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Plan for reactor in three years?

BY TERRY MYERS

Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd says that, working with partners, it will be ready to present a plan for a new research reactor by 2029.

There's no guarantee, however, that a new reactor will be built at Chalk River, or even be managed by Canadian Nuclear Laboratories.

In its latest five-year corporate plan summary, posted last week on the AECL website, the company says it has "already conducted exploratory analysis which confirmed that there is a case for consideration of a research reactor."

Factors driving the case include Canada's "existing reliance on foreign reactors" since the shutdown of the National Research Universal reactor (NRU) at Chalk River in 2018, and "the high cost and complicated logistics of doing so."

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The Deep River Karate Club was just one of many groups taking part in activities and demonstrations at the community carnival Saturday celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Deep River Community Church. Events included live music, a petting zoo, a craft fair and silent auction, games, barbecue and displays by community clubs and organizations.

Photo: Terry Myers

QUOTEWORTHY:

My message I want to share about this experience is that you'll never be fully ready to start something; you just have to get going.

- Gavin Calow, page 9

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Reactor plan

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Factors also include the “potential for isotope production, and the related national security and sovereignty considerations associated with this dependency on foreign research facilities.”

AECL says that research reactors have applications “beyond nuclear energy.”

“For example, a domestic research reactor could also enable neutron beam materials research, an area that has significantly improved scientific understanding in condensed matter physics and chemistry, nanotechnology, polymer science, life science, sustainable energy research, sensors and smart materials, biotechnology, engineering and archaeology.”

In addition, the company says, a research reactor could “enhance Canada’s capacity in isotope research and science.”

“On the skilled workforce side, research reactors are crucial for developing the next generation of nuclear operators, scientists and technologists.

“From engineering, to agriculture, and from medicine to education, the case for a new research reactor is coming together.”

BUSINESS CASE

As a result, AECL and CNL have been working with the “Canadian nuclear ecosystem,” including utilities, universities, other federal departments and agencies, and provinces, to develop a “detailed business case on the feasibility for a domestic multi-purpose high-flux reactor.”

The company says that as part of a “pan-Canadian multipurpose research reactor initiative,” an alliance between AECL, CNL, NRCAN and McMaster University, a “pan-Canadian business case is being explored” with nuclear stakeholders through joint projects.

“It is planned that within three years from now, AECL and its partners will be in a position to provide a detailed, well-reasoned and costed proposal for research reactor development in Canada.”

The company says that development “could take many forms and have one or more hosts, among the many interested



parties.”

“The key point here is taking a pan-Canadian perspective and ultimately developing a solution that meets Canada’s needs.”

NRU shut down for the final time on March 31, 2018 after more than 60 years of service as Canada’s primary research reactor, as well as generating radioisotopes used in the treatment and diagnosis of millions of people around the world.

There were plans in the late 1990s to replace NRU with a \$500 million reactor called the Canadian Neutron Facility (CNF).

Former Industry Minister John Manley told the NRT in the year 2000 that the CNF had been “approved in principle” if the right source of funding could be found, but ultimately plans for the facility ground to a halt.

NEW SCIENCE INFRASTRUCTURE

While a new reactor is still on the horizon, AECL notes that investment in nuclear innovation continues.

Funding for work under the Federal Nuclear Science and Technology (FNST) work plan is expected to ramp up over the next five years, from \$102 million this year to \$142 million a year by 2030-31.

Combined with commercial revenues, total investment in science and technology work is expected to total \$993 million over the five-year plan.

Meanwhile, the company expects to see a further \$1.3 billion over the next five years in capital investment in the

Chalk River Laboratories.

AECL says the company’s capital plan is intended to address “two main areas of focus, new science infrastructure and existing site infrastructure.”

“New science infrastructure is aligned with AECL and CNL’s long-term plans which aim to build a modern, world-class nuclear science and technology campus that serves the needs of government and industry.

“Existing site infrastructure requires funding to support aging infrastructure systems and facilities at the Chalk River site, such as potable water, storm sewer, sewage treatment, electrical system, and other utilities...

“The new and increased funding provided, starting in 2025, will serve to address the immediate needs at the Chalk River site, including the completion of the ANMRC (Advanced Nuclear Materials Research Centre), and addressing areas where there are high risks of failure.”

“With continued investment in infrastructure, technology advancement, and strategic partnerships,” the company says, “AECL is not only well-positioned to enable leading-edge technological development by leveraging international collaboration, but also support Canada’s climate change objectives, support the establishment of a solid supply chain for future nuclear builds (both small and large), and sustain the safe operation and potential expansion of the CANDU reactor fleet to meet the country’s increasing electricity demands.”

“From engineering, to agriculture, and from medicine to education,
the case for a new research reactor is coming together.”



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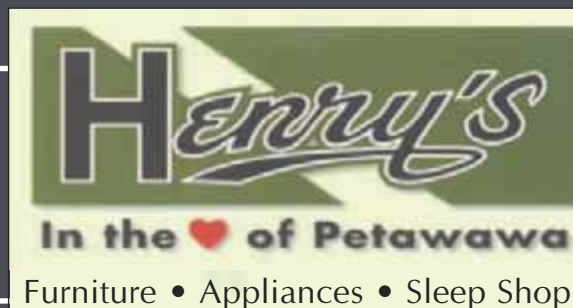


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Council gets legal opinion on “vexatious” bylaw

BY VANCE GUTZMAN

Deep River council had a legal opinion on its side last week with regard to the town’s draft policy dealing with code of conduct and conflict of interest complaints.

Lawyers were on hand as council debated what’s known as the “frivolous, vexatious or unreasonable requests” policy.

Council kick-started development of the policy in 2024, following a report the town has spent an estimated \$325,000 responding to things like integrity commissioner complaints and freedom of information requests over the past 10 years.

But the draft policy was put on hold last fall after provincial legislation was introduced which included significant changes to things like municipal codes of conduct and the process around integrity commissioners.

A report on last week’s council agenda stated that a review of the provincial legislation shows that, while it does impact the town’s code of conduct bylaw, the changes by the province don’t help municipalities in mitigating frivolous, vexatious, and unreasonable complaints.

The draft policy notes that “there are no set criteria for deciding whether conduct is frivolous, vexatious or unreasonable.”

“Consideration is given to whether there is a pat-

tern of conduct, without proper or justified cause, likely to cause distress, disruption, or irritation, and / or undue strain on town resources.”

In general, it says, a “frivolous, vexatious, or unreasonable request or complaint is one that is petty, silly, insignificant, a waste of time, or completely without factual or legal basis.”

The policy also sets out a clear and consistent process for handling those type of requests, along with associated mitigating actions.

It would also implement a \$350 application fee for code of conduct and conflict of interest complaints.

Fifty percent of that fee would be reimbursed if the complaint is found to have partial merit, and the fee would be fully reimbursed for a finding of full merit.

If no violation is found, the complainant would have to forfeit their entire filing fee.

STRAIN AND PRESSURE

Nelligan Law has been working with the town to develop the policy and Tracy Lyle, a partner with that firm spoke to the intent of the policy.

“What it is intending to do is provide how requests and complaints may be identified as frivolous, vexatious and unreasonable, and outlines administrative steps that you as a municipality can take to manage those situations,” she told council.

“Ultimately, at the end of the day, we’re going to have to wait to see what requests come in and the extent to which a policy like this can reduce the strain and pressure on your resources and provide information about the kinds of requests you’re getting, and how you can manage those, for better or for worse.”

Reeve Glenn Doncaster weighed in on the matter, expressing concern over recent provincial legislation

which brings in a standardized code of conduct for council members and states that a member of council can be removed from council with a unanimous vote of other council members.

“I know you don’t have crystal balls, but I suspect that would be challenged pretty quickly if someone tries to apply that,” he told Lyle.

“I’ll tell you right now that will never happen in Deep River if I’m sitting at this table, because I will never vote to remove a democratically-elected member of the town. Not going to happen.

“The community put that person in this place. I don’t have to agree with everyone, but that’s not our place, and so it will never happen if I’m sitting here because I will never vote for that.”

CIRCUMSTANCES

The reeve went on to ask Lyle if she felt it would ever hold up in court.

“Just generally speaking, we’re not talking about a specific circumstance, so obviously the province gets its legal advice when it implements certain legislation, but I’ll give you the typical lawyer’s answer which is it’s going to depend,” Lyle responded.

“It’s going to depend on the circumstances. It’s going to depend on what the circumstances are that are triggering a vote. It’s going to depend on that the conduct is, and it’s going to depend on a lot of things.”

Councillor Terry Myers, meanwhile, said he supports the draft policy, and for a number of reasons.

“I get that the optics of this are bad, and people will say the town is trying to stop people from complaining and things like that,” he said.

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Community Centre future unclear after 2032

BY VANCE GUTZMAN

Tenants housed in Deep River's aged community centre won't have to pack their bags anytime soon, though there is some confusion as to who is responsible for the building's upkeep.

