## Neskantaga and Eabametoong stand up to Doug Ford

Chris Kornacki Wawatay News

Nearly 60 community citizens from both Neskantaga and Eabametoong First Nations gathered for a fundraiser and rally against Ontario Premier Doug Ford's recent statements about the Ring of Fire.

The event "Into the Ring with Ford" was held at Ryerson University in Toronto on November 9th. It was organized by the Yellowhead Institute, and was live broadcast on Wawatay Radio Network and Wawatay News Online.

Premier Ford said he would drive a bulldozer to the Ring of Fire himself to get the mining process started, without any concern for consultation from the First Nations in the area.

With the discovery of large chromite deposits, First Nation homelands in northern Ontario are now highly sought after. Extracting the chromite is a massive project that will open up the these lands for the first time; threatening the rivers, fish, wildlife and the way of life. The Ford government continues to ignore First Nations and is desperate to see this Northern Ontario mega project go ahead. Premier Doug Ford has even vowed to open up the Ring of Fire to extraction even if he has to "hop on that bulldozer" himself.

"Nothing is going to happen without our involvement, that is the bottom line of our message," said Eabametoong Chief Elizabeth Atlookan.

Chief Atlookan was joined by Neskantaga Chief Wayne Moonias and KI's John Cutfeet, all of whom gave pas-

sionate speeches about sovereignty, land use, consultation, and Treaty Rights.

"To bring change to our area, our territory, is going to take a long time," Chief Atlookan explained. "Any development that is going to happen in our territory is going to benefit us, and be under our control."

"We are not anti-development. We just want to do it in the right way," she

Chief Moonias said that his community has been in a state of emergency since 2013 due to a suicide epidemic. "And we have these politics and laws imposed on us by other people...they

don't understand us," he said.

Moonias said that the province still needs free, prior and informed consent to move forward with any type of development in Neskantaga's territory, "no government should be able to control another government," he said.

"Free, prior and informed consent is not an option, it is something that must be done," he went on to say. "We want discussions to take place in a meaning-

Chief Moonias also explained that, for him, any changes in his community must be done with the full involvement and input of all the community's citizens. "We want things done by the people and for the people," he said. "They are the ones with a direct link to the land and to the culture."

John Cutfeet, who's a citizen of KI and has been at the forefront of the community's plight against mining in his territory gave his full support for Neskantaga and Eabametoong. He told his communities story of resilience and determination and gave a message of hope and resistance.

"We have a mandate, a spiritual mandate, to protect the land," Cutfeet said. "Land, air, water, spirit, they spell out 'laws.' And those are the directions we are given."

#### **First Nations** Veterans celebrated on National Aboriginal **Veterans Day**

**Wawatay News** 

Ontario Regional Chief RoseAnne Archibald celebrated First Nations Veterans on National Aboriginal Veterans Day. It is estimated that around 12,000 Indigenous Peoples of Canada volunteered to sacrifice their lives for the freedom of all during WWI and WWII.

'We recognize National Aboriginal Veterans Day, which began on November 8, 1994 as a way for Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island to celebrate our own and through our traditions. On behalf of the Chiefs in Ontario, I'd like to acknowledge the contributions made by all First Nations Veterans on Nationals Aboriginal Veterans Day and Remembrance Day.

As we know, First Nations veterans who served during these wars had to give up their Treaty Rights by forced enfranchisement and although they were not subject to conscription during these wars, many volunteered with generosity, bravery and willingness to fight for the freedom for all. We say thank you to our warriors who have served and to those who have passed on to the spirit world; your accomplishments are remembered and deeply appreciated by everyone as your deep and abiding love for your families, communities and all of Canada are with us?



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### **Northern Lights** photo contest

Communities can send in their best pictures of the Northern Lights and Wawatay Communications Society will use it on our logo. Winner will recieve an iPad. Deadline is January 15th, 2019 and the winner will be announced in the February 2019 Edition of Wawatay News. For more information please visit: www.wawataynews.ca





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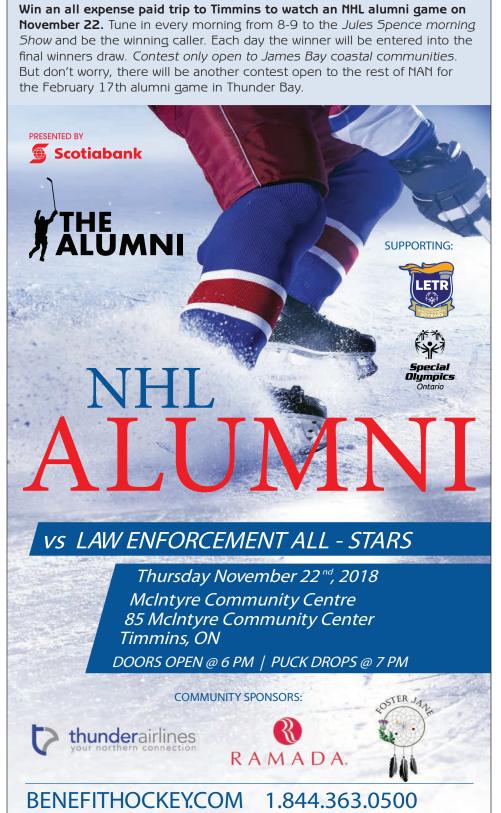




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## **Politics**

# Patty Hajdu meets with Chamber of Commerce about Indigenous employment

Rick Garrick Wawatay News

Employment, Workforce Development and Labour Minister Patty Hajdu stressed the importance of getting more Indigenous people involved in the economy during a meeting with the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce.

'Today as I addressed the Chamber, I talked about the investments we are making in Indigenous skills training, whether it is directly through organizations like Oshki, but also through the Indigenous Skills (and Employment Training Program), which we managed to increase by 57 per cent in Budget 2018," says Hajdu, MP for Thunder Bay-Superior North. "It's really important to make sure we tap into every ounce of talent in this country. We are not going to see the kind of growth we have been seeing if we leave any talent behind, and Indigenous folks have for a long time struggled to ensure their kids have a fair chance for success. We need to be a partner in that as a federal govern-

Rosie Mosquito, executive director of Oshki-Pimache-O-Win: The Wenjack Education Institute, appreciated hearing Hajdu's comments, but she also raised a statistic she heard from Roberta Jamieson, president and CEO of Indspire, that shows the importance of eliminating the education gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in the country.

"If we were able to eliminate that education gap, we as Indigenous peoples could contribute up to \$36 billion to the GDP (Gross Domestic Product) by 2024," Mosquito says. "Indigenous peoples are a huge untapped human resource — we are the fastest growing demographic and it is a very young population (with) many young people. We could do so much."



Rick Garrick/Wawatay News

Thunder Bay-Superior North MP Patty Hajdu, minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, speaks with the media after addressing the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce about the Budget Implementation Act 2018, No. 2, which was tabled in Parliament

Hajdu met with the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce to discuss the Budget Implementation Act 2018, No. 2, which was tabled in Parliament on Oct. 29. Introduced to modernize federal labour standards, the legislation includes changes to improve employees' eligibility for entitlements such as general holiday pay, sick leave, maternity leave and parental leave; new breaks and leaves, including a new five-day personal leave and five days of paid leave for victims of family violence; proactive pay equity legislation and improvements to the Wage Earner Protection Program; and amendments to the First Nations Fiscal Management Act, First Nations Land Management Act and the Additions to Reserve/Reserve Creation process to support greater economic prosperity in First Nation communities.

"Indigenous people have a lot of offer and they want to be involved in the economy," Hajdu says. "Not only is it good for the general economy, it is good for local and regional economies too. If you look at Biigtigong (Nishnaabeg), they pretty much supply all of their own labour needs. Their nurses

are from the community, their teachers are from the community. This is a vision of prosperity that every Indigenous community deserves."

The federal government conducted consultations with Canadians, stakeholders and experts between May 2017 and March 2018, which confirmed the need to take action to ensure that federal labour standards reflect the realities of 21st century workplaces.

"Fairness and inclusion are the heart of Canada's future economic success," Hajdu says. "Our economy is stronger and more prosperous when everyone has a chance to step up to the plate. Employees who are treated fairly and who come to work feeling supported by their employers are able to do their best work and innovate, which can create a better working environment and lead to long-term gains for employers. It's a win-win for everyone."

The federal government plans to allocate up to \$50.7 million over five years starting in 2019-20 to support implementation and enforcement of the labour standards amendments



## **Politics**

# Nokiiwin Tribal Council opens new office in Thunder Bay

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Nokiiwin Tribal Council held a grand Re-opening at its new office building in Thunder Bay to celebrate new services and larger accommodations.

"It's definitely a larger space to respond to the growth within Nokiiwin, to respond to the needs and priorities of our communities," says Audrey Gilbeau, executive director of Nokiiwin Tribal Council. "The move to the new building was really precipitated because of our Access to Justice (services). But also we have a waste management coordinator and we have some other enhanced advisory services as well."

Gilbeau says there has been a "great" response from the community to the new office building, which is located at 384 Fort William Rd., just down the road

from the previous office building

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"The new office also provides us with more meeting space that is available to our communities, whether it be a small meeting of eight people or a large meeting of up to 20 people," Gilbeau says. "Our building also has an education department which now has a classroom that is serving currently on Monday nights for our language class. It provides us with a lot more opportunity to be open to our communities."

Nokiiwin provides services to six First Nations in the Robinson Superior Treaty area, including Fort William, Pic Mobert, Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek, Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek, Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek and Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek.

"It is important that organizations such as Nokiiwin

have grown quite substantially in the last 10-15 years," says Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek Chief Wilfred King, noting that the office is more accessible than the previous office and is located on a main city bus route. "We want to make sure that Nokiiwin stays on course and making sure that we look at the core areas that we'd like to get involved in."

Michael Hardy, president of the Nokiiwin board of directors, says the new office building accommodates the organization "much better" as it grows.

"Part of the growth is the expansion of services," Hardy says. "The communities have entrusted us with the responsibility to go out and find services that make sense to home, so now we added legal services, we have a training component, we have health and safety, we have governance initiatives that



Rick Garrick/Wa

Nokiiwin Tribal Council representatives Ian Bannon, Audrey Gilbeau, Michael Hardy and Joe Donio helped celebrate the organization's Grand Re-opening in the new office building at 384 Fort William Road in Thunder Bay.

are going on."

Hardy says the six communities "really endorse" Nokiiwin's expansion.

"Today is really just a celebration," Hardy says. "Every once in a while we get together and it is really nice to take your

time to celebrate some of the accomplishments here today with regards to the partnerships we have, the growth, the expectations that we do a great job and we continue to work with the communities."

