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Board names new chief

The Deep River Police Service Board has announced the appointment of Mark Kane as the next chief of police for the Deep River Police Service, effective June 29.

In a statement announcing the appointment, the board said Chief Kane brings extensive leadership experience to the role, having served as a police chief for the Annapolis Royal Police Department in Nova Scotia, and has been a senior policing professional across multiple jurisdictions in Canada and internationally.

“Throughout his career, he has demonstrated a strong commitment to community-based policing, officer wellness, and organizational excellence.

“He has a proven track record of strengthening police services through strategic planning, modernizing operations, and fostering positive relationships with both officers and the communities they serve.”

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Sunday actually felt like a spring day for a change, with nothing but blue skies above, and Aaron Downie took advantage of the break in the weather to take son Benson and daughter Charlotte to Unity Park in Deep River, where the kids had a ball on the playground equipment. The forecast doesn't look quite as nice for this coming Sunday, Mother's Day, but here's keeping our fingers crossed! Photo: Vance Gutzman

QUOTEWORTHY:

“Nuclear energy is central to our future whether you are talking about our economy, our security, our climate or our role in the world.”

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New chief

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The board said Kane is also “deeply engaged in the broader policing community and is a strong advocate for inclusive and community-focused policing.”

“His experience includes collaboration with all levels of government and participation in initiatives focused on public safety, restorative justice, and policing standards.

“Chief Kane was appointed to the Progress Monitoring Committee in Nova Scotia to minimize or respond to mass casualty events.”

STRONG FUTURE

“The board is confident that Chief Kane’s experience, leadership, and values will support a strong future for policing in Deep River,” said Tracy Russell, chair of the Deep River Police Service Board.

“We look forward to welcoming

him and working together to continue providing high-quality policing services to our community.”

Russell said the board extends a warm welcome to Chief Kane as he prepares to assume leadership of the Deep River Police Service.

Kane’s appointment comes after the board announced in February that current Chief Dean Duchrow will be retiring this spring after six years at the helm of the police service.

The board said Duchrow’s leadership has been “defined not only by operational excellence, but by his genuine care for community partnerships and member development.”

“He strengthened relationships with neighbouring police services, emergency responders, health and social service agencies, educational institutions, and municipal partners...”

“On behalf of the Deep River Police Service Board, we extend our sincere gratitude to Chief Duchrow for his steady leadership, integrity, and deep commitment to both the service and the community of Deep River.”



New Deep River Police Chief Mark Kane

Club seeks support for park project

BY VANCE GUTZMAN

The Deep River Horticultural Society (DRHS) is moving ahead with plans to create an arboretum and botanical gardens in Bill Rounding Park.

Plans for the project were first presented to town council last fall, when the DRHS sought municipal support to help get it off the ground.

“The issues we’re trying to address in this proposal include the fact that Bill Rounding Park is a very underutilized piece of land,” DRHS spokesperson Susan Miller told council at the time.

“There are parts of it that are water-logged most of the time.”

The Horticultural Society is proposing a three-phased approach for the project, with the first being the creation of a formal arboretum and walking trail in the east end of the park.

Arboretums are botanical gardens intended to help educate the public about the trees and plants they contain.

The second phase would contain a

nearby creekside trail and rest area in the cedar woods closer to Beach Street.

The third phase of the Horticultural Society’s proposal would see the creation of a native botanical garden, containing Indigenous medicinal herbs, west of the arboretum near where the playground structures are currently located.

POTENTIAL

The Horticultural Society foresees a lot of potential for the project, including offering up educational opportunities, increased usage of Bill Rounding Park and increased tourism for the town.

And it doesn’t want to interfere with existing uses of the park, including the informal dog park and community gardens.

Nor does the DRHS want the project to place a financial burden on the town, with Miller saying last fall the Horticultural Society has sought out a number of grant sources for all three phases, and will also be establishing the “Friends of

the Arboretum and Botanical Gardens” organization to provide oversight and funding management.

One of those funding sources, meanwhile, is the Green Municipal Fund, administered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

The deadline for applying for that funding is this coming fall, for funding in the spring of 2027, and the Horticultural Society is getting a head start on that process.

In order to be eligible for Green Municipal funding, non-municipal applicants, like the Horticultural Society, must provide a resolution of support from the municipality they are partnering with on a project.

DRHS representatives are scheduled to appear as a delegation at this week’s town council meeting, seeking a resolution of support to that end.

The delegation is also expected to present council with updated plans for the project.

CNL welcomes plans for new nuclear strategy

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories says it “enthusiastically welcomes” last week’s announcement that the federal government is developing a new “Nuclear Energy Strategy for Canada.”

Minister of Energy and Natural Resources Tim Hodgson announced the new strategy at the annual conference of the Canadian Nuclear Association.

“The strategy will build on decades of made-in-Canada innovation, including in Candu technology; abundant uranium resources; a first-class workforce; and a world-leading safety regime,” the government said in a release.

“It will focus on growing Canadian industry in order to achieve energy affordability and security at home while seizing the global opportunity of a global industry that is expected to grow by up to \$200 billion per year by 2030.”

The new strategy is expected to be released by the end of 2026.

“As Canada’s national nuclear laboratory, the science we deliver will be a key enabler - supporting innovation, advancing solutions, and helping turn this vision into action,” CNL said on social media.

“We look forward to working with partners across the nuclear ecosystem to help shape Canada’s nuclear future.”

PILLARS

In the announcement, Hodgson said the new strategy will be structured around “four pillars”:

- enabling new builds across Canada;
- being a global supplier and exporter of choice;
- expanding uranium production and nuclear fuel opportunities; and
- developing new Canadian nuclear innovations (including fission and fusion).

“Delivering on this strategy means turning innovation into real-world solutions for Canadians, particularly those living where energy security and affordability are fragile.

“That is why Minister Hodgson, on behalf of the Honourable David J. McGuinty, Minister of National Defence, announced that the government



of Canada, through the Department of National Defence (DND), is making an initial \$40-million investment for 2026-27 to assess the potential of a Canadian-controlled microreactor that could provide heat and electricity to remote and northern DND and Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) facilities and operations.”

Meanwhile, Hodgson said the “underpinning of Canada’s nuclear sector” is science, research, technology and innovation.

“That is why the federal government has committed \$2.2 billion over 10 years in capital investments at the Chalk River Laboratories, Canada’s national nuclear labs.

MODERN COMPLEX

“This includes the new Advanced Materials Research Centre and other critical infrastructure across the campus.

“This funding will allow AECL to combine the capabilities of outdated facilities into a modern facility and laboratory research complex that can support Canada’s continued nuclear energy leadership, including for Candu technology; nuclear safety, security and forensics; small modular reactors; reactor fuel development; and supporting utilities with reactor life extension and reliability.

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Laurentian Hills posts strong surplus in 2025

Laurentian Hills continues to see strong results as the town received its 2025 audited financial statements recently.

Overall, the town finished 2025 with an annual “surplus” of more than \$1.22 million, although most of that “surplus” reflects investments of more than \$1.11 million in “tangible capital assets” like paving roads and improvements to the town’s water and sewer systems.

The town had higher than expected revenues as government grants and interest on reserves pushed the town’s revenue to almost \$6.09 million, up from a budget of \$5.6 million.

Expenses were also up, from

a budget of \$4.54 million to \$4.86 million in spending by year’s end, as the town put additional money into “transportation services” (roads and public works) and “environmental services” (water and sewer).

The town was also able to increase its reserves and reserve funds, from a total of \$9.69 million as of January 1, 2025 to \$9.9 million at year’s end.

The town’s overall financial position at the end of the year showed an “accumulated surplus” of \$20.1 million, up from \$18.9 million at the end of 2024.

“In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements

present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of (the town of Laurentian Hills) as at December 31, 2025,” auditors Scott, Rosien, Black & Locke stated in their report.

REMUNERATION

Meanwhile, Laurentian Hills council continues to be a relative bargain on the pay scale.

The town’s annual statement of remuneration for council shows that Mayor Anne Giardini earned a total of \$23,990 last year.

Her total includes a base “honorarium” of \$20,425 plus \$3,565 in per diems for meetings attended.

Each of the other four members of council received a base honorarium of \$10,938 plus varying amounts for meetings attended.

Deputy Mayor Brenda Blimkie received an additional \$3,105, while Councillors

Bruce Boucher, John Hoyle and Gary McAnulty received \$1,725, \$1,610 and \$1,840 respectively.

Overall, the total cost of council remuneration last year was \$76,025, compared to figures of \$152,445 reported in Deep River and \$334,358 in the town of Petawawa.

INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER

Laurentian Hills also received a clean report from the town’s integrity commissioner for 2025.

Tony Fleming of the firm Cunningham, Swan, Carty, Little & Bonham LLP stated in his annual report to council that there were no complaints and no requests for advice last year, bringing the total cost for his services to \$0.

“We continue to encourage members of council and local boards for the town of Laurentian Hills to contact us in writing should they find themselves unsure of their obligations under the Code (of

Conduct) or the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act,” Fleming said.

“If a member requests and follows our advice, that advice may be relied on should there be a complaint to the Integrity Commissioner on the same facts in the future.”

Fleming notes in his report that changes may be coming to the province’s framework for integrity commissioners, including the creation of a province-wide code of conduct that would allow councils to remove members in extreme situations.

“No details are yet available, but we encourage all municipalities to participate in consultation on any amendments that might be implemented so that you have some input when this occurs,” he said.

“Members (of council) are held to the highest standards of office in their elected positions, and we thank members for their continued attention to the ethical obligations expected of them.”

GREAT GIFTS FOR MOM!

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RIDER KILLED

Members of the Upper Ottawa Valley detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a fatal off-road collision in the town of Laurentian Hills.

Police say that on Saturday, May 2, at approximately 4:45 pm, police were notified of a single-vehicle off-road collision involving a dirt bike on Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs Trail 128.

Renfrew County paramedics and officers from the UOV OPP detachment attended the scene.

Preliminary investigation found that the dirt bike struck a tree and the rider was ejected.

Despite lifesaving efforts by emergency responders and bystanders, a 27-year-old male from Petawawa was pronounced deceased at the scene. The name of the rider has not been released.

Woman who stole \$10K from hockey club gets jail time

BY BRUCE MCINTYRE

A local woman who was a volunteer for the Pembroke and Area Community Centre made her 40th appearance in the Ontario Court of Justice and finally received a jail sentence for the theft of \$10,775 from the club between August 2008 and July 2009.

