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Laurentian Hills firefighters responded quickly to a bush fire off McConnell Lake Road in Rapides des Joachims shortly after 5 pm on Sunday. The fire was about a half-acre in size and is believed to have been started from stove ashes which had been emptied a few days earlier. Fourteen firefighters attended the scene with multiple fire apparatus and quickly brought the fire under control, preventing any damage to adjacent properties and structures. Photo: Vance Gutzman

QUOTEWORTHY:

“Are compost bins, among all the items that can accrue next to a dwelling..., really that much of an eyesore?”

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No dams on Petawawa River

A pair of area residents is hoping to head off any plans to dam the Petawawa River before they get started.

In a letter to Petawawa council, Alan Hepburn and Byron Ostrom ask the town to amend its Official Plan to exclude hy-

dropower as a source of alternative or renewable energy in the municipality.

Hepburn and Ostrom note that Minister of Energy and Mines Stephen Lecce recently directed the province’s Independent Electricity System Operator

(IESO) to procure 200-250 MW of new hydro projects on Ontario rivers.

“Currently, they are requesting proposals from private waterpower developers for such projects,” they say.

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No dams

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The move raises memories of a proposal in 2010-11 by Xeneca Power Development to build two small “run of the river” hydro stations on the Petawawa - including one at the Big Eddy rapids within the town of Petawawa.

Hepburn and Ostrom say they supported an effort by the Black Bay Ratepayers Association (BBRA) to fight the project.

“The BBRA was successful in convincing council of the undesirability of such a project at the time, though perhaps the deciding factor in stopping the project was the opposition of DND, whose property would have to have been crossed to access the dam and the powerhouse.”

“The BBRA is no more, but we are still interested in doing what we can to make sure that any similar project does not go ahead today,” they say.

Hepburn and Ostrom say the first step in any potential plan to dam the Petawawa River would be for the developer of the project to check the town’s

Official Plan and request a municipal resolution of support.

They say the Official Plan currently includes wording that supports alternative and renewable energy projects in general “for both residential and non-residential developments.”

They say they have no problem with the wording in general, but believe that a new hydro project on the Petawawa River would not be “to the community’s advantage.”

SAFETY RISK

Hepburn and Ostrom say that small dam projects like the one proposed by Xeneca years ago only produce power at full capacity for a few weeks during the spring runoff.

The rest of the year, when the river’s flow is lower, a dam is used to hold back water until it can be released during periods of peak demand.

“These ‘peaking operations’ result in rapid flow fluctuations downstream of the powerhouse,” they say.

“The result is an increased safety risk for users of the river in this area.”

Hepburn and Ostrom say the fluctuations also lead to erosion, sedimentation,

and reduced water quality.

“A small dam, such as the one proposed for the Petawawa in 2010, would not have a human operator on site. The flow rate would be varied by remote control, perhaps by Artificial Intelligence these days.

“This exacerbates the safety risk, since there would be nobody on the ground to check whether the area affected by the fluctuating flow was clear of people.”

Hepburn and Ostrom say the rapids in the river draw “considerable tourist traffic in Petawawa.”

“For example, the ‘Come Hell or High Water’ kayaking event still takes place, and there is considerable other recreational use of the river.

“This activity would be impacted, both aesthetically and from a safety perspective,” they say.

They are recommending the town add wording to the section of the Official Plan on alternative and renewable energy systems, “excluding hydropower, development of which council has concluded is not in the town’s best interest.”

“Please advise us when this matter will be tabled at council so that we can prepare a short presentation, or at least be present to answer any questions.”

Boards to see slight increase in funding

Ontario teachers say the province’s future is “being put at risk yet again” by education funding that falls far short of what’s needed.

The province released its annual estimates of core education funding last week.

Overall, core funding for Ontario’s school boards will rise \$312.9 million, from \$30.2 billion for the school year ending in June to \$30.5 billion for 2026-27, an increase of just one per cent.

With student enrolment expected to decline slightly, the province says average per pupil funding will rise 1.7 per cent, from \$14,669 to \$14,916.

In Renfrew County, both the public and Catholic school boards will see increases above the provincial average.

The Renfrew County District School Board is expected to receive \$154.96 million in core education funding for 2026-27, up from \$152.94 this year, an increase of 1.3 per cent.

The Renfrew County Catholic District School Board, meanwhile, will receive \$89.51 million next year, up from \$86.48 million for 2025-26, an increase of 3.5 per cent.

Both boards, however, continue to see small increases in student numbers. That brings average funding per pupil to \$16,989 for the RCDSB, an increase of 1.2 per cent, and \$18,121 for the RC-CDSB, up 2.1 per cent year over year.

René Jansen in de Wal, president of the Ontario English Catholic Teachers’ Association, said the proposed funding for the 2026-27 school year “falls well below the rate of inflation and uses accounting tricks to manufacture increases where none exist.”

“Instead, we are seeing real cuts to critical funding that students and families depend on, like special education, classroom staffing, and learning resources.”

“Every day, Catholic teachers see the impact that more than eight years of chronic government underfunding has had on our students,” he added, “including overcrowded classrooms, rising violence, and a lack of basic school supplies, like paper, pencils, and textbooks.”

“These new cuts – combined with those already being implemented by government-appointed school board supervisors – will do further harm to the

most vulnerable in our classrooms.”

Martha Hradowy, president of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers’ Federation, agreed, saying schools across the province are facing increasing challenges, including staffing layoffs, unmet student needs, and unsafe working and learning conditions.

“The government continues to talk about student achievement, but you cannot improve outcomes while cutting supports” said Hradowy.

“Students succeed when they feel safe, supported, and connected at school. That requires real investment, not just rhetoric. Ontario students deserve more than spare change.”

Meanwhile, the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario said students with special education needs, English language learners, and those requiring mental health supports are “disproportionately harmed by education budgets that fail to reflect the real needs of students and the actual costs of running schools.”

“If this government genuinely cares about student success and well-being, it will listen and act on the improvements that are urgently needed.”

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Club moving forward with plans for park

BY VANCE GUTZMAN

Rome wasn't built in a day, and that's the approach the Deep River Horticultural Society (DRHS) is taking with its plans to beautify 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 Horticultural Society was originally 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 original 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.

DRHS spokesperson Susan Miller appeared as a delegation before town council recently explaining that two other phases have now been added to the overall scope of the project.

The first pertains to the northeast perimeter of the park, where the Horticultural Society would like clear out underbrush and plant a few select trees.

The second new addition would see the creation of a naturalized woodland in the southeastern section of Bill Rounding Park.

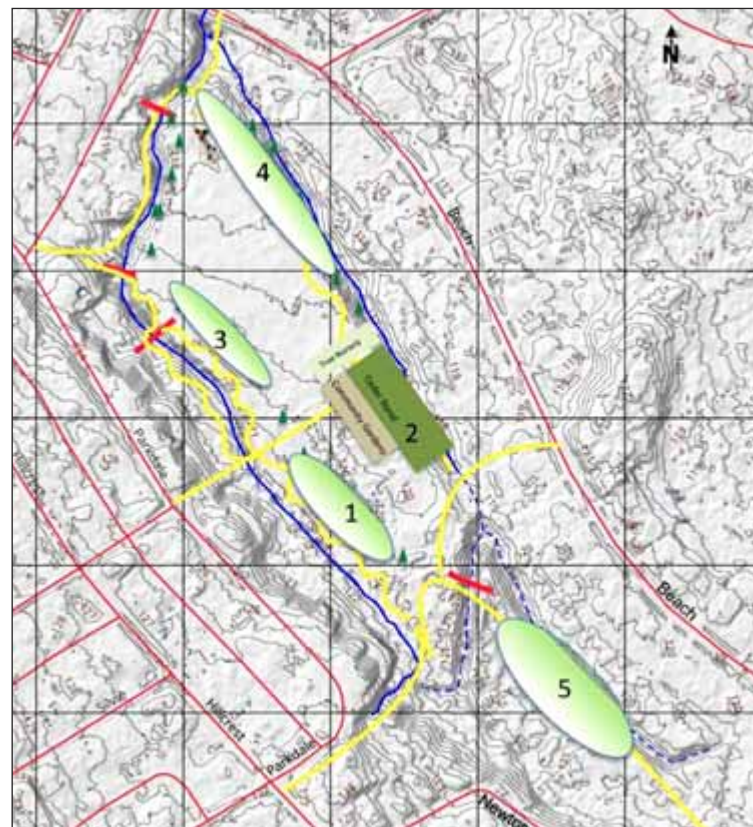
"We're calling that the natu-

ralized woodland in the sense we wouldn't do much to it at all, but we'd like to put an accessible trail through there so that anybody walking with a cane or using a wheelchair or walker or whatever might be able to pass through there in order to get from LaSalle to downtown," Miller told council.