Ian Bannon, vice president of

the Nokiiwin Board of directors says the move to the new office building was an "excellent opportunity" for Nokiiwin.

"It was a very short while after they moved into that other facility that they found they were already starting to (have space issues)," Bannon says. "With the expansion of the services we provide, it was evident that we needed a new facility rather quickly. And it was amazing that the availability of the facility that we are in today came about just at the right time"

"Fort William Elder Marlene Pierre says there is a positive working relationship in the Nokiiwin office.

"I am privy to a lot of their gatherings and I am so impressed with the staff," Pierre says. "Their whole reason for existence is to serve the people."

## Publisher's Note

John Gagnon CEO/Publisher

awatay News will be 45 years old on January 21, 2019, and it is an honour to carry forward what our ancestors, Elders, current staff, admin and board have been working towards since its inception. In the spirit of furthering the mandate to 'preserve and enhance' the languages of the Nishinawbe Aski Nation, we must consider how we utilize our network. Ultimately it is our radio broadcasts that carry the responsibility of the mandate fully, and Wawatay News print and online has been predominantly produced in English with articles translated into syllabics. Over the years, and currently, we have had some great writers producing for Wawatay. To name of few, the late Richard Wagamese, Xavier Kataquapit, Rick Garrick and many others who have went off to work for mainstream media companies. What these writers did was tackle the issues and concerns that affect our communities and did it eloquently.

My journey to Wawatay has been a triumphant roller coaster ride and more so a calling, as was my education. My intention was to study journalism, however that year the college had discontinued the program and it was suggested I attend the local University and study English Literature, so off I went. Right, wrong or otherwise my heart was followed and the mistakes and successes were come by honestly. The right was the light in my life and signifies the successes, but they could have only been established by walking through the darkness. The wrongs signified the darkness in my life and it unpleasantly ushered in the unbearable heartache of becoming aware of inherited intergenerational dysfunctions and the anguishing unlearning of ill learnt behaviours. As uncomfortable as it was, it did cut a trail for me from the darkness to illumination, essentially sealing my fate and bringing me full circle to journalism, media and Wawatay, twice.

As an Indian Residential School inter-generational survivor, as well as having the great honour

of cutting my teeth in Administration and working in that portfolio some years ago, I learned about what happened there and the understanding of imposed dysfunctions. Many families were affected and many continue to deal with these issues and concerns today. If we can share stories and means of walking out of the darkness then I believe we are obligated to help one another regardless of the many imposed divisions, always knowing that we are families first, and primordial- no one is to be left behind

What we hope to provide with this new Publisher's Note is inspire those in the communities who would like to write about their homeland and the issues and concerns that directly affect their families and communities. We hope to inspire those that want to be a voice for their community, to tackle the hard issues and expose the darkness to light that will help anyone out of a rut or be a beacon for those still struggling in the dark.

It is essential to understand the power of language. The people should know the difference between an ancient language connected to the land that dates back thousands, and the mosaic melting pot of the ambiguous English language. Think of it this way, English in the form used in today's society is less than 500 hundred years old.

The English language is polarizing and divisive in nature, it is adversarial and in many ways demeaning. For example, within the mainstream media Canadians are defined as citizens, whereas within the context of Nish society we are recognized as members. Wikidiff.com states, "As nouns the difference between member and citizen is that member is one who officially belongs to a group while citizen is a person who is legally recognized as a member of a state, with associated rights and obligations." So we must use language that empowers us, not demean. In saying this, we will edit any articles that contain the word 'member' when describing a citizen of NAN, because our spirits and the spirits of our ancestors come from this land for time immemorial, and we are citizens of our Nations

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## Commentary

# Remembering Johnny Bradley



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UNDER THE ORTHERN SKY

Thave always been amazed as an indigenous person how my people connect with each other. No matter where I have travelled in the world. indigenous people of the many different tribes I have met have always been quick to make me feel at home in their country, territory or region.

The first time I encountered a warm welcome from Native people here in Canada that were different from the Cree and Oiibway that I was familiar with in northern Ontario was with the Mohawks of Six Nations. To be more precise I was introduced more than 20 years ago through my partner Mike to his sister Patty and her husband John Bradley. The Bradleys of Oshweken welcomed me into their family and made me feel at home in the south far away from my little community of Attawapiskat. I was sad at Johnny's passing on October 8, 2018 at the Stedman Hospice in Brantford, Ontario with family and friends at his

Johnny, his dad John Senior and mom Norma always made me feel at ease and invited me to family gatherings with an extensive family network. The great bond between us all had to do with quick, easy and encouraging humour. Getting together with the Bradleys had to do with a lot of good times and laughter.

Over the years I grew close to Johnny, Patty and their daughter Brooke, her husband Rob and their children Jack and Brynn. Johnny was an original who lived life as he chose to and always made time for family and friends. He had such a great sense of humour and time spent in his company always brought forth a smile. For many years he was ill and still soldiered on with a great will to stay alive and present for his family and friends.

He followed in his father John's shoes when he took over the ceremonial recitation of the poem 'In Flanders Fields' at annual Legion and Native Veterans events. He had a great respect for all those who served in the military and in particular for his father who saw action in World War II in Europe. Johnny

pulled himself up to the task of visiting schools to educate young people on the importance of honouring all those who have fought in wars for our freedom. Even in more recent years when he had become an amputee and was seriously ill he still pushed himself to continue to sacrifice his well being and comfort to make sure he got his message out to young people.

Johnny was one tough cookie and spent his early years as an iron worker on many iconic high steel building developments in Ontario. He was fearless in those days and worked long and hard hours to provide for his family. Later on he went to work for the Canadian Gypsum Company (CGC) mine just outside of Hagersville, Ontario close to his home reservation in Oshweken. As a young man, he lived a rich life with many adventures with his friends Brian Doolittle, Ava Hill, Graham Greene and Carol Curley. He was a loyal family man and friend. His good nature and strength lives on in his brothers Russ (Debbie) and Ron. He is also survived by Laurie Lambert (Fred) and Luanne Martin (Chris). His sibling's children are some of the most talented, kind and open people I have ever met.

He loved to head out on the land to go fishing and he could always count on his buddy Jim Herkimer to keep him company on the lakes and rivers in pursuit of those too often elusive pickerel, trout, bass and pike. I like to think that Johnny has moved on in spirit to be with his ancestors and that he is casting aside all those struggles we mortals have to deal with. I hope he is now casting a fishing rod with a spiffy trick lure on it into a bubbling brook or rippling lake with the aroma of a campfire burning nearby and the familiar voices of those he

When his family places his ashes on his traditional land in Oshweken he will be among the tall maples, bushes, wildflowers and earth trails he played on as a boy. The same trails he once ran down with childhood friends Jim Bradley, Brian Doolittle and brothers Russ and Ron. As in the message Johnny worked so hard to pass on to young people in Remembrance Day and lest we forget, we will remember him at peace on the rambling wild trails of his childhood just off of Second Line in Six Nations.

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#### Treaties Recognition Week celebrated across Ontario



Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs, shares the stage with Indigenous leaders celebrating Treaties Recognition Week, and commemorating the important role of treaties in Ontario's history and heritage. Left to right: Elder Bert Landon, MPP Greg Rickford, Ogichidaa Francis Kavanaugh, and Knowledge-Keeper Robert Greene.

# Transitions to winter



ovember is usually included in the fall season. Winter waits on the sidelines until December 21 on most calendars and Environment Canada and other agencies decree that winter begins on December 1 and ends on February 28 (or a day later in Leap years).

In Northern Ontario, November usually qualifies as a winter month. Snow always happens and can come in "normal" amounts or enough to halt road and air traffic. Northern Ontario would cover much of northern Europe so it is not a surprise that both day-to-day weather and extremes vary greatly. Large lakes, Hudson's Bay and James Bay are typically free of ice and the combination of open water, cold temperatures and onshore winds can result in major snow accumulations in local areas.

In November temperatures decline significantly across this large region. This decline to cooler temperatures, usually almost 10° C cooler at the end of the month affects obvious things like how much fuel is needed to heat houses and buildings. As well it changes the rain/snow ratio. November typically has a mix of rain and snow and, as the month progresses, the bulk of precipitation falls as snow by month's end. The factor of the freezing/ melting point of 0° C also determines a critical process in the

North - "freeze up".

The timing of "freeze up" is complicated. It depends on average daily temperatures being below 0° C but usually requires a "hard freeze of several days to get started. Bright sunshine can postpone freezing of ground and water. Ice formation, especially ice thick enough to walk or drive on, generally takes weeks. The water volume of larger and deeper lakes takes time to cool even with extremely cold air. Wind-driven mixing speeds up the cooler process but also delays the formation of an ice surface. Then, ice thickness and safety is strongly influenced by the amount of snow cover. Light snow provides efficient insulation for protection of water lines but can create dangerous ice conditions

Freeze up can be well in place by the end of November some years, as happened in 2014 during one the coldest on record. November 2016 was at the other extreme with nearrecord warmth in the region. The consequence was that freeze up was delayed to well into December.

And this year? Cold conditions in the past week or two are forecast to continue for least another week. Should we expect a repeat of 2014? Probably not, although the jury is

#### **Winter Predictions**

Cloudy conditions and slightly cooler than average temperatures prevailed through October and into early November. We do not live in Camelot and, unlike this fabled place where "the winter is forbidden till December", some snow

has occurred. As I write, there is some snow cover from the boundary with Manitoba to James Bay. The most snow is west of Attawapiskat [First Nation] with a depth of 15 cm. The snow belt to the east of Lake Nipigon has about this amount, much. The "snow season" has begun in many areas.

The is no shortage of predictions for the coming winter. For official predictions this means December, January and February, the three coldest months of the calendar year. As already mentioned, November can resemble winter and March usually sneaks into the mix. Officially winter comprises of the 90 days between December 1 and February 28, 2019 (no extra "leap" day this time).

Predicting winter or any future season is more complicated than a 50-50 chance. When all the numbers are crunched on March 1, 2019 the preceding three months may have been warmer or cooler than normal but also "normal".

A "warm" winter: average temperature of 1° C or higher A "cold" winter: average tem-

perature of -1° C or lower And a normal winter fits in

between. Predicting the future accu-

rately is risky. A big unknown for winter prediction this year is El Niño, an ocean-warming process in the distant tropical Pacific Ocean. This process takes place about 12,000 km away and does not influence our weather directly. It changes wind flow and jet streams around the world. Warmin of these tropical waters often translates into a warmer winter with reduced snowfall in Northern Ontario. Current predicting models suggest further warming of the Pacific is likely. How-

ever, how much warming that occurs in the Pacific is critical. It is still getting warmer and present conditions favour the formation of a weak El Niño Some weather agencies have already included El Niño in their winter predictions.