Justice Jeffery Richardson, who presided over the case last month in a Pembroke courtroom, wrote “enough is enough” in his 17-page ruling which summarized her numerous appearances before four separate Ontario Court Justices while engaging the services of four defence counsels over a 14-year period from the time of her first appearance.

She was a bookkeeper for the organization which ran a canteen for members of the Pembroke Minor Hockey Association and Pembroke Skating Club when she stole the money 18 years ago.

In his ruling, Justice Richardson was highly critical of the woman in light of

several accommodations issued by various judges who presided over her case in an attempt to allow her to make restitution for the stolen money.

STALLING TACTICS

He noted that in 2012, the late Justice Robert Selkirk sentenced her to a 12-month conditional sentence in addition to an order that she make full restitution of the \$10,775 she was found guilty of stealing from the youth organizations.

Throughout his ruling, Justice Richardson recounted her numerous court appearances and promises to repay the money, and despite her promises, she has only paid less than half the original amount of stolen funds.

He stated some of the children who were hockey players or skaters at the time of the thefts are now adults with children of their own enrolled in the programs and have all but given up on ever seeing full restitution of the original amount.

According to her criminal record, LV

was prosecuted for breaching Justice Selkirk’s order in 2016.

The passing of sentence was suspended and he ordered a further 13-month probation order to allow her to make restitution, yet she still failed to pay.

She was prosecuted again in 2020 for breach of the 2016 sentencing order.

Justice Anderson suspended the passing of sentence and ordered another 13-month probation order to allow her to make restitution.

Between August 2022 and October 2024, her matter was adjourned 12 times until finally a bench warrant was issued for her arrest.

He noted several attempts were made by four separate local defence attorneys to have her appear before the court to enter a plea of guilty.

She was scheduled to appear before Justice Michael March in early 2025, but her defence counsel at the time, Mark Huckabone, was removed as her counsel for what he described as “a rather significant disagreement between himself and LV.”

When she appeared before her fourth judge in May 2025, this time Justice Richardson, she informed the court she was unable to make full restitution despite a decade of broken promises to both appear and make full restitution.

Justice Richardson noted she made some small restitution payments after appearing before him, but once again in August 2025 she failed to make a court appearance and Justice Richardson issued another bench warrant for her arrest.

FINAL SENTENCING

Justice Richardson issued another bench warrant and she finally appeared on April 2 of this year.

He again addressed her repeated absences.

“LV’s failure to appear was not a simple ‘I forgot.’ No, she was on the lam until police stopped her for a traffic violation, learned of her warrant and arrested her.”

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Council Meetings

Council meetings can be live streamed, or viewed later on the "Corporation of the Town of Deep River" YouTube channel. Archived Council Meeting videos <https://www.deepriver.ca/council/council-meeting-videos/> Council Meeting Agendas and Minutes <https://deepriver.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx>

Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing will take place from **May 1st to May 30th, starting in the West end of Town and moving to the East end.**

Residents throughout Town may experience a drop in water pressure and discoloration. If you have discoloured water, please run your **COLD-WATER TAPS ONLY** (suggested taps: outside hose, bathtub or laundry tub) until the water runs clear. Please **DO NOT use your hot water** until you have clear running water again.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 613-584-2000, ext. 127.

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Recreation Department

June is Recreation and Parks Month!

Stay tuned for our calendar of activities coming soon!

Summer Camp Programs

We have space available in our Sports Camp sessions! The Sports Camp program is available for children aged 8 to 14 years old. Qualified staff, trainers and Deep River Community Clubs come together to teach the fundamentals of multiple sports.

Visit deepriver.ca under the Recreation tab for more details and to register for spring and summer programs.

Deep River Fire Department

Campfire Safety Tips

All it takes is one spark for things to go wrong. A carelessly abandoned campfire or a campfire built without safe clearance can turn a small fire into a dangerous and fast-moving blaze. Be sure to build your campfire in a way that does not endanger anyone or the surrounding forest. Enjoy a safe campfire by following these campfire safety tips:

- Check with local authorities on open-air burning restrictions and follow local burning regulations. Keep up-to-date on fire bans in the area.
- Never build a campfire on a windy day. Sparks or embers from the fire could travel quite a distance setting an unintentional fire.
- Watch the wind direction to ensure sparks aren't getting on flammable materials. Put the fire out if wind changes begin to cause concern
- Build campfires where they will not spread; well away from tents, trailers, dry grass, leaves, overhanging tree branches or any other combustible.
- Build campfires in fire pits provided or on bare rock or sand, if no fire pit is provided.
- Maintain 15 feet of clearance around your campfire.
- Build a campfire surround with rocks to contain your campfire. Be aware that rocks obtained from the river may explode due to moisture in the rock becoming superheated by the campfire.
- Use crumpled paper and/or kindling to start a fire rather than using flammable liquids.

Deep River Police Service



"PREPARE TOGETHER"

- Be Prepared. Know your Risks

Natural hazards may be beyond our control, but there are ways to reduce the risk and the impact of whatever emergency we might face.

Emergency Preparedness Week (May 3-9, 2026) encourages people to take concrete actions to be better prepared to protect themselves and their household during emergencies. This special week is a national effort lead by Public Safety Canada. By taking a few simple steps, you can become better prepared to face a range of emergencies – anytime, anywhere.

• Action Steps: Create or review emergency plans, build or refresh kits and ensure you can be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours.

• Resources: Visit Canada.ca for more resources to help you and your family prepare for all types of emergencies.

• Webinars & Virtual Learning Opportunities: The Canadian Red Cross (redcross.ca) is offering a "Prepared Together 2026" virtual series from May 4-7, covering general preparedness, self-care, and business planning. They also offer webinars year-round to help better prepare everyone for various seasonal emergencies. While emergencies are rare, being prepared helps turn uncertainty into confidence. This Emergency Preparedness Week (May 3 to 9, 2026), the Town of Deep River is reminding residents that a little planning can make a big difference. We are encouraging residents to take small, manageable steps now, so they are ready when it counts.

Request for Proposal

2026-OPS-002 - Canteen Operations

The Town of Deep River is seeking proposals for the independent operation of canteen spaces at Pat McAnulty Park (17 Double Dip Road) and Lamure Beach (1 Cedar Road).

Proponents are welcome to submit a proposal for either one of the locations or both. The Town reserves the right to award separate contracts for each location to different operators if it is deemed in the best interest of the municipality.

Full details including a detailed schedule and submission instructions are available on our website under Projects- Tenders / Bids / Proposals

Deep River Public Library

Mon, Wed & Fri: 10am – 5:30pm

Sat: 10am – 3pm Tues & Thurs: 10am – 8pm

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NEW Hiring:

Summer Clerk – Children's Programming and GLAM Marketing 10-week, full-time contract funded through the Summer Employment Opportunities program. Applicants must be 15+ years of age, currently enrolled in secondary or post-secondary or within six months of graduation and meet funder requirements.

Deadline for applications: Monday, May 11th

Further details at deepriverlibrary.ca

Community Memory Vault: What's something that most people don't know about Deep River & Area?

–A lot of knowledge of our area was passed along solely by word of mouth, and it is at risk of being forgotten. What's something you know about the early days of Deep River & Area that's not written down in any history books?

Spring Storytime & Babytime Join Ms. Robin for storytime at a new time – Tuesdays at 11:30am - (after Toddler Swim at the pool)! Aimed at toddlers and their caregivers. Babytime will be Wednesdays at 2pm. All welcome to drop in for stories, songs, and connection.

Service Canada Clinic: Wednesday, May 6th from 10 – 2:30pm. Carrie will be in our library to help you apply for programs and services, like CPP, OAS, Canadian Dental Care Plan, Canada Disability Benefit, and SIN. Bring your required documents!

Paper Flower Workshop with Mary. Saturday, May 9th from 1-4pm. Make one to two flowers during this 3-hour workshop. Registration required; limited spaces.

Susan Yatabe presents: **"The Second World War Shaped my Parents' Lives"**. Monday, May 11th at 7pm. Join us for an evening exploring the Japanese Canadian experience during the Second World War. Susan shares the story of her mother, a grade 3 teacher who was interned in Kaslo, BC.

Family Art Club: Thursday, May 14th at 5:30pm.

Youth Chess continues to get great turnout. We'll keep hosting, Tuesdays at 4pm.

Short Stories About Four Northern Rivers: Thursday, May 14th at 6:30pm. Emily Edwards recounts her experiences on rivers in Nunavut, the NWT, and Yukon, comparing the differences between being a client on a guided trip, paddling self-guided with friends, and working as a guide herself.

Seniors Corner



Upcoming FREE 55+ Senior Programs

Check out our "Seniors Corner" page on the Town of Deep River website. Visit www.deepriver.ca click "Residents" and select "Seniors Corner" from the drop-down list.

Men's Shed- Men in Deep River are exploring the opportunity to develop a Men's Shed. For more information, please contact larrywiegand1@gmail.com or cthorpe@deepriver.ca

Painting: Studio Time- Wednesdays at 9:30am, Deep River Library Program Room.

How to Register for Programs

To register please visit deepriver.ca/departments/recreation/, choose "Register Now" under Course Registration or contact Christina at cthorpe@deepriver.ca or 613-584-2000 ext. 133.

Jail time

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He noted in his decision that LV was suffering from some ailment as she was wearing a mask and had a heavy cough but would not allow those factors for him to pass judgement and sentencing.

He also noted Assistant Crown Attorney Teresa James' recommendation that "enough

is enough... it is time to send LV to jail."

James sought a three-month jail sentence followed by three years' probation to allow for further restitution.

James argued that LV has a history of broken promises to make restitution and she has never faced any severe consequences for her behaviour and she was doubtful whatever promises made before the court, the money would never be paid back for the 16-year

old theft of funds.

"I agree with Crown counsel," Justice Richardson said.

A pre-sentence report was addressed in his sentencing order and Justice Richardson acknowledged that LV had limited opportunities to gain employment due to her record of theft and she was the primary caregiver for her husband who suffers from severe dementia.

The defence argued her incarceration would severely impact her husband's stay-at-home condition and also affect disability payments.

Duty counsel said the 59-year-old woman receives Ontario Disability payments and has

only \$400 expendable revenue for basic living needs and unable to make restitution.