Concerns over the future of the building were brought to town council last week by Eileen Burke, president of the Deep River and District Hospital Auxiliary.

The auxiliary operates the Whistle Stop thrift store in the community centre and, since 1974, has raised more than \$2 million for capital improvements to the hospital. Other tenants in the building are the bowling alley and Potters' Guild.

Burke told council that, with

the auxiliary's lease set to expire within the next few years, finding other locations in town for the Whistle Stop is not an easy task.

"It's quite difficult, and there's not much available," she said.

NOMINAL FEE

Sean Patterson, the town's chief administrative officer, explained at the meeting that, while the municipality owns the community centre, it leases it to the Deep River Community Association (DRCA) for the nominal fee of one dollar a year, and the DRCA in turn leases it to the building's three tenants.

And, when the town took ownership of the building from AECL back in 1972, a stipula-

tion was registered on its title that the building would function as a community centre until 2032.

The building is not, however, functioning very well at the moment in terms of structural issues.

"It's a declining structure that would cost more to fix properly than it would to replace," Patterson said, going on to address the 2032 deadline.

"That deadline is on the horizon. Staff have not had any significant discussions on what to do with it. We're just making sure it's safe."

Mayor Sue D'Eon expressed optimism for the community centre's future at its current location.

"Personally, I think that location, if it had a new building

that took advantage of the views, with a deck and walk-out, you couldn't find a better community centre location in Ontario," she said.

"It's a fabulous location for a new, revitalized community centre."

SHARED SERVICE?

The community centre benefits not just Deep River, but neighbouring municipalities as well, the mayor went on to say, and its future is on the list of topics she plans to raise with Laurentian Hills and Head, Clara and Maria in upcoming talks with regards to shared services.

Councillor Terry Myers, meanwhile, took pains to stress that the town is not responsible for the building.

"The Community Association leases the building for a dollar and the Community Association is 100 percent responsible for the maintenance of that building," Myers said, adding the DRCA used to have a fund set aside for its maintenance.

"The picture got a little bit muddy about 15 years ago," he went on to say, when the fire chief of the day declared the building unsafe, forcing the town to spend money on renovations to bring it up to spec.

"There seems to be confusion about who actually runs it and who's responsible. The town's only role, other than the fire issues and things like that, is we own it, we lease it for a dollar and it's up to the Community Association to take care of it."

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Seasonal Marina Launching Passes are available for purchase at the Town Hall. Price: \$110.00

Summer Camps

We still have room in sessions of our Sports Camp and Playgrounds Camp. For more information or to register please contact: summeradmin@deepriver.ca

Canada Day: Join us for our Canada Day Celebration on Wednesday, July 1! There will be live music, a bar, and a barbecue in partnership with the Deep River legion, activities for children, a magic show, face painting, yard games, a vendor's market, fireworks, and so much more! For a full schedule of events please visit our website: www.deepriver.ca/departments/recreation/

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- Bailer OR manual water pump
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Deep River Fire Department

BBQ Safety

Every year, we spend quality time with family and friends enjoying the taste of BBQ cooking! Knowing a few fire safety grilling tips will help everyone enjoy a safe BBQ season.

- Never operate a barbecue in an enclosed space, close to a structure or near combustibles that could cause a fire risk.
- Keep your BBQ in tip-top shape.
- Only use your BBQ in a well-ventilated area and keep a one-meter radius around it free of obstructions.
- Make sure your fire extinguisher is easily accessible and in good working order.
- Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year if you have a propane/natural gas BBQ.
- Make sure your grill is located on a non-combustible surface if you have a charcoal or woodchips BBQ.
- Keep your grill at least 3 feet from siding, deck rails and eaves.
- Keep an eye on your grill, fire pit or patio torches. Don't walk away from them when they are lit.
- Open your gas grill before lighting.
- Clean your grill after each use.

We wish everyone a safe and happy grilling season!

June is Recreation & Parks Month!

Please see our Recreational Swim Schedule for all scheduled swims. For further information, full June calendar and for location details please visit our website at www.deepriver.ca/departments/recreation/ or contact cthorne@deepriver.ca

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Sun, June 21	Father's Day Swim (Free for Fathers, Pool)
Mon, June 22	2:30pm Drop-in Coffee and Cards for 55+ (Free)
Thurs, June 23	* NEW *10:00- 11:00am Toddler + Leisure Swim (Regular admission) 10:00am Painting Workshop for 55+ (Free) *Registration Required* 11:30am Story Time with BIAK 7:35- 8:35pm Lane Swim (Free)
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Summer Reading Club Registration is now open! Check out our website and contact us to sign up for summer fun at the library. Kick off party, Thursday July 2nd from 4-6pm!

Pop-up: Francesca from Immigrant Settlement Services: Wed, June 17th from 10am – 2:30pm. New to Canada? Looking for support as you settle into Deep River and area? Drop in to chat with Francesca, Settlement Services Worker, and learn more.

BIAK Story Time: Celebrate National Indigenous History Month with BIAK's special drumming, singing, and learning time. Tuesday, June 23rd at 10:30am.

Family Art Club: Thursday, June 11th at 5pm. Geared towards kiddos 3+ and their grownup of choice, but open to all. Free, drop-in to craft with us while supplies last!

Knit Together: Friday, June 26th at 1:30pm. All welcome to bring your project and visit in the lounge area.

Deadline to enter the children and teen summer art show "Art Attack: Fridge Art & Beyond": Wednesday, June 24th.

VolunTeen Orientation & Training: Monday, June 29th at 1:30pm. Going into grade 9? 14+ years old? Keen to get your volunteer hours completed? Attend our introductory session and help out the library this summer.

Summer Hub launches soon! Keep your eye out for details.

Petawawa backs call for provincial fire funding

BY HAZEL ATKINS,
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE
REPORTER

Petawawa town council has voted in favour of a resolution for regular funding of municipal fire services in Ontario.

The resolution, originally passed by the town of Plympton-Wyoming, requests the province to transition the current practice of competitive fire service grant programs into a permanent, stable, and predictable funding program “that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements.”

The request also specifies that the funding be annual and therefore predictable.

The resolution says the funding would support the “operational readiness and training costs associated with volunteer, composite and full-time fire departments across Ontario.”

Mayor Serviss made the point that police and paramedic services receive regular funding, whereas before a grant issued in 2024, there has not previously been funding for fire services in Ontario.

“It’s interesting that the municipalities have previously paid 100% of

funding for their full-time and volunteer fire departments,” he said.

“Most of the paramedic services are aiming for a 50/50 funding model. Interesting, to say the least.”

LEISURE SPACE

Staff of the town of Petawawa are developing a concept to designate and enhance select greenspaces, “dry ponds,” and open space areas for unstructured and unscheduled play.

Potential features may include basic soccer setups; multi-use areas for informal games such as cornhole, ladder toss, and kite flying; benches; play paths, including areas along the town’s section of the Algonquin Trail.

These spaces will be offered to complement the town’s existing pay-to-play sports fields.

They are designed to increase accessibility to recreational opportunities, encourage spontaneous outdoor activity, and provide alternatives for folks not participating in organized sports.

Staff said it is important to note that these areas are not intended for organized or scheduled sports activities, and no formal bookings, leagues, or tournaments will be permitted.

Vexatious

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“But the flipside is we live in a time where, for whatever reasons, we are more fractious, more antagonistic. Not everybody is sensible, reasonable and well-meaning,” he said, adding the town needs a way to curb abuse of the complaints system.

“The process itself is not frivolous,” Myers went on to say of the policy on the table.

“Nobody is going to walk into town hall and staff are just going to say I’m not looking at that, it’s frivolous. That’s not the way it works.

“It’s got to be documented and, ultimately, if people are not happy with the way they’ve been treated, they can appeal outside the municipality to the

Ontario Ombudsman.”

Myers went on to maintain that the purpose the policy isn’t to protect town staff or members of council, but taxpayers of the town.

He cited the staff report which showed that, since last fall, the town has received three access to information requests.

Two of those were completed at little to no expense but a third was denied on the basis it was deemed frivolous and vexatious under auspices of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and has cost the town \$13,000 in staff time and legal costs.

“(That’s) \$13,000 of taxpayer’s money,” Myers said.

“I’m sure if you ask anybody on the street if that is where you want your money to be going, I’m sure nobody would support that.”

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Trade ambitions rest on a food system we're dismantling

BY SEAN O'REILLY

Canada is entering a defining trade moment. With relations with the United States increasingly volatile, Prime Minister Mark Carney has been clear about the path forward: reduce Canada's dependence on the US, and grow non-American exports by 50 per cent over the next decade.

That goal is ambitious and necessary. But it rests on a critical assumption: that Canada has the public infrastructure needed to earn and maintain the trust of global markets. Right now, that foundation is being weakened.

Cuts to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) threaten one of this country's most valuable trade assets: confidence in our food safety, and animal and plant health systems. At the precise moment when credibility and speed matter most, Canada is stripping capacity from the system that underpins access to hundreds of international markets.

