be available on the Ontario Government website at www.ontario.ca/forestplans, at the Domtar Inc. office and the MNRF Red Lake District Office at the locations noted below, during normal office hours for a period of 30 days: **January 18, 2019 – February 19, 2019.**

Comments on the Draft CP for the Trout Lake Forest must be received by Corinne Arthur at the MNRF Red Lake District Office, by **February 19, 2019.**

The following information will be available:

- Draft Contingency Plan, including supplementary documentation;
- MNRF's preliminary list of required alterations.

Meetings with representatives of the planning team and the LLC can be requested at any time during the planning process. Reasonable opportunities to meet planning team members during non-business hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests with a planning team member, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

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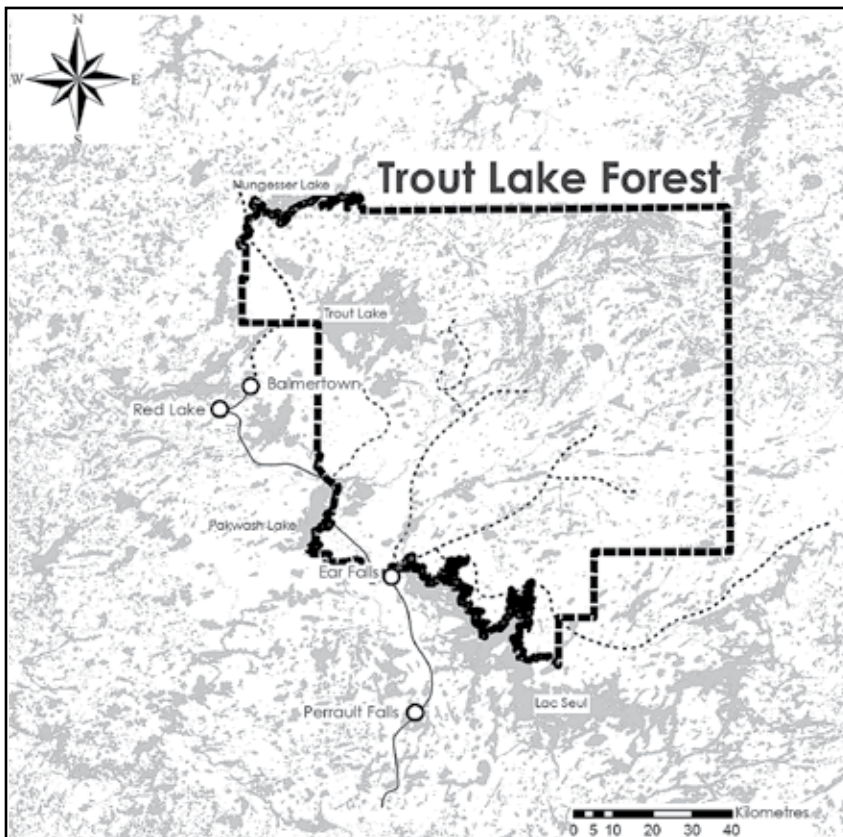
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During the planning process there is an opportunity to make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the MNRF District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the *Forest Management Planning Manual (2017)*.

Stay Involved

An opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Contingency Plan is tentatively scheduled for **January 18, 2019 – February 19, 2019.** A final opportunity to inspect the approved Contingency Plan before it is implemented will take place during the inspection of the MNRF-approved Contingency Plan, which is tentatively scheduled for **March 25, 2019 – April 8, 2019.**

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*. Any personal information you provide (address, name, telephone, etc.) will be protected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; however, your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Kathy Crampton, MNRF Red Lake District Office, at 807-727-1332.



KARL HOPF March 8, 1952 – December 29, 2018

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Karl Dieter Hopf at his home in Pickle Lake, ON, Dec. 29, 2018 surrounded with his sisters and childhood friend, Lloyd Lundstrom.

Karl grew up and went to school in Madsen and Red Lake, ON. He worked in the mining industry after leaving school. He had a passion for music and played bass guitar in local and touring bands. He enjoyed travelling in Europe, Mexico, U.S.A. and Canada. He spent his spare time fishing, driving his Cadillac and touring parts of Canada on his favourite motorcycle.

Karl dedicated his life to the improvement of Pickle Lake and was an employee of the Township of Pickle Lake for over 27 years. He was the Town Superintendent, Public Works Superintendent and Inspector, Land Superintendent, Arena and Curling Rink Superintendent, Chief Building Inspector, Ministry of Housing and Building and Property Inspector, School Board Trustee and Heavy Equipment Operator when he retired in 2012. He ran for public office and was Mayor of Pickle Lake from 2014 - 2018. He championed Pickle Lake at every opportunity and initiated a number of projects which will see completion in the next four years. He was proud that he left the Township books in the black at the end of his term.