The DRHS doesn't want the project to place a financial burden on the town, and has sought out a number of funding sources, including \$37,400 from the Green Municipal Fund, administered by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

The deadline for applying for that funding is June 30, for funding in the spring of 2027, and council signed off a resolution of support for the application.

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.



The Deep River Horticultural Society plans five potential phases for projects in Bill Rounding Park, including an arboretum (1), creekside trail and rest area (2), native botanical garden (3), clearing of underbrush and tree planting (4), and "naturalized woodland" with accessible trail (5).

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Town to allow e-scooters?

BY VANCE GUTZMAN

Deep River is considering freeing-up the use of e-scooters in town.

A bylaw is on the table at this week's meeting of town council, calling for regulations to be enacted as to where and when people are allowed to ride electronic kick scooters.

The use of e-scooters is currently regulated by a provincial pilot program, set to expire in 2029.

The program stipulates that, unless a municipal bylaw permits it, the use of e-scooters is prohibited on public roadways, sidewalks, trails, paths and walkways.

And, since Deep River doesn't have a bylaw permitting it, their use is prohibited on those areas in town.

But the staff report on the agenda at this week's meeting points out that the use of e-scooters in Deep River is becoming more prevalent.

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What's so bad about compost bins?

BY VANCE GUTZMAN

Deep River's new "clean and clear yards" bylaw is coming under fire from a local resident.

The bylaw regulates the keeping of private property, exclusive of buildings, "in a safe, tidy and visually-pleasing manner."

Among other things, it narrowed the definition of "naturalized" gardens in order to distinguish them from neglected gardens.

The bylaw was also updated last year with the addition of a regulation preventing noxious weeds, as well as a regulation stipulating where compost bins can be placed.

It also tacked on regulations regarding discarded appliances, vehicles and equipment, and put restrictions on the placement of compost bins,

which the new bylaw prohibits in front yards, side yards and exterior side yards.

But a letter on the agenda of this week's council meeting from Lesley Barry questions why, when the bylaw was passed in June of last year, the town failed to repeal the bylaw it replaced, which originally came into effect 10 years ago.

EYESORE?

She also questions the new bylaw's logic of restricting the placement of compost bins exclusively to back yards.

"Neither of the two staff reports (from last year) mention considering the potential effect of the new restriction on residents with disabilities.

"Depending on the location of entrances and stairs, the back yard may not be as safe or easy to access as the side



yard, especially during the snow and ice of the winter months," Barry states in her letter.

"For residents who have had a compost container set in a legal and easy-to-access place for many years (ours has been in the same place for over 30 years), and discovered that overnight it became illegal, the staff reports provide no reason for the change."

Barry goes on to question why compost bins are being singled out in the new bylaw.

"If the new restriction in compost bin placement bins is about aesthetics, it's strange that naturalized gardens, which are still controversial for many people, are allowed, but compost bins suddenly need to be kept at the back.

"Are compost bins, among all the items that can accrue

next to a dwelling such as condenser units, residential propane tanks and standby generators, really that much of an eyesore?" she questions.

"And how does this work for those properties on Birch, Maple and Glendale, where the back yards face the street?"

"The overall effect is of a new restriction on residential composting for no clear reason, when arguably council should be supporting it, given its benefits: reducing landfill waste; reducing methane emissions; improving soil quality; and saving residents money on fertilizers."

While council is expected to discuss Barry's concerns about composting at this week's meeting, a separate bylaw on the table addresses her first concern, in that it calls for the repeal of the original 2016 Clean and Clear Yards bylaw.

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Spring Clean-up is Now Complete

Any items left at the curb can be disposed of at Millers Road Landfill (Construction and Demolition waste) and the Baggs Road Landfill (Household waste). Yard waste, biodegradable bags, brush and tree branches can be taken to the Baggs Road Landfill.

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Deep River Recreation Department

Triathlon Early Bird Registration Reminder

Don't miss out!

Early Bird registration for the Deep River Triathlon ends May 29th at 12:00 PM (Noon)! Secure your spot and save by registering early.

Event Date: Sunday, August 2nd

Athletes of all levels are welcome whether you're experienced or trying your first race.

Register Online: deepriver.ca under the recreation tab. Use the blue filter button to select Summer as your season Find the event under Special Events

Sign up today and get ready for an amazing race day!

Deep River Community Pool

SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS Online registration will open at 7:00 am, Wednesday June 17. Visit deepriver.ca under the recreation tab.

For those unable to register online, in person registration is available at Community Pool 9am -1:30pm, Wednesday June 17.

ONE WEEK SESSIONS

(Monday to Friday, daytime and some evening classes):

Session 1: July 6 – July 10, 2026 (5 Classes)

Session 2: July 13 — 17, 2026 (5 Classes)

Session 3: July 20 — 24, 2026 (5 Classes)

Session 4: July 27 — 31, 2026 (5 Classes)

Session 5: August 4 — 7, 2025 (4 Classes)

Session 6: August 10 —14, 2025 (5 Classes)

No lessons August 3th (Civic Holiday)

Lessons are pro-rated and no make-up lessons will be offered

- Private lessons
- Family swimming lessons
- Parent and Tot levels 1 & 2
- Preschool Levels A, B & C (used to be 1, 2 & 3)
- Swimmer levels 1-3
- Stroke improvement for levels Swimmer 4 & up
- Youth Open Water Training for levels 7 & up
- Red Cross Babysitting and Stay Safe courses
- Adult swimming lessons
- Adult Open Water Training to prepare for the Cross River Swim & Triathlon
- Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross Course
- Lifeguarding and Instructor Courses
- First Aid Course
- Aquafit
- Theme days at Lamure Beach!

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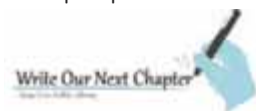
The library elevator is operational again! Come one, come all to take part in programs or enjoy the art downstairs.

Community Memory Vault: Shops & stores, in the early days – What recollections or local knowledge do you have about shops & stores in the early days, in Deep River, Chalk River and beyond?

Spring Storytime & Babytime Join Ms. Robin 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.

Walk and Talk Tour with Staff! Meet at the main library doors to tour the library facility together. We'll share highlights from a staff perspective and listen to your ideas about library resources and space and how we can improve. Thursday, May 21st at 11:30am OR Saturday, May 23rd at 11am. Registration required!

Hey Teens! We want to hear what you think about the library. What services would you like to see in future? Join us for pizza and a discussion, Wednesday June 3rd at 2:30pm.



Deep River Police Service



The Town of Deep River and the Deep River Police Service have joined the first-ever province-wide campaign to tackle 9-1-1 misuse, an issue that continues to strain emergency services. The Emergency Services Steering Committee (ESSC) officially launched the "When Every Second Counts" campaign today, aimed at reducing non-emergency 9-1-1 calls and educating the public on proper 9-1-1 use.

9-1-1 should be used only for situations requiring immediate assistance from police, fire services or paramedics due to a threat to life or property. This includes medical emergencies, fires, crimes in progress or serious vehicle collisions.

As part of the "When Every Second Counts" campaign, taking place alongside Emergency Preparedness Week, residents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with alternative non-emergency numbers:

- For non-urgent police matters, call the Deep River Police Service non-emergency line at 613-584-3500.
- For municipal services or bylaw complaints, call 311 or visit www.deepriver.ca.
- For non-urgent health advice, call Telehealth Ontario at 811 or 1-866-797-0000.
- For mental health support, call the 9-8-8 Suicide Crisis Helpline.

If you call 9-1-1 by mistake, do not hang up. Stay on the line and inform the operator it was an accidental call.

For more information about the campaign and resources on proper emergency call usage, visit www.wheneverysecondcounts.ca

Deep River Fire Department

May is Electrical Safety Month!

The Deep River Fire Department would like to remind everyone of the importance of electrical safety in your home.

A few simple precautions can prevent fires and keep your family safe.

- Have all electrical work done by a qualified electrician.
- When buying or remodeling a home, have it inspected by a qualified inspector or in accordance with local requirements.
- Only use one heat-producing appliance (such as a coffee maker, toaster, space heater, etc.) plugged into a receptacle outlet at a time.
- Major appliances (refrigerators, dryers, washers, stoves, etc.) should be plugged directly in a wall receptacle outlet. Extensions cords and plug strips should not be used.
- Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use.
- Call a qualified electrician or your landlord if you have:
 - Frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers.
 - A tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance.
 - Discolored or warm wall outlets.
 - A burning or rubbery smell coming from an appliance.
 - Flickering or dimming lights.
 - Sparks from an outlet.