**Environment Canada is** expecting a "milder than normal" winter and the American Weather Service states a similar outlook.

The Farmers' Almanac warns Canadians "to brace for a winter that will be nasty, brutish and not at all short". They predict "biting cold" in Ontario and "teeth-chattering cold" across the Prairies and more snow than normal.

I am in the "milder than normal" group but we have to wait until March 1 to really crunch the numbers.

Graham has a long history of writing about and working with the weather. His background includes work with the Australian Weather Bureau, the Atmospheric Environment Service of Canada and forest fire weather prediction for forest fire management teams with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

His research and presentations include climate change and consequences for the boreal forest and changes in the frequency of severe weather, especially in northern Ontario. heavy rain events and. He has taught meteorology, various climaterelated and Northern Studies courses at Lakehead University since 1005. He writes for several publications about weather, climate, Lake Superior, agriculture and northern gardening issues, including his book Gardening with Short Growing Seasons.

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## Education

# KKETS offering Pre-Trades Carpentry training

**Rick Garrick** Wawatay News

Eabametoong's Rachel Yesno is enjoying the opportunity to study Pre-Trades Carpentry in Confederation College's new Technology, Education and Collaboration (TEC) Hub through Kiikenomaga Kikenjigewen Employment and Training Services (KKETS).

"It's really neat," Yesno says. "It's pretty high tech when you look around and it's all brand new."

Yesno is one of 10 students who are studying in the Pre-Trades Carpentry program, which is one of a range of KKETS Nishnawbe Education and Training programs funded through Human Resources and Skills Development Canada from the Strategic Partnership Fund. The program runs from Oct. 1-Dec. 21

"It's a good asset to have to learn how to build your own stuff or fix stuff," Yesno says. "It's good life-long knowledge to have too, so that is why  ${\rm I}$ wanted to get into it."

Yesno looks forward to doing an apprenticeship in carpentry after completing the program.

Jeff Gagnon, a student from Aroland, is also enjoying the opportunity to study in the TEC Hub. The Pre-Trades Carpentry class is the first class to study in the TEC Hub.

"I'm kind of proud to be in this brand-new facility," Gagnon says. "I've been sending pictures to my family back home in Aroland and they're pretty proud of what I am accomplishing in the past five weeks. And I hope to keep it up and start building some

Gagnon says this is the first time he has been involved in an apprenticeship

"I usually work in an office," Gagnon says. "I wanted to make the change, (to do) something different for the next five years."

Gagnon says he is getting used to doing the math in the program after not doing much math for the past cou-

"I'm getting the hang of it," Gagnon says. "It's important to learn your math because carpentry and math go hand

Gagnon looks forward to working in the carpentry trade in Thunder Bay.

"I've been told the carpentry trade here in the city is a demanding trade, so I'm eager to finish here on Dec. 21 and get on the work field," Gagnon

Jordy Mallek, level 1 carpentry instructor, says the program includes the safe handling of power tools and preparing the students to be ready to work on a job site.

"They've got their first aid, they've got their fall arrest, they've got their WHMIS training," Mallek says. "(The program) includes a lot of safety aspects. If you're not handling the tool safely, then it is a problem."

The main objective of the Nishnawbe Education and Training initiative is to provide training for employment opportunities for Matawa First Nation community citizens. The initiative also includes a variety of other programs, including Mining Essentials, Mining Common Core, Basic Line Cutting, Remote Camp Cook, Kitchen Helper, Remote Camp Support, Surface Diamond Driller Helper, Heavy Equipment Operator, Construction Craft Worker, Pre-Trades Welder and Pre-Trades Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic.

"We provide the training (programs) through colleges or other providers like Taranis (Contracting Group)," says Daren Sakanee, program support officer with KKETS. "The Pre-Trades Carpentry students are doing great. They are doing the hands-on carpentry stuff now, which is good. The first three-four weeks was

mostly in-class training."

Sakanee says most of the students who took the Heavy Equipment Operator program this past winter are working at various jobs.

"We are just starting to get feedback from them," Sakanee says. "So that helps them quite a bit when they do training first — they ended up finding

Information about the programs is available online at: www.kkets.ca.

Rick Garrick/Wawatay News Three of the Kiikenomaga Kikenjigewen Employment and Training Services Pre-Trades Carpentry students check out some of the power tools they will be using in their program at Confederation College's new Technology, Education and Collaboration



#### **REVIEW**

#### Review of Proposed Contingency Plan Operations: Information Centre Trout Lake 2019-2021 Contingency Plan

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Domtar Inc. and the Local Citizens' Committee (LCC) wish to advise you that a Contingency Plan (CP) for the Trout Lake Forest is being developed, and invite you to review and comment on the Proposed Contingency Plan Operations for the Trout Lake Forest.

#### Why is a Contingency Plan Required?

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

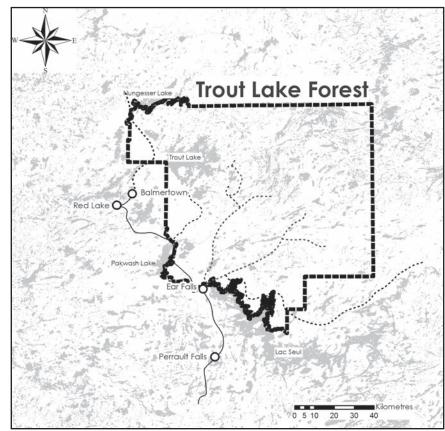
The purpose of this notice is to:

- Advise you that a Contingency Plan is being developed Invite you to review and comment on the Proposed Contingency Plan Operations at the location and time listed
- Request contributions to the background information to be used in planning.

Comments will be considered during the development of the Proposed Contingency Plan Operations and must be received by Corinne Arthur, R.P.F. at the MNRF Red Lake District Office no later than December 27, 2018.

#### How to Get Involved

The Proposed Contingency Plan Operations information will be available for review and comment at the Domtar Inc. office and the MNRF Red Lake District Office at the location noted below, during normal office hours for a period of 30 days November 27, 2018 - December 27, 2018.



To assist you in the review and to provide the opportunity to ask questions, an Information Centre will be held at the following location from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on the following day:

November 27, 2018 - Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 238, 40 John Street, Ear Falls, ON POV 1T0

The following information will be available:

• Proposed Contingency Plan Operations, including supplementary documentation.

Information about Forest Management Planning in Ontario is available at:

#### · www.ontario.ca/page/forest-management-planning

Meetings with representatives of the planning team and the LCC 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:

Corinne Arthur, R.P.F.

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Local Citizens' Committee Rep. P.O. Box 864 Ear Falls, ON POV 1TO tel: 807-222-1116

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 17, 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 20, 2019 - April 5, 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.





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## **Education**



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Senator Murray Sinclair delivers his Knowing Right from Law: What You Need to Know about Law School presentation at the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law Gymnasium during Lakehead University's Treaties Recognition Week

# Murray Sinclair speaks to law students at Lakehead

Rick Garrick Wawatay News

Senator Murray Sinclair stressed how he always keeps family on his mind during his Knowing Right from Law: What You Need to Know about Law School presentation during Lakehead University's Treaties Recognition Week.

"They've always been at the forefront of my mind in the work that I do," Sinclair says during his speech in the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law Gymnasium. "I do not do a thing without thinking about them, I do not try to figure things out without figuring out how it's going to impact them. I wrote the reports on the Aboriginal Justice Inquiry and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission with them in mind because I want them to have a good future."

Sinclair says he wants Indigenous people to be living in a better place.

"I want them to be able to walk down the street and not be afraid and scared that they are going to be apprehended, kidnapped, placed in a car to never be seen again," Sinclair says. "I want them to live a life that will be healthy, that will be capable of meeting their expectations and that we will be ready for them, because they, every single one of them, are coming with guns blazing, ready to fix things."

Joyce Spence, from Moosonee, enjoyed Sinclair's presentation, including how he related the law to how Indigenous people lived long before contact.

"We as a group of people ran this country, and that needs to be said," Spence says. "Every time we have an opportunity as an Indigenous person, we need to speak up and tell them who we are, where we come from and where we are going. And I believe we are going to have young people that are going to be fitting that bill that he just said, and they want to know where do we come from and where can I go and we are going to direct them."

Spence was thrilled when Sinclair remembered her grandmother Marguerite (Gookum or Granny) Wabano as she asked him a question about the number of generations of First Nations children who were taken to residential school during his question and answer session.

"It really quickened my heart when he said: 'You mean Granny Wabano,'" Spence says. "I miss my granny so much and to have someone remember her from such a high position, it's an honour."

Wabano was one of the residential school survivors who was invited to the House of Commons for former prime minister Stephen Harper's formal residential school apology in 2008. She passed in 2015 at the age of 111.

"I remember a lot of survivors because it was important to them to be treated like a human being, so I made the effort," Sinclair says. "Granny Wabano of course was, in addition to that, probably one of the most famous of survivors because of her age but also because of her stories."

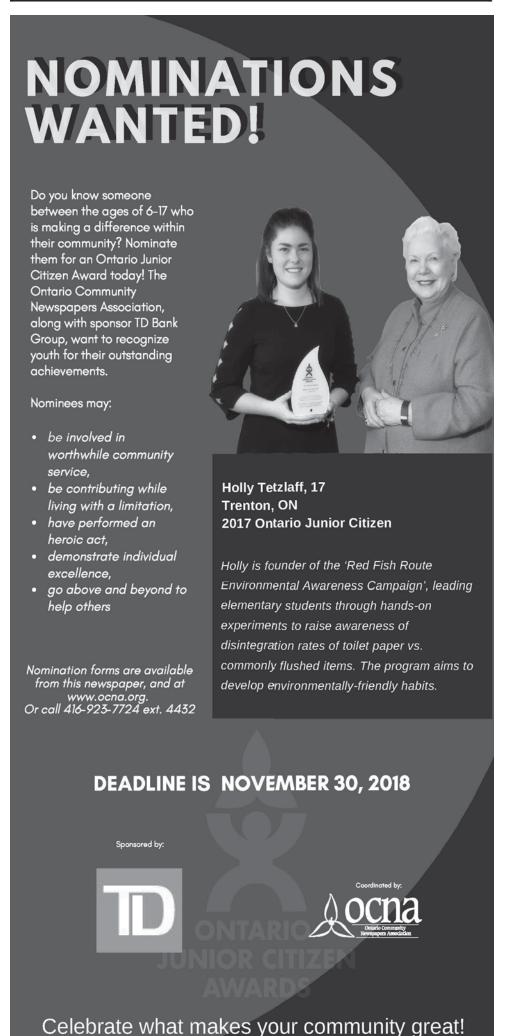
Rosie Mosquito, executive director of Oshki-Pimache-O-Win: The Wenjack Education Institute, says the message that Sinclair delivered was a message that needs to be heard.