Karl was always learning and willingly shared his knowledge. He was generous and kind, helping those in need. He was a loyal friend. His sisters know him as a caring and loving brother.

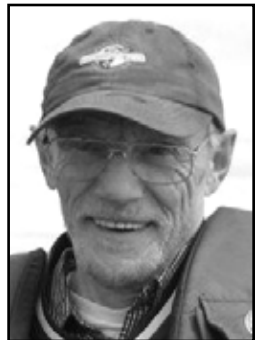
Karl is survived by his sisters; Elvira (Rudy - deceased) Knaack, Sylvia (Keith) Jenken, Debra (Norman) Sowinski, Esther (Richard) Brown, Mercedes Hopf, two nieces, eight nephews, and fourteen grand nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Ruth and Walter Hopf.

A memorial service for Karl Hopf was held at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, Jan., 9, 2019 at the Pickle Lake Community Centre.

Karl did not want people to travel long distances in winter weather, therefore, memorial services will be held in Thunder Bay and Red Lake at a later date, time and place to be announced.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Salvation Army through the Sioux Lookout Funeral Home, Box 1449, Sioux Lookout Ontario P8T 1B9.

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Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service held a Badge and Warrant Ceremony for 10 new police officers in Thunder Bay.

Deputy Grand Chief Derek Fox congratulates the 10 new Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service police officers during their Badge and Warrant Ceremony in Thunder Bay.

NAPS badge ceremony welcomes 10 new officers

Rick Garrick
Wawatay News

Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service recently held a Badge and Warrant Ceremony for 10 new police officers, including a great granddaughter of former Brunswick House chief Fred Neshawabin, one of the founders of Nishnawbe Aski Nation.

“My parents are very proud, my family is really proud,” says NAPS Const. Cedar Woods, who will begin her duties in Moose Factory. “(The training) was very hard. Not only was the education part hard, but it was also really hard being away from my family and not being able to see them every day. It was my first time leaving home, but it is definitely worth it.”

Gordon and Isabelle Woods, Cedar’s parents, were proud to attend the ceremony, which was held at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay.

“I’m so proud of my daughter, it’s unbelievable,” Gordon says. “She’s been making me cry for the past couple of weeks now at these ceremonies.”

NAPS Const. Darryl Chapman, who will begin his duties in Mishkeegogamang, enjoyed the training process at the Ontario Police College in southern Ontario.

“It was fun, you meet a lot of great people along the way — I met some people I will probably have lifelong friendships with,” Chapman says. “It was tough being away from family and loved ones. It’s hard being away from my parents and my girlfriend, but at the same time it was nice, you meet so much wonderful people.”

Chapman says he wants to give back to his community as a NAPS police officer.

“I grew up in Sachigo Lake,” Chapman says. “And I thought this is the best way I can give back to my First Nation community, not just my community but communities up north in general.”

NAPS Acting Police Chief Roland Morrison says the new police officers are the first group of 55 new police officers that will join NAPS over the

next three years and 79 new police officers over five years.

“We have many communities where we are under-resourced, so (over) the next three years we will be providing resources by form of more officers to the communities thereby making our communities that much more safer,” Morrison says. “Every police officer within the province has to pass the Ontario Police College. You cannot be a police officer without that diploma, so everyone is on the same level playing field and they all have to pass the same tests.”

Deputy Grand Chief Derek Fox spoke about the need for more NAPS police officers in the NAN communities during his presentation at the badge ceremony.

“We wish we had two officers, three officers in some of our First Nations,” Fox says. “I can’t imagine what it’s like to go into a house where there might be a party where there might be an individual who is six-foot-five, intoxicated and strong, who is on drugs and you are the only officer. These are the stories that I hear. These are not complaints, but these are stories that the officers want to share with us.”

Fox says he is “deeply honoured” to witness the ceremony for the new police officers.

“Nishnawbe Aski Nation is extremely unique, we have a unique territory,” Fox says. “Although beautiful, we are in a stage of healing as people. I’m 37-years-old now and it took me a long time to grow up. I had to stop drinking, I had to stop all those negative things in my life. Unfortunately, many of my generation in the First Nations which you will work are still battling that, alcohol, drugs and those issues that plague our First Nations and that’s what you will be faced with.”