Canada's food and agriculture economy is worth \$100-billion annually. CFIA's \$839-million budget protects that entire ecosystem of trade - an extraordinary return on investment. Yet, these cuts put it at risk by eliminating over a million hours of inspection, surveillance, and scientific expertise each year. This is not trimming bureaucracy; it is removing the experts who stop disease before it shuts borders down.

Trading partners do not take a country's word that its animals, plants, or food are safe. Veterinary epidemiologists, disease and insect vector surveillance, and risk analysis are core trade requirements. Cutting this expertise increases the risk of undetected diseases entering Canada, and jeopardizes access to export markets by laying off the very experts who help keep them open.

Imagine an outbreak of a disease such as bluetongue, African swine fever, or even a single case of foot-and-mouth disease without adequate domestic surveillance in place. Canada would lose its export status overnight, devastating entire sectors. Without veterinarians to investigate, contain, and certify disease status, outbreaks spread faster, markets stay closed longer, and losses compound. The risk of zoonotic disease spilling into the human population also grows.

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Splendour in the woods (just behind McAnulty Park)

Photo: Jim Ungrin

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Growth must be smart growth

Re: "D'Eon seeks third term as mayor,"
NRT June 10.

I want to thank Vance Gutzman for reaching out to me to ask for my prospectus on why I am running for a third term.

I realize what I sent to Mr. Gutzman was too long for the NRT to publish as written and he did an admirable job shortening my submission without losing context, but there was one section in the article I feel readers might misinterpret.

Mr. Gutzman used the phrase "the town is moving full steam ahead" when characterizing

my position on residential growth/attracting developers.

For your readers below is the full text I sent to Mr. Gutzman on growth:

"To support our community we do need to grow. Directing that growth as smart growth is something council must stay on top of. Recent developer interest is exciting to see yet we need to steer growth in the direction we want the town to take within the limits of provincial planning legislation and the private money driving construction and delivery of buildings.

"We need housing for staff of the new long-term (care) complex. We want to be the preferred choice for CNL's new hires. The Garrison is expanding and we want their families to choose Deep River.

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The meaning of Zero

BY HAZEL ATKINS,
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Grade 10 Mackenzie student Gavin Calow has recently self-published a book called “Zero,” in which he meditates on the impact zero has had on mathematics and philosophy.

Calow grew up in Deep River and comes from a military family. They are being posted to Alberta this summer.

“I said to myself that the book had to be done before I leave,” said Calow. “I want to show the people here what I’m doing and have something tangible to leave behind.”

The idea for his book came to him in Grade 9 math class when the teacher was discussing exponents.

“My teacher was talking about when you have a number raised to an exponent of zero, the number is one – always. I thought, ‘OK, I guess that makes sense mathematically’.

“But then I got to thinking, ‘You started with nothing and you end up with something. Hmmm’.

“So I started wondering, what does zero really mean? I learned that zero means more than most somethings.”

“Zero has such a psychological impact on us,” Calow went on.

“The way we perceive it, use it, struggle to understand it. It was rejected for thousands of years because it was too hard to understand.”

“It can be negative or positive depending on your approach to it. Absence can mean infinite death, or absence can be a positive, meditative experience.”

Calow is most interested in the meaning that we have given to zero: “That’s what zero means - it’s the impact we’ve given it.”

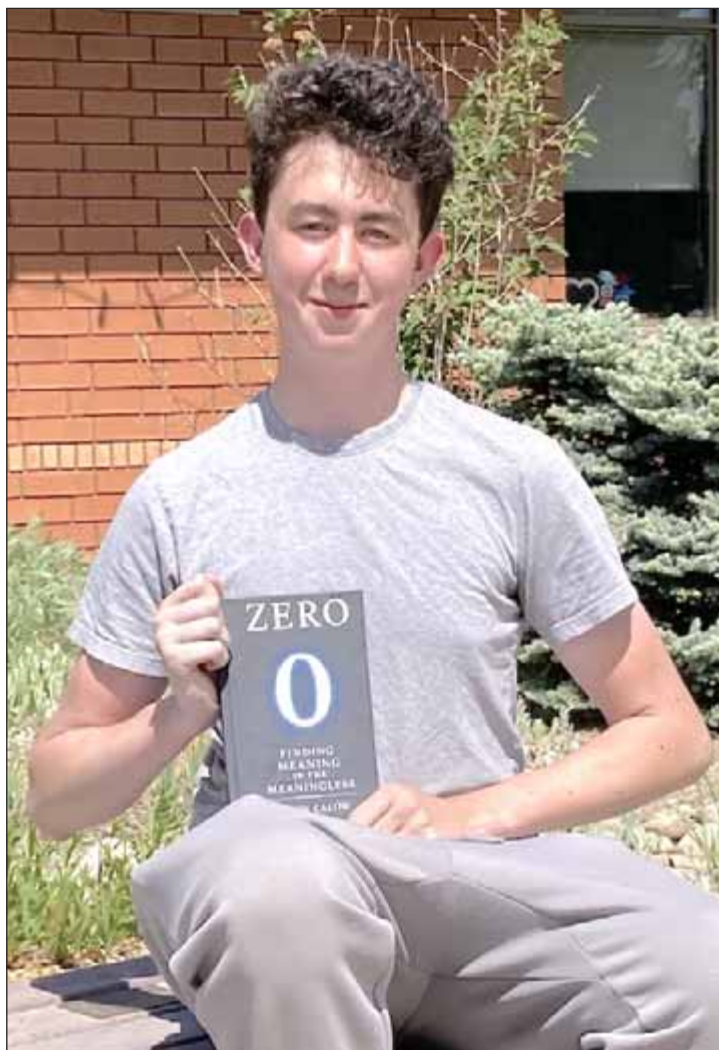
He has learned a lot since beginning his book: “As I learned about zero, I think I started with less and grew into more.”

In attempting to publish the book, Calow

learned a lot as well. He learned that Amazon self-publishing software is very easy to use. He learned that he needed to send copies off to Library and Archives Canada. He learned that applying for an ISBN is a long, logistical process.

The Deep River library will have a copy of his book, and Saturday Morning bookstore will have it in stock as well.

“My message I want to share about this experience is that you’ll never be fully



ready to start something; you just have to get going.”

“I feel that Deep River has shaped me in a way I don’t think anywhere else could,” he said.

“Where you are in your early life sets you up for who you will be in the future. I feel like this is a special place. When I move away, all the people I’ve built connections with will still be here and I’ll leave my book here with them.”

With mixed feelings about moving away this summer, Calow is feeling sure of one thing: “I’ll definitely be back.”



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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

8-10:30 am, Coffee Club, Chalk River Lions Hall

10 am - 2:30 pm, Immigrant Settlement Services drop-in, Deep River Library

1 pm, GriefShare support group meets, Real Hope Christian Assembly, Hwy 17 Deep River (final week)

1-4 pm, Summer Social Bridge, DR Lawn Bowling Club (continues until end of August - for information call 613-281-0671)

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

7 pm, North Renfrew Long-Term Care Services 33rd annual general meeting, NRLTC, 47 Ridge Rd

7 pm, Deep River and District Community Foundation annual general meeting, CE Centre (beside DR Community Church)

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

10 am, Seniors Friendship Club: Coffee, Tea and Conversation, at the Hexagon, DR Shoreline Sports Club

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

10 am, Kids Mini Triathlon, for ages 6-12, Deep River Community Pool (for information email bbergeron@deedriver.ca)

1-3 pm, Father’s Day Kids Crafts, make cards and crafts for Dad, Point Alexander Library

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

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

2-5 pm, Acoustic open mic, DR Legion

MONDAY, JUNE 22

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)

10:30 am, Baby & Toddler Storytime, Chalk River Legion

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, JUNE 23

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

7 pm, Deep River & District Health annual meeting, new Primary Care Building, DRDH

To submit your event, email nrt@northrenfrewtimes.ca

Food system

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There is no plan for managing these risks under the proposed cuts.

The assumption appears to be that fewer experts can somehow do more with less - an impossibility in a system already stretched past its limits. Workload has surged in the last decade, but staffing hasn't kept up. Already, this country lacks sufficient veterinary capacity to inspect export trucks before they leave the country. The system is operating without redundancy; further cuts risk removing the safety margin entirely.

The expertise required is neither abundant, nor replaceable. There are only a handful of veterinary epidemiologists in Canada, and only dozens globally. We cannot afford to lose them. Universities and the private sector do not maintain national surveillance systems, nor should they. If CFIA were to lose capacity, the work does not get "streamlined." It stops.

Diversifying trade to non-US markets will only increase the pressure CFIA faces. Canada's trade negotiators cannot secure new market access without the surveillance, data, and controls provided by CFIA. Every trading partner imposes commodity-specific requirements that CFIA regulates for export.