"Most of the first half (of his presentation) focused on how we as (Indigenous) peoples had structured governing systems, and he explained that from a family perspective and a kinship perspective," Mosquito says. "And then he closed off over the last (10) minutes with a heavyhitting and heavy-duty experience of Indigenous peoples in Canada by saying how Canada set out to (destroy) us as a people."

Sinclair says the federal government deliberately set out on a course to take First Nations people away from their culture, communities and families by placing children in residential schools.

"The parents of those children who were taken away and placed in those schools, when they heard what was being done to their children, they tried to do something about it," Sinclair says. "They tried to go and take their children out of those schools and they tried to stop sending their children to those schools. But the government passed a law. They said if you do not send your children to these schools, then you will go to jail."

The Treaties Recognition Week also included a Treaty Panel Discussion with Deputy Grand Chief Derek Fox, Nancy Sandy, assistant professor at the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law, and Elder Gene Nowegejick.



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# Education

# DFC students participate in Go Purple day

Rick Garrick Wawatay News

A group of Dennis Franklin Cromarty First Nations High School students recently teamed up with Agnew H. Johnston Public School Junior Kindergarten students to read Wab Kinew's book Go Show the World. The DFC students participated in the book reading in recognition of Go Purple for Prevention Day, which is part of the 2018 Step Up campaign organized by Dilico Anishinabek Family Care and The Children's Aid Society of the District of Thunder Bay in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

"I was really scared at first reading to the kids, but now that we've done it I really enjoyed it," says Karlee Meekis, a Grade 11 DFC student from Deer Lake. "We helped the kids make masks because we were talking about heroes and we read a book to them about heroes. The story is about a bunch of other people considered as heroes."

Kinew's book celebrates the stories of Indigenous people from across the ages, including NHL goalie Carey Price, former NASA astronaut John Herrington, Tecumseh, Crazy Horse, Net-no-kwa and Sacagawea.

"I wanted to be a reading buddy because it gives me an opportunity to be a positive role model for a younger student," Meekis says. "Wab Kinew's book is all about Indigenous heroes, and I think that when you can set a good example and have someone look up to you in a positive way, that makes you a hero."

Roman Munroe, a Grade 10 DFC student, also enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the book reading event with the Junior Kindergarten students.

"It was a good experience to help the kids, read to the kids, help them build character and help them to know they have supports outside their school



Rick Garrick/Wawatay News

A group of Dennis Franklin Cromarty First Nations High School students help a class of Agnew H. Johnston Public School Junior Kindergarten students to read Wab Kinew's book Go Show the World during a book reading session in recognition of Go Purple for Prevention Day.

and other schools," Munroe says. "The theme today was mostly about our heroes — we brought a book about Indigenous heroes we helped them to create masks about their own heroes."

Brandon Wright, English teacher and literacy coordinator at DFC, says the book reading went "phenomenally."

"There was tremendous interaction and excitement," Wright says. "The students were engaged on both sides and it definitely got a different perspective from me as a teacher to see the leadership qualities being employed by DFC students."

Wright says the goal was to build a relationship between the two school communities, which are located about 400 metres apart from each other on Churchill Dr. W., and to introduce the idea that heroes are not necessarily fictional superheroes.

"They are real life people

"They are real life people and there is an entire Canadian history of Indigenous heroes that DFC students may not have known about and Agnew students as well," Wright says. "We want to set up a regular biweekly reading session so we can invite more classes so they

can have rotating (sessions) of reading buddies as well."

Frank Costa, manager of services at the Children's Aid Society, says the book reading was "absolutely fantastic."

"It's really nice to see the younger students interacting with the older students and just building bridges and making connections," Costa says.

Blythe Haynen, community engagement manager for Dilico, says the book reading was a class-led initiative by the DFC students.

"It's amazing to see them interacting and really role-modelling and sharing with each other." Havnen says.

Haynen adds that Dilico is partnering with Kinew on a Step Up Hero Awards Ceremony and Luncheon in November.

"His book is all about Indigenous heroes and really telling kids to go and show the world what they can do," Haynen says. "He is coming in on Nov. 16 to present the awards."

The Step Up campaign also included the distribution of a copy of the Go Show the World book and a package of activities to all of the schools in Thunder Bay and District.

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## Magino Gold Project Public Comments Invited

**November 1, 2018** — The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) is conducting a federal environmental assessment of the proposed Magino Gold Project, located in northern Ontario.

The Agency invites the public and Indigenous groups to comment on the <u>draft Environmental Assessment Report</u>, which includes the Agency's conclusions and recommendations regarding the potential environmental effects of the project and their significance, the proposed mitigation measures, and the follow-up program.

The Agency also invites comments on the <u>potential environmental assessment conditions</u> for the project. Final conditions would become legally-binding on the proponent if the project is allowed to proceed.

All comments received will be considered public. Written comments in either official language must be submitted **by December 2, 2018** to:

Magino Gold Project
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
55 York Street, Suite 600
Toronto, Ontario M5J 1R7
Telephone: 416-952-1576
Email: ceaa.Magino.acee@canada.ca

To view the draft Environmental Assessment Report and potential conditions, visit the Agency's website at canada.ca/ceaa (Registry reference number 80044). Printed copies of the draft Report are also available at the following locations:

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#### The Proposed Project

Prodigy Gold Incorporated, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Argonaut Gold Incorporated, is proposing the construction, operation, decommissioning and abandonment of an open-pit gold mine and metal mill located14 kilometres south-east of Dubreuilville, Ontario. Mining would occur over 10 years with an ore production capacity of 45 200 tonnes per day. The on-site metal mill would have an ore input capacity of 35 000 tonnes per day and would operate for approximately 12 to 15 years.



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#### **Slate Falls Nation**

1. Notice of General Election to be held **November 30, 2018** 

2. Notice of Public Forum November 16, 2018, 6pm, school gym;

3. Please contact the Electoral Officer if you are off reserve and wish to vote

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# **Sports**

# Willie Littlechild inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame

Allan Beaver

Special to Wawatay News

Not only has he inspired many people across the World to be the best that they can be, but Willie Littlechild has been a classic example, role model on how hard work and education pays off.

While he was playing numerous sports while attending the University of Alberta, he was inspired and coached by a living legend and an icon in the coaching world by the name of Clare Drake.

Littlechild, the Grand Chief of the Confederacy of Treaty Six Nations in 2016, was introduced as a member of the Class of 2018 into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame.

"It starts out in residential school and here it's ended up in Canada's Sports Hall of Fame," said the emotional Littlechild of surviving the national disgrace that inflicted so much suffering on the many survivors across Canada.

A very humble man and now also ranks truly as a living legend, Willie Littlechild has accomplished and achieved many accolades through his hard work and the belief that he needs to pave the way for many youth that will follow in his footsteps.

Playing various sports and specifically hockey has turned Littlechilds' life around of not being a quitter and striving to the next step. Hockey played that key role for him and he humbly speaks of his past and lessons learned.

"Hockey saved my life coming out of residential school. I was going down the wrong path in terms of alcohol and drinking. I could have ended up on skid row somewhere, beaten to death or drunk, but hockey was always there," stated Littlechild.

As many of his First Nations people have not only gone through many challenges because of their experiences and being scarred for life in the residential schools. Littlechild takes the experience to challenge himself to prove to others that he can turn a negative experience and make it into a positive difference to educate today's society of those unforgotten years.

"One time I remember I was going to quit school at the University of Alberta. I'd had it. Clare Drake phoned me. I was at home on the reservation. I said 'I quit.' He said 'We have a practice at 5 p.m. and you better be on the ice.' That was one of the biggest turns in my life. I was probably headed for places a lot of my friends and my peo-

ple ended up," he said of Drake who was recently inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame.

"Hockey gave me all the breaks in my life including a broken leg. And that was what got me into law school."

"Coach Drake had a rule that nobody could ski. My roommate was a downhill racer. After exams one year he said 'Come on Chief, let's go skiing.' I said 'No I can't. Coach said no skiing.' He said 'Come on. Exams are done. It's spring skiing.' So I went. Sure enough, I broke my leg really badly.'

"I couldn't skate for six years, actually. But I ended up coaching hockey and going to NHL Management School where everyone was a lawyer. So I figure 'I have to be a lawyer to stay in hockey. So I became a lawyer."

Littlechild is getting honoured into the Induction Class of 2018 with a group that includes two-time Edmonton Eskimos Grey Cup champion Damon Allen, Toronto Maple Leafs great Dave Keon, Olympians Alexandre Despatie and Chandra Crawford, Sandra Kirby and Jeff Adams and 'League of Their Own' women's baseball star Mary Baker.

In honour of the many First Nations across Canada, Little-child attended the Induction Ceremony wearing his Tribal headdress. What a proud moment it was not only for Willie Littlechild but for the many followers that he has represented throughout the years.

Littlechild was born on the Ermineskin Reserve at Maskwacis, just 45 minutes south of Edmonton, and was raised by his precious grandparents. Willie, as he is known to everyone that has come to meet him, took his grandfather's guidance of traditional cultural knowledge from an early age and with his grandmother always encouraging Willie to appreciate the value of formal education.

As an all-round great athlete, Willie attended residential schools from 1951 to 1964 and played a wide variety of sports, including hockey, football, baseball and swimming. It was a perfect fit for finding a way out of the negative experience and driving that energy and resilience to endure an environment of institutional abuse and separation from his family. Littlechild is truly an inspiration and living proof that First Nations people have a lot to share to the Canadian society.

In everything that Willie Littlechild has accomplished, not only did he have to work twice as hard as his colleagues but he did it with class and perseverance.

Athletic pursuits taught Willie that with hard work and dedication he could excel and fulfill his potential, even in difficult circumstances. These lessons also shaped Willie's approach to higher education. A diligent student, he attended the University of Alberta and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education in 1967, followed by a Master's Degree in 1975.

In 1976, Willie achieved his Law Degree becoming the first Treaty First Nation person from Alberta to become a lawyer. He also became the first Treaty First Nation person to be elected a Member of Parliament in Canada, representing the riding of Wetaskiwin-Rimbey from 1988 to 1993.

For over four decades he has worked with the United Nations to advocate for Indigenous sport and the global Indigenous rights movement. He also served as a Commissioner for Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and was named Grand Chief of the Confederacy of Treaty Six Nations in 2016.