Stay safe Deep River!

E-scooters

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“Permitting safe e-scooter use in Deep River would allow an additional form of active transportation, further reducing vehicle trips and related emissions,” the report states.

The proposed bylaw would limit the use of e-scooters to municipal roadways, though that would not include Deep River Road and Ridge Road, which are part of Renfrew County’s road network.

They would also be allowed on trails and in parks, but not on sidewalks, as they are under the provincial pilot program.

“While e-scooter use on sidewalks would significantly reduce the risk of collisions with motor vehicles, staff do not recommend allowing e-scooter use

on sidewalks at this time,” the report states.

“Deep River’s current sidewalks are relatively narrow, significantly increasing the risk of collisions with pedestrians and other sidewalk users.”

ROADWORK PLAN

Deep River has scaled down the scope of its 2026 roadwork projects.

Town council is being asked this week to approve a revised road plan this year which formally takes the Ridge Road rehabilitation project off the table.

Ridge Road, as noted above, is part of Renfrew County’s road network and, while the county had budgeted funds to overhaul it all the way from Hill Park to Deep River Road, those plans got shelved until next year, owing to the unforeseen need for replacement of the storm water system.

The town is still pushing ahead this year, however,

with rehabilitating the section of Banting Drive from Highway 17 to McElligott Drive, at the hospital.

The town had originally planned to bring Banting Drive up to specifications which would allow it to be included in the county’s road network, all the way to Hillcrest Avenue, at the paramedic base.

But those costs proved to be prohibitive, so the rehabilitation work planned for this year will improve that roadway, albeit not up to the level the county requires.

The section of Banting Drive from McElligott Drive to Hillcrest Avenue has also been taken off the table this year as there may be an infrastructure project proposed there in 2027.

Other projects proceeding this year, meanwhile, include the section of Huron Street from Rutherford Avenue to Ridge Road, the section of Alder Crescent, from Ridge Road to Laurier Avenue, and Glendale Avenue, from Algonquin Street to Hillcrest Avenue.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE

In the matter of Sections 17, 22, and 28 of the Planning Act, the Town of Deep River hereby gives NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- i) Application to amend the Official Plan of the Town of Deep River
- ii) A public meeting regarding same application for an amendment to the Official Plan of the Town of Deep River

Subject Lands All lands within the Town of Deep River’s municipal boundaries.
Public Meeting A public meeting to gather public feedback to the proposed official plan amendment will be held at the Town of Deep River Municipal Office on June 10th, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Proposed Official Plan Amendment

The purpose and effect of the proposed Official Plan amendment is to expand the Community Improvement Plan Area (CIPA) to include all lands within the Town of Deep River’s municipal boundary, as part of a comprehensive amendment to the Town of Deep River Community Improvement Plan.

Additional information regarding the Official Plan amendment and the proposed Community Improvement Plan amendment is available for inspection at the Town of Deep River Municipal Office during regular office hours or on the Town’s website at deeperiver.ca/departments/planning-development

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Deep River before the proposed Official Plan amendment is adopted by the Town, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Renfrew (approval authority), to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Deep River before the proposed Official Plan amendment is adopted by the Town, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or the public body as a party.

Please note that, under the Planning Act, third parties (anyone who is not a specified person or public body) do not have the right to appeal a decision for an official plan amendment to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan amendment, or of the refusal of a request to amend the Official Plan, or for further information, you must make a written request to:

Jackie Mellon, Clerk
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 (613) 584-2000 Ext 128

Low-level helicopter training

Deep River and Laurentian Hills will see low-level military helicopter flying operations as part of a basic tactical aviation course conducted by Garrison Petawawa.

The course will run from May 19 to June 15 and training activities will occur throughout Renfrew County and the Pontiac region of Quebec.

A public service announcement from the Department of National Defence says that during this period, residents may observe Royal Canadian Air Force CH-146 Griffon and CH-147F Chinook helicopters from 1 Wing operating at low altitudes within authorized training areas.

Several landowners across the region have voluntarily granted access to their properties to support this training.

“Their cooperation enables more realistic operational environments for course candidates,” the announcement says.

“The course will employ armed infantry forces and simulated enemy forces to conduct realistic aviation-borne operations.

“Residents may notice the use of blank ammunition and pyrotechnics, including flares and smoke.

“These effects are part of a controlled simulation designed to replicate battlefield conditions and enhance realism for participating personnel.

“There is no cause for concern.

Simulated enemy forces will be identifiable by orange hunting caps and orange or yellow reflective armbands worn on the left arm.

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BY JAKE OKECHUKWU EFFODUH

Parliament voted down a motion on April 15 to ban a practice most Canadians have never heard of, but that retailers are already rolling out: surveillance pricing.

Also called algorithmic personalized pricing, the practice uses personal data to estimate how much consumers are willing to pay, then adjusts the price accordingly. Two shoppers, same store, same item: two different prices, generated by data neither of them can see.

The NDP motion urges the government to prohibit surveillance pricing both in stores and online. The Liberals and Conservatives voted it down. NDP leader Avi Lewis had called the practice “unfair” and “downright creepy” at a news conference days earlier.

A poll by Abacus Data conducted in March found that while most Canadians are not familiar with the term, when the practice was explained to them, 52 per cent said it should be banned. Another 31 per cent of the Canadians surveyed said it should be allowed but more strictly regulated.

For Canadians struggling with cost-of-living pressure, the practice is spreading among retailers, and the laws meant to protect consumers were not designed to catch it.

NOT THE SAME AS SURGE PRICING

A useful distinction first. Dynamic pricing, the kind used by airlines, hotels and rideshare companies, adjusts based on conditions like demand, the time of day or weather, and applies the same algorithm to every customer equally.

Uber’s surge pricing is the textbook example of dynamic pricing: every rider in the same area at the same moment sees the same multiplier. Annoying? Perhaps. Personalized? No.

Surveillance pricing is different. Where dynamic pricing responds to market conditions, surveillance pricing responds to the individual. It draws on browsing history, device, postal code, purchase frequency and inferred income to predict a person’s willingness to pay.

Dynamic pricing seems to ask: “What are the conditions right now?” Surveillance pricing asks: “Who are you, and how much can we extract from you?”

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Purple Trillium along Lamure Beach path

Photo: Gene Lemieux

COMMUNITY GEMS

Foundation continues “giving back”

Interview with Italia Cecco, chair and Chris MacCready, vice chair of the Deep River and District Community Foundation at the Deep River Library.

The Deep River and District Community Foundation (DRDCF) came into existence in 2002 thanks to the visionary and community-oriented leadership of Gwen Milton and a group of similar far-sighted individuals who believed that, by establishing endowment funds, they could ensure a continuous stream of earnings that would benefit their community long into the future.

“The mandate of the DRDCF is to improve the quality of life of the residents in the municipalities of Deep River, Laurentian Hills, Head, Clara & Maria and Rapides des Joachimes.

“We achieve this goal by distributing the earnings from our permanent pool of Endowment Funds in the form of grants throughout the community” said Italia.

“This is accomplished by inviting service organizations in our catchment area to submit grant applications in the spring and fall to fund various projects or initiatives in our specific focus areas.”

The DRDCF focus areas include:

- Social services (community supports and essential services)
- Health (health-related programs and initiatives)
- Arts & culture (creative, heritage, and cultural programming)
- Education (learning opportunities and school/community education projects)

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Maya Heringa and her cousin Hendrikje van Woerkum

Visitors from the Netherlands return to Deep River

BY HAZEL ATKINS,
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Two guests from the Netherlands who are approaching the end of a grand world tour visited Deep River on the May long weekend.

Hendrikje van Woerkum, cousin of Deep River resident Maya Heringa, and her travelling companion Eva Heesakkers, stayed in the Shemron Suites for the weekend and, among other things, went to the Hexagon for a family reunion dinner and had a tour of the Nuclear Heritage Museum, guided by Jim Ungrin.

This is the third time that van Woerkum has visited Deep River.

"I have lived in the Netherlands my whole life," she said. "My mother had four sisters who emigrated after the Second World War."

One went to Australia, two to Canada, and one to the US.

"I was fascinated by their stories," van Woerkum said.

"In the Netherlands, our house was always the hub," she went on. "Everybody from overseas came to our house."

In 1976, Heringa's parents (from Deep River) visited their house in the Netherlands and invited the then-20 year old van Woerkum to come back with them and stay in

Deep River for six weeks during the summer.