Despite these circumstances, Justice Richardson agreed with the Crown's submission that enough was enough.

LV entered a plea of guilty for failure to appear and Justice Richardson found her guilty of breach of probation.

On April 14 Justice Richardson sentenced her to 30-day incarceration each for both counts.

"I find that anything more than 30 days would be disproportionate and I am not punishing her for her past crimes..."

"For 14 years she has been advertising an ability to make full restitution and for 14 years

she has failed to deliver.

"The court is out of tools for failure to comply. A carceral sentence is a last resort, and the time has come to resort to it."

"We have done our best to try and help the boys and girls who play hockey and skate recoup their loss," he added.

"Unfortunately, however, it is time we cut our losses. The public has nothing to gain and everything to lose by imposing a public service order."

He ordered a \$3,520 restitution order through Section 738 and enforced through the Superior Court of Justice.

Bruce McIntyre is a Local Journalism Initiative reporter with the Eganville Leader.

Notice of Application and Public Meeting

In the matter of Section 34 of the Planning Act, the Town of Deep River hereby gives NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- i) Application to amend the Zoning By-law 07-2024 of the Town of Deep River.
- ii) A public meeting regarding application for amendment to the Zoning By-law 07-2024 of the Town of Deep River.

Subject Lands Part of Blk S, Plan 304, in the Town of Deep River (Montcalm Road), as shown on the attached Key Map.

Public Meeting A public meeting to inform the public of the proposed zoning amendment will be held at the Town of Deep River Municipal Office on May 20th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

The purpose of the proposed zoning by-law amendment is to add the following provisions to the Residential Four – Exception Four (R4-E4) Zone:

- to permit two apartment dwellings on one lot,
- to reduce the rear yard depth requirement from 13.5 metres to 6 metres, and
- to permit a reduction in parking area buffer from 3 metres to 0.4 metres for two areas. The rezoning will also remove the holding symbol from the subject lands.

The effect of the amendment is to rezone the subject lands from Residential Four – Exception Four – holding (R4-E4-h) to Residential Four – Exception Four (R4-E4).

Additional information regarding the Zoning By-law amendment is available for inspection at the Town of Deep River Municipal Office during regular office hours.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Deep River regarding this proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to:

Jackie Mellon, Clerk
Tel. 613-584-2000 ext 128
Email jmellon@deepriver.ca

Key Map



Location of Amendment

Nuclear strategy

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"The world is changing fast, and the government of Canada is focused on what we can control: delivering secure, affordable and clean electricity that powers homes and businesses and unlocks long-term economic growth.

"Our clear plan, with Canadian innovation at its core, will allow Canada to build the energy security and competitiveness the future demands."

In remarks to the CNA conference, Hodgson said that "whether we are talking about large-scale reactors, SMRs or microreactors for remote and strategic applications; RD&D and new science and technology work; or the opportunity for thousands of good, Canadian careers - the direction is clear."

"Nuclear energy is central to our future whether you are talking about our economy, our security, our climate or our role in the world," he said.

"The scale of the global opportunity is massive, but it is not one by which we should be intimidated.

"It is one we should see as a chance for Canada's nuclear sector to, as we always have, punch above our weight.

"With a clear strategy, backed by Team Canada and the expertise that exists in this room, Canadian nuclear energy will not only power our own homes, businesses and industry - we can power the world's."

CELEBRATING

MOTHER'S DAY

SUNDAY, MAY 10
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High-speed rail will not make a big dent in Canada's GHG emissions

BY RYAN M. KATZ-ROSENE

In February 2025, the Canadian government announced Alto, a high-speed rail line that will eventually connect Toronto to Québec City. In November, the government said it would introduce new legislation to speed up the project.

One of its proposed benefits is that electrified, high-speed rail will help Canada reduce emissions and meet its climate targets. Alto says the project will help prevent many short-haul flights and remove the carbon emissions equivalent to 100,000 cars from the road each year.

But Alto is unlikely to meaningfully reduce Canada's GHG emissions. There are indeed benefits from high-speed rail development, including bolstered regional connectivity and economic growth. However, a significant reduction in emissions is not a realistic outcome.

CLAIMED EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

Alto — the federal Crown corporation developing the project — said that by getting passengers out of vehicles, “we can collectively remove up to 90 billion vehicle kilometres travelled from the roads over the project's lifecycle, equivalent to approximately 100 thousand cars' worth of travel removed annually from the roads.”

While 39 million tonnes may sound large, it's a relatively small GHG reduction from the point of view of a national-scale infrastructure project lasting more than 60 years. It's akin to only 0.65 megatonnes of CO₂ per year of the project through to the mid-2080s.

For reference, Canada's annual emissions today are about 1,000 times greater than that. When framed in the context of existing annual emissions, the claimed reductions are modest.

Alto's expected reduction in vehicle and air travel is likely an overestimate. Research into 210 projects in 14 nations found that ridership forecasts for high-speed rail are often higher than what eventually comes to pass.

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Beavers active in the marina basin

Photo: Dave Cox

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Missed the point

Re: “High-speed rail just an expensive fairy tale,” NRT April 22.

I recently read the article by Gage Haubrich regarding the proposed high speed rail line between Toronto and Quebec City and I believe that the author missed the main points of the project.

Yes, it will cost a lot of money but it will put Canadians who work in the steel mills and laid off trades from the auto sector back to work.

It will also provide a more environmentally friendly way to travel along its route.

I recently returned from France and I did travel by high speed electric train from Paris to Caen in under two hours. By car, it would have taken over three hours with the stress of traffic.

The cost was much less than the current cost of gas in France and it provided an opportunity to view the countryside while travelling at

times 160 km per hour.

Many passengers took the time to either work, read or spend time with family. What a novel idea!

Contrary to the article, the train did slow down to 60 km per hour when passing through towns and to 90 km per hour on curves. I know this information because it was broadcasted on a board inside the railcar.

As for taking up land, it wasn't obvious that there was a major disruption to the town or country side. Businesses sprung up beside the train stations offering food, lodging and other amenities.

This is the point of the rail line, to increase business opportunities and to improve Canadian productivity.

I would prefer a high speed rail line to another pipeline as the money generated would stay in Canada instead of supporting foreign big oil interests that take that money and leave.

Barbara Briden

COVID – the elephant in the room

BY MARK UNGRIN

The CBC recently ran a story about the doubling of hospitalization rates for respiratory infections since we entered the COVID era.

The focus is on vaccination, an important and effective defence - but the elephant in the room is COVID.

From the erosion of trust in health authorities to long COVID, the damage it causes to the immune system, and the many other long-term consequences of an infection, COVID is all around us. Women are more affected than men, but it impacts everyone.

Statistics Canada reported nearly one in 10 Canadians had already experienced just the obvious forms by mid 2023.

A report by the Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation (OECD) found that every year, long COVID wastes 7 million years of human life and up to a trillion dollars within the OECD alone, and keeps 3 million people out of the workforce.

Rates of everything from disability to ADHD prescriptions suddenly started skyrocketing as soon as COVID hit.

Data from Swiss Re, the largest reinsurer in the life insurance industry (the company insurance companies turn to when something big happens, and claims no longer average out) shows we're experiencing the longest period of peacetime excess mortality on record.

The world is not going "back to normal" anytime soon – and pretending it is won't stop the slide.

RANGE OF CONDITIONS

A COVID infection is followed by significantly increased rates of a wide range of health conditions, from heart attacks to neurological damage that in turn causes everything from loss of smell to depression to difficulty focusing on tasks.

Because those aftershocks can show up months or years after the original COVID infection, the connection may not be obvious.

Complicating things further, many of the most common long COVID symptoms – extreme fatigue, problems with word-finding, cognitive impairment, memory issues, new-onset ADHD-like symptoms – are invisible, and can look a lot like "burnout," or be mistaken for the effects of age.



The situation is even worse for kids. Long COVID is often hidden by the fact that they change and grow so rapidly.

It can be mistaken for loss of interest in school, or just plain laziness – adding harm to their mental health on top of their physical illness.

Poor-quality studies claiming long COVID is rare in children don't help either – and even when you succeed in getting one retracted (as we did, but only after a year-long effort), the correction is often written in obscure or misleading language, and receives far less coverage than the PR-department-fuelled publicity around the original paper.

Why is this happening?

We don't have all the details yet, but SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID) isn't restricted to the lungs.

It can infect many other cell types, including the endothelial cells that line your blood vessels – meaning it can affect every tissue and organ in your body.

The virus can remain for months or even years after the obvious lung infection is "over," and there are many other impacts whose long-term implications we do not yet understand – from damage to the immune system to interference with p53 (the "guardian of the genome" that protects us against cancer).

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8-10:30 am, Coffee Club, Chalk River Lions Hall
11:30 - 12:30 pm, St Andrew's United Church Soup & Sandwich luncheon, Chalk River Lions Hall
1 pm, GriefShare support group meets, Real Hope Christian Assembly, Hwy 17 Deep River (until June 17)
1:15 pm, Social Bridge, Deep River Library

THURSDAY, MAY 7

10 am, Seniors Friendship Club: Coffee, Tea and Conversation, Deep River Library
12:45 pm, Duplicate Bridge Club meets, Deep River Library program room

FRIDAY, MAY 8

6 pm, Fun Darts, all welcome, Chalk River Legion
7 pm, Deep River Players present "Murder by the Book," St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Deep River
7 pm, River Run Youth Theatre presents "The Dream Master," Deep River Legion (doors open 6:30 pm)

SATURDAY, MAY 9

1 pm, Mother's Day crafts for kids, Point Alexander and Chalk River Libraries
7 pm, Deep River Players present "Murder by the Book," St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Deep River
7:30 pm, Deep River Symphony Orchestra concert, with guest soloist Adam Nelson, violin, Childs Auditorium, MCS

SUNDAY, MAY 10

11 am - 3 pm, Shuffleboard, all welcome, Chalk River Legion
2-5 pm, Acoustic open mic, DR Legion
3 pm, Deep River Community Band Spring concert: "A Musical Bouquet," Deep River Legion
4-6 pm, Community Kitchen free meal, everyone welcome, CE Centre (beside DR Community Church)

MONDAY, MAY 11

10 am - 1 pm, Deep River and Area Food Bank open (weekly except holidays), at the Deep River and District Hospital (for more information, phone 584-3333 ext 7910)
7 pm, Fun Darts, Deep River Legion
7 pm, Al-Anon, group support for families & friends having alcohol addiction, CE Centre (behind DR Community Church)

TUESDAY, MAY 12

10 am, Seniors Friendship Club: Stained Glass Photo Frame workshop, Deep River Library program room
10:30 am, Storytime, Deep River Library
1 pm, 49ers meet, Deep River Legion
4 pm, After School Chess (ages 8+), Deep River Library

High-speed rail

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This gets at another challenge with high-speed rail's energy impacts: induced demand.