During his studies at the University of Alberta, Willie played for the Golden Bears hockey and swim teams and worked as student manager of the university's football and basketball teams. Committed to empowering others through sport, he also founded and coached the first all-Indigenous junior hockey team in Alberta and organized referee and coaching clinics across the province. In 1967 and 1974, he received the Tom Longboat award, which recognizes the most outstanding Aboriginal athletes and their contributions to sport in Canada.

A pioneering role model, organizer and advocate for Indigenous sport in Canada, Willie Littlechild has worked tirelessly over five decades to create new opportunities for Indigenous athletes. Notable examples of the many events and organizations he has helped establish at every level of competition include the creation of the North American Indigenous Games in 1990 and the World Indigenous Nations Games in 2015. Willie continues to promote Indigenous sport as an important component of reconciliation, community building and as an enduring expression of cultural iden-

#### **REVIEW**

#### Review of Draft Contingency Plan: Whitefeather Forest 2019 – 2022 Contingency Plan

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Whitefeather Forest Community Resource Management Authority (WFCRMA), and the Red Lake District Resource Management Advisory Committee (LCC) invite you to review and comment on the 2019 – 2022 Draft Contingency Plan for the Whitefeather Forest.

#### Why is a Contingency Plan Required?

The approved planning of the first five years of operations for the 2012 – 2022 Whitefeather Forest Management Plan (FMP) expired March 31, 2017. A three-year Contingency Plan is required to conduct forest operations while a new 10-year 2022 – 2032 FMP is developed and 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 Contingency Plan. **How to Get Involved** 

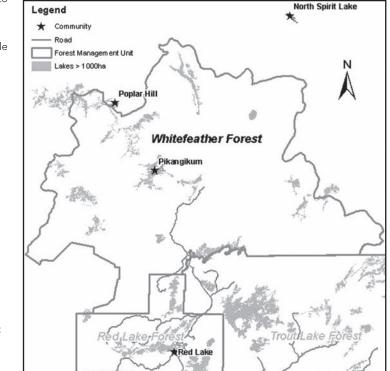
The Draft Contingency Plan will be available on the Ontario government website at www.ontario.ca/forestplans and at the MNRF Red Lake District Office and WFCRMA offices at the locations noted below, by appointment during normal office hours for a period of 30 days from December 12, 2018 – January 11, 2019. Comments on the draft Contingency Plan for the Whitefeather Forest must be received by Corinne Arthur, Management Forester, at the MNRF Red Lake District Office, by January 11, 2019.

To assist you in the review and to provide the opportunity to ask questions, an Information Centre will be held at the following location from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on the following day:

December 12, 2018 at the Super 8 by Wyndham 11 Hughes Crescent Red Lake, ON POV 2M0

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 LCC 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:

#### **Corinne Arthur, R.P.F.** Management Forester

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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)*. The last possible date to seek issue resolution with the MNRF Regional Director is **February 10, 2019**.

#### Stay Involved

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 15, 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, District Business Coordinator at 807-727-1332.





## Environment

# DGC Derek Fox gives presentation about wood stove pilot program

Rick Garrick Wawatay News

Deputy Grand Chief Derek Fox delivered a presentation on Nishnawbe Aski Nations's Wood Stove Changeout Pilot Program at the Biomass North Forum 2018 in Thunder Bay.

"I have many portfolios, education and health are two big ones, but we (also) have environment and climate change," Fox says during the Bioheat Solutions for Communities panel discussion at the Valhalla Inn. "Given how much the world pollutes and how little NAN pollutes, we do a lot with respect to the environment and climate change, whether it is waste management or recycling. We are very passionate about the land because our people have this deep connection to the land, we have a spiritual connection. We always think of it as alive, as our grandmother, as our mother, so we are very passionate about clean energy."

Fox says the Wood Stove Changeout Pilot Program started about two years ago with the involvement of six NAN communities: Sandy Lake, Deer Lake, Eabametoong, North Caribou Lake, Poplar Hill and Wunnumin.

"We just got word yesterday or two days ago that given all the cutbacks and all of the issues with the Ontario government, that they are going to let us finish the work," Fox says. "So we've been given approval to finish the Wood Stove work up until March of the next fiscal year. So that is good news for us."

Fox says NAN has been approaching the federal government for funding to continue the Wood Stove Changeout Pilot Program in the future once the provincial government funding ends.

"The wood stoves are very instrumental in our households," Fox says. "We rely on wood stoves a lot. So although we got approval and we're ecstatic about that, we've got to find ways to keep this work going. As you know, we've lost lives due to faulty wood stoves and we've lost lives due to fires in the home."

Fox says Amber's Fire Safety Campaign was launched last year in honour of five-monthold Amber Strang, one of nine who died in the Pikangikum house fire.

"We're hoping that this work continues," Fox says.

Fox also brought up concerns about the impact of climate change on the winter roads that provide access to NAN's remote, fly-in communities.

"As the years go on, we find that our winter roads are diminishing," Fox says. "The winter roads, if you don't know, are very important to us. They are like a lifeline for us for housing materials and fuel. And as those winter road seasons diminish, we've got to find other ways to get those resources in. So we're

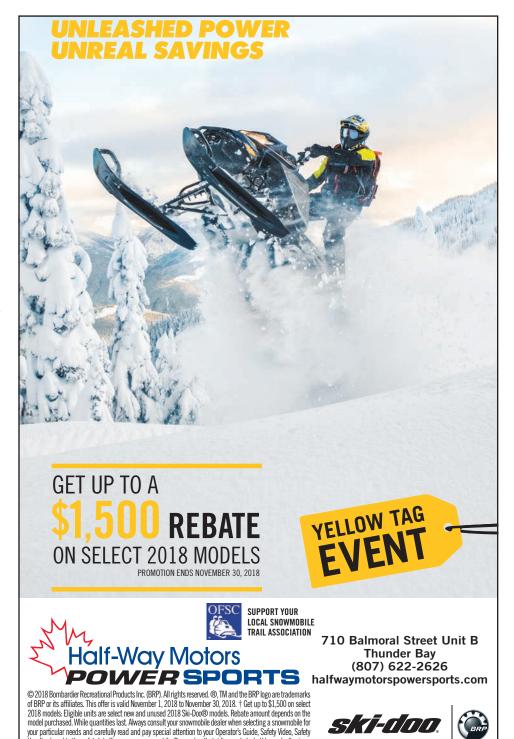
right on the frontlines of climate change — it's forest fires, you've got evacuations, the people of Kashechewan are often evacuated due to flooding. So we're seeing the effects of climate change directly every year that passes."

The Bioheat Solutions for Communities panel discussion also included presentations by Alexander Zangerie, manager of Herz Canada, on Let's Combine Individual Strengths - We Have the Same Goals, and Andreas Wintzer, commercial and biomass system manager with Viessmann Canada, on Small Scale District Energy Systems for Local Communities.

The first day of the forum featured workshops on District Heating System Design in Canada and Northern Ontario Bioheat Workshop.

The second day of the forum featured sessions on Government Leadership in the Bioeconomy; Biopower in Commercial and Industrial Applications; Biofuels and Deep Fuel Switching; and Sustainable Practices and Climate Mitigation.

The third day featured sessions on Accelerating Cleantech and Innovation; Best Practices in Collaboration; SES Biotechnology and Allied Sciences Symposium; Mapping the Canadian Bioeconomy from Here to 2030: World Cafe; and Looking to 2030.





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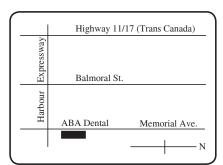
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## Health

# Talk4healing launches new text service for Indigenous women

Rick Garrick Wawatay News

Talk4Healing recently introduced new text and chat services to add to the telephone helpline services it provides for Indigenous women across the province.

"We have evolved quite a bit from just a phone line that was initially targeting the north," says Robin Haliuk, program supervisor for Talk4Healing. "We've really grown and expanded. We now have a training coordinator working with us, we have doubled our staff team and the number of people available on the phone to answer texts or chats. So it is really nice to see it come full circle."

Talk4Healing provides free, confidential and protected talk, chat and text services on a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week basis to Indigenous women across the province. The services are provided by Indigenous women in 14 Indigenous languages as well as English. Talk4Healing officially launched its province-wide services on Oct. 19 and the text and chat services on Oct. 23.

"Most of our counsellors here speak either Ojibwa, Oji-Cree or Cree," Haliuk says. "And we have subscribed to a translation service to support the Algonquin, Odawa or different lan-

Talk4Healing also provides services through the translation service to Inuktitut, Mohawk, Oneida, Potawatomi, Micmac, Black Foot, Moose Cree and Swampy Cree speakers.

"It is only direct translation, so they will just work between the caller and the translator to make sure they are being heard and listened to," Haliuk says. "We can have a translator on the phone within a matter of about three minutes.'

The Talk4Healing helpline has received about 20,000 calls from northern Ontario communities since it was introduced in 2012.

"Wherever you are, we're here for you," Haliuk says. "This new technology will enable Talk4Healing to reach a broader demographic, including younger Indigenous women that have identified that they are more comfortable texting."

Talk4Healing has helped Indigenous women through various issues and circumstances since it was established, including escaping violent relationships, difficult personal relationships, financial turmoil and addictions.

"I've personally experienced mental health challenges in my life and know how critical support like Talk4Healing is for young women like myself," says Melinda Henderson, who is featured in Talk4Healing's new promotional photography. "This new texting option allows a younger demographic to communicate in a way we are more comfortable and it could have

the potential to save a life."

Debra Vermette, executive director of Beendigen, says the new text and chat technology will help "immensely." Talk4Healing is a partnership between Beendigen and Ontario Native Women's Asso-

"Talking on the telephone to connect with others is fast becoming a trend of the past," Vermette says. "Women now have a choice in how they connect with the helpline. A live, trained counsellor can talk with callers over the phone, text through a mobile device or chat via the Talk4Healing website's Live Chat providing culturally sensitive counselling, advice and support."

Vermette says women often need to talk to someone outside of their circle of family and friends

"(Talk4Healing) gives that confidentiality that they are able to just talk and be able to say what they want to say and know that it is not going to be coming back through a community citizen or coming back through family and friends," Vermette says. "It gives them that safe place to be able to talk about what is going on in their lives."

People can connect with Talk4Healing by phoning or sending a text message to 1-855-554-HEAL or by visiting talk4healing.ca to chat on the Live Chat option.

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# Health

# Carmen Blais awarded Minister's Medal for Excellence in Health Quality and Safety

**Rick Garrick** Wawatay News

Matawa First Nations Management's Carmen Blais recently received the Minister's Medal Honouring Excellence in Health Quality and Safety (Individual Champion Category) for her work in improving Indigenous health care in northwestern Ontario.