To trade, Canada must be able to demonstrate compliance. If a large partner requires expanded monitoring - for example, for insects that may carry bluetongue - and this country lacks the capacity to deliver it, market access is lost and industry suffers the loss. Expanding market access is not achievable if importing countries do not maintain confidence in CFIA's inspection systems. This makes the Canadian economy more reliant on the US, not less.

Strong surveillance is not a luxury; it is the lowest-cost alternative to export bans and preventable public-health emergencies. At a time when Canada is trying to build resilience, economic sovereignty, and independence from a single hegemonic market, weakening the CFIA is reckless and entirely unnecessary, putting billions of dollars in trade at risk.

Sean O'Reilly is the president of the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Goals still not met

The following is a response to the article "D'Eon seeks third term as mayor," NRT June 10.

Disclaimer: Given the large number of points included in his article, the following responses focus on one or two counter examples to the mayor's assertions regarding her three goals.

As noted, when D'Eon first ran for council, her three goals were "open government, infrastructure and community." Let's consider each of these in order.

(1) Open government: She asserts that her focus on "open government" led to a reduction in "closed sessions." While this statement could be considered a positive, I am not sure how this would apply to eight of the 12 meetings of the marketing task force (MTF) that were held in closed session.

I will not go into details except to note that holding meetings in closed session is contrary to this quote from "Deep River Marketing Task Force - Terms of Reference":

"All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public." (Note the word "shall.")

At that time (January 2020 through July 2021), the controversy over this branding issue was unprecedented and mostly negative.

Moreover, this debate was not limited to the public. As noted in the article entitled "Town to launch local rebranding" (NRT May 26, 2021), several members of council (Terry Myers, Glenn Doncaster, and Bob McLaren), questioned why the task force report would not be made public.

Whether or not these sessions were closed to the public is no longer an issue. Currently the concern is whether the results of the MTF have been a success.

Consider this quote from the town's Request For Expression of Interest (RFEOD):

"Desired outcomes:

- Increased population
- Engaged population enjoying diverse recreational and cultural opportunities
- Quality, reliable and sustainable infrastructure
- Vibrant and increased business and commercial sector
- Strong collaboration with community, businesses, and neighbours
- Transparent, fair and effective governance."

I note that this list includes the mayor's two other goals, "infrastructure

and community."

Did the MTF's new logo address any of these objectives? I leave these to the reader to decide.

Now consider this: While the new logo is a circle of four splotches of colour, most of the current depictions of this logo are black on white (eg. both the envelopes and the enclosed bills, and the town's vehicles).

With all due respect, it appears that the MTF is an excellent example of the "sunk cost fallacy," defined as "continued investment driven by prior, unrecoverable expenditure."

With respect to the mayor's assertion that "Deep River is ahead of its municipal peers in terms of access to open government," I can only refer to my personal experience. From that knowledge, I can state that the town fails in two aspects of what I would consider "open government."

First: The town eliminated its use of public advisory committees several years ago. As I have previously noted, this has made public participation/engagement in council's decision process virtually impossible.

Second: For a resident to address a council meeting, they must follow the delegation process as defined in the procedural bylaw, 31-2022.

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Grateful relief

Re: "Four Seasons settles east end land issue," NRT June 10.

It was with great relief that I read about the recent purchase of a conservation easement at 42 Wintergreen

Lane by the Four Seasons Conservancy.

I was among the many who back in 2024 protested against the proposals to develop that block, shocked by the prospect of losing the green space.

Kudos to the FSC for resolving what was a very difficult problem. The resolution probably unfolded in fits and starts, with lots of research, discussion, and lawyers. Not for the faint of heart.

Many thanks to the property owners of the other blocks, and to the new owner of 42 Wintergreen, for all contributing generously to the creation of conservation easements to preserve the green space.

Land is expensive. The FSC's fundraising goal is \$300,000. Let's help.

Helena Rummens (grateful user of the east end trails)

Smart growth

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"Deep River has a lot to offer and we want to pursue smart development and close mutually beneficial agreements with reliable and respected developers to build the variety of

housing we need going forward. There is a complex ecosystem of provincial planning regulations and federal incentives combined with private investment that makes sense to developers.

"Experienced leadership will matter and I feel I have a lot to offer with my background and experience in municipal planning and knowledge of the community. Having more people liv-

ing in Deep River also inspires a greater variety of commercial services and businesses."

Thanks for the opportunity to clarify my position and many thanks to the NRT and Mr. Gutzman for publishing an otherwise excellent summary from my original submission.

**Sue D'Eon
Candidate for mayor, 2026**

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY: SCIENCE ACADEMY WINS NATIONAL AWARD

75 YEARS AGO

JUNE 15, 1951: We have heard a lot about "Charter Day" and rumour has it that it is going to be a real bang-up occasion. Well, this is no rumour, and a gala day is planned for the Deep River community on Monday, July 2 when your Community Association, the coordinating body for the many community activities of our village, will be officially presented with its Charter of Incorporation. Dr DA Keys, vice president (scientific) of the National Research Council and manager of the Chalk River Project, has very graciously agreed to make the presentation.

JUNE 15, 1951: Notice to mariners - operation of the Des Joachims Hydro station may cause a weekly tide on the Ottawa River at Deep River. This effect was noticed last weekend, with low water on Sunday evening and on Monday the water level rose. Boats should be pulled up higher on the beach on Sunday evening to allow for this change in level.

60 YEARS AGO

JUNE 15, 1966: "Do we feel that the Minor Sports Committee is serving a useful purpose?" The question, asked of a joint meeting of the MSC and the Municipal Recreation Committee by chairman Tom Robertson, was the theme of the meeting. Chief critic of the present system was Mrs Robert Dunbar, who charged that the MSC is not changing its programs to fit the times. "We take the previous year's program and follow it through blindly," she said.

JUNE 15, 1966: The Chalk River Volunteer Firemen and their ladies recently enjoyed a turkey banquet and dance sponsored by the Firemen's Association, with the Legion Ladies Auxiliary preparing the dinner. Twenty-three firemen, their wives, and guests were entertained by Mr Orville Courneya, the master of ceremonies.

50 YEARS AGO

JUNE 16, 1976: A letter has gone out to all water users in Chalk River reminding them that the bylaw restricting the use of water will go into effect on Tuesday, June 15. The bylaw restricts



Laurentian Hills council and the municipality's library board paid tribute last week to Marion Stewart, who was presented with a certificate of appreciation for the 30 years she spent as a volunteer with the Point Alexander Library. From left to right are Councillor Anne Giardini, chair of the municipality's community and social services committee, Point Alexander head librarian Maureen Bakewell, Marion Stewart, Laurentian Hills Mayor Vance Gutzman and library board chair Veronica Lock. (NRT June 21, 2006)

sprinkling of lawns and gardens to even-numbered dates on the south side of the railway tracks and to odd-numbered dates for those on the north side. Those who do not conform to the bylaw will have their water supply turned off by municipal employees.

JUNE 16, 1976: Arts and crafts, games of chance, a bustling restaurant, a beer garden, and a collection of steam engines and antiques all combined to make Chalk River's "Sun Fun Days" weekend a roaring success. A stage coach supplied by Ryans Campsite provided rides for throngs of happy youngsters.

40 YEARS AGO

JUNE 18, 1986: There are no plans to close Deep River's emergency department, says Dr Henry Gasmann, the newly elected chairman of the board of the Ontario Medical Association. Gasmann said that closing the emergency ward at Northwestern Hospital in Toronto was all right because patients could easily go to another department. "Deep River is too far from another emergency department," he said.

JUNE 18, 1986: At the annual meeting of the Canadian Historical Association in Winnipeg in June, an Award of Merit was made to Brenda Lee-Whiting of Deep River for her book, "Harvest of Stones," which was published by the University of Toronto Press last year. The popular book has undergone a third printing. The CHA praised the author for using a wide range of materials to tell a fascinating story about the German settlement in Renfrew County.

30 YEARS AGO

JUNE 19, 1996: Timing is everything for Bert and Heidi Fleury. Exactly eight years to the day the couple opened their Valu-mart store in Deep River, they held another grand opening on Saturday to celebrate an addition to the grocery store. The expansion, which began back in December, gives the store an additional 7,300 sq ft of space. Bert noted that he had been working 18-hour shifts throughout the construction phase, and at one point found himself working non-stop around the clock for three weeks. "It was stressful, but that's construction," he said.

JUNE 19, 1996: No one was injured in a fire that broke out late Monday afternoon at the Chalk River Laboratories. The fire broke out sometime between 5 and 5:30 pm near the plant gate in building 404, which was in the process of being demolished, then spread to adjacent annexes. Firefighters from neighbouring departments assisted AECL fire personnel. The fire was fully contained within about three hours.

20 YEARS AGO

JUNE 21, 2006: The Deep River Science Academy has won another national award for its role in promoting science in Canada. Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the Science Academy was recognized for its work in "education and communication" at the Canadian Nuclear Achievement Awards in Toronto. As its award citation notes, the Science Academy has every year since 1986 "provided high school students with a unique opportunity to participate in the active research and development programs of its several research partners."