The other eight new NAPS constables are: Alessandro Appolloni, Ryan Rinneard, Lukas Fehr, Dylan Vickruck, Kristopher Hamlin, Luc Campeau, Kyle LaGrange and Matthew Mickleburgh.

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Seven of the newly elected Nishnawbe Aski Nation Women's Council members celebrated with a group photos at the NAN Women's Gathering, held at the Best Western Plus NorWester Hotel and Conference Centre near Thunder Bay.

NAN women's council holds election

Rick Garrick
Wawatay News

The newly elected Nishnawbe Aski Nation Women's Council includes two representatives each from Fort Albany and Mishkeegogamang as well as representatives from Constance Lake, Moose Cree, Nibinamik and Slate Falls.

"I'm very honoured to be chosen," says Diane Wesley, a Constance Lake citizen who was elected to the new NAN Women's Council. "I feel very honoured and right now I just need to soak it all in. I know it is a very important role and I look forward to representing Nishnawbe Aski Nation."

The other seven NAN Women's Council members are: Ila Beaver, from Nibinamik; Brenda Fox and Karen Kaminawaish, both from Mishkeegogamang; Bertha Sutherland, from Moose Cree; Celine Sutherland and Theresa Sutherland, both from Fort Albany; and Cecelia Spence, from Slate Falls.

"I'm responsible to bring voice to the children, bringing voice to our women," says Kamina-waish. "And I'm responsible for any NAN [citizen] to give voice to."

The new NAN Women's Council was elected on the final day of the NAN Women's Gathering, which was held at the Best Western Plus NorWester Hotel and Conference Centre near Thunder Bay.

"We value the NAN Women's Council and the work that they do to be caregivers, leaders and address issues faced by our men, women and children," says Deputy Grand Chief Derek Fox. "We look forward to great discussion on how we can keep our youth safe on and off reserve and continue to empower our communities."

The primary purpose of the NAN Women's Council is to ensure that women's issues, family issues, concerns, priorities and needs are identified and addressed within Nishnawbe Aski Nation. The NAN Women's Council participates in the decision-making process of NAN as representatives and participants at Chiefs Assemblies, provides support and

direction to the Executive Council on women's issues and works to support the collective needs of women's issues, concerns and priorities.

In addition to the NAN Women's Council election, the NAN Women's Gathering featured a variety of workshops and teachings by Tracie Louttit, Laura Calmwind, Tom Chisel and Sam Achneepineskum.

"My workshop was on Mindful Meditation and Yoga," Louttit says. "The goal of the workshop was to provide delegates with some key points in managing stress and anxiety that they come about in working as front-line workers or service providers in their communities."

Louittit says there was "a lot of positive comments" from the participants in her two workshops.

"The delegates really enjoyed the relaxation," Louttit says. "We went through some breathing techniques and I gave a little background of how meditation really helped me during my recovery from alcoholism."

Calmwind spoke about a midwife from her community during her second workshop on Women's Teachings at the NAN Women's Gathering.

"I asked her one time: 'How did you learn how to deliver babies, who taught you,'" Calmwind says. "She said: 'My mom taught me.' So a lot of times knowledge was intergenerational, learning about delivering babies from one generation to another."

Calmwind says the midwife delivered her in a log cabin out on the land away from the community following all of the Anishinabe birthing protocols.

"So when she delivered me, we had a relationship that is not there anymore in our communities," Calmwind says. "She separated me from my mom, so she was always the go-between. She had a role in that family, she didn't just deliver the baby and walk away. She continued to have a relationship in that family, so all through my life I had a relationship with her."

Chisel and Achneepineskum delivered two Traditional Medicine Workshops during the NAN Women's Gathering.

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NAN Women's Gathering focused on human trafficking

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Sexual exploitation and human trafficking were among the issues discussed at Nishnawbe Aski Nation's Women's Gathering 2018, held at the Best Western Plus NorWester Hotel and Conference Centre near Thunder Bay.

"We need to acknowledge that women are funnelled into prostitution rather than women choosing prostitution," says Trisha Baptie, from Vancouver, who delivered a keynote presentation on the second day of the conference. "Women find themselves in there because of racism, colonialism, poverty, mental health, addictions. There is a lot of reasons that make women vulnerable to being sexually exploited and men have no inherent right to be able to purchase sex and to take advantage of that inequality."

Baptie says there was an "overwhelmingly supportive" response to her presentation.

"Women get that none of us wake up and decide: 'I want to be a prostitute today,'" Baptie says. "It happens because of a slow erosion of our guaranteed human rights."

Faye Naveau, from Mattagami, adds that Ontario is a major centre for human trafficking, accounting for more than two-thirds of the cases across the country.