One of the real benefits of high-speed rail development is economic growth. This arises because a new high-speed train makes new forms of economic activity possible.

It reduces the time it takes to travel between cities, making greater connectivity possible, while also increasing tourism opportunities. In theory, it also expands the distance that workers are willing to commute, which could create new housing development opportunities in regions that otherwise would not have experienced them.

Nevertheless, these same benefits potentially undermine some of the environmental arguments for high-speed rail. These new economic opportunities induce new transport demand — not only for the new train but for other modes of travel as well.

Research in this area suggests that about 20 per cent of high-speed rail traffic could be made up of new travellers who would not have made the trip otherwise.

That does leave up to 80 per cent of high-speed rail travellers switching from another mode of transportation. However, there are a couple of reasons why that may not result in significant GHG reductions in Canada.

EV SWITCH

First, many travellers will be those who would have taken the conventional train and who will merely switch to the high-speed train instead. This would indeed mark a lower emissions journey given that VIA Rail's current trains are diesel-powered. But it's not as substantive a reduction as switching from air travel, for example.

In addition, sales of electric vehicles are expected to increase rapidly in the coming years. If EVs become more commonplace, or even the norm, the government must consider whether a diverted automobile trip in the decades to come would be diverting a passenger from a (GHG-emitting) combustion engine or a

(non-emitting) electric one.

Much of the diverted automobile traffic for high-speed rail — by the time the train line is built — will likely come from EVs. That leaves diverting traffic from aircraft as the main way to reduce transport emissions. Yet even this sector is also expected to electrify in the coming decades.

In fact, it is precisely the short-haul flight market within the busy Québec City-Windsor corridor where small electric aircraft are set to debut in Canada. Airlines have already put in orders for electric planes, which may even enter into service before the first rail link is built.

EMISSIONS FROM CONSTRUCTION

Another significant effect that could increase GHG emissions would be the construction of the rail infrastructure itself. This would not be inconsequential: 1,000 km of dedicated tracks within a swathe of land several dozen metres wide, featuring overpasses and tunnelling to ensure there are no grade crossings with roads, not to mention the need for overhead power lines.

The sheer amount of concrete, steel and copper required to build Alto will be immense, and would contribute to Canada's GHG emissions during construction.

This is not to say Alto shouldn't be built, nor that it's a bad idea. The construction and operation of a high-speed rail line would generate growth and socioeconomic value for Canada.

It would create tens of thousands of construction jobs, billions of dollars in new opportunities annually and could help revive Canada's suffering steel sector (currently dealing with tariff pressures from the United States).

Such infrastructure could very well be operated without producing much GHG emissions, and fit well within Canada's aims for a future net-zero society. But this doesn't mean that introducing a high-speed train itself would substantially help in Canada's near-term climate mitigation efforts. It won't.

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Elephant in the room

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This information isn't new. In addition to tens of thousands of papers in the scientific literature, the Public Health Agency of Canada gave the Provinces warnings about possible long-term impacts of COVID as early as 2020.

Canada's Chief Science Advisor filled in some more details in 2022, and the US National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine released an extensive report on long COVID in 2024.

There are things we can do as individuals to protect ourselves and our communities.

Staying up to date with vaccines and boosters provides partial protection, but works better alongside steps to keep the virus away from you.

If it doesn't get inside you, it can't make you sick. If less of it gets inside you, it's less likely to make you sick.

This applies not just to COVID, but the many other respiratory illnesses spread by the aerosols you produce every time you exhale.

WEAR A MASK

When you're in an indoor space where someone might be sick, you can wear a well-fitted N95 (not a medical mask if you can help it — they're better than nothing, but nowhere near as effective).

Check out a CO2 monitor (different from a monoxide detector) from the library, and use it to check whether the ventilation in the places you and your family spend your days needs to be improved.

Stay away from others when you're sick, so you don't infect them — and this is where Ontario's recent move to punish kids for doing the right thing by tying grades to attendance will make things worse.

So why haven't we heard more about this? That's a complicated story, involving early gambles by senior officials on COVID not being that dangerous.

To quote the World Health Organization's Associate Director General, those turned out to be "a very big mistake," where better decisions "would

have saved an enormous number of lives," or as the UK COVID Inquiry reported a few weeks ago, a "widespread failure" that "put healthcare workers and patients at unnecessary risk of infection."

Those initial errors haven't been corrected, because those officials haven't been replaced — and their lives (and liability concerns) would be a lot simpler if public awareness of COVID would just go away.

Unfortunately, they may be done with COVID, but COVID is not done with us.

GAPS IN MESSAGING

The chasm between what should be done and what is being done is so wide it triggered Canada's Chief Science Advisor to call out "gaps in public messaging" from public health.

That's diplomatic language, but I can't recall ever seeing one part of the public service criticize another so directly, outside of a failed audit.

But because those original mistakes were made against the advice of everyone from the world's top scientific experts to Canada's unions to the recommendations of the SARS Commission from 2006, they're really hard to back down from — and definitely not something anyone in politics or public health leadership wants to draw attention to now.

That silence is distorting conversations about everything from our health to the economy to our children's future.

Yes, COVID is an uncomfortable topic to face up to — we all wish we could just erase it.

But, in the words of science fiction writer Philip K. Dick:

"Reality is that which, when you stop believing in it, does not go away."

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An associate professor, he is affiliated with the Department of Biomedical Engineering, the Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute, and the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY: FORMER RESIDENT NAMED CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF

75 YEARS AGO

MAY 4, 1951: The Salvation Army campaign for funds is being conducted this year by the Legion Branch in Deep River. Last year, \$215 was realized for this very worthy organization. This year it is hoped, despite the higher cost of living, to double last year's subscriptions. Veterans especially will recall the wonderful work done during the last wars, and we feel will make an extra effort to help the "Sally Ann" as it prepares for the conflict in Korea and perhaps, before long, elsewhere.

MAY 4, 1951: The trout season opened with a pleasant outing for members of the Rod and Gun Club. It is requested that you keep track of your catches in Kennedy Creek and phone the following information to DW Medd: number of fish caught, number of fish released, sizes of largest and smallest fish. This information is important in order to carry out a successful restocking program and maintaining favourable fishing conditions.

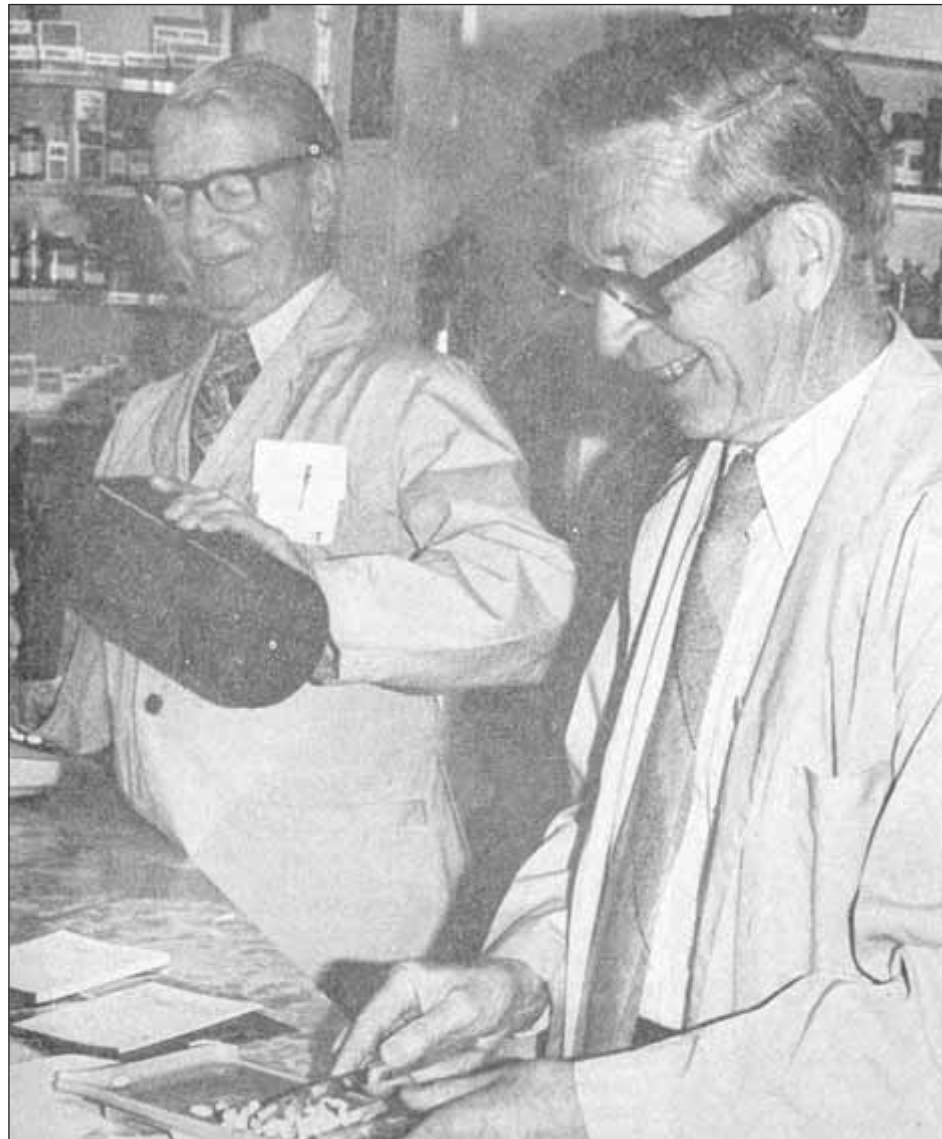
60 YEARS AGO

MAY 4, 1966: Make the Ottawa Valley a Shangri-La, Mrs Frank Ryan urged, as she spoke on possible plans for the coming 1967 Centennial celebrations. She said she has often suggested that the Chalk River Nuclear Laboratories turn their attention to warming up the Ottawa River and changing the whole climate of the area. "Possibly it could be a little costly," she said, "but you could balance that with the savings in the heating of houses."