"I was so excited; I couldn't believe what I was hearing," she said.

Van Woerkum's first impression of Deep River was very positive.

"It was quiet. I met my cousin Maya and her sister. I used to play the violin, and I met another girl here who also played, and so we would play together. She invited me to go across the Ottawa River with her for camping.

"I thought then, how vast is this country!"

The second time she visited Deep River was in 1981.

"I saw my cousins again, my aunt and uncle again. I always knew I wanted to come back. Deep River has some sort of attraction for me," she said.

This is the third time she has been here. This trip is different from the others: Canada is the final stop on an eight-week around-the-world trip undertaken with her good friend Heesakkers.

They started out on April 4, going first to Singapore, then to Brisbane to see more of van Woerkum's relatives, then to Sydney, then to Honolulu, and finally to Ontario.

They will fly back to Amsterdam from Montreal on May 27.

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THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

8-10:30 am, Coffee Club, 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

2 pm, Babytime, songs, stories, rhymes, Deep River Library

THURSDAY, MAY 21

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 22

6 pm, Fun Darts, all welcome, Chalk River Legion

SATURDAY, MAY 23

8 am - 2 pm, Lions Bottle Drive, drop empties at Chalk River Lions Hall (every Saturday May to September)

8-10 am, Community Kitchens Free Breakfast, in partnership with Seniors Friendship Club, CE Centre (beside DR Community Church)

8:30 am - 12 pm, Plant Sale, St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Deep River

9 am - 12 pm, Historical Society Cleanup Day, Schoolhouse Museum, 35753 Hwy 17 at Meilleur's Bay

10 am - 4 pm, Valley Artisans Tent Event, 33373 Hwy 17 Deep River

1 pm, Library Arts Committee reception and prizes for portrait art show, "People In Your Neighbourhood," Deep River Library program room

7 pm, Seniors Friendship Club Singalong with Gordon and Friends, Deep River Legion

SUNDAY, MAY 24

11 am - 3 pm, Shuffleboard, all welcome, Chalk River Legion

2-5 pm, Acoustic open mic, DR Legion

MONDAY, MAY 25

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 26

10:30 am, Preschool Playtime, Pt. Alexander Library

11:30 am, Storytime, Deep River Library

4 pm, After School Chess (ages 8+), Deep River Library

Surveillance pricing

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It's difficult to know how much surveillance pricing is happening in Canada, if at all. So far, there has been no confirmed Canadian case, and the practice is opaque by design.

The Competition Bureau's discussion paper, published in 2025, reported that more than 60 companies in Canada offer services that use algorithms to optimize pricing across retail, hospitality, transportation and ticketing.

The bureau's "What We Heard" report, published in January after a public consultation on algorithmic pricing, identified transparency as Canadians' chief concern. Shoppers do not know whether the price in front of them has been personalized to them specifically.

The most prominent real-world example came from south of the border. An investigation by Consumer Reports and Groundwork Collaborative documented Instacart customers in the US being charged up to 23 per cent more than other shoppers for the same items, at the same store, at the same time.

Nearly three-quarters of grocery items tested were offered to shoppers at multiple price points simultaneously.

Instacart disputed the characterization, but halted the program in December 2025 following public backlash. New York Attorney General Letitia James has since demanded that Instacart share information about its price-testing experiments.

Canadian retailers, meanwhile, are assembling the same underlying toolkit: digital shelf labels that allow prices to be changed remotely in seconds, AI-driven pricing engines and the loyalty card data that feeds them.

WHERE CANADIAN LAW RUNS OUT

Most Canadians assume that if something feels deceptive at checkout, the law catches it. For some familiar problems, that is true.

Recent amendments to the Competition Act introduced an explicit ban on drip pricing — the practice of advertising a low price and then adding unavoidable fees at checkout.

The Cineplex case is the most prominent recent example of that law in action. The Competition Tribunal levied a record \$38.9 million penalty against the cinema chain for concealing online booking fees, a ruling the Federal Court of Appeal upheld in January. Cineplex has since sought leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.

But surveillance pricing slips past this framework entirely. The price displayed is technically accurate. No fee is buried and no phantom "regular price" is invented. What is hidden is the process.

Deceptive marketing rules assume everyone is of-

fered the same price and someone is misrepresenting it. Surveillance pricing inverts the premise: everyone is offered a different price, and almost no one knows it's happening.

The Competition Bureau's mandate is to protect and promote competition, not consumer fairness. Its tools were built to catch anti-competitive behaviour between companies, not price discrimination between individual shoppers.

Similarly, provincial consumer protection laws like Ontario's Consumer Protection Act are designed to deal with misleading or unfair practices in one-on-one transactions — not large-scale, automated differences in how millions of consumers are treated.

Privacy law, in turn, governs consent to data collection, not consent to how that data is used to shape what you pay. Three legal regimes circle the problem; none quite covers it.

WHAT OTHER JURISDICTIONS HAVE DONE

In November 2025, New York's Algorithmic Pricing Disclosure Act took effect, requiring any business that uses personalized pricing to display a notice reading "this price was set by an algorithm using your personal data," with civil penalties of up to US\$1,000 per violation.

The European Union has required disclosure of personalized pricing since its 2019 consumer rights overhaul. Manitoba's Bill 49, introduced March 17 by the NDP government of Premier Wab Kinew, would go further than either of those measures and prohibit surveillance pricing outright, making it an unfair business practice.

When asked if he would follow suit, Ontario Premier Doug Ford said he would not, telling reporters he believes in a "free market" and a "capitalist society."

Federal AI Minister Evan Solomon said the federal government is "looking into" the issue, but that it would fall under the purview of the Competition Bureau.

In the short term, shoppers can use private browsing mode, turn off location services and log out of loyalty apps before they shop.

These, however, are only workarounds. They place the burden of navigating an opaque system on the least-informed party in the transaction and they require a level of digital awareness some shoppers don't have.

Real protection means either a federal disclosure mandate along New York's lines, or an outright prohibition like the one Manitoba is pursuing. The Competition Bureau can keep monitoring, but monitoring is not enforcement, and competition law wasn't designed to police unfairness on its own.

Until Parliament or the provinces close the gap, Canadian consumers have no reliable way of knowing whether the price they see is the price everyone else sees.

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Visitors from the Netherlands

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The impetus for this trip came from van Woerkum's second cousin who is a filmmaker and musician.

His company, Symphonic Cinema, made a silent film starring Emma Thompson and her husband. The story is told through the voice of an orchestra.

The film's world premiere was at Sydney Opera House.

"When he told me about it, I said I wanted to go, so I asked my friend Eva if she would like to come with me," van Woerkum explained.

So, a year ago, they started planning this trip.

"We did everything ourselves," Heesakkers said. They arranged accommodations, car rentals, and the whole itinerary. It was Heesakkers's idea to add Canada to the trip.

Heesakkers and van Woerkum have travelled together since they were in their early 20s in teacher's college.

They work well as a team: Heesakkers enjoys driving - even on the other side of the road! - and van Woerkum enjoys organizing.

"We are jet-lagged right now, but we are not tired from the trip because it gives us so much energy," Heesakkers said.

"Family is very important to me," van Woerkum said. "I started travelling to connect with my family. I made the choice to invest in these relationships, and I get so much back."

When van Woerkum heard that Heringa was moving back to Deep River from Nelson, British Columbia, she was thrilled.

"It's a little closer by!" she said.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

75 YEARS AGO

MAY 18, 1951: Notice to the young and old of Deep River - July 2 of this year has been chosen as "Charter Day" by the Community Association. Plan to stay in the village for the weekend, as we plan a great celebration on this occasion. The festivities will open with a dress parade for the children. Events will also include a soap box derby, and a freckle contest. All youngsters get out in the sun and let the freckles blossom!

MAY 18, 1951: Don't forget Wednesday, May 23 is the date for the opening dance at the Deep River Yacht Club clubhouse. Everything is "laid on" to make this party the successful start of an active social season for the club. Ticket sales will be limited, to a number which will ensure that there will be adequate refreshments for all, so get your tickets early - this is one party you won't want to miss!

60 YEARS AGO

MAY 18, 1966: Eleven men of the Rolph, Buchanan, Wylie & McKay volunteer fire department, including their chief Carl Gutzman, got some first-hand firefighting practice on Saturday morning. In addition they helped rid Mountain View Subdivision of a building long considered an eyesore as they burned down the old farmhouse, once the home of Albert Wagner, and the shed behind. The Mountain View Community Association has long been campaigning to have the building removed.