Heritage centre to host speaker on German Mission

The Upper Ottawa Valley Heritage Centre is inviting the public to attend a special speaker series presentation by Mark Woermke on Saturday, June 20 at 1 pm.

Woermke will present “The Woods and Stones Around Us: The Wesleyan Methodist Mission to the Germans and Wends of the Ottawa Valley 1860–1880,” an exploration of the missionary movement and the experiences of German and Wend communities in the Ottawa Valley during the late 19th century.

In 1860 the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada began the “German Work” – a domestic mission to serve the spiritual needs of German immigrants in two regions: southwestern Ontario and the Ottawa Valley.

Mark Woermke has analyzed mission reports, ministers’ autobiographies, district reports, marriages and baptisms, land records and other historical documents to understand the role this mission played in the lives of German and Wendish settlers in the Ottawa Valley and specifically Renfrew County.

His presentation will demonstrate the impact the mission had on chain migration and internal migration; identify families that were converted to Methodism; introduce fascinating individuals; provide poignant and humorous anecdotes; and offer insight into the lives and struggles of the settlers and missionaries.

The German Mission ended after only 20 years, but those two decades were busy ones for German and Wendish Methodists in Renfrew County and the Valley.

The event will be held at the Upper Ottawa Valley Heritage Centre, located at 1032 Pembroke St. E., Pembroke.



DUPLICATE BRIDGE CHAMPS

Geoff Edwards and Rosemary Nishimura (right) won the annual Selby trophy for the A division in Duplicate Bridge Club play this year, while Doug Barnard and Peter Brewster claimed the Rounding Trophy for the B division. Duplicate Bridge resumes September 3.

Letter: goals

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To quote from section 10.04: “Delegation request regarding agenda item: any person wishing to address council or a committee as a delegation regarding an item on the agenda, shall submit a ‘Request to make a Deputation/Presentation to Council/Committee’ form to the clerk’s office before 12:00 noon 2 business days before the day the agenda is published (ie. 12:00 noon Wednesday for Friday agenda circulation).”

This timing makes it impossible for anyone to address an agenda item at a Wednesday council meeting.

(2) Infrastructure: With respect to this goal, there are both positives and negatives. One obvious negative to both the residents and visitors to Deep River is the condition of the downtown portion of Ridge Road.

Consider this quote from the article: “she says, noting with pride that town council is expanding its Community Improvement Plan from the downtown core to the entire municipality.”

Recall that that town’s “Community Improvement Plan” began in October 2020 with the passing of bylaw 39-2020. Subsequently the plan has been revised several times.

Even with these revisions, the condition of this portion of the road has yet to be addressed.

With respect to the refurbishment of the water tower, the mayor failed to mention that the cost of the project was about \$1 million over budget.

(3) Community: With respect to this goal, I will not address all of the mayor’s assertions.

Now consider this quote: “Council and I value residents’ input, and it is an important part of how we make decisions, always striving to benefit our community.”

Ironically, the same NRT issue included another article entitled “Council to review ‘frivolous, vexatious’ policy.”

Apparently, the mayor/council only appreciates contributions by residents that meet their criteria.

Challenging assertions is required to find the truth.

If she values residents’ input, then I suggest that reconstituting the public advisory committee structure would go a long way to demonstrate this.

Moreover, council could amend its procedural bylaw to make it easier for residents to participate in their meetings through a revised delegation process.

If these two suggestions were implemented then the residents of Deep River would become partners in council’s decisions.

Furthermore, the mayor would have proof that she is on the way to meeting her three goals.

W. Turner

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7pm, June 17, 2026
at 47 Ridge Rd, Deep River

Highlights:

- Guest Speakers – Anne-Marie Bouthillette and Erin Bignell from the Ontario Caregiver Organization
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- Approval of Amended Bylaws
- Approval of 2026-2031 Strategic Plan
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New exhibition brings different vibe to town hall

BY MARGARET MACPHERSON

There is a certain buzzing energy that occurs when artists get together to exhibit their work.

Perhaps it's the excitement generated in the culmination of a finished project, or simply the end of the solitary and exacting process of creation, but artists showing work to each other and the public, is an act worthy of celebration.

Five artists from the area will display new works at the Deep River town hall gallery, beginning Friday, June 19, with an opening tentatively scheduled for early July, depending on the completion of maintenance work inside the building.

"It's always exciting to hang a new show," said Tracy Joyce, gallery curator and Deep River Library Arts Committee (LAC) member.

"It's wonderful when both familiar local artists and relatively new artists can be discovered in the heart of our community."

Shows at the municipal building hang for six months and many artists are glad for the extended exposure.

"I really enjoy taking part in workshops, retreats and other professional development activities," said feature artist Stephanie Huckabone.

"Sharing ideas, techniques and passion for arts helps keep me open-minded, loose and experimental."

Recently returned to the Ottawa Valley where she grew up, Huckabone works in mixed media abstract landscapes, painting out of a home studio near the confluence of the Ottawa and Petawawa rivers. She calls being in an artistic community "essential for growth and development."

Phyllis Heeney, who works in an entirely different medium, agrees heartily with Huckabone.

"Having a community of artists helps every artist get better. Artists are always critiquing the work of other artists. That's not a bad thing. It helps us grow," said Heeney, who will display one of her handmade, dyed deer hide drums at town hall.

Linda Chladny, working in watercolours, said the opportunity to have work in any gallery is valuable.

"Sharing art is a form of self-expression," she noted. "It's also a great chance to network."

The public is invited to view the new art anytime town hall is open. A meet-the-artist event will follow in early July.



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Local student looks forward to sharing her music



Emma Bagshaw

BY HAZEL ATKINS,
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE
REPORTER

Seventeen-year-old recorder player Emma Bagshaw will be starting the Early Music Performance program at McGill University this fall.

In order to raise funds and share what her instrument can do with the community, she will be holding a fundraising benefit recorder recital on Sunday, June 28, at 2:30 pm, at the Community Church.

At this recital, Bagshaw will be accompanied by her teacher and mentor Susan Butler, and joined for a duet by her brother, Malcolm.

She will offer a “show and tell” of the five different recorders she currently plays: soprano, soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. The concert will last about an hour.

This year alone has been a big one for the young performer. At the Pembroke Kiwanis this spring she won the Medal of Excellence, the Karen McLeod Trophy, and the Vijay Family Trophy Scholarship.

At the National Capital Region Music Festival, she was awarded the Margaret Bell Stevenson Memorial Trophy.

Finally, the Deep River and District Community Foundation awarded her the Elizabeth Hulbert Memorial Fund Scholarship.

“At my recital I will be playing all of the pieces I prepared for Kiwanis and for my audition at McGill,” Bagshaw said.

McGill’s early music program is the most extensive of its kind in Canada. Early music refers to Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque, all of which are rich in their music history and performance styles.

“These eras really resonate with me,” she said. “There is so much music in these eras, and the recorder really shines because it was meant to be played in those music periods.”

The Brandenburg Concertos, very well known and loved, are in the baroque style featuring the recorder.

Bagshaw has spent the last two years exploring less well known but equally intricate and advanced recorder music from the Renaissance and earlier.

“Many people don’t know how sophisticated the recorder can be. I want to show people what the recorder can do,” Bagshaw said.

“I want to be an ambassador for the recorder. Once I’ve graduated and I’m performing around the

world, that’s what I want to be called.”

Accompanying Bagshaw at the recital and introducing her pieces will be her teacher, Susan Butler.

“Susan has been so incredible,” said Bagshaw.

“She helped me prepare for my audition and both Kiwanis festivals. She’s been finding scholarships for me to apply for. She’s excited for me, and I feed off that. She’s been an amazing friend and mentor.”

The recital will be a wonderful chance for them to perform together before Bagshaw launches her next stage.

Bagshaw is excited to share what she can do, and what she hopes to do, with her community before she goes.

“Deep River is a very special place, and music has a big part in our community,” she said. “I’ll always be proud that I started in Deep River.”

“I love performing. Music is meant to be shared. I put all this work and effort in and now I get to share it with my community.

“With my recital I’m saying, here, look what I’ve done, and now you get to share it too! Music is a ‘we’ thing, it’s not an ‘I’ thing.”

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Three generations of the Tooley family came together at the Chalk River Lions Hall recently as Deep River Summerfest held a successful Penny Sale in honour of the late Todd Tooley, who was a strong supporter and volunteer with the event. The Penny Sale raised a total of \$3,222 with all proceeds being donated to Summerfest in Todd's name.

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Spring grants support emergency training, Swisha youth centre

On June 3, the Deep River and District Community Foundation (DRDCF) announced seven grants totalling over \$41,000 that were awarded in its 2026 Spring Grant Cycle.

In 2025 alone, DRDCF provided \$81,583.12 in grants to 19 different projects and scholarships!