MAY 4, 1966: More than 120 lady bowlers gathered in the Cipriani Memorial Hall at the Deep River Legion for the annual dinner and presentation of prizes last Wednesday. One of the high spots of the evening was a special presentation to Hilda Clark who will leave Deep River this summer after 10 years during which she always served on the club executive in various offices. Club members presented her with a new lamp for her living room.

50 YEARS AGO

MAY 5, 1976: Twenty-nine years ago, Frank and John Tierney came to Deep River to set up the town's first pharmacy. On May 21, 1976, the Tierney



John (left) and Frank Tierney are retiring after 29 years. Tierney Bros Pharmacy, the first drug store in Deep River, was started in 1947 and became the meeting place for many of the town's first residents. The pharmacy was also nicknamed the "second bank" of Deep River because of their cheque cashing policy. (May 5, 1976)

Brothers are retiring. With their retirement goes a piece of Deep River's short but unique history. The old "general store" atmosphere will no longer be present. As of May 2, the pharmacy will be turned over to new owners Ed Chow and Ray Oswald. Both Tierneys are looking forward to travelling during their retirement years.

MAY 5, 1976: At a recently staged awards ceremony at Candiac Skiways, Pat Harvey of the Mount Martin Ski Club was presented with the Patrol Leader of the year award. This was in recognition of her selfless contribution to the Ski Patrol system and the skiing public at both the local and zone levels. Bonnie Patterson racked up 36 appearances on duty at the local hill and was awarded a silver pin for her efforts at

the same ceremony.

40 YEARS AGO

MAY 7, 1986: The new chief of Canada's armed forces is a former Deep River resident. Lt Gen Paul Manson becomes chief of defence staff on July 11. He is presently assistant deputy minister of personnel. Born in Trail, BC, Manson moved to Deep River with his family in 1947 and lived here until 1952. He played baseball and softball here and attended high school in Pembroke as there was no Deep River high school at that time.

MAY 7, 1986: The Strand Theatre is unlikely to show movies ever again. The new owner, local businessman David Thompson, in a letter to Deep

River council says he intends to develop the building into commercial space and rental apartment units. Thompson has applied for a business loan under the Ministry of Housing's "convert to rent" program and is seeking municipal endorsement.

30 YEARS AGO

MAY 8, 1996: News that Chalk River Laboratories' accelerator physics department was being axed came as no surprise to department head Jim Ungrin. "We were one of the branches that were probably expecting it," he said. The department's 35 positions lost make it the hardest hit in Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd's first round of cuts. Nearly 150 employees will be laid off within the next year.

MAY 8, 1996: Megan Jones received the Moore Award on Saturday night following her performance in the Deep River Symphony Orchestra's final concert of the season. Presenting the award were symphony president Blair Smith and Mary Moore. Another Moore award was given out that night to Selenne Ing (piano), with an honourable mention going to Dian Le.

20 YEARS AGO

MAY 10, 2006: Organizers of a bid to have the Ottawa River recognized as one of Canada's "heritage rivers" are hoping to hear soon - perhaps as early as next week - whether they have been successful. Former long-time MP Len Hopkins told members of Renfrew County council that the group has completed its application and will present its case to the Canadian Heritage Rivers board in Alberta next Wednesday, May 17. "We have today some very good news, and we hope to have some better news for you a little later," Hopkins said.

MAY 10, 2006: Anyone passing along McElligott Drive on the evening of Saturday, May 13 might wonder at the sounds of bagpipes, ringing bells, and much merriment emanating from the Legion hall. The occasion is the Charter Night of the new Rotary Club of North Renfrew (Deep River), and the joyful noise will be the celebrating of the 23 charter members and their 80 plus guests, many of them members of other, distant clubs.



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Volunteer Sophie Hahl helped Cillian Davila Sullivan plant some seeds at the most recent Deep River & Area Horticultural Society “Green Thumbs” activity at the Deep River Library recently. Kids will be invited back to help the Horticultural Society plant the Children’s Garden beside the Community Centre at the next Green Thumbs event at the end of the month - Saturday, May 30 from 10-11 am.

Photo: Terry Myers

YOUTH HIT BY SUV

Members of the Upper Ottawa Valley (UOV) detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a two-vehicle collision on Highway 17 in Whitewater Region that sent a 12-year-old youth to hospital by air ambulance.

Police say the collision occurred on Monday, May 4, at approximately 5 pm, at the intersection of Highway 17 and the Algonquin Trail crossing.

A 12-year-old youth was crossing Highway 17 on a dirt bike and collided with an SUV westbound on 17.

The youth was transported to hospi-

tal by land ambulance and then taken to an Ottawa hospital by Air Ornge.

The driver and passenger in the SUV were not injured. The youth’s injuries were later determined to be serious but non-life threatening.

A parent was riding with the youth on a separate dirt bike at the time of the collision.

Highway 17 was shut down for several hours as a result this incident.

The investigation is continuing. Anyone who may have witnessed the incident or have relevant dash cam footage is asked to contact the Upper Ottawa Valley OPP at 613-732-3332 or Renfrew County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Who's who in the 'hood:

PORTRAIT SHOW INVITES INTERACTIVE PUBLIC GUESSING GAME

An exhibition called "People in My Neighbourhood" opened at the Deep River Library Gallery on Monday, May 4 and the public is not only invited to attend, but they are also a crucial and integral part of the show.

For the last six weeks upwards of 20 artists have sequestered themselves in their studio, working on portraits of very specific Deep River personalities.

Some portraits are being rendered in watercolour, some in acrylic, one artist is creating a portrait out of fabric, and, yet another has chosen to work in digital art.

There will be collage and pencil sketching, and it's these works, numbered rather than signed and labelled, the public is invited to identify.

"It's a grand old guessing game," said Margaret Macpherson, portrait project lead and Library Arts Committee (LAC) member.

"The public will have a list of names as well as a few clues, and they will attempt to identify not only the faces in the portraits but, in a more complicated twist, the artist behind the work."

Macpherson's motives for this exhibit are threefold.

"I wanted to use subjects who normally wouldn't be considered for formal portraiture, just regular, everyday folks we encounter daily in our comings and goings.

"I also wanted to entice people who may not be totally comfortable in an art gallery setting to check out the space. By engaging with familiar faces and trying to figure out who's who, they will be interacting with art in a new way. It's meant to be fun."

Macpherson's third reason for the guessing game aspect of the exhibit is to encourage artists to show their work.

"I wanted the painters initially anonymous, to encourage them to hang their work. I'm trying to push back against art exclusivity and perfectionism. Who is the ar-

bitrator of that lofty standard?

"These portraits are raw and real, a visual interpretation of a fellow being, and both the subject and the artist must themselves be vulnerable to participate."

Styles will vary greatly, particularly since the artists themselves range from age eight to 80.

"There are so many different interpretations of portraiture," said Cathy Walsh, former Mackenzie art educator and current LAC member. "It encompasses high realism, representational abstract and everything in between."

Walsh ran a portrait painting class in conjunction with the library last week and some of those recent works will be included in the show.

OUTSIDE OF THE BOX

Elaine Bisson, LAC chair, said local artists have embraced the challenge and very few subjects turned down the request to be painted.

"I really like the community-building aspect of the portrait project," she said.

"It's a bit outside the box for us, but it's a unique opportunity to see some cool art, to engage in some friendly competition and ultimately to get to know each other just a little bit better."

The show will hang for three weeks before a general reception on Saturday, May 23. At that event, subjects will be paired with their painters and both will engage in conversation around process and representation.

The winner of the match-up game will be revealed, and a live portrait demonstration is a distinct possibility.

Head down to the Library Gallery in the next three weeks to see "who's who in the 'hood."

Join the match-up game and fill in the people's choice award for favourite portrait, keeping in mind likes and likeness don't always co-exist.





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DRDCF: Mary Moore Fund

This is the fifth article in a series highlighting the stories behind each of the 28 funds of the Deep River and District Community Foundation (DRDCF):

A few kilometres west of Stonecliffe, a small bridge on Highway 17 passes over Grant's Creek.

It may not be noticed by many people but it was a favourite location for canoeing, hiking and exploring by Mary Isabel Moore who was a longtime resident of Deep River from 1949 until her passing in 2007.

Mary is also the namesake of the Mary Moore Ecological Fund (#110) held by the Deep River and District Community Foundation.

Established in 2008, the earnings from this fund have been directed to a variety of projects that reflect the many interests and passions of this adventurous community member.

Her love of the outdoors and her seemingly insatiable curiosity about the natural world and its bounty was infectious.

Car trips with her biochemist husband Alex and their two children Leslie and Kim sometimes came to an abrupt halt so Mary

could leap into a roadside bog because she had spotted a rare or sought-after plant species.

The family not only spent many hours outdoors but treasures of the outdoors were often brought back into their home.

Wild herbs were studied for identification and a wide assortment of plants sometimes ended up on their dinner plates. Pigweed cookies, fairy-ring mushroom soup, primrose parsnips and other selections were often on the menu.

Mary not only served cat-tail jelly rolls, she also lined her jacket with cat-tail down for warmth.

Mary's creativity was also evident in other areas. She made block prints from wild plants to create home-made Christmas cards. (The templates for these cards were pressed from the linoleum floor tiles being discarded from the old post office.)

Mary made costumes for and performed in many musicals. She also sang in several community and church choirs.

Following the death of Alex, Mary's self studies and formal education in Botany led her to a career at the Petawawa Forestry Herbarium.

Among many other credits, she published a series of pamphlets displayed at the Forestry Public Information Kiosk to educate visitors on how to identify trees, flowers and grasses of the Ottawa Valley.

Her extensive botanical skills really came to the fore when 23-year-old Marysia Buraczewski of Renfrew was murdered in 1981.

Mary Moore was subpoenaed as part of the investigation and she determined that the variety of *Hakelia Americana* burrs that were found on the clothing of both the victim and the accused could only come from plants growing on a pathway leading to where the victim's body was discovered.

The accused was convicted of the murder.

Mary Moore wanted to leave a legacy focused on her love of nature and, due to her generosity, the Mary Moore Ecological Fund has done that and much more.