MAY 18, 1966: Mackenzie High School students will be taking a shorter lunch hour next year, it was decided at last week's regular meeting of the District High School Board. There will be two lunch periods, each about 50 minutes long. The major reason for the change is to permit an earlier closing time to allow students who commute to school to engage in extracurricular activities. The limited capacity of the lunchroom was also a factor.

50 YEARS AGO

MAY 19, 1976: Firefighters in Deep River are objecting strongly to any decrease in the size of their force. As well, by the end of last week approximately 600 residents had signed a peti-



These four talented young musicians will perform Saturday, May 22 in the Bernard Childs Auditorium in a concert consisting of solo and small ensemble music. They are (from left to right): Susan Van Wagner (playing violin and tuba), Cara Bayly (flute), Linda Santry (piano), and Danny Gallant (trombone). (NRT May 19, 1976)

tion supporting the firemen in their efforts to prevent a reduction. This storm of protest is the result of a notice of motion at council May 5 that the fire department be reduced by three men, from nine to six, over the next three years.

MAY 19, 1976: Father Alph Harrington, who celebrates 25 years as a priest today, says that throughout the years, the one thing about his job that has most impressed him has been "the tremendous confidence people place in you. It kind of shakes you. It's surprising." Father Harrington was ordained a priest by Bishop WJ Smith of Pembroke on May 24, 1951, at the age of 26.

40 YEARS AGO

MAY 21, 1986: All stores in Deep River may, if they so wish, be open for business on Sunday and statutory holidays between the hours of 11 am and 6 pm. Deep River council by a majority vote of 7-1 approved a bylaw to that effect at a special meeting held on Tuesday of last week. Mayor Lyall Smith admitted that the bylaw represented a compromise. Religious holidays were removed from the allowed days of trading and the hours of business restricted

in the amended bylaw.

MAY 21, 1986: The garden outside the Deep River Public Library has been taken over by the Junior Garden Club and last week veteran gardener Fred Bedford was demonstrating how to plant flowers and even vegetables like potatoes and peas. The Junior Garden Club is part of the Deep River Horticultural Society.

30 YEARS AGO

MAY 22, 1996: Dierdrie Burton has called it quits. The Chalk River councillor shocked and surprised her colleagues at last week's council meeting by tendering her resignation. "Please accept this as a letter of resignation from council effective immediately," was her written statement read aloud by a solemn Reeve Tom Tennant. Burton is the third councillor to quit village politics since the last municipal election was held in November.

MAY 22, 1996: Nineteen members of the Candu Swim Club travelled to Sudbury for one of the year's big events - the Ontario Division III championships. The competition was exceptional and so was the Candu swimming. In girls 13-14, Melissa

Blimkie placed ninth in the 800m freestyle. In girls 15 and over, Meaghan Linauskas finished fourth in 200m butterfly and sixth in the 800m freestyle.

20 YEARS AGO

MAY 24, 2006: Miguel Tremblay, of Fotenn Consultants, came back to Deep River council last Wednesday night to reiterate Loblaw's objections to the rezoning of property on Highway 17 for a supermarket/shopping centre. Tremblay cited the town's Official Plan, saying it contained specific polices to ensure that new development should not be at the expense of activity in the downtown core. According to Tremblay, the market impact study done for developer Ros-Bay does not satisfy the requirements of the Official Plan.

MAY 24, 2006: A presentation at the Deep River Library informed business owners the rules behind the legislation that will force smokers across Ontario to "butt out" by the end of May. Public health inspector Ron Hartnett and public health nurse Diana Brooks outlined the rules and reasons for the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, as well as the consequences for smokers who fail to follow it.

Community gems: DRDCF

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- Environment (environmental stewardship and sustainability efforts)
- Community facilities (spaces and infrastructure that serve the community)
- Scholarships (designated funds supporting students entering post-secondary education).

Chris explained that “the Foundation, as a corporation, is a registered charity and joins 207 other Community Foundations across Canada which operate under the umbrella of the Community Foundations of Canada.”

According to the DRDCF website, “with thanks to generous community support, the DRDCF currently manages 28 endowment funds with over \$2.2 million in capital which generate a stream of earnings that will be invested into our community well into the future.”

“This is the beauty of an endowment fund: your donation will keep on giving! Thanks to donors’ support, the DRDCF distributed grants for over \$81,000 in 2025 alone and over \$900,000 since 2002 to community projects within North Renfrew.

“On behalf of the funders who established endowment funds dedicated to scholarships, we have also been able to provide scholarships annually for students entering post secondary education in the last few years for a total ranging from \$6,500-\$10,000 per year.”

“Most recently,” Italia said, “the Foundation facilitated the Deep River International Women’s Day fundraiser and awareness event by processing their ticket sales and donations.

“The profit from that successful event will be split evenly between a community service organization of their choice and the International Women’s Day Endowment Fund held by the DRDCF.”

Italia was eager to suggest that there are several ways to “help and become involved with the DRDCF.”

“People can consider making a donation through our website (drdcf.ca/waystodonate), or they can volunteer to serve on the DRDCF board as a director, or more basically become familiar with our work in the community.”

Additionally, folks from the commu-



nity can consider participating in one or more of “several committees we have set up to help ensure the Foundation runs smoothly,” said Italia.

Chris added that “we need community input through and from our committee members. We need their feedback and ideas, because they represent the perspective of the broader spectrum of the community.”

While smiling broadly, Italia affirmed that “we are proud of our ‘gems’ of people who are members of our committees.”

ROLLED UP SLEEVES

Italia outlined that it was “ingrained in me, from when I was young, to be involved in the community.”

“Living in a vibrant community is important to me; it is in my nature to help the community flourish and grow so that it has diverse benefits and attributes. When I was asked to be involved, I simply could not say no to the Community Foundation.

“So, as Amanda Alley alluded to recently at one of our Foundation events, I rolled up my sleeves to work with others on addressing the needs of our community.”

Similarly, Chris, as vice chair said, “I embrace the essence of the words in our logo which are ‘Giving Back.’”

“I have the ability and time to do just that, give back to our community. Additionally, I have come to realize that I want to help build our community by giving back and helping others realize that if we want things to be better (in North Renfrew), we need to fundraise and encourage donors to be generous and also share and be active with their skills and life experience as potential committee members and board mem-

bers.”

Chris and Italia spoke about how they enjoy their collective labour of love benefitting the communities of North Renfrew with the other seven members of their board of directors, their volunteer treasurer Meaghan O’Quinn, and their part time executive director Lisa Joudrey.

“We also owe a huge amount of appreciation and gratitude to Glen Wolgemuth, our former treasurer and current board consultant, for his years of guidance, especially through the turbulent years of Covid.”

“We also continue to benefit from the continuous guidance of our very knowledgeable past chair, Dianne Lemire.”

“Our committee structure is a key component of what we do as a Foundation,” said Chris.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

“Community members on our six committees get the opportunity to gather grassroots experience within the Foundation and then when the time comes, they can further expand their efforts by perhaps becoming a member of the board of directors.”

Italia was especially keen to mention “how important it is to recognize the many volunteers in our community for how they contribute and give generously of their time and skills.”

“This is why the Community Foundation undertook in the recent past to hold a Volunteer Fest event to recognize the many volunteers within the service organization and clubs of our area, as well as an Outstanding Volunteer Award.”

Both events were generously funded by Neil Milton.

Indeed, the DRDCF website is chock full of information and background about the Foundation and its impact on our community.

Chris was keen to point out that the website includes details about how you can “leave a gift to the Foundation in your will and that you can donate (publicly traded) securities or mutual funds directly to the Foundation.”

And the Foundation is looking forward to celebrating their 25th anniversary of service to North Renfrew in 2027.

“We have some initial plans brewing for our 25th anniversary,” said Italia.

“First and foremost, we will be showing our depth of appreciation to the many generous donors that support and contribute to the Community Foundation. We are only their ‘hands’ and ‘feet’. And hopefully, once again, celebrate the efforts and the labour of love so generously given by volunteers across our community.”

The nine-member board of directors provides primary guidance for the work of the DRDCF.

To ensure fresh ideas are always being brought forward and that perspectives of the broader community are being heard, directors can serve two three-year terms.

They must then step down from the board (although they can continue to serve on committees). This allows new community members to bring their passion, talents, and suggestions to the Foundation.

That rejuvenation process ensures that the future is bright for the DRDCF and the work they do.

The opportunity for rejuvenation is again approaching as the DRDCF annual general meeting (AGM) is being held on Wednesday, June 17 at the Community Events Centre (CEC) on Deep River Rd.