"It's for the last 30-plus years in health care and trying to improve health care for Indigenous people and communities in northwestern Ontario," says Blais, a clinical coordinator at Matawa Health Co-operative. "In my previous role as Indigenous engagement lead at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, I expanded the Indigenous Advisory Committee from fewer than 10 members to 23, established a healing garden, hired an Indigenous spiritual care (worker), offered (Anishinabemowin) classes to the staff (and increased the) one patient navigator to five. I received the Walk the Talk Award for Indigenous Health at TBRHSC. At Matawa I've had the opportunity to travel to the Matawa communities to conduct engagement sessions with the communities to identify some of the health challenges and gaps in accessing health

Blais was presented with the Minister's Medal at the Health Quality Transformation 2018 conference in Thunder Bay. The Minister's Medal honours excellence in health quality and

"We are thrilled to learn that Carmen Blais is receiving this prestigious award," says David Paul Achneepineskum, CEO of Matawa First Nations Management. "I have had the privilege of working with Carmen over the years and she genuinely cares about the health of our First Nation communities. As we work towards developing the Matawa Health Co-operative for our nine First Nation communities, she has been a great asset in bringing the clinical skills and expertise in assisting the Co-operative as we continue to develop the Indigenous Inter-Professional Primary Care Health team."

The Matawa Health Co-operative was developed by Matawa to provide collaborative and accountable health services to its First Nations.

"We found that a lot of the communities are having challenges in accessing mental health services and have addictions, diabetes and chronic disease," Blais says. "So with the funding we received from the

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care we will deliver those services in the communities. We will have a primary team as part of a Health Co-operative — it's the first in Canada. Matawa hired me to recruit health professionals for the Primary Care Health Team, so we will have a physician, a nurse practitioner, nurses and we will be providing foot care services."

Blais says engagement sessions were done in the nine Matawa communities over the summer months.

"We had really good turnouts," Blais says. "We had a lot of people come out and they shared their stories about some of the health issues they are struggling with in the community and some of the challenges in accessing services.'

The Minister's Medals are awarded to: one team-based initiative that demonstrated commitment to collaboration, improvements in the health system and value for quality care; one individual who has demonstrated leadership in focusing on quality; and a patient advisor who enhanced patient engagement within their community.

"Carmen's commitment to the health care needs of Indigenous people and communities in our region is greatly



Matawa Health Co-operative clinical coordinator Carmen Blais was recently recognized with the Minister's Medal Honouring Excellence in Health Quality and Safety (Individual Champion Category) for her work in improving Indigenous health care in northwestern Ontario.

appreciated and valued," says Gil Labine, board chair of the North West LHIN. "Her dedication to improving Indigenous health outcomes has had a positive impact on the health care system that will have a lasting effect."

Rhonda Crocker Ellacott,

CEO of the North West LHIN, says Blais' dedication to Indigenous health is a shining example of the incredible impact that one person can have on improving patients' quality of care.

'Carmen's achievements over her career show her unwavering passion, dedication and commitment to addressing health equity by focusing on improving health outcomes for Indigenous communities in our region," Ellacott says. "I offer my sincere congratulations to Carmen for winning this prestigious award."

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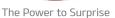


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## Health



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Cathy Fobister, from Ginoogaming, leads an exercise on how the treaties forced First Nations people to live on small reserves during her presentation on Intergenerational Trauma on the second day of the Matawa First Nations Health and Social Meno Biimadeswin Crisis Intervention Workshop, held Nov. 6-8 in Thunder Bay.

# Matawa hosts crisis intervention workshops

Rick Garrick Wawatay News

The importance of selfesteem was one of the topics raised during the Matawa First Nations Health and Social Meno Biimadeswin Crisis Intervention Workshop, held Nov. 6-8 in Thunder Bay.

"Self esteem is so important
— it is one of the biggest indi-

vidual protection factors," says Michael Archer, owner of Little Loon Wellness and Training and a Wahgoshig citizen, during his Suicide Prevention and Intervention presentation on Nov. 6. "When you build self esteem in your community, into your youth and into your people you see such a big difference in positivity."

Archer says suicide contagion

is one of the issues that affects communities across Nishnawbe Aski Nation during his presentation.

"Maybe a suicide happens in (one community), and then all of a sudden it takes place in (another community) and then it is up in (a third community)," Archer says. "My outlook on (suicide) is we need to train more of our First Nations people because we understand what it is like to live in the north. We've been here all our lives."

Archer adds that sending community citizens out for appointments with a therapist or a psychologist or a psychiatrist is a problem for the northern communities, as it takes about a day or so to travel to larger centres.

"We really suffer from a lot of disadvantages of being up north," Archer says. "Doing these types of workshops gives us a better upper hand to battle against suicide and other problems we have in our communities"

Cathy Fobister, from Ginoogaming, delivered a presentation on Intergenerational Trauma, including the effects of intergenerational trauma, where First Nations come from and why they behave the way they do today, on Nov. 7.

"(It helps) us to understand how we have learned some behaviours that are not always best for us, our people and our children and grandchildren," Fobister says. "Not only residential school has affected the way we react or are with each other today, but also colonization, the assimilation process and the introduction of hierarchy. We never had hierarchy before the non-Native people came. We had family units that were very strong and it was all based on survival - everybody had a place."

Fobister says First Nations people had their language, culture and land-based teachings taken away from them.

"So this workshop I am doing today is to help people understand how we have created negative coping behaviours and how it affects our people today," Fobister says. "Later on this afternoon we are going to talk about how do we bring to our communities that knowledge they are receiving today and to be able to help their people within each of their communities to have a better life, to make better choices, because really it is all about choice."

The workshop was held for front-line workers and community professionals working in crisis intervention.

"I am enjoying all of it — I'm having a lot of fun," says Tabitha Charles, victim service worker in Ginoogaming. "It's wonderful meeting new people and just learning new things and the energy is great. It really does hit you emotionally hearing what our people endured and what they went through years ago."

Charles says the workshop provided her with new ways to deal with people and fun ways to get people to interact and work as a team.

"There's a lot of little things that I can take home and use in my position," Charles says.

The third day of the workshop included presentations by Archer on Crisis Manuals, Fobister on Self-Care and Mae Katt on Naloxone Training.



The 9 First Nations of Matawa First Nations Management recently established the Matawa Health Cooperative (MHC), the first in Canada. Its purpose is to provide collaborative and accountable health services to the each of these First Nations. These First Nations, who are members of the MHC set the direction based on the unique nature of each community. The MHC is flexible in how services are implemented, which must reflect the priorities, capacity and diversity of each First Nation.

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# Culture

# Biwaase'aa youth outreach workers teach culture

Rick Garrick Wawatay News

Jingle dress teachings were among the variety of cultural teachings and activities shared by Biwaase'aa youth outreach workers at St. Ann School in Thunder Bay.

"I told a story that comes from Whitefish Bay about the little girl who couldn't walk," says Faith Redsky, a Biwaase'aa youth outreach worker at St. James Public School. "I actually get the students to act out the story. This is our healing dress culture, so we remember that teaching of the little girl when we dance. It heals ourselves, but it also heals everybody else in the powwow arbour."

Dannell McGinnis, a Biwaase'aa youth outreach worker at Vance Chapman Public School, also shared some jingle dress teachings with students.

"I was showing the students how a jingle dress is made," McGinnis says. "I didn't just teach them about new-age jingle dresses, I also taught them about old-style jingle dresses."

McGinnis says the old-style jingle dresses were made with skirts underneath.

"I did explain to the children that the reason why these skirts were made under the dresses was because skin wasn't supposed to be shown on a woman because they were the life givers," McGinnis says. "So because it is a ceremony dress and a healing dress, it was very important that these dresses were made longer."

The Biwaase'aa youth outreach workers delivered the cultural teachings and activities to the students individually on a rotating basis in the students' classrooms.

"We had different topics like jingle dress, hand drumming for women, hand drumming for men, bustle teachings, head roach teachings, basically the way of life as Anishinabe people," says Kelvin Redsky, program manager for Biwaase'aa. "The message is to educate the children about the way of life as Aboriginal people, to teach them about what we do as Anishinabe people, like when we do our beadwork, when we do our wild rice and traditional foods."

The Biwaase'aa youth outreach workers also taught the students about flute music and singing, sewing and birch bark teachings.

"Today I am doing birch bark teachings and I was passing on the knowledge I was taught on how to make them and their uses," says Ryan Saarinen, a Biwaase'aa youth outreach worker at Our Lady of Charity School. "I talked about birch bark harvest birch bark, I talked about the (spruce) roots we harvest to make the birch bark baskets and the different types of wood you can use on the round rim of the basket."

Dakota-Colt Meshake, a Biwaase'aa youth outreach worker at Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute, shared drum teachings with the stu-

"When we're doing events, I try to stick with the same teaching every year," Meshake says. "I talk about the origin story I was told about the drum, I talk a little about the gender roles with the drum and I teach some

of the different songs we do. My goal is that when they reach Grade 8 or they go into high school, somebody can ask them what kind of teachings do you know about the drum and they can give them the origin story."

Fawn Meshake, a Biwaase'aa youth outreach worker at Ogden Community School, spoke about women teachings around the drum with the students.

"I spoke about how I learned to sing when I was young," Fawn says. "I taught (the students) how to lele — a lele is when women sing with men. When they lele to the men's singing, it is an honour for that song to honour that spirit that comes in."

Biwaase'aa received a oneyear extension to its funding in August to provide in-school and after-school programming and a nutrition program for the 2018-19 school year at eight schools in Thunder Bay.

"The Biwaase'aa program has been around since 2004, and we've grown from two programs to eight programs," Kelvin says.



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Fawn Meshake, a Biwaase'aa youth outreach worker at Ogden Community School, shared some of the drum teachings during a Traditional Teachings session at St. Ann School in Thunder Bay.

#### **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE**

#### Pineland Forest 2021-2031 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Pineland Timber Company Ltd. and the Pineland Local Citizens' Committee (LCC) invite you to participate in the development of the 2021–2031 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Pineland Forest.

#### The Planning Process

The FMP will take approximately three years to complete. During this time, five formal opportunities for public consultation and First Nation and Métis community involvement and consultation are provided. This first stage notice is to advise you that preparation of the plan has started and to request:

- Your contribution to background information, particularly information relating to values and important ecological features that could be affected by forest management activities, and
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#### How to Get Involved

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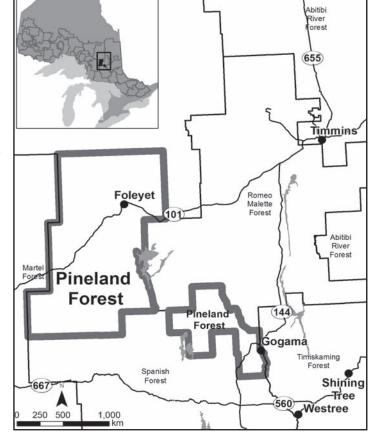
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#### Stay Involved

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Stage Two -Review of the Proposed Long-Term Management DirectionStage Three -Information Centre: Review of Proposed OperationsStage Four -Information Centre: Review of Draft Forest Management PlanStage Five -Inspection of MNRF-Approved Forest Management Plan

August, 2019 December, 2019 June, 2020 October, 2020

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## Arts and Entertainment

# Tanya Talaga Massey Lectures a hit in Thunder Bay

Rick Garrick Wawatay News

CBC Massey Lectures Tour speaker Tanya Talaga's lecture on What Are the Keys to Healing a Community was a hit in Thunder Bay.