From her initial donation and the many other donations that have been added to her fund, 24 community projects have received grants since 2008.

The Deep River waterfront trail, the Four Seasons Conservancy, the River Recreation Improvement Association and the Schoolhouse Museum are just a few of the groups that have benefited.

The rugged beauty of Grant's Creek beckons. Or, if you are out for a walk in Deep River, feel free to stop at Hill Park near the corner of Ridge Road and Laurier Avenue and rest on the park bench there.

This is one of the projects supported by the Mary Moore Ecological Fund.

The bench was intentionally positioned to face the mountains across the river as you sit and remember Mary's legacy.

You can be a part of and contribute to Mary's vision of allowing future generations to discover again and again the simple beauty of being outdoors and the fascinating complex beauty that can be found in nature.

Please consider making a charitable donation to the Mary Moore Ecological Fund at www.drdcf.ca/donate or contact info@drdcf.ca.

Council cool to history video

BY HAZEL ATKINS,
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Petawawa town council gave a cool response recently to a proposed history video on the town.

Council was responding to a letter received from Craig Baird, creator and host of "Canadian History Ehx," a Canadian history podcast and radio programs.

In his letter, Baird wrote, "This year, I am embarking on an ambitious coast-to-coast-to-coast journey across Canada to document our country's past and present." He plans to turn stories, interviews, and experiences into a video series.

His reason for writing to Petawawa council was to propose a partnership "for the creation of a dedicated feature video about (your town's) history and heritage." This partnership would help to fund his coast-to-coast journey.

He offered a 10-20 minute professionally produced video based on Petawawa's community history, heritage, and preservation efforts.

The video would be distributed across a wide variety of social media platforms, including Baird's YouTube channel and TikTok.

Baird promised to produce the video promptly, within two weeks of filming, which will take place between June and September.

MORE INFORMATION

In return, Baird is asking the town of Petawawa for \$500, half of which would be paid upon acceptance of the proposal, and the other half upon receipt and acceptance of the video.

Mayor Gary Serviss said to council, "I think the funding for this can be made available."

However, the council did not want to accept this proposal immediately.

Councillor James Carmody suggested that "we look into this a bit further."

"We should check out what other communities he has approached."

Also, added the mayor, it would be good to ask Baird if he has any sample videos of the kind of thing he is proposing.

Deputy Mayor Theresa Sabourin also had a reserved response to the proposal.

"I think we should take this back to staff (of the recreation, culture, and tourism department). They might have different ideas about how they want to market the town.

"We might set a bit of a precedent that I'm not comfortable embarking upon without doing our due diligence."

Council decided to ask staff to take a deeper dive into the proposal, explore it a bit further, and hopefully come up with some sample videos from Baird before making a decision.

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Supporting Our Local Environments!!

SCHOOL BOARD TO HOLD “WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN” EVENTS

Next year’s Kindergarten families across Renfrew County are encouraged to drop in, meet educators, and experience the Kindergarten program firsthand.

The Renfrew County District School Board (RCDSB) is hosting a series of “Welcome to Kindergarten” events at schools across the region this May and June.

The events serve as an orientation for families who have already registered and an open invitation for anyone still considering Kindergarten this fall.

Families can meet staff, explore classrooms, and learn about the new curriculum before September.

Starting this September, every RCDSB Kindergarten classroom will follow Ontario’s updated Kindergarten curriculum (2026).

The new curriculum brings more direct teaching of reading, writing, math and science. Play-based learning remains a key part of every Kindergarten student’s day.

RCDSB offers the Early French Immersion pathway at designated schools and the Core French pathway at all schools.

“We are incredibly excited to welcome our newest learners and their families into our schools this spring,” says Kristen Niemi, director of education for the RCDSB.

“These orientation sessions are a vital first step in building a strong partnership between home and school.

“With the introduction of Ontario’s updated Kindergarten curriculum this September, families can feel confident that their children will benefit from a robust foundation in literacy and numeracy, all while flourishing in the nurturing, play-based environments our educators are so passionate about creating.”

In Deep River, “Welcome to Kindergarten” will be held Thursday, May 21 at Mackenzie Community School.

Not registered yet? It is not too late. Contact the school directly at 613-584-3361 or for more information visit rcdsb.on.ca.



The Chalk River and Area Lions Club continues to give back to the community, donating \$380 apiece to the three local schools here in North Renfrew, with the money coming from the club’s 50/50 draws. Samantha Bessey, left, and Desiree Neveu, right, represented the Lions Club in donating the funds to Loralie Cochrane of Mackenzie Community School and Amanda Hudder of St. Mary’s School. Missing from the photo was a representative of St. Anthony’s School in Chalk River.

Photo: Vance Gutzman

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) to sound site Stay-In Siren

As a part of the annual Site Stay-In Exercise, Chalk River Laboratories (CRL) will sound the site Stay-In Siren on:

Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at
9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

Although Chalk River site sirens may be audible, no action is required on your part.

For more information on emergency preparedness visit cnl.ca



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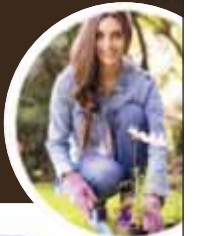
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Seniors Friendship Club



STAINED GLASS WORKSHOP

• “I told my physical therapist I broke my arm in two places. He told me to stop going to those places.”

• The Chicken Pottery Workshops were enjoyed by all. Thank you to the Deep River Pottery Guild for their time and instruction; such a fun group to work with.

• Roast Beef Dinner & DJ Dance Saturday, May 2. What a time we had! Great food, music, and best of all, great company!

• Wednesday, May 6 Walk in the Woods - there will be no walk this week. Fingers crossed for next week!

• Thursday, May 7 at 10 am - Coffee and Conversation will be at the Deep River Library program room.

• Tuesday, May 12 at 9 am, Framed Stained-Glass Picture Workshop. Join us in the Deep River Library program room for a stained-glass workshop led by Patricia Juby. There is space for 12 people. Please pay by e-transfer to 23uovsfc55@gmail.com or by cash or cheque in the drop box in the Deep River town hall.

Please provide your choice of pattern (flowers, dragonfly, or bee) when registering. If we do not receive more interest, we will need to cancel this workshop.

• Tuesdays, May 19 and 26 at 9 am - Ballroom Dancing with Mac and Elizabeth: Good news! Mac and Elizabeth have generously offered to bring us more ballroom dancing at the DR Library program room.

Please register with 23uovsfc55@gmail.com if you wish to join in the fun. No cost. If we do not receive more interest, we will need to cancel the lessons.

• Saturday, May 23 - Community

Kitchens Free Breakfast at the CEC - Our next free breakfast is on May 23, so mark it on your calendar and we hope to see you there. If you wish to volunteer, please contact: sfcvolunteer54@gmail.com.

• Also, on May 23 - Sing-along Saturday at 7 pm at the Deep River Legion. Preregistration is encouraged so we know how many guests to expect; please email: 23uovsfc55@gmail.com.

• Tuesday, June 2 at the Deep River Legion at 9 am – Join us as Anne Mykolyshyn instructs us on how to make beautiful Pysanky Eggs. Deadline to pay/register is May 19. Payment may be made to: 23uovsfc55@gmail.com or by dropping your payment with a note into the SFC dropbox on the counter at the Deep River town hall.

• Tuesday, June 9 - two speakers at the Deep River Library program room. First at 9 am, Nina Shah, pharmacist with Deep River’s Pharmacy, will discuss how skin changes with age, com-

mon skin conditions, how to care for our skin, and much more.

Next at 11 am, Makyla Gendron speaking about the Community Connector program – helping older adults connect to local services. There is no cost to attend these talks; all are welcome to attend.

ANNUAL MEETING

• Thursday, June 11, noon - 2 pm, AGM and BBQ at the Deep River Legion. Please join us for our annual General Meeting and BBQ. BBQ will consist of hot dogs and hamburgers, fruit and veggies trays, dessert, tea/coffee.

If you wish to join us for the AGM/BBQ please register no later than June 1, with e-transfer and stating your preference (hotdog or hamburger) to: 23uovsfc55@gmail.com; payment may also be made at the SFC drop box at the Deep River town hall.

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sudoku

HOW TO PLAY:

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once.

Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: You must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column, or 3x3 box.

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cross word

answers use American spelling

ACROSS

- Energy source
- Aerosol spray
- Shed tears noisily
- Earring's location
- Cave sound
- Color shade
- Negative profit
- Athletic event
- Expert person
- Mexican sandwich
- Twice four
- Luxury hotel
- Painter or sculptor, e.g.
- Muscle twitch
- Cow's house
- Fiddler _____
- Annexes
- Except
- Will beneficiary
- Court response
- Evil look
- Lemon refresher
- Sundae topping
- Do needlework
- Sir Francis _____
- Slippery swimmers
- Chafe
- Race units
- Six per inning
- Beer's cousin
- Withdraw
- The Stooges, e.g.
- Unite in matrimony

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11	
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- Tennis-court dividers
- "You _____ Me"

DOWN

- Full amount
- Besides
- Boot-camp course item
- Flat hill
- Hard to forget
- Glacier material
- This lady
- Hauls
- Thick carpet
- That hurts!
- Red root
- City transportation
- Longing
- Stoop part
- Tablet of medicine
- More authentic
- Attracts
- Encourage
- General's assistant
- Steep, as tea
- Bag
- Bread for pastrami
- Singer Reddy
- Use a sketch pad
- Reign
- Not up yet
- Many
- Woodsmen's implement
- Fruit stone
- Metal
- Turf piece

TIGHT RACE

Nine pairs played an eight-round, three boards-per-round Howell movement on Thursday ending in a very tight race for first through fourth.

In this race, Tony Hinds/Ellen Sills were the winners, followed by Peter Brewster/Doug Barnard in second.

The two pairs of Geoffrey Edwards/Rosemary Nishimura and Ian Towner/Sandy Towner tied for equal third/fourth.



which supersedes the first rule: "Once anyone at the table has bid 1NT, all natural suit bids, by either side, are purely competitive."

This gives South license to show his second suit with a 2H bid. North should resist the urge to bid 2NT here and simply answer the question asked by partner ("which major do you prefer?") resulting in either a 2H or 2S contract by N/S.