Chris puts out this invitation: “The board of directors encourages its donors, friends and supporters to attend our AGM as we reflect on the past year of successes and look forward to the new and exciting ways we can fulfil the DRDCF mission: Giving Back, building a strong community for today and for generations to come.”

For more information about the DRDCF and how you can be a part of their positive impact in North Renfrew, check out their coordinates at:

Email: info@drdcf.ca

Website: drdcf.ca

Facebook: www.facebook.com/deep-riveranddistrictcommunityfoundation/

Summermusic to hold open house

Are the kids or grandkids in your house wondering what to do this summer? How about two weeks of music camp, right here in Deep River!

Summermusic day-camp takes place this year from July 13-24, and our early bird discount deadline of May 25 is fast approaching.

If you haven't considered it before, music camp is a great way to make friends and be immersed in a fun, supportive musical environment.

Summermusic has programs geared to all levels of musical experience.

Full-day campers (ages 9 and up) may choose to participate in Summermusic's Senior, Intermediate, or Junior instrumental programs.

Campers in Senior or Intermediate programs will play in orchestra and wind ensemble or string ensemble, in addition to the musical arts, choir and recreation sessions.

Junior campers receive beginner instrument instruction on an instrument of their choice, and participate in musical arts, choir and recreation.

We also have "Music for the Young"

mini-courses for children aged 4 to 8.

In fact, if you have little ones and have wondered what our Music for the Young programs are like, come to our first ever open house event on Sunday, June 7 between 2 and 4 pm at the Hexagon (Shoreline Sports Club).

We will be running sessions of activities geared to kids 3 to 8, interspersed with music performances and crafts. Of course, all are welcome to join regardless of age!

LAST DAY TO REGISTER

Register for music camp before May 25 to benefit from our early-bird rates. The last day to register is June 13.

Everything you need to know about Summermusic's programs, levels and instructors can be found on our website: www.summermusic.ca.

You can also check out our Facebook page for news and updates, and to view photos from previous years at camp: www.facebook.com/DeepRiverSummermusic.

Hope to see you at camp!

LAC to host reception, draw for prizes for new library art show

Local artists involved in the Deep River Library art show "People in Your Neighbourhood" will have their identities revealed on Saturday, May 23 at a celebratory reception hosted by the Library Arts Committee (LAC).

The reception begins Saturday at 1 pm.

The broader community has three more days to participate in a match-up game, pairing subject names with images, as well as trying to determine which artist painted which subject, before the grand reveal.

A prize will be awarded to the person who correctly guesses the greatest number of subjects/artists, and a second prize will be given to the artist whose work gets the most public votes for the People's Choice Award.

The reception is free and open to all, but you must be present to win the prizes.

A live portrait demonstration will take place during the reception and light refreshments will be served.

The ballot box "Who's Who in the 'Hood'" closes on Saturday, May 23 at noon.

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New Deep River Police Constable Joey Woods and Sgt Mike Slattery responded late last Thursday afternoon to a two-vehicle collision at the corner of Highway 17 and Wylie Road. It appeared the first vehicle was stopped on the highway to make a left-hand turn when it was struck from behind by this blue Hyundai. Luckily there were no serious injuries but both vehicles sustained significant damage.

Photo: Terry Myers

“Significant threat” may earn community release

BY TERRY MYERS

A former Pembroke and Deep River man will remain in detention at the Brockville Mental Health Centre - at least for now - after he was judged to continue to be a “significant threat to public safety.”

However, there is a chance he may be released back into the community within the coming year.

“AC” was originally found “not criminally responsible” in 2018 on charges of possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, mischief under \$5,000, and mischief - interfering with lawful enjoyment of property.

His case was heard by the Ontario Review Board in April and the board’s reasons for disposition were released last Thursday.

According to the board’s reasons, AC had a long history with the police and community mental health services in the Pembroke area before moving to the Maple Lodge apartments in Deep River sometime in late 2017 or early 2018.

On March 2, 2018, the victim of what is called the “index offence” was helping her brother, who was moving into one of the Maple Lodge apartments.

“She was standing in the main lobby, having a conversation with the superintendent of the building who was seated in her office.”

AC left his apartment and entered the hallway approaching the victim.

“She thought nothing of it until she saw (AC) had a hatchet in his hand. He was carrying it in a manner that was at his side and the blade of the axe was pointing towards the victim.

“He immediately began to yell and scream, cursing and swearing. He said statements such as, ‘I am going to kill those f—king dogs. I can’t f—king sleep with those f—king dogs barking outside all night. This is my apartment and I deserve to get some f—king sleep.’

“He then said, ‘I have had enough of this f—king bullshit.’”

During this time, AC was “tapping the axe against the wall.”

“He then turned to walk back to his apartment at which time the superintendent grabbed the victim and brought her into her office where they locked the door and called 911.”

Police arrived a short time later, spoke to both female complainants, and then made their way down the hall to AC’s apartment.

AXE THROUGH DOOR

“When they got to a set of fire doors, they heard a very large ‘Bang’ sound. Police asked the superintendent if the accused had a gun given it sounded like a gunshot.”

AC then exited his apartment door.

“It became evident the loud bang was the accused driving the axe through his apartment door.”

Police spoke to him and tried to convince him to come out and speak to the officers. They asked him a number of times to put down the axe.

He then raised the axe and yelled, “Shoot me, shoot me,” a number of times. He advised police to “not f—

king come near” him and went back into his apartment and closed the door.

“During this exchange, police had secured the fire doors between them and the accused in case he rushed them. The accused then broke off any further communication with police.”

The OPP tactical response team was called in, local schools went into a “hold and secure” mode for students, and Ridge Road was shut down to vehicles and pedestrians for a two-block area.

AC was finally taken into custody after 6.5 hours when police breached the door and arrested him, lying on his bed.

The board said AC showed problems with aggression and “extended periods of screaming” from a young age and began using drugs and alcohol in his mid-teens.

“He did not finish high school and held several jobs briefly but could not sustain employment due to paranoid delusions.”

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Stone Fence Theatre to offer new musical comedy

In 2026, Stone Fence Theatre is returning to its roots with a new musical comedy, "If You Don't Know You Wilno!"

The show is set in the historic village of Wilno, where the company was born in the Wilno Tavern, in December 2002.

The tavern and the kitchen in St. Mary's Church, uphill from it, provide the setting and backdrop for a hilarious show that draws on local history, as well as current events.

The show highlights Wilno's famous Chicken Supper that the parishioners of St. Mary's put on for many years, and goings-on at the village's famous tavern, which has served as a hub for community life for a hundred years or more.

In the play, a wealthy developer arrives in the village with plans to buy it up, which meets with very mixed reception locally.

At the same time, a local rock band that had been successfully in the past but whose members had come to hate each other is reunited, with some difficulty.

Song titles from the show give a sense of its content: "If You Don't Know, You Wilno," "A Matter of Pride," "Know Where You're From," "We Don't Hold Grudges," "Wilno Chicken Reel," "Take the Money," "The Country Gentrification Blues," and "Don't Count Your Chickens" are

some of them.

The show was written by company producer Ish Theilheimer with help from Kathy Eisner and Johanna Zomers, as well as musical help from Clint Degarie and Beverly Lewis.

Shirley Hill and Sarah Wright are co-directing and choreographing the show, which will open in July and run through October, with most performances at the Rankin Culture and Recreation Centre, near Pembroke.

There will also be a special performance on August 13 in the St. Mary's Church Parish Hall, the home of Wilno's famous chicken suppers.

The cast includes Stone Fence Theatre veterans Indy Baker, Jayson Bradshaw, David Green, Tabitha Green, Shirley Hill, Will March, Ambrose Mullin, Fran Pinkerton and Ryan Webster, with Josh McCoy returning after 10 years, and it introduces Angela Keller and Justine Thompson.

Music is by Will March, fiddle and percussion, Mike Britton on bass, and musical director, Ish Theilheimer, on keys.

Two performances will include dinner in the style of the old Wilno chicken supper. These will be on July 30 and a special gala performance at the end of the season on October 17.

For information and tickets, go to www.stonefence.ca or phone toll-free 1-866-310-1004.



Ambrose Mullin and Josh McCoy, as Wilno locals, discuss cattle in the new Stone Fence Theatre production, "If You Don't Know You Wilno!"

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COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

• Wednesday, May 20, Walk in the Woods – We have been unlucky in the weather for too many Wednesdays, but it's happening again. Soon the black flies will be upon us so we may not get another one in this season.

• Thursday, May 21, 10 am Coffee and Conversation downstairs in the Deep River Library. The elevator is again in service making this venue now accessible. In June, we will move to the Hexagon for this social event.