"Most of the reported cases are for sexual exploitation," Naveau says. "And in Ontario Indigenous women and girls are



Mattagami's Faye Naveau speaks about human trafficking during her community presentation on the second day of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Women's Gathering 2018 at the Best Western Plus NorWester Hotel and Conference Centre near Thunder Bay.

among the most targeted and overrepresented groups of trafficked individuals."

Naveau says human trafficking is often described as modern day slavery.

"And it is being compared to residential school where somebody feels they can take your child and do what they want with your child without any consequences," Naveau says. "It also involves recruitment, harbouring and/or control of women or persons for the purpose of exploitation."

Lindsey Poulter, community wellness response coordinator with NAN, spoke about the Victim's Quick Response pro-

gram, which provides short-term assistance to victims in the immediate aftermath of a crime.

"It's to lessen the impact of violent crime through immediate support services to the victim," Poulter says. "And to increase immediate safety of victims and help to prevent re-victimization."

Poulter says applicants must be a victim of an eligible criminal code offence, either as a direct victim or an immediate family member of the direct victim.

"The victim must also reside in Ontario and the crime must have occurred in Ontario,"



Fort Albany's Carmen Edwards speaks about her community's Youth Cultural Camp Keywahnna Program during her community presentation on the second day of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Women's Gathering 2018 at the Best Western Plus NorWester Hotel and Conference Centre near Thunder Bay.

Poulter says. "In order to be eligible the crime must be a reported crime and an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada."

Carmen Edwards, from Fort Albany, spoke about her community's Youth Cultural Camp Keywahnna Program. Information about the program is available on Youtube at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jb0VVkVaxac&app=desktop.

"To me, what Keywahnna means is going home to take back our prayers, laws, Elder's teachings, our way of life and language," Edwards says. "We had our first youth gathering in 1998. We were faced with so many challenges — a lot of community issues were happen-

ing at that time."

Edwards says the community brought in presenters from out west or down south to share their life experiences or teachings.

"As the years went by, we started utilizing our own people — we started teaching the young ones," Edwards says. "We empowered them, we told them they could go be the emcees, you can go teaching your fellow peers, so that is what they did."

Diane Wesley-Andrews, from Constance Lake, spoke about her community's land-based detox program.

"I believe to date about 96 people have gone through the program," Wesley-Andrews

says. "My chief and council have allowed me to open the doors and we've had some communities join us."

Wesley-Andrews adds that the Mushkegowuk Council hired the land-based detox program team to run two detox programs for the coastal communities while Constance Lake was still operating its own land-based detox program.

"So I'm really grateful for (Mushkegowuk Council) for believing in our program and believing in the power of our people," Wesley-Andrews says. "I really truly believe the answer lies within our communities — we have the people in our own communities that can help in these areas."



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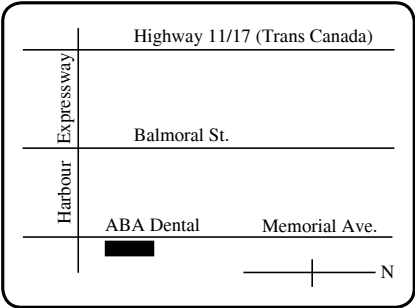
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Pikangikum connects to Ontario's power grid



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Kiiwetinoong MPP Sol Mamakwa, Pikangikum Chief Dean Owen and Wataynikaneyap Power CEO Margaret Kenequanash gathered with dignitaries and community citizens to celebrate the turning on of Christmas tree lights to signify Pikangikum's connection to the provincial electrical power grid.

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Pikangikum citizens honked their horns to celebrate their connection to the provincial electrical power grid after Christmas tree lights were lit.

“(Our community) is now officially powered by the provincial grid,” says Pikangikum Chief Dean Owen moments after the Christmas tree lights were lit in front of the Peacekeepers Radio Station building. “Our diesel generator is now shut down, and hopefully we will never have to go back or resort to using the old diesel generators.”

Pikangikum is the first of 17 remote Nishnawbe Aski Nation communities that are scheduled to be connected to the power grid over the next five years through the Wataynikaneyap Power

Transmission Line Project.

“Today we celebrate with Pikangikum in connecting them to the grid,” says Margaret Kenequanash, CEO of Wataynikaneyap Power. “I think this has been long anticipated project. They have had a lot of challenges with their diesel generators. They’ve been at capacity since 2010, from what I understand, which provided them with quite a few challenges with their infrastructure, housing and just the challenges they face on a day-to-day basis.”