Both 2H and 2S make easily and should earn +110 and a good score on this board. +110 improves on the +100 available from 2DW-1 and is hugely better than the results in 1NT (-200) or, shudder, 2NT (-300).

The hand proved a little tricky on Thursday, however, with only one team avoiding doom in a notrump contract. The final results were (N/S scores and matchpoints in brackets):

- 3SS+1 (+170, 3 matchpoints)
- 1NN-2 (-200, 2 mps)
- 2NN-3 (-300, 0.5 mps)
- 2NN-3 (-300, 0.5 mps)

ANCIENT ADVICE

Bridge is a game with a lot of ancient bidding and playing advice dressed up as "rules," writes director Geoffrey Edwards. Sometimes, as seen on Board 20, these rules appear to conflict with one another.

After West deals and passes, North probably opens in a minor suit. A 1D opening has the effect of shutting up West, while a 1C opening will surely attract a 1D overcall.

In either case, South responds 1S and North continues with 1NT to show a balanced hand short of the requirements for a 1NT opener.

Whether or not East continues with 2D here, South has a choice to make about whether or not to continue bidding the majors.

After dragging down their volume of bridge rules from the shelf, they read that "New suits bid by unpassed hands force partner to keep bidding."

South's hand isn't strong enough to go to 2NT or higher opposite a 12-14 HCP hand, so it seems like a pass is indicated. However, in this case further reading of the dusty bridge tome leads to the following gem,

Dir: W	20
Vult: All	
♠ K9	
♥ QJ3	
♦ A876	
♣ QJ98	
♠ J852	♠ 106
♥ 8754	♥ A2
♦ —	♦ KQJ1093
♣ A10742	♣ K65
13	♠ AQ743
5 13	♥ K1096
9	♦ 542
	♣ 3

SENIORS FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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Reports will be emailed to members in advance of the meeting.

At the AGM we will be asking for nominations for the vice president role. Our current VP's term is coming to an end; if you wish to find out more about this role, please contact the UOV SFC president, Wanda Harvey, at: wanda.harveylg@gmail.com.

• Valvular heart diseases are dysfunctions of the doors that direct blood flow within the heart. Heart valve problems are often undetected, and late detection may have severe consequences.

A free screening conducted by the Ottawa Heart Institute is being hosted by the UOV Seniors Friendship Club for people 65+ with no known heart issues.

The mobile screening program offers early detection, diagnosis and treatment. Registration for the clinics on October 20 and November 5 is now closed. If you have registered and have any questions about your appointment, please call 613-696-7412 or email at: heartvalve@ottawaheart.ca.

• The Upper Ottawa Valley Seniors Friendship Club is open to all adults living in the area from Chalk River to Deux Rivières.

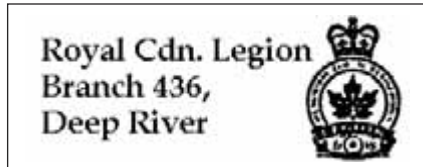
Website seniorsfriendshipclub.ca. Facebook www.facebook.com/sfc.uov.

YOUTH THEATRE

Good day everyone. Hope you are all ready for some entertainment!

This Friday the River Run Youth Theatre is putting on a show, "The Dream Master," doors open at 6:30, show starts at 7 pm. Advance sales are going well, get there early get a good seat.

- On May 10, Mother's Day the Community Band is putting on a concert at 3 pm - bring mom out for a good time.
- We have Buddy Check on May 12 at 7 pm. Karaoke is on May 21 and we have a Legion general meeting on May 27 at 4 pm.
- On May 29 the cabaret comes back with a comedy show for adults only (must be 18 to go - sorry kids), doors open at 7:30, show starts at 8 pm.
- On June 6 we are having a Cornhole tournament outside, weather permitting, inside if it does not. See Paul to sign up.
- Fun Darts, Cornhole, Euchre and Open Mic are still ongoing.



CAKE DECORATING

- Mother's Day Cake Decorating with Tabitha will take place at the Chalk River & Area Lions Hall this Thursday, May 7. Price includes 6" bento cake, icing, all supplies needed including cake topper and packaging! Decorate a cake together, and bring it home to enjoy. Call Eileen at 613-401-4546 to reserve a spot.
- Chicken Parmesan Dinner will be served at the Chalk River & Area Lions Hall on Friday, May 29. Meal comes with Caesar salad, roll, desert, and coffee/tea. There will be two sittings: 4:30 and 6 pm. Call Eileen at 613-401-4546.



MATCH UP

To put a free notice in Match-Up, phone the NRT office at 613-584-4161, or email <NRT@northrenfrewtimes.ca>.

BOOKSHELF: Remember the item about the binders? Well, the request was so successful they're now looking for a bookshelf to put them on. If you have one gathering dust that you might be willing to give away, please call 613-633-9988.

AIR CONDITIONERS: A local resident is looking for a helping hand, specifically someone who might be able to help place two window air conditioners for them before the summer gets here. If you can lend a hand, please call 613-584-3173.

GRASS CUTTING: A local resident is looking for someone who might be willing to lend a helping hand and cut their grass (small yard) this year. Perhaps an opportunity for some student volunteer hours? If you can help, please call 613-584-2973.

VHS TAPES: We all have them, don't we? A drawer or cabinet full of old VHS tapes no one ever watches any more. If you have unwanted VHS tapes, a local collector would love to have them. (Pro tip for husbands: just make sure you're not giving away your wedding videos first.) To give them a good home, call Alex at 613-462-2684. Pick up or drop-off available.

**SPRING
PLANT SALE**

**St. Barnabas
Anglican
Church**



We are excited to hold our annual

spring plant sale on Saturday, May 23 in the church parking lot at 80 Glendale Ave.

Plants of all types and sizes will be available from 8:30 am - 12 noon.

When you are working in your garden and are separating plants, we will gladly take the extras from you and add them to our sale for others to appreciate. We welcome all donations of indoor and outdoor plants – perennials, annuals, vegetables and house plants.

This year we are not needing extra plant containers because of the abundance we received last year. However, if you do have extra decorative pots, tools and other related items that you no longer need, we would very much appreciate them.

Please bring plants or plant items on Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday May 21 and leave outside near the church doors where they will get picked up and set aside for our sale.

If you are able to, please attach the name of the plant and any growing details (height, sun/shade tolerance etc). The organizers will add a price tag just before the sale.

We look forward to hosting this event for our community and surrounding area. Come and treat yourself to the free coffee and cookies while you browse and chat with friends and neighbours.

If you would like more information or help, please feel free to contact Donna at 613-584-4462 or Caroline at 613-584-4564.

**MOTHER'S
DAY
CRAFTS**

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• Bring the kids to make

homemade cards and crafts for Mother's Day at Point Alexander branch on Saturday, May 9 at 1-3pm; free drop-in activity.

• Celebrate Mom by making her some tissue paper flowers at the Chalk River branch on May 9 at 1 pm; age 5 and up, free drop-in activity.

• Preschool Playtime at Point Alexander Library continues on Tuesdays at 10:30 am until May 26.

• 2026 Knitting Group at Point Alexander branch will continue for one more month, every other Thursday afternoon at 1:30 pm (May 14 and 28) to make dish cloths, baby hats, small baby blankets or work on your project of choice. Beginners and experienced knitters welcome!

• Look for Laurentian Hills Library on Facebook and follow library.laurentianhills.ca on Instagram.



Nobody can hold a candle to Laurie Gonneau who, it seems, is very adept at holding candles herself. Gonneau was one of scores of people browsing through the wide array of items up for grabs recently during the annual spring garage sale hosted by St. Barnabas Anglican Church. Photo: Vance Gutzman

OSPACA holds mobile clinic

The Ontario SPCA and Humane Society hosted a spay/neuter and wellness clinic in Petawawa from April 27-30, helping improve access to basic veterinary care and supporting efforts to reduce pet overpopulation.

A total of 95 spay and neuter surgeries were performed on cats and dogs during the four-day event, which was held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 517 in Petawawa, preventing more than an estimated 5,700 unplanned puppies and kittens.

In addition, 181 vaccines were administered during the clinic.

The Ontario SPCA's MASH-style spay/neuter clinics are portable outreach events designed to reach underserved communities.

In addition to providing spay/neuter surgeries on site, they also deliver basic veterinary services to animals who may not otherwise have had preventative care, including critical vaccines.

"When essential veterinary care is accessible, we can prevent pet overpopulation and help keep pets in loving homes," says Heather Jobe, community outreach coordinator, Renfrew County Animal Centre.

"We're grateful to everyone who worked together to make this clinic a reality and to help strengthen care for animals across our community."

The MASH clinic was possible thanks to generous volunteers and supporters, including the Petawawa Civitan Club, which donated \$7,500 to bring these services to the community.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 517 provided a space to host the clinic, and supplied food to keep the clinic team fuelled.

As a registered charity that is 100 per cent donor funded, the Ontario SPCA depends on the generosity of donors to help animals in need. To learn more about the Ontario SPCA's community support services, visit ontariospca.ca/communitysupport.



Health unit launches Yellow Ribbon campaign

The Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is kicking off its annual Yellow Ribbon Campaign, aimed at reducing animal bites.

This campaign encourages the use of a yellow marker (ribbon, bandana, or bow) tied to a pet's leash or collar to remind people to be cautious and give the animal space.

In addition to the potential for injury, animal bites carry a risk of exposure to rabies, often requiring rabies vaccinations for the person who is bitten or a confinement period for

the animal involved.

The number of reported animal bites and scratches has been steadily growing in Renfrew County and District; however, animal bites can be prevented.

"Although the likelihood of contracting rabies from a domestic animal is low, incidents like these can still be upsetting and disruptive for both the individual involved and the animal's owner," states David Tantalo, manager of healthy environments at RCDHU.

"This campaign is about

awareness - if you notice yellow on a pet, it's a signal to give them space."

Animals need space for various reasons including age, health issues, nervousness, aggression, or training.

The Yellow Ribbon Campaign is supported by a number of local partners, including pet stores, groomers, veterinarians and animal hospitals, municipalities, OSPCA, and other community organizations.

Yellow ribbons are available for pick up at the RCDHU Pembroke office and participating partner locations like the OSPCA Renfrew County Animal Shelter or Pet Valu stores in Pembroke, Renfrew, Arnprior and Deep River.