"She talked a lot about equity, that there be equity in our communities for the children for them to succeed and for them to live," says Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler. "So that was I thought a very powerful message for everyone to hear."

Fiddler says it was important

for Talaga to begin her CBC Massey Lectures Tour in Thunder Bay because it is "ground zero for many of the issues she talked about." Nishnawbe Aski Nation sponsored Talaga's lecture so it was a free event for the community at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium.

"For far too long Thunder Bay has been in the national spotlight for all the wrong reasons," Fiddler says. "There is an opportunity for all of us to come together and to start changing things around and creating the change that is so desperately

needed here."

NAN also provided information at the Auditorium about its Choose Life initiative that promotes the mental, emotional and behavioural well-being of

"We wanted to showcase this evening some of the work that our communities are doing," Fiddler says. "We know there are many challenges in our communities but at the same time there is lots of good work going on, and Choose Life is a really good example of what is being done in our communities

to not only keep our children alive but to equip them with the skills they need to make it through life.

Talaga, a Toronto Star journalist who wrote the awardwinning book Seven Fallen Feathers about seven high school students from across Nishnawbe Aski Nation who died while pursuing their high school studies in Thunder Bay, says community citizens from across NAN territory also have to leave their communities to access mental health care.

"You have to get on a plane

and you have to leave your family, everything you know, your language, your parents, your community," Talaga says. "You have to leave, take a plane, just to access a doctor or a psychologist or a mental health expert (or a) psychiatrist."

Kiiwetinoong MPP Mamakwa says Talaga's lectures will bring the issue of First Nations suicide to the forefront of all Canadians.

"A lot of families are faced with these issues," Mamakwa says. "It just heightens the conversation for all people, it heightens the knowledge of what is really happening in the backyard of Ontario, the backyard of Canada. I believe it is going to bring change, it's going to bring a different conversation to the people all over Canada."

Mushkegowuk Grand Chief Jonathan Solomon also noted Talaga's reference to the issue of suicide.

"I'm hoping that Canadians will be able to have an open mind and open heart when they read her book and also hear her stories, from what she learned from other societies and other tribes in this world like in Australia and the United States," Solomon says. "(These issues are) all linked to the oppression of our people (and) colonization, they're all linked."

Norma Kejick, executive director of Northern Nishnawbe Education Council, says Talaga's lecture was "very power-

"They say it takes one person to make a difference, and that is exactly what Tanya is doing - I just hope that the rest of Canada follows," Kejick says. "Losing a nephew to suicide, you know when something like that happens it changes your life forever. And those stories need to be told. I know a lot of people think that it is taboo and we shouldn't talk about it. but we need to talk about it because the youth, the children, they need to know there are people out there who care and who love them and that suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem."

#### NOTICE OF STUDY RE-COMMENCEMENT

Highway 17 Four-Laning between the Manitoba / Ontario Border and Kenora

#### AND

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

for the Re-Commencement of SECTION 1: between the Manitoba / Ontario Border and Highway 673

WSP Canada Group Limited, on behalf of the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO), is undertaking Planning, Preliminary Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Studies to review options for the four-laning of Highway 17 between the Manitoba / Ontario border and Kenora. The studies will identify a preferred option for a four-lane divided highway corridor based on an evaluation of alternatives. Separate studies are being carried out for the three sections as shown on the key plan.

Following the start of planning and preliminary design work in 2009, Transportation Environmental Study Reports (TESRs) for Sections 1 and 2 were filed for public review and comment. However, the studies were not completed and the projects did not move forward. By way of this notice, MTO is withdrawing its previous Notices of Completion for Sections 1 and 2 issued November 10, 2009 and re-commencing the EA process.

The first proposed project is Section 1 extending from the Ontario / Manitoba border easterly 6.5 km to Highway 673. The previously considered alternatives from the 2009 study were carried forward for this project.

The studies will follow the Class EA for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) process for a Group 'B' project, with the opportunity for public input throughout. Public Information Centres (PICs) will be held to provide opportunities to discuss the studies with members of the project team. Three PICs were previously held between 2009 and 2011.

A PIC for Section 1 between the Manitoba / Ontario Border and Highway 673 has been arranged to provide a study overview and present the preferred twinning alternative. Following the PIC, a TESR will be prepared and made available for public review.

Future notices will be published to advise of PICs for Sections 2 and 3.

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (Section 1 from Manitoba to Highway 673)

The PIC will be held as a drop-in, open house session and representatives from MTO and WSP will be in attendance to answer questions and receive feedback. We encourage you to attend the PIC and to provide the Project Team with your views and comments so that they may be considered as the study progresses. The display material presented at the PIC will be posted on the project website after the PIC. The PIC will be held as follows:

Tuesday, November 20, 2018 Date: Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Clarion Lakeside Inn and

> **Conference Centre – Cascade Room** 470 1st Avenue South, Kenora, ON

#### **SECTION 1** SECTION 2 SECTION 3 Kenora Clearwater Bay Manitoba Ontario Lake of The Woods

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If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.

Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Access to Information Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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# **Arts and Entertainment**

# Neechee studio hosts mixed media painting workshops

Rick Garrick Wawatay News

The Neechee Studio Mixed Media Painting workshop by Janet Napash, an education assistant navigator at Dennis Franklin Cromarty First Nations High School, was a hit with participants.

"It was really fun," says Nella Meekis, a DFC student from Deer Lake. "I made a wolf on a canvas."

Meekis says she didn't know Napash was a painter before the workshop, which was held at Definitely Superior Art Gallery on the north side of Thunder Bay.

"So that was pretty surprising," Meekis says.

Levina Mishenene, a Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute student from Mishkeegogamang, also enjoyed the workshop. The workshop featured the painting of a birch tree image or an image the participant chose on a hideshaped canvas and construction of a frame made from willow branches that the canvas is eventually attached to using sinew-like lacing, just as a real hide is attached to a wooden frame for drying

frame for drying.

"I was smelling (the branches) and it reminded me of the birds singing in the morning," Mishenene says. "I got some help drawing the bird."

Mishenene says this was her first Neechee Studio workshop, but she plans to return again. The Neechee Studio workshops are held once or twice a month for Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth during the school year at no cost to participants.

Val Wigwas, from Gull Bay, says the mixed media painting workshop was "really amazing."

"It was meant to be because we actually happened to be painting a birchbark tree, which is what my last name means," Wigwas says. "So I was really grateful that I came here. Everybody was super helpful and it was a good time. I had a lot of fun."

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Napash says the workshop featured some of the skills and techniques she has developed since taking up painting about four years ago.

"Over time I've acquired enough skills by practice and dedicating a little bit of time over the last four years where I've learned different techniques or different tools I can use," Napash says. "I try to encourage them to tell stories on canvas. Some people tell stories with the computer, some people tell stories using a pen or diary. I told (the participants) their tool is their paintbrush, their palettes. Their tool is also their experience, what they connect with around nature and their environment.

Napash says the workshop project came to her in a dream after she prayed for guidance.

"I saw that we could shape the canvas so it looks like hide," Napash says. "We are making it look like it is a dried hide in the way they traditionally used to dry hides."

Napash says it was "great" to work with the participants in her workshop.

"They are eager, they are willing to learn, they are working hard," Napash says. "I'm so glad that they have a place for them to come so they can express their creativity. I gave them the option to tell their stories, to put it on their canvas. It's their own story."

Napash says she previously delivered the workshop for 19 students at Pelican Falls First Nations High School.

"All of them had their own stories to tell on canvas," Napash says. "It was really quite amazing."

Upcoming Neechee Studio workshops include: Graffiti Moccasins on Dec. 14, Moccasins part 2 on Dec. 21, Dance and Movement on Jan. 18, Surprise Visiting Artist Workshop on Feb. 15, Animation/Film on March 8, Poetry/Performance, Spoken Word on March 15 and the Neechee Art Exhibition on April 6





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LEFT: A group of youth work on their hide-shaped canvas paintings during Janet Napash's Mixed Media Painting workshop at Neechee Studio in Thunder Bay.

TOP: Janet Napash shows how she created the fall leaves on the canvas for the hide-shaped canvas in a wooden frame.

#### INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

#### Trout Lake Forest 2021-2031 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Domtar Inc. and the Local Citizens' Committee (LCC) invite you to participate in the development of the 2021 – 2031 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Trout Lake Forest.

#### The Planning Process

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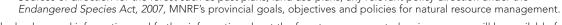
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Anytime during the planning process you may make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the MNRF District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the 2017 Forest Management Planning Manual (Part A, Section 2.4.1).

#### Stay Involved

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Stage Two Stage Three Stage Four Stage Five Review of the Proposed Long-Term Management Direction
Information Centre: Review of Proposed Operations
Information Centre: Review of Draft Forest Management Plan
Inspection of MNRF-Approved Forest Management Plan

August - October, 2020
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January - March, 2020

June - July, 2019

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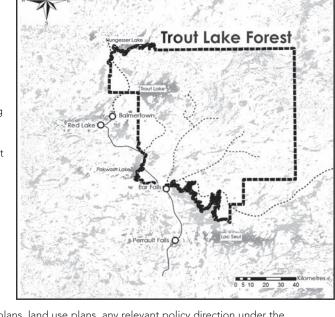
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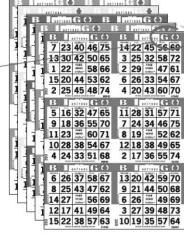
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The two winning teams in a team building exercise at the Chiefs of Ontario Photovoice Facilitator Training Session, held in Thunder Bay, completed their pyramids of cups at exactly the same time.

# COO holds photovoice facilitator training sessions

Rick Garrick Wawatay News

The Chiefs of Ontario Photovoice Facilitator Training Session, held in Thunder Bay, included a SafeTALK presentation on how to help youth who may be thinking of suicide.

"It's been really good meeting new people and learning how to help friends in the community," says Valerie Ooshag, a youth from Eabametoong. "(The SafeTALK presentation was about) being comfortable and helping your friend seek help. If one of my friends is feeling down or suicidal, I will have the skills to help them in a good way."