• Ballroom Dancing with Mac and Elizabeth: Cancelled due to insufficient interest. Too bad – no vintage Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers lurking in our membership?

• 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. Pay at the door. Preregistration is encouraged so we know how many guests to expect; please email: 23uovsfc55@gmail.com.

• Tuesday, June 2 at the Deep River Library program room at 9 am – Join us as Anne Mykolysyn instructs us on how to make beautiful Pysanky Eggs. Deadline to pay/register was May 19.

COMMUNITY CONNECT

• 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, common 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. Have you recently needed support services at home and wondered how or where you might find them or even if they're available?

The Community Connector program aims to improve awareness, understanding, and utilization of community support services across the Ottawa Valley Ontario Health Team region.

This work is especially important given the current system pressures we are all experiencing, including a shortage of primary care providers, increased reliance on emergency departments for non-urgent needs, and the growing complexity of an aging population.

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, 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. 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 president, Wanda Harvey, at: wanda.harveylg@gmail.com.

• Registration for the Valvular Heart Disease Screening 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.



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

- Accelerates sharply
- Subways' cousins
- Soil additive
- Came to ground
- Chatter
- Uncommon
- Land amid water
- Mete out
- Black-hearted
- Printer's term
- Make a seam
- Shut tightly
- Voice part
- Perched
- Move back and forth
- Picasso's work
- Hen homes
- Tennis point
- Horse's sound
- Swimsuit component
- Wander
- Stick for billiards
- Dunk
- Freon, e.g.
- Prepare to publish
- Any
- Contains
- Hurry off
- Forewarning
- Winding curve
- Sound reverberation
- Type of jockey
- Cee's follower
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- Visit
- Woeful
- Kernel

DOWN

- Surprise attack
- If not
- Community dweller
- Hard metal
- Unpleasant sight
- Huron, e.g.
- Erupts
- Immediately
- Overhanging edge
- Elaborate solo
- Snitch
- Singer Tucker
- Hurt
- Existed
- Play section
- Muscle twitch
- Stumbling block
- In favor of
- Drain, as of energy
- Conjectured
- Bureau
- Takes off
- Suggestions
- Puts down grass
- Forget
- Small plateau
- Totally confused
- Clog, e.g.
- Did a garden job

CRITICAL DECISION

Thursday afternoon, May 14, 11 pairs played a six-table Howell movement of eight, three-board rounds.

The top four winners were Rosemary McGuire/Sharlene Desjardins (66.7%), Rick Duncan/Judy Hill (59.9%), Ken/Leela Philipose (58.3%) and Geoffrey Edwards/Jay Serdula (54.8%).

• This interesting deal illustrates a critical bidding decision that occasionally come up in bridge.

After West deals and passes, North could open either 1H or a strong 2C, but in either case it should not be too hard for N/S to propel themselves into a slam. 6H by North, or 6S by South are both quite cold. 6NT by South is probably the optimum spot, but 6NT by North would be a very tough test for declarer if East could find the lead of a low club.

At one table, South was the Blackwood bidder and N/S eventually bid 7H. When this came around to East, he had to consider the merits of a double on the assumption that a mistake in counting aces had been made.

On the plus side, if the Ac lives it turns a score of +50 into +100. On the negative side, such a change will only affect the E/W matchpoint score if there are a lot of +50s their way. Then a +100 will beat all those +50s instead of tie them.

However, expecting other E/W pairs to be getting +50 does not seem very likely (how many other N/S pairs are going to miscount their aces?) so there is very little upside to a double when +50 is probably already the best E/W score.

But a bigger negative lurks. What if (as actually happened) East doubles and North retreats from 7H to 7NT? Now it is West on lead, and since South has 14 running tricks (six hearts, five spades and three diamonds), 7NT will roll home easily unless East can



figure out to lead a club instead of a diamond.

Success at bridge generally comes from making it easy for partner to do the right thing,

and the choice between clubs and diamonds is not an easy one for West.

In duplicate, if West gets it wrong and leads a diamond then East will have turned a top board into a bottom board but this is survivable.

At rubber bridge the attempt to get another 50 points might turn an easy +50 into a -1510 (if 7NT is undoubled) or -1790 (if doubled).

In this case, the amount of time your partner sulks will probably depend on how much money you just lost (\$1 a point is not unknown in a high stakes game).

This afternoon, the double was actually worth a half a matchpoint as West was inspired and came up with a club lead while at the same time, 6S found a way to go down at one of the other tables.

The scores were (N/S scores and matchpoints in brackets):

- 6S S+1 (+1010, 4 matchpoints)
- 3N S+3 (+690, 3 matchpoints)
- 4H N+2 (+480, 2 matchpoints)
- 6S S-1 (-50, 1 matchpoint)
- 7N*S -1 (-100, 0 matchpoints)

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Vul: E-W			
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♦ AK5	♣ 3	♦ 1097	♠ A107
♠ 42	♥ 87	♦ J86432	♠ 863
♦ Q96	♠ AQ1075	♠ 863	♥ 10543
20	♥ J	♦ 1097	♠ A107
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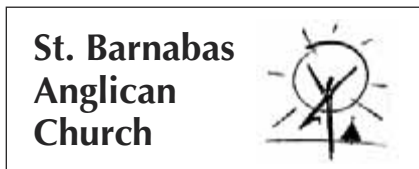
PLANT SALE

St. Barnabas will hold a Plant Sale this Saturday, May 23, 8:30 am - 12 pm. Cash or debit is accepted. Help is still needed. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Please bring plant donations to church Wednesday and/or Thursday.

Plants to donate should be potted and a description of the plant indicated such as: "flox, pink." The organizers will price them.

• Summer worship: The last date for Sun-



day school, until September, is June 21. Have a great summer! The first outside service for summer starts June 21 (weather permit-

ting!). Please join us for worship in the great outdoors. Feel free to bring your own lawn chair(s) if you have them.

• Prayer shawl ministry: On Wednesday afternoon (May 20) come and knit/crochet with your parish friends. Yarn, needles, crochet hooks, and patterns are available. Call Janice Wilson for more information.

COMEDY CABARET

Good day everyone - hope you had a nice Victoria Day long weekend.

• There will be no Karaoke this week - it will be on May 28.

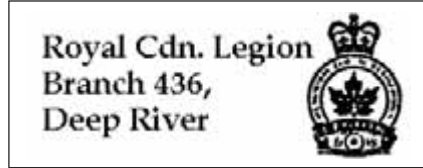
• The next cabaret - River Run Theatre's Comedy Cabaret - is on May 29; doors open at 7:30, show starts at 8 pm.

• On May 30 there will be live music in the lounge starting with a birthday party and carrying on into the night.

• On June 6 is the cornhole tournament starting at 11 am.

• The grand opening of the new patio is set for Saturday, June 13 with a rain date of June 20. There will be food and drinks available, tickets can be purchased at the bar in the lounge or from Donna.

• Fun Darts, Cornhole, Euchre and Open Mic are still ongoing. The 49ers are taking a break for the summer and will be back in the fall.



BOTTLE DRIVE

• The Chalk River & Area Lions will hold a season-long bottle drive, every Saturday from May to September.

Drop off your empties at the Chalk River & Area Lions Hall every Saturday from 8 am to 2 pm. Pickup is also available on request. Proceeds will go to support the activities of the Lions Club.

For more information, call Kristina at 613-602-1258.

• Chicken Parmesan Dinner will be served at the Chalk River & Area Lions Hall on Friday, May 29. The meal comes with Caesar salad, roll, desert, and coffee/tea. There will be two sittings: 4:30 pm and 6 pm. Call Eileen at 613-401-4546.

• B-I-N-G-O takes place on Sunday, June 14 at the Chalk River & Area Lions Hall. Doors open at 12 pm, bingo starts at 1 pm with a \$400 Jackpot!



MATCH UP

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

MEN'S BIKE: A local family has a men's bike that is looking to "hit the road!" It's described as "several years old but little used," with 26" wheels and multiple gears. If interested, please call Ross at 343-349-8228 and leave a message.

LOST BIKE: A mountain bike fell off a car bike rack last Wednesday, May 6, somewhere between the Deep River Marina and Meilleur's Bay. It is a red Trek full suspension mountain bike and the owners are anxious for its return. If you may have picked it up or have any information that would help, please call 613-799-5789.

VHS TAPES: Do you have 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: 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.

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Pembroke hospital welcomes new urologist

The Pembroke Regional Hospital has introduced Dr. Paulo Werlang, urologist, as the newest member of its professional staff.