The grants for spring 2026 were presented to:

1 - The Deep River and Area Horticultural Society (DRAHS) / town of Deep River

2 - Rolph, Buchanan, Wylie and McKay Historical Society (School House Museum)

3 - Deep River Public Library and THEOP

4 - Renfrew County District School Board

5 - North Renfrew Family Services (NRFS) / Upper Ottawa Valley Seniors Friendship Club (UOVSFC)

6 - Les Maisons des Jeunes du Pontiac

7 - Town of Deep River

Grants 5 and 6 are featured in the above photos.

CPR/AED TRAINING

The first photo shows the \$1,730.83 cheque presentation to NRFS and the UOVSFC in front of the NRFS office.

In response to the three well attended CPR/AED training sessions held last year, this project will deliver three more sessions in Deep River, Chalk River and Head, Clara & Maria.

It is available to all community members; not just NRFS clients or UOVSFC members.

It will prepare all attendees to have the skills and confidence to respond in emergency situations. Many places where we gather, such as the libraries, town halls and community centres have modern AED equipment.

ENHANCING YOUTH SERVICES

The second photo shows the \$2,935 cheque presentation to Les Maisons des

Jeunes du Pontiac at the Centre Communautaire, Rapides-des-Joachims.

This project to add clothing racks, shelving, cupboards, hangers, and a deep freezer will improve the organization of the community food bank and clothing closet at Les Maisons des Jeunes du Pontiac.

Many youth face financial hardship, food insecurity, and limited access to basic items.

Enhancing these services helps create a stable foundation for participation, confidence, and well-being while improving storage, reducing food waste, and increasing access to nutritious food.

There are four types of funds held by the DRDCF: named funds, field of interest funds, designated funds and scholarship funds. You can see them all described at www.drdcf.ca/funds.

Over the last two weeks, we talked about named, field of interest and designated funds.

Scholarships are often disbursed at graduation time in June but many can be granted at any time.

The founders of each scholarship fund can decide what area of study their fund will support (eg, music, STEM, health care, etc).

Recently, the Elizabeth Hulbert Memorial Fund Scholarship was awarded to Emma Bagshaw who has been accepted into McGill University's Early Music Performance program.

Donating to a scholarship fund helps to ensure that the hard work of those seeking to further their education is recognized.

Emma Bagshaw's musical talents can also be enjoyed by those attending the DRDCF Annual General Meeting being held at 7 pm this evening, Wednesday, June 17 at the Community Events Centre, 115 Deep River Rd, next to Community Church.

You can also learn more about the DRDCF there and how you can become an important part of our legacy.

Support your community now and for the future at www.drdcf.ca/donate.



Left to right: Les Maisons des Jeunes du Pontiac program director, Kelsey Daly Mainville, DRDCF directors Brian Cheadle & Chris MacCready, senior animator Ainsley Branje and DRDCF grants committee chair Teresa Se-lander.



Left to right: DRDCF director Chris MacCready, DRDCF chair Italia Cecco, NRFS office manager Amanda Sage, NRFS executive director Tracy Russell, Ottawa Valley Seniors Friendship Club president Wanda Harvey

College to host speaker on “cultivating community”

The Pembroke Carefor Community Garden, in partnership with Algonquin College’s Pembroke campus, the Pembroke Horticultural Society, the city of Pembroke beautification & climate action committee, and TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, is pleased to present “Cultivating Community: an evening of gardening, ideas, and connection” featuring renowned horticulturist Paul Zammit.

The event will take place on Wednesday, July 8, from 7 to 9 pm as part of the Bramburger Speaker Series.

The event will bring together gardeners, community members, environmental advocates, and lifelong learners for an engaging conversation about the role gardens play in fostering healthier, more connected communities.

Paul Zammit is one of Canada’s most respected gardening experts, known for his practical advice, passion for horticulture, and ability to inspire gardeners

of all experience levels.

During the presentation, attendees will gain valuable gardening insights and explore how community growing spaces can strengthen relationships, support well-being, and foster a greater sense of belonging.

“We are incredibly grateful to the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation for providing the Pembroke Carefor Community Garden with an \$11,000 grant that is helping us expand our community impact and enabling us to host this special event featuring Paul Zammit,” said Brian Abdallah, co-chair of the Pembroke Carefor Community Garden.

“Our garden is about much more than growing food and flowers. It creates opportunities for people to connect, learn from one another, and contribute to a healthier, more vibrant community.

“We are excited to welcome Paul to

Pembroke and look forward to an evening that will inspire both new and experienced gardeners alike.”

The event reflects the shared commitment of the partner organizations to environmental stewardship, community engagement, food security, and lifelong learning.

“This TD Friends of the Environment grant will greatly assist our grassroots Community Garden,” said Ron Gervais, co-chair of the Pembroke Carefor Community Garden.

RAISED BEDS

“Our special garden not only encourages individuals to have their own food garden bed but also provides a food source for our local St. Joseph’s Food Bank.

“These much-needed funds will also enable us to install additional raised beds and have classes to teach individ-

uals about the joy of gardening.”

In addition to supporting this speaker event, funding from TD Friends of the Environment Foundation will help the garden continue to grow as a community resource that promotes sustainability, food security, education, and social connection.

Admission to the event is free, but registration is encouraged.

For more information or to register, visit the event page at Algonquin College’s Pembroke Campus website: algonquincollege.com/pembroke.

The Pembroke Carefor Community Garden is a collaborative community initiative that brings people together through gardening, education, and environmental stewardship.

The garden provides opportunities for residents to grow food, share knowledge, foster social connections, and contribute to a healthier, more vibrant community.



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

1. Tiff
5. Green fruit
9. Soft drink
12. Time period
13. Historic age
14. Make public
15. Bit
16. Affectionately
18. Punctual
20. West or Largo
21. European mountain
23. Train station
27. Afternoon movies
32. Corporate symbol
33. Rotation center
34. Wood tool
35. Building add-ons
36. Woes
37. Bridge supports
39. Ease off: 2 wds.
41. Aloha gift
42. BPOE member
44. High voice
49. Astaire specialty: 2 wds.
53. Follow
54. Valuable dirt
55. Las Vegas sign
56. Study hard
57. Came across
58. Pairs
59. His-and-_____

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DOWN

1. Freight, e.g.
2. Moneyless
3. Car
4. Streetcar
5. Puniest
6. Intense anger
7. Friar
8. Completed
9. Standard
10. Frying liquid
11. Jimmy
17. Sneaker feature
19. Cooking vessel
22. Oyster's gem
24. Survey
25. Gawk
26. Throw lightly
27. Parcel
28. Spindle
29. Incline
30. Put out
31. Adds sugar
38. Galahad's title
40. Plots
43. Reflex-test joint
45. Engrave
46. Reveal
47. Fibber
48. Shade trees
49. Cruise of films
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The Deep River Legion celebrated the grand opening of their new outdoor patio and games community space with live music and a barbecue dinner Saturday. Mayor Sue D'Eon was on hand with Legion president Lee-Ann McCarthy and project coordinator Donna Watt to help mark the occasion. D'Eon thanked the Legion volunteers for their commitment to maintaining the Legion as a "keystone in our community." Construction of the patio and games space was possible thanks to a generous capital grant of \$88,700 from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF).

SUMMER BRIDGE KICKS OFF

The serious winter bridge sessions, both duplicate and social, have ended, but now comes summer fun.

Summer social bridge runs every Wednesday until the end of August at the Deep River Lawn Bowling clubhouse from 1-4 pm.

If you are already an experienced player, or if you've ever wanted to try your hand at a hand or two, come on out.

It's challenging, it's sometimes frustrating, it has great variety, it takes thought, but once you've learned the basics it's a lot of fun.

Beginners welcome. Bring a partner, or if you don't have one, phone 613-281-0671 and we'll try to provide one.

ANNUAL MEETING

- At a party, a woman admonished her husband, saying, "That's the fourth time you've gone back for ice cream and cake. Doesn't it embarrass you?" He shrugged and answered, "Why should it? I keep telling them it's for you."

- Coffee and Conversation Thursday, June 18 at the Hexagon (DRSSC), and continuing there until the fall.

- AGM and BBQ at the Deep River Legion last Thursday was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thanks to the helpers who prepared and cleaned up, especially Gordon and Rolando on the barbecue.

Congratulations to Doreen Clements who is now officially treasurer for the next term after her appointment earlier when the position became vacant, and to Sylvie Poulin who was elected vice president.

Janna Hotson, CEO of DRDH, gave a lively and interesting talk on the developments at our health campus including the new long term care building under construction and planned changes in other areas of care.

She also fielded a large number of questions.

- Saturday, June 27, 8-10 am Free Community Breakfast at the CEC.

All ages are welcome to this event sponsored jointly by the Upper Ottawa Valley Seniors Friendship Club and the Deep River Community Kitchen. Come out and socialize while enjoying eggs, sausages, baked beans, pancakes & real maple syrup, fresh fruit, tea, coffee and juice. Donations accepted.

Planning ahead, there will be repeats of this free community breakfast on July 25, August 22, September 26, October 31 and November 28 in 2026.