BITE PREVENTION

Most animal bites and scratches are preventable. The following tips can help reduce risk and promote safer interactions with animals:

- Always ask the pet owner before petting – never assume an animal is friendly.
- Avoid approaching stray, loose, or unfamiliar animals.
- Give pets space when they show signs of stress, fear, or discomfort.
- Never disturb animals that are sleeping, eating, caring for their young, or showing signs of illness.
- Supervise children when around animals, even familiar pets.

- Teach children not to pull ears or tails, give hugs, or get close to an animal's face.

- Know the signs of changing pet behaviours, like stiffening, raised fur, wide eyes, backing away, baring teeth, or growling.

- Keep dogs on a leash while in public unless in designated off-leash dog parks.

- Keep your pets healthy and ensure rabies vaccinations are up to date.

- If an animal is wearing a yellow ribbon or marker, give them space!

To learn more about the Yellow Ribbon Campaign and animal bite prevention, contact RCDHU at 1-800-267-1097 or visit redhu.com.

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UOV Heritage Centre to hold Victorian Tea

The Upper Ottawa Valley Heritage Centre is delighted to invite the community to its annual Mother's Day Victorian Tea on Sunday, May 10.

Guests are warmly welcomed to step back in time and enjoy an elegant experience featuring traditional tea service, a selection of sandwiches, scones, and desserts, and live musical entertainment by Homemade Jam.

The event celebrates mothers, grandmothers, and the important women in our lives in a charming heritage setting.

PRINCESS TEA

New this year, the Heritage Centre will offer a Princess Tea from 10 to 11 am, designed especially for children and their families.

Young attendees are encouraged to dress as their favourite princess or prince while enjoying refreshments and mini treats.

There will be three one-hour sittings to choose from: 10 am - Princess Tea, 12 pm, or 2 pm.

For an enhanced experience, limited Victorian Room seating is available during the 12 and 2 pm sittings. With only four seats per room, guests can enjoy tea in authentically furnished spaces, including the Parlour, Dining Room, Kitchen, and Bedroom.

Tickets must be purchased in

advance due to limited seating and high demand.

They are available at the museum office during open hours (Monday to Friday, 10 am to 4 pm) and can be purchased using cash, debit, credit, or by e-transfer to curator@uovheritagecentre.ca.

We extend heartfelt thanks to the dedicated students from the local high schools for volunteering to serve during the event, and to the volunteers preparing sandwiches behind the scenes.

We're still looking for a few more helpers to join our sandwich-making crew - if interested, please call 613-735-0517.

Come dressed in your finest tea attire and help us make this Mother's Day truly unforgettable!

Spread the word and mark your calendars for Sunday, May 10 to join us for the Mother's Day Victorian Tea at the Upper Ottawa Valley Heritage Centre.

For more information, contact the museum at 613-735-0517, visit our Facebook page for updates, and follow us to stay informed about future events.

Operated by the Ottawa Valley Historical Society, the Upper Ottawa Valley Heritage Centre is Pembroke's hub for history and culture, celebrating our community's stories with a collection of over 10,000 artifacts.

Putting lipstick on a haggis

BY VANCE GUTZMAN

Consultants, yes, but not necessarily consultants, to flip Mackenzie King's words about conscription on their ear.

King was unique in the respect that, not only does he hold the distinction of being Canada's longest-serving Prime Minister, he also led this country while at the same time consorting with prostitutes, and holding séances to communicate with the spirits of his late mother, Isabel, as well as the souls of his three Irish terriers, each of whom was named Pat.

Pat 1, Pat 2 and Pat 3.

Quirky dude, King was, but I respect his consistency, for I once went out with three consecutive girls named Sandra.

Sandra 1, Sandra 2 and Sandra 3.

Made it easier to keep their names straight in the heat of the night.

Deep River is also consistent, but for all the wrong reasons. Take, for example, the recreation and culture master plan presented to town council two weeks ago.

A story about the plan appears elsewhere in these pages but, to sum things up quickly here, the consultants the town hired to complete the plan were originally supposed to have it in the hands of council at this time, last year.

That didn't happen. Instead, what council received in its hands, last October, was a background report, rather than a plan.

And the plan, when finally presented to council, two weeks ago, was a plan, I suppose, in the strictest definition of that word, but it didn't tell council much the town didn't already know.

To cite just one example, the plan recommends the town seek cost-sharing agreements with neighbouring municipalities to help fund the operating and capital costs of its recreational facilities.

Nice sentiment, but the town has been seeking cost-sharing agreements with its neighbours since Christ was a cowboy, all to no avail at this point in time.

The plan, which cost the town almost \$60,000, doesn't contain much the town didn't already know, and could've been as easily prepared by staff at town hall at a fraction of the cost, apart from overtime.

It was mentioned at the meeting two weeks ago that the consulting firm was waiting for final approval of the plan by council before putting graphics on it.

The background report, which was supposed to be the plan last October, had lots of graphics in it.

Plenty of pictures of outdoor scenes around town and such.

I imagine the actual plan, which at one points recommends the town "explore options for Riverside Park," which is actually located in Pembroke, will look much the same when the consultant finally puts the graphics to it.

But the end result will be the same - the town paid \$60,000 for a brochure rather than a plan.

A colourful brochure, sure, and you can also put lipstick on a pig, but it will still be a pig.

Like I mentioned earlier, Deep

River is consistent, but for all the wrong reasons, for five years ago it also spent \$60,000 on consultants to spearhead the town's rebranding efforts and what it got for those efforts, and that money, was a new three word motto: "Live In Colour."

A lot of money has been spent on colour, when grey-scale would have sufficed.

So, yeah, Deep River is consistent in spending \$60,000 a shot to hire consultants to come up with basically frig all, but it does so at a time when the town is also raising water and sewer rates to the point of unaffordability.

And it's raising water and sewer rates to the point of unaffordability based on the recommendations of yet another consultant, who cites the flawed logic of the need for full-cost replacement value (lifecycle costs) of the town's water and wastewater assets.

In terms of the recreation and culture master plan now on the table, the consultant may never even get a chance to gussy it up with pretty pictures, for council didn't approve the plan, nor the recommendations contained in the plan, two weeks ago.

There was so much criticism levelled against the plan at the meeting, both for what it contains and doesn't contain, that council has now scheduled a workshop this week to allow council members to, essentially, determine what they'd like to see in the plan.

After spending \$60,000 on the plan council will be, essentially, starting from scratch, albeit doing so in-house, as should've been done in the first place.

Robbie Burns, the celebrated poet laureate of Scotland, once wrote that the best laid plans of mice and men often go awry.

He wrote those words more than 200 years ago and was, perhaps, prescient of Deep River's penchant for paying consultants to prepare plans.

And, being the frugal Scotsman he was, I can't picture the bard ever spending \$60,000 to put lipstick on a haggis.



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Jacob McGregor, left, and Josh Chapple were out early Monday as the town of Deep River began its annual spring cleanup. Officially the cleanup continues until May 15, but all items for pickup should have been out on the curb by Monday as the town will do one sweep of each street. The spring pickup includes leaf and yard waste in biodegradable bags, branches and brush (in bags or tied in bundles), metal like pipes, ductwork or appliances (no propane tanks), and electronic waste. Construction waste, furniture and mattresses, plastic toys, tires, hazardous waste like oil, paint or batteries, and large tree limbs will not be collected.

Photo: Vance Gutzman

SLOW DOWN IN CONSTRUCTION ZONES

With road construction projects underway in the area, the Upper Ottawa Valley (UOV) detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is reminding motorists of the importance of construction zone safety and reducing speed when entering construction zones.

Drivers are advised to proceed with caution when approaching a construction zone and to obey all warning signs, people and/or devices that are directing traffic through the area.

It is an offence under the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) to disobey STOP or SLOW signs displayed by a traffic control person.

Lower speeds are often posted in construction zones to increase worker safety and to reflect increased road hazards such as construction vehicles, uneven or gravel surfaces and narrowed lanes.

Motorists are reminded that speeding fines are doubled in construction zones when workers are present.

Information on roads and construction projects in Ontario can be accessed through the Ministry of Transportation's Traveller Information Services, by calling 5-1-1 or by visiting the website at www.ontario.ca/511.

OUTDOORS Sour taste

BY WAYNE THOMPSON

News of fake maple syrup turning up on grocery store shelves has left a sour taste on the part of consumers. With the current high prices for maple products, amid lower than average yields from sugar bushes, one must be assured that whatever gets on the market is pure.

Following complaints by some consumers, with little being done to tap into the fake production, CBC's Radio Canada consumer watchdog dispatched marketplace "detectives" to probe the matter. It didn't take long to get the whole issue into top news, just as the annual sap harvest got underway.

Fake maple syrup turning up on the market is nothing new. Truth is it has been going on for the better part of 100 years or so. My grandfather and two uncles who owned and worked farming north of Toronto back in the 1940's and 50's told of some sugar bush operators who spiked their syrup with cane sugar (especially the brown kind).

Until recently, there has been little fuss over the matter. In fact, it was sort of laughed off as some sort of Halloween kind of trick.

Today's consumer groups are taking it more seriously, in that it is likened to crime, about the same as wine makers spiking their product with soda pop.

What sparked the whole issue this year was when a customer noted a label-sticker attached to a can of syrup on a Quebec based grocery shelf just after New Year's, it seemed weird.

There was no expiry or best before date, so he peeled the label off, noting a producer's name on the tin itself. Opening the can and sampling the syrup, he noted a distinct "off taste," which he reported to the store manager.

Further investigation revealed a number of cans of syrup here and in other stores had the same labels. Examination of many other cans with labels covering the actual name of the fake producer revealed presence of cane sugar, to the better part of 50 percent.

A subsequent "raid" on the producers' operation revealed considerable quantities of phony syrup.

With lower than usual sap production this year, it is expected that processing will be more subject to inspections by government authorities as prices on the marketplace shelves will increase to a certain degree.

The advice to consumers is to check what you intend to buy, and look for any signs pointing to possible spiking, the sticker being an obvious clue at this point in time.

By the way, the fake producer has already stated that he will carry on production of what he considers marketable syrup. Hopefully this guy can be taken to court and dealt with accordingly.

This is not to say all vendors are dishonest with their product. Commercial production is geared to consumers through grocery stores, farmers' markets, community events and free-lancers and street vendors.

As noted, the primary advice is take a look before you buy. I am sure that many vendors will be concerned about what has been going on, and prepared to answer questions.



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