In recent weeks, Pikangikum has been experiencing daily power outages and more than 80 per cent of the existing homes in the community of about 2,300 do not have water and sewer service.

Owen says the connection to the power grid will be an advantage for people on dialysis

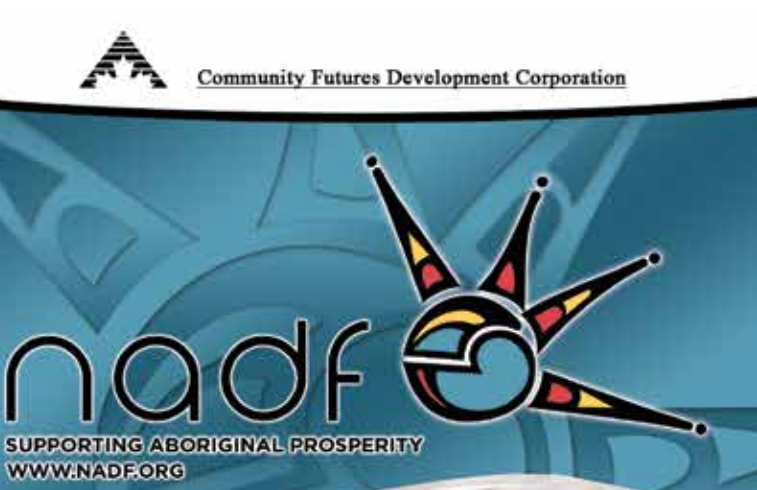
in the community.

“It’s a very good feeling, knowing that there are many people on the reserve that need the power on constantly, people that do home dialysis,” Owen says. “With the power going off and on, it causes issues with what it is that they need to do with their dialysis.”

Owen adds that the community maxed out the capacity of the diesel power generators over the past 10 years.

“The federal government has been good to provide us with the necessary upgrades just to keep everything going, from our water treatment facility to our nursing station to other buildings that are deemed critical needs for the community,” Owen says.

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Diesel a thing of the past for Pikangikum

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"Those have been prioritized, not only by the federal government but also by the First Nation."

Owen says Pikangikum was consuming about 10,000-12,000 litres of diesel fuel per day to keep the diesel power generators going.

"It is pretty expensive," Owen says. "With the connection of our community to the provincial power grid we see access to safe, reliable energy and, more importantly, we see a brighter future. Today, we see a future where there are jobs for our people, where our children can consistently go to school, where we can build, power, and live in new homes, and where there are business opportunities for even more growth."

Pikangikum Elder Tom Quill says, as translated by Kenequanash, that the Elders had meetings and directed the process to getting the community connected to the power grid.

"I went to witness the lighting of the tree and also the singing that happened," Quill says. "Our diesel generators were at capacity and they broke down quite frequently. And the cost of fuel — it was very high. Today we know we are not going to be incurring those same kind of costs."

Kiiwetinoong MPP Sol Mamakwa adds that a Pikangikum citizen posted a comment on his Facebook page that they will be able to use Christmas tree lights for the first time in many years.

"Just a simple thing like that — people don't understand



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A group of dignitaries and community citizens, including Kenora MP Bob Nault, left, gathered around a fire to celebrate.

what this means to the community," Mamakwa says. "It is very good to be here to see that. The community is very happy to be part of the grid and get rid of all the blackouts, the brown-outs and also the damage it does to the appliances and the electronics that they use in this community. So a simple thing like Christmas lights, that is so special."

Mamakwa looks forward to seeing the other communities connected to the power grid so they can embark on opportunities such as building more homes, building more infrastructure and building better water systems.

"This is just the beginning," Mamakwa says. "This is 2018 — this is a big milestone for the community of Pikangikum and also in the coming years for the rest of the communities in northwestern Ontario."

Kenora MP Bob Nault says Pikangikum's connection to the power grid is "historical."

"It's a new era," Nault says. "What that means is people can rely on their power to develop all sorts of strategies around better social conditions, better

economic (conditions). You can build houses without having to worry about how much diesel power you have. So now it's a new era and the young people will benefit from it in many ways."

The federal government announced the funding to connect Pikangikum to the power grid in 2017.

"Pikangikum's newly completed transmission line enables the community to end their dependence on diesel as the primary energy source and opens the door to new economic opportunities and jobs powered by clean and reliable energy," says Jane Philpott, Minister of Indigenous Services Canada. "Our government is proud to invest in the Wataynikanayap Power Transmission Project, a historic and Indigenous-led initiative that is working to connect 17 remote First Nations communities to the provincial electricity grid by 2023."

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