- The Upper Ottawa Valley Seniors Friendship Club is open to all adults living in the area from Chalk River to Deux Rivieres. Website seniorsfriendshipclub.ca, Facebook www.facebook.com/sfc.uov.

Seniors Friendship Club



MATCH UP

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

CANOE: A canoe was stranded and upside down across the river for three to four weeks. A local family checked it June 9 and found one seat damaged but that otherwise the canoe floated nicely. It has been towed back to Deep River. If you think it may be yours, please call 613-584-4629 for more information.

DRIVERS: North Renfrew Family Services is looking for volunteer drivers to help clients get to medical appointments. This is a vital service that helps community members access the healthcare they need. Gas/mileage is reimbursed. Interested in helping? Call North Renfrew Family Services at 613-584-3358 for more information or to sign up today.

TREADMILL: A local family has a treadmill looking for a new home. It's a Pro-Form Sport, no longer used as the owners are aging. "You pick up." If interested, please call 613-585-0806.

BIKE HELMET: A small black Raleigh adult bike helmet was found last week in a hedge at the corner of Thomas and Tamarack Streets in Deep River. Not sure why it wasn't on someone's head, but it has now been turned in to the North Renfrew Times and can be claimed at the NRT office, 8 Glendale Ave, or by calling 613-584-4161.

Valley Artisans Co-op hosts CPAWS art show

The Valley Artisans' Gallery is honoured to be the premier gallery of choice for the Ottawa Valley chapter of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS-OV).

The annual fundraising art show supports CPAWS-OV efforts at trail building and conservation actions.

This year the fundraising art show runs from June 1 to June 30 at the Valley Artisans' Gallery in Deep River.

All the artwork has been donated to CPAWS-OV from the artists who participated in the art retreat.

In 2017, renowned artist, Aleta Karstad, had approached John McDonnell of CPAWS-OV with the concept of bringing 15 artists into the wilds for a week of camping, hiking, canoeing and creating artwork, which is then donated to CPAWS.

Aleta calls the annual retreat "a dream come true," and a chance to communicate to the world the inspiration the artists feel in wild places.

Since then, the art retreat has become an annual event where artists from all over Ontario and Quebec apply to participate.

They camp in tents along the river, and can

hike, paddle, help restore trails, and create artwork in the inspiring peace and beauty of one of Quebec's last undammed rivers.

Their artwork and related events have raised more than \$36,000 in support of wilderness conservation and education in the Ottawa Valley region of Ontario and Quebec.

Their efforts worked, and CPAWS-OV was successful in having 126 km of the Dumoine River and some of its watershed declared an Aquatic Reserve area.

The next goal is to "Close the Gap" between Algonquin Park and the Dumoine River Aquatic Reserve.

Protecting this 18 km area in wilderness would strengthen the "Algonquin to Adirondacks Initiative" by extending a continentally significant migratory corridor running from New York state, through eastern Ontario, into the boreal forest of Quebec.

CPAWS-OV is working to ensure the area remains as it is today - wild and free - so that you may continue to hunt, fish, camp, off road and snowmobile in the area while giving species the space they need to maintain healthy populations. For more information visit their website cpaws-ov-co.org.



  
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Deep River & Area Men's Shed launched

The local Men's Shed has officially launched!

After several weeks of planning and site visits, the group has settled on their meeting place - the Mount Martin Ski Club workshop. The group will be taking on small projects to help the ski club prep for next season, starting with the construction of a small landing deck.

New "Shedders" are always welcome. If you're a looking to meet new people, tinker on projects, learn a new skill, or just get out of the house for a while, please join us!

To get in touch, or for more information, email DRAMensShed@gmail.com.

What is a Men's Shed? Originating in Australia, the Men's Sheds movement emerged when it was recognized that retired men, feeling socially isolated and lacking connection and purpose, improved their well-being when they gathered to work on projects together.

Since conception, it has grown to over 3,300 Men's Sheds in more than 15 countries.

Each Shed is unique to their community, but they all share the same aim of improving men's health and well-being by providing a space for social interaction, skill-sharing, and community engagement.

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Here's to the dads who show up, cheer the loudest, work hard for their families, and are always there when it matters most.

Wishing all dads and families across our community a very happy Father's Day filled with appreciation, laughter, and time spent together.

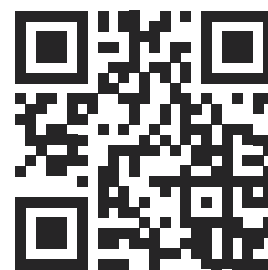
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Friends of Dumoine get funding for heritage project

Friends of the Dumoine River is proud to announce that its project, “Where the River Speaks: The 5,000-Year Story of Akonakwasi Sakik,” has been selected for funding through Digital Museums Canada’s “community stories” program.

The project was chosen from more than 170 proposals submitted nationally through the 2025 competition - one of only a handful selected across Canada.

Administered by the Canadian Museum of History, Digital Museums Canada supports the creation of innovative online heritage experiences that bring communities closer to their histories.

“Where the River Speaks” will explore the extraordinary history of Akonakwasi Sakik — the historic mouth of the Dumoine River where it meets the Ottawa River (Kitchissippi), on the traditional territory of Wolf Lake First Nation.

Drawing on oral histories, archival documents, photographs, maps, artworks, archaeological research, and underwater documentation, the project will trace more than 5,000 years of human presence at this remarkable crossroads.

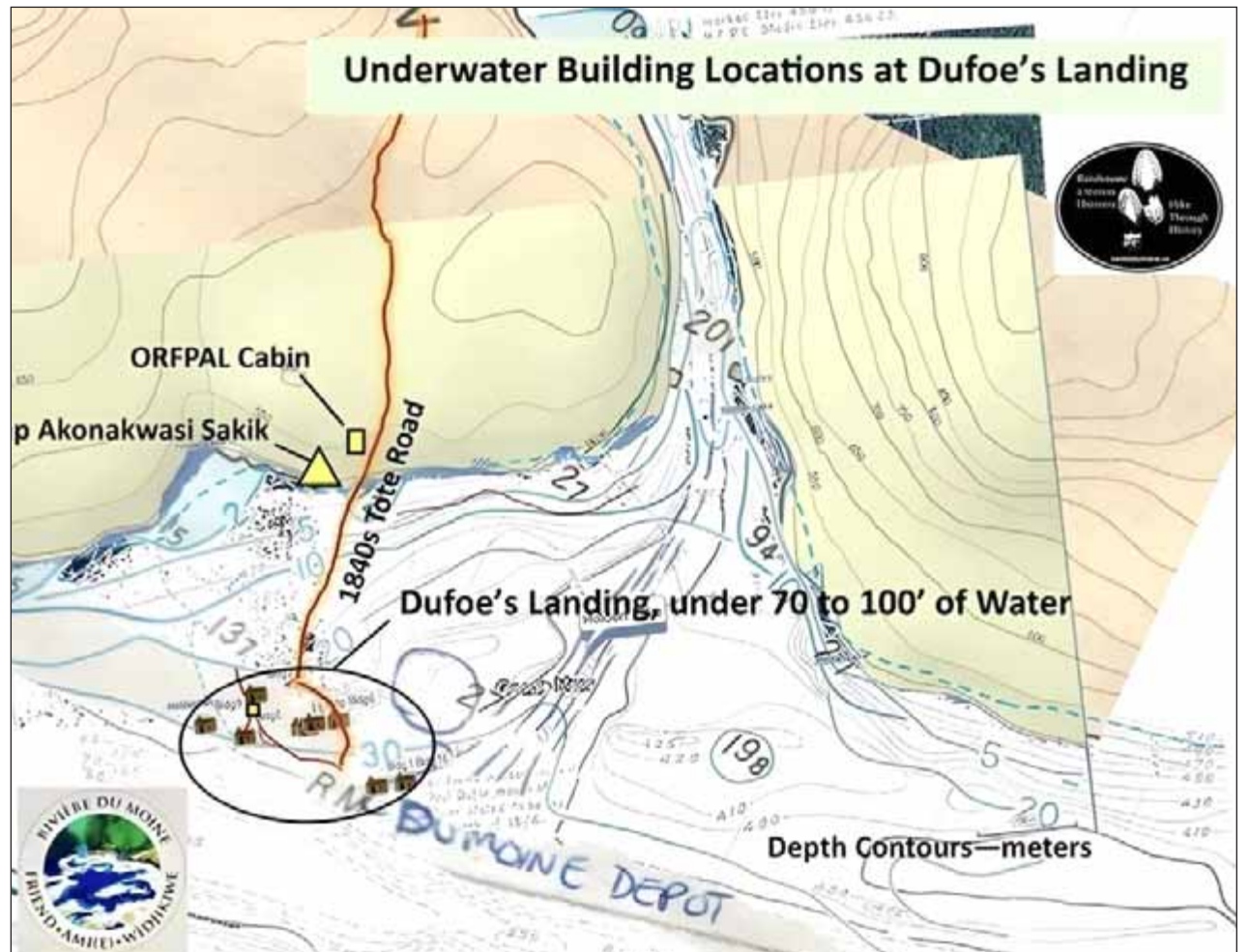
Over the centuries, Akonakwasi Sakik was an Anishinaabe travel route and gathering place, a waypoint for explorers and fur traders, a logging and farming settlement, a ferry landing, a fire ranger station, and ultimately a landscape transformed by hydroelectric development.