SafeTALK is a three-hour training program that prepares helpers to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources.

Kayla Fiddler, a youth from Sandy Lake, says the Photovoice Facilitator Training Session was informational about suicide.

'(The training helps with) recognizing the symptoms and seeing if anybody need help, if they want to talk to me or anybody else in the community," Fiddler says, noting that she has

known some people who committed suicide. "This is my second time taking SafeTALK and it is just very informational."

Mya Dixon, a youth from Sandy Lake, says this was a good opportunity for her to participate in the SafeTALK training, noting that she tried to take the training before but was not

"I really want to see this training up north," Dixon says. "I find it really interesting and it is worth knowing."

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#### INSPECTION

Inspection of the Approved Long-Term 2 Year Forest Management Plan Extension for the Trout Lake Forest 2019-2021 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Domtar Inc. and the Local Citizens' Committee (LCC) would like to advise you that the long-term Forest Management Plan (FMP) extension of the approved 2009 - 2019 FMP for the Trout Lake Forest has been approved by the Regional Director and is available for Inspection.

The long-term FMP extension extends the period of the current FMP to April 1, 2019.

The long-term FMP extension includes a description and a map of the planned operations that will be carried forward in the plan extension.

#### How to Access the Approved Long-Term **FMP Extension**

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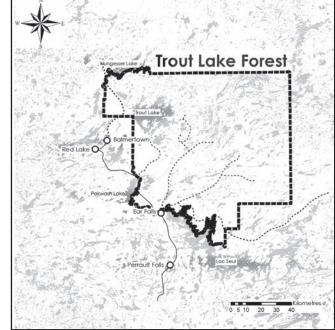
- R.P.F. at 807-223-9156
- on the Ontario government website (www.ontario.ca/forestplans)

Interested and affected persons and organizations can arrange an appointment with MNRF staff at the MNRF Red Lake District Office to discuss the long-term FMP extension.

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A team of two youth use both hands to complete their pyramid of cups during a team building exercise at the Chiefs of Ontario Photovoice Facilitator Training Session, in Thunder Bay.

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The Stories From Our Roots Photovoice Training Session, which was held at the Best Western Nor'Wester Hotel and Conference Centre, also provided participants with Photovoice training.

"I'm excited to learn more about Photovoice," Ooshag says. "I've heard of it before and I'm glad to take part in the training.'

Chloe Smith, a youth from Walpole Island and a member of the planning committee for the Photovoice Facilitator Training Sessions, stressed the importance of the Photovoice session for the youth to help them promote life and ways to live life with love.

"This is the first time this has been up and running, so it is very interesting to see how it is going," Jacobs says. "There's

going to be another four sessions before March. We just had a meeting a week or two ago to set dates and areas."

Upcoming Photovoice Facilitator Training Sessions are scheduled for Nov. 17-18 in Kenora, Jan. 26-27 in Sudbury and March 16-17 in Ottawa. Information is available on the Stories From Our Roots Facebook page. The sessions are open for First Nations youth from 18-29 years old.

"These youth will be able to walk away with certification in SafeTALK as being a suicide alert helper," says Tristen Schneider, integrated mental health program coordinator with Chiefs of Ontario. "As well, (they) will be able to facilitate Photovoice within their communities."

Schneider says Photovoice was selected because it is a different way to promote life.

"There is a lot of stigma around suicide awareness, so instead we have moved on to life promotion," Schneider says. "And to promote that good life, we want to look at sharing different types of media outlooks, so we are looking at sharing photos and having stories behind them and looking at more so of a creative expression to showcase First Nations youth voice.

The Photovoice Facilitator Training Sessions are being presented by the Chiefs of Ontario in partnership with Ontario First Nations Young Peoples Council, Ontario Brain Institute and the University of Western Ontario.

Interested youth can contact Schneider for more information at: Tristen.Schneider@coo. org.



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A 100% First Nations owned and operated company based in Thunder Bay has received province-wide recognition.

It was officially announced on Thursday, October 18, 2018 that the Agoke Development Corporation (Agoke) was the recipient of the Business Part-

nership of the Year Award at the NADF Business Awards. The forestry enterprise owned by Aroland, Eabametoong and Marten Falls, manages the Ogoki Forest, oversees forest

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Seven award recipients were recognized for their achieve-

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Photo from left to right – Jason Rasevych, Business Advisor; Mark Bell, President, Agoke Development Corporation; Bill Spade, Director, Agoke Development Corporation.

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Brian Davey, Executive Director, NADF stated "Receiving the Partnership of the Year Award is a major accomplishment for companies. This award is achieved by the willingness of partners to come together for the greater good, to hold a collective vision, and to work hard with the solid determination to succeed. All these factors are evident in this year's winner - Agoke Development Corporation. I wish them well and greatness, as they grow and become a major player in northern Ontario.

Mark Bell, who has served as the president of the Agoke Development Corporation for the past three years, is thrilled the corporation is being honoured with an award. "We're very proud," he said. "It's been a lot of hard work to get to this point. We've re-defined our position in forestry and have been gradually moving forward and growing."

The Agoke Development Corporation started in 2015 with the intent to build capacity in forest management and to maximize economic opportunities in the forestry sector. The three First Nations that own the corporation, haven't

seen much opportunity come their way in the past.

"Commercial forestry has always been a challenging business environment for our First Nations, historically we've been economically marginalized with little or no opportunity. In the Ogoki Forest, we set out to change that by taking Ontario's forest tenure modernization process to the next level by securing a greater role in managing the land" said Chief Bruce Achneepineskum of Marten Falls First Nation. "I'm very proud of the Agoke Development Corporation on receiving this award, it truly shows that when we work together, amongst our First Nations and with industry, we can learn to co-exist."

That same year, the three First Nations signed a co-operation agreement and established the Agoke Development Corporation to take on the business development on behalf of the three First Nations, a decision which has paid

off in a major way. In March 2018, Agoke made headlines when it announced a forestry agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to take over management responsibilities of the crown unit. Now, for the first

time, the three First Nations have a say on what goes on in the Ogoki forest and are building forestry knowledge to further their role as stewards of the land.

Agoke is driving the process and has secured the forest resource license to harvest wood, assign harvest blocks, complete compliance and monitoring of woodland operations, prepare annual work schedules and reports. Agoke is

also involved in developing the next 10-year forest management plan for 2020-2030.

Over the past three (3) years, Agoke has also successfully managed and administered the provincial road funding and advocated for a new \$600,000 pilot project for bridge and road repairs to mitigate barriers to wood fibre

for existing and new markets. Agoke is the only First Nation owned management entity in Ontario to manage the province's road money for forests and is striving to include their community citizens in numerous aspects of forestry.

Working well with others has also proven to be a valued and

necessary means of doing business. That's certainly reflected in the fact Agoke is being recognized for the way it works with others. "It really shows the importance of collaboration and a common vision of partnerships," stated Bill Spade, Agoke Director, Eabametoong First Nation.

Agoke took the time to build key relationships with consuming mills in the region and their efforts were successful in establishing a joint-venture agreement with the Nakina Sawmill to restart the operations which have been

dormant for over a decade. "That's very special to us," Spade said of the deal which saw first-right-of-refusal for road building, log harvesting and delivery contracts. The Agoke Board set up a working committee that provides input into the facility's hiring process, developing special programs for employment and training and are targeting 75% Aboriginal employment in the sawmill.

Over the next few years, Agoke is looking to expand into bio-mass and bio-fuel opportunities to help scale capacity for micro-grids in the Far North. "We understand there are pilot projects with solar and other types of renewable energy options. We would like to see our remote First Nations reduce diesel as an energy source", said Delia Okees, Agoke Director, Marten Falls First Nation. "With technological advancements being made, there is a huge opportunity to be innovators in renewable energy for combined heat and power in northern Ontario. There is a lot of work to do, but we believe we are on the right track, and we don't plan on slowing down anytime soon," Okees added.





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# Community

# Nishnawbe Aski Nation holds 1st annual Secret Path week

Rick Garrick Wawatay News

The families of Chanie Wenjack and Gord Downie participated in Nishnawbe Aski Nation's 1st Annual Secret Path Week celebration at the Oshki-Pimache-O-Win: The Wenjack Education Institute in Thunder Bay.

"I'm glad this Oshki-Wenjack training centre has started so I can see the future (graduates) putting on their hats," says Pearl Achneepineskum, one of Chanie's sisters. "I'm really glad about that. Back where we come from, we don't have any children because all our young people have put themselves back into school. And that's great, but it's also lonely not to see kids running around as we had before."

Achneepineskum says that is a sacrifice the community made by pushing their children to focus on achieving an education

"I would have liked to have watched my grandchildren grow up on the reserve, to be able to go to high school on the reserve," Achneepineskum says. "But I can't, I have to let them go at the age of 13 and 14 years old. Thirty-three children left in September and we stood there watching them leave. That is the exact picture I saw the last year my brother (Chanie) left for school."

Achneepineskum says there

was a storm on the day when Chanie was taken away to residential school that year.

"The parents sat there, there was a storm out and there logs were all over the place and parents were sitting down," Achneepineskum says. "This is the one place that haunts me back home. When the kids finally left, even when the plane was taking off you could hear those kids cry inside that plane."

Achneepineskum says the younger children in the community sat with their parents as the older children were taken away on the planes.

"And I sat there for the very first time and I knew how my parents felt, how broken their spirit was," Achneepineskum says. "Every one of those parents were silent. They just sat there and looked at where those planes disappeared. And when I looked at those parents, they were crying without a sound. I understood then how bad it was for those parents to let go of their children."

Achneepineskum says she had previously only known how it felt to be taken away on the planes to residential school.

"I saw for the first time what it was like," Achneepineskum says. "I didn't really understand it before because it was only my pain when I used to leave for school. We sat there until nightfall without anybody saying anything. Nightfall came about 10 o'clock, and then I don't



Rick Garrick/Wawatay News **Pearl Achneepineskum.** 

remember who it was, somebody said: 'Let's go home."

Patrick Downie, one of Gord's brothers, says his family was "so inspired" by the dedication, loyalty and fortitude of the Wenjack family in doing something in the spirit of Chanie's

"Here we are 50 years later and your family is out doing something for your communities and your people in the name of your brother," Patrick says. "In the process of Gord's illness, he would often say these really profound things. I would jot them down from time to time and one of the things that he said that really stuck with me that I wrote down and try to remind myself of is he said there is no higher power than helping other people. We're here because we care, we're all here because we care for each other and we care for our families and our communities. And I just want to say thank you for leading the way and the leadership I see here. It is just so humbling and so inspiring."



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