Originally from Brazil, Dr. Werlang's journey to a career in medicine was initially inspired by first-hand experience at a young age with illness and loss in his family, including the death of his father.

He shared that he read a lot about medicine and while no one in his family worked in the medical field at the time, both his brother and cousin later became doctors.

Ultimately, his desire to help others led to the pursuit of a medical degree, which he earned in Brazil.

Dr. Werlang met his wife, a high-risk pregnancy obstetrician, Dr. Ana Werlang, in medical school when she was a student and he was a resident.

She had lived in the US as a teen, enjoyed North America and said she always wanted to move to Canada. That opportunity presented itself when they were both ready to do their fellowships in 2018.

Most recently, Dr. Werlang completed his urology residency and a urologic oncology fellowship at the University of Ottawa, and became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

He also currently serves at the Ottawa Hospital's Cancer Assessment Clinic, further strengthening his experience in diagnosing and treating complex urologic conditions.

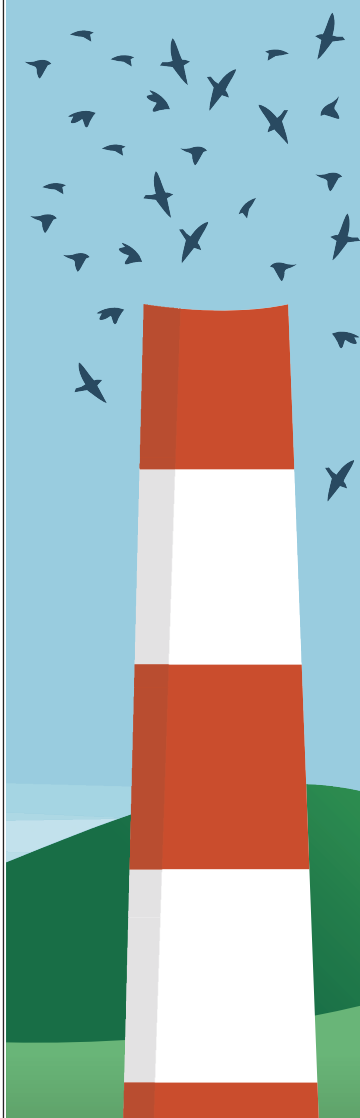
Reflecting on his decision to practice in Pembroke, Dr. Werlang said that he was drawn to the community's welcoming, collegial environment and the opportunity to make a meaningful impact while developing his skills in an area where there is a great need for his expertise.




The Chalk River and Area Lions Club held its fourth "Grand in Your Hand" lottery draw and final one for the 2025-26 season recently. Lions president Terry Dickerson congratulates winner Peter Elliott on his \$1,000 prize. Laurentian Hills Deputy Mayor Brenda Blimkie was on hand to make the draw. The Lions lottery will return in the fall.

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Chimney Swift Count Night
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OUTDOORS

Gone to the dogs

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For years, TV audiences have been captivated by such productions as Lassie, Littlest Hobo and other shows depicting dogs playing star roles. In fact, dogs have already surpassed horses within the show-piece animal perspective.

Among the latest is that associated with “Hudson and Rex,” a production that has entered its eighth year, with Rex playing the role of a police dog.

At this point, it should not be construed that real world police canine units do things that we see on Hudson and Rex. Putting it into real perspective, you don’t have police dogs jumping through windows and bowling over suspects and doing a lot of other things shown on screen.

It’s a case of response on the part of movie producers in recognizing that shows featuring dogs and other livestock are becoming more popular and better recognized, as entertainment.

All seemed to be going well with production and subsequent viewings until the “human star” (John Reardon, who played detective Charlie Hudson) was surprisingly diagnosed with a form of cancer that turned up on his tonsils.

Resultant treatment meant taking a six month leave of absence from the production leading to a successful outcome.

In spite of his absence, the show went on as usual, with Charlie being depicted as taking needed time from the stress of police duty to travel Mexico and Belize – this being in the last half of Season 7.

What further complicated matters was the death by natural causes of Rex. However, the role played by Rex was soon passed to a new canine member. But, when it came to bringing Reardon back on track, he was surprisingly left out in the cold.

Production company Shaftsbury said in a statement that “the two parties could not find a workable pathway forward for his return” to Hudson and Rex.

This brought a spate of replies from other film acting professionals as well as audience, which had become accustomed to regular TV showings over the years.

Production was largely centred on Newfoundland and Labrador, three episodes were done in northeastern Ontario, including the area from Mattawa to Temiskaming and North Bay. It is thought that one quick “scenery” shot may have been the mountain side at Mattawa or Swisha.

Following intense protest in order to convince production personnel to rehire Reardon, there came an announcement that Reardon would be brought back for some Season 8 shows. But nothing has come to light in this respect thus far, based on what we’ve seen in new productions within the last few months.

The film industry has come a long way over the years, from the days when it was a big city Hollywood thing to production within vast areas of Canada which cater to outdoor travel and pursuits.

One traveller puts it this way - “Before Hudson and Rex, we largely thought of Newfoundland as only clusters of fishing villages whereas, in true fact, it is an outdoor paradise.”

Also, that vast area in Ontario’s northeast was brought to the attention of many travellers.

The big question at this time is where Charlie is at the present time. I have not seen him in any new episodes thus far, so where is he?

How about getting Rex to track him down, as the whole thing goes to the dogs.



Sunday was the sole real sunny day of the long weekend, and a perfect opportunity for off-road enthusiasts to go for a ride on the Algonquin Trail. Carol Vandewater, left, and Cathy Spencer were among them, and are shown here at the Wylie crossing, enroute from Chalk River to Rolphton, where they planned to stop for lunch.

Photo: Vance Gutzman

GAS STATION ROBBERY

The Upper Ottawa Valley (UOV) detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is currently investigating a robbery at a gas station in the city of Pembroke.

On May 13, at approximately 2:10 am, police responded to a robbery at a gas station in the 1200 block of Pembroke Street West.

Police say a female entered the store, brandished a knife, and demanded cash from an employee.

The employee was not injured, and the

person fled the scene with a quantity of cash. They were last observed on foot, east-bound on Pembroke Street West.

Responding officers, along with OPP Emergency Response Team (ERT) members and the Canine Unit, were unable to locate the individual.

The person of interest is described as a white female, late 30’s in age with dark hair, approximately 160cm (5ft 3in) with a medium build.

The OPP’s Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) is continuing the investigation with the assistance of the UOV OPP Crime Unit.

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Safety threat

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He was diagnosed with schizophrenia in 2003 and “became well known to various mental health services including four admissions due to his psychotic decompensation over the 2003-06 period.”

He lived with his brother for a couple of years in 2013 and 2014 but this came to an end when his “delusions led him to threaten his brother and damage apartment furniture.”

In the next few years, AC “continued to have extensive contact with mental health agencies and community ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) teams.”

“In this regard, he underwent multi-

ple ER visits and hospital admissions at different hospitals, due to episodes of psychosis characterized by paranoid delusions, auditory hallucinations, and disorganized thinking, occurring in the context of substance use and/or non-adherence to treatment.”

After he was found “not criminally responsible” in 2018, he was treated at the Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre and received a conditional discharge in 2022.

“This was followed within months by three hospitalizations under the Mental Health Act, repeated positive urine drug screens for amphetamines, the commencement of a delusional relationship, and the keeping of a knife near his front door for self-protective purposes - conduct closely paralleling the index offence in structure and content,” the board said.

He was transferred to Brockville, where he has taken his prescribed medication but has tested positive multiple times for cocaine use.

His care team is recommending a three-month residential treatment program for substance abuse.

“On a positive note,” the board said, “over the reporting year, (AC) has had no untoward aggressive behaviour and has been compliant with his medication regimen.”

“He is an accomplished guitar player and enjoys activities such as skateboarding. He engages with his treatment team and has a good relationship with his psychiatrist.”

Despite their finding that AC remains a threat to public safety, the board agreed to allow him to take part in the residential treatment program.

“This board is hopeful that (AC)

can receive the necessary treatment needed, which at this stage appears to be an intensive residential treatment program to better address his substance use, most particularly, cocaine, and facilitate his ability to deal with his ongoing cravings,” the board said in their ruling.

“Although this may be a difficult road for (AC), it may be that successful progress can be made, leading to a potential discharge into the community by the end of the coming year.”

If that happens, AC will have to live within 275 km of Brockville Mental Health Centre, “in light of (his) ties to the Pembroke area,” and report in no less than four times a month.

“In reaching our decision, this board has considered the safety of the public, (AC’s) mental condition, his reintegration into society, and his other needs.”

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