Today, much of the original site lies beneath the waters of the Rapides des Joachims reservoir.

The digital exhibition will draw together materials from regional archives, museums, family collections, and community contributors to create an accessible, bilingual online experience for visitors across Canada and beyond.

It builds directly on years of grassroots heritage work by Friends of the Dumoine River volunteers who have reopened historic trails, documented heritage sites, established the Grand Chute Museum, and uncovered a remarkable collection of artifacts and stories.

The project will be developed with contributions from Wolf Lake First Nation members and their families, whose relationships with the Dumoine watershed reach back to time immemorial, alongside a network



of regional contributors and partners, including archives, museums, libraries, researchers, artists, and community volunteers.

SEEKING PARTNERS

Research, interviews, digitization, photography, mapping, and community consultations will begin this summer and continue through 2027 and 2028.

Digital Museums Canada funding represents approximately one-third of the overall project value, with another third contributed through the volunteer time, expertise, and resources of Friends of the Du-

moine River.

The organization is now seeking community partners, businesses, and supporters to help provide the remaining third - whether through financial contributions, in-kind services, or professional expertise.

Friends of the Dumoine River also welcomes anyone who holds photographs, maps, documents, artifacts, or stories connected to the mouth of the Dumoine River to get in touch and share what they know.

Updates will be shared through the Friends of the Dumoine River website (friendsofdumoine.ca) and social media channels as the project takes shape.

Health unit warns of tick risk

With warmer weather, tick activity increases, and the Renfrew County and District Health Unit is warning people who spend time outdoors to take steps to avoid tick bites.

Many parts of Renfrew County and District (RCD) are suitable habitat for blacklegged ticks, also called deer ticks. These ticks can spread Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses to people.

Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne dis-

ease. In 2025, RCD recorded 79 cases of Lyme disease, the highest annual count on record.

The local rate has been above the provincial average every year since 2020, and more than three times the provincial average for the past two years.

The health unit continues to monitor ticks to help identify areas where infected blacklegged ticks are more likely to be found.

The area where these ticks are established has been expanding each year, spreading northwest along the Ottawa River.

Current risk areas include communities along the Ottawa River from Arnprior to Chalk River, as well as Calabogie and Eganville.

An infected blacklegged tick usually needs to be at-

tached for at least 24 hours before it can transmit Lyme disease, so removing a tick promptly reduces your risk.

Signs and symptoms can appear between three and 30 days after a bite from an infected tick and can be different from person to person.

Common symptoms include: an expanding rash, usually at the site of the bite, that may or may not form a bull’s-eye pattern; chills, fever, headache; joint and muscle pain; fatigue.

If you develop these symptoms, see your healthcare provider promptly and let them know you may have been exposed to ticks. Lyme disease can be treated effectively, especially when caught early.

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CELEBRATION OF LIFE

DAGG, Donella

A celebration of life will be held at St. Andrew's United Church, Chalk River on Saturday, June 20 at 10:30 am.

Followed by interment at Forest View Cemetery, Chalk River. Friends are invited to a light lunch at the Chalk River Lions Hall following the interment.

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I was preparing a follow-up article on the situation involving TV producers and the star performer, John Reardon, of the now famed police dog show, “Hudson and Rex,” when some good news came to light, announcing that Reardon was being brought back on track.

This came about following considerable backlash from viewer fans after Reardon (who had been playing the role of Detective Charlie in partnership with Canine Rex and girlfriend Sarah) throughout seven seasons of production).

It was part way through this episode series that Reardon was diagnosed with a form of cancer affecting his tonsils, which required taking time off for

eventual successful treatment.

The show was then revised to have Charlie take leave of absence which enabled him to travel Mexico and parts of South America, both to get away from stress of police work, and to try and locate his brother whom he had not seen for some time.

The big surprise came when Reardon returned with a clean bill of health and ready to resume his star role, when the producers informed him that he was now scrubbed from any part in the new season, citing that Shaftsbury’s top brass could not seem to find a workable pathway for Reardon’s return to the show.

Following resultant backlash on the part of viewers and many acting professionals, Shaftsbury then announced that Reardon could perhaps return in a somewhat of a secondary role.

This did not please viewers or acting teams from other productions, after which producers decided to renew his contract.

Now that he is fully back in a starring role, Reardon thanks his fans and others who got behind him

and successfully pushed production management to bring Reardon back on track.

Producers warn those eager to pursue an acting career that it is likened to getting into professional sport - your entry is on contract in most cases, unlike that of the civil service.

Hudson and Rex production has focused on many parts of the country featuring typical Canadian outdoor scenes, most within Newfoundland, however there have been productions done in parts of north-east Ontario, in which the fall colouring and quiet rural landscapes stand out.

Many a fan question where a particular production was filmed, with the idea of if ever travelling there, stopping to explore and stand on the site of a particular episode.

With Season 8 production and filming due to get underway within the next few weeks, we look forward to Reardon’s return, and thank those who launched petitions to convince producers to bring him back.

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Police to give “positive” tickets

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While on patrol, officers will be armed with \$5 gift cards donated by Tim Hortons, coupons for a slice of pizza donated by Godfather’s Pizza, and additional gift cards donated by the DR Police Association.

The positive ticketing program is a community-based initiative where local police reward youth, citizens and drivers for good deeds or safe behaviour, such as wearing a bike helmet, not riding on the sidewalk, picking up litter, coming to a complete stop

at stop signs, etc.

The program provides police officers with valuable opportunities to engage with members of the community in a positive and meaningful way.

Ira Bergeron, 10, was the first recipient of a gift card from Tim Hortons. Ira was observed riding his bike in the proper lane and coming to a complete stop at a stop sign, all while wearing his helmet.

Acting Chief Andrew Gagné presented the card. Also present were Constable Joey Wood from the Deep River Police Association and Christa Beauchesne from Tim Hortons. (Missing was Chantale Lussier representing Godfather’s Pizza.)

STRAWBERRY TEA

Save the date: the School House Museum’s Strawberry Tea is back!

The School House Museum is pleased to welcome visitors back to one of its most popular summer traditions, the annual Strawberry Tea on Sunday, June 28, from 12 to 3 pm.

Located at 35753 Highway 17, Laurentian Hills, approximately 10 km west of Deep River, the event offers residents and visitors the opportunity to enjoy delicious strawberry shortcake, tea, music, and fellowship in a historic setting.

John MacDonald and Bob Christie will provide live music, adding to the relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

Historical Society



The Strawberry Tea is a long-standing community favourite and serves as a fundraiser for the Rolph, Buchanan, Wylie and McKay Historical Society, which operates the School House Museum.

Proceeds from the event help support the preservation and interpretation of local history and heritage throughout the Upper Ottawa Valley.

Organizers invite families, friends, history enthusiasts, and visitors to spend a lively summer afternoon enjoying homemade treats in the unique charm of one of the area’s treasured heritage sites. We look forward to seeing you on June 28!

For more information, contact the School House Museum or visit its social pages.

PATIO OPENING

• For all the folks who did not go to the patio opening Saturday, it was great with a capital G.

It all started with Megan playing the violin - she got a little sweaty in the heat but played tremendously for us. Then “the band with no name” came on and played till about 10 pm.

There was terrific food and there were people playing cornhole - some even hit the boards (lol).

• Speaking of the patio we are hoping that some clubs/ sports teams etc, would like to book it for fundraising - we will provide the BBQ, you provide the food and raise money for your organization. Contact the legion for booking information or Donna.

Royal Cdn. Legion Branch 436, Deep River



• We have a new order form going for cheese from Maple Dale - it is behind the bar. The sooner it gets filled up, the sooner we can

order it in.

• Coming events: June 25 Karaoke, June 27 DRDH “Run for Home.”

July 1 there will be a beer tent on the campus area, next to the food tent. July 9, BBQ put on by Pierre to celebrate Inuit Day, July 11, Boozefighters poker run starts and ends at the Deep River Legion.

• We are in the planning stages of a progressive snooker tournament in September. Stay tuned for more information.

• Cornhole has been canceled for the summer - we will be back in September. Fun darts, Euchre and Open Mic are ongoing.



Logan Buske was one of the many happy “customers” who turned out Sunday for a special pre-Father’s Day event hosted by Deep River Canadian Tire and the local Horticultural Society. Participants were invited to make a planter or paint bird houses or feeders for Dad. All proceeds from the event will go to Canadian Tire’s Jumpstart program to support local kids getting active in sports and recreation.

Photo: Terry Myers

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