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# Young children hard hit by flu this year

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She noted that Australia reported a comparable effectiveness rating using the same formulation during its recent flu season.

An effectiveness of about 70 per cent means that getting inoculated would have prevented seven out of 10 cases of influenza in unvaccinated people had they chosen to get the shot, explained Skowronski, an influenza expert at the BCCDC.

'So that's a really important reduction in risk, especially for people with underlying medical conditions, who are facing a greater threat of serious complications if infected by influenza," she said from Vancouver. "They could have reduced that risk by 70 per cent."

By age group, the vaccine was found to have a 91 per cent effectiveness rate in children aged one to eight; 71 per cent in those aged nine to 19; 68 per cent on average in adults 20 to 64; and 65 per cent in those 65 and older.

With H1N1 dominating, young children have been especially hard hit by the flu this year - likely because they've had little or no previous exposure to that viral strain and therefore have not built up any natural immunity. The last three H1N1 epidemics occurred in 2015-16, 2013-14 and 2009, when some of today's children would not have been born.

As of Jan. 12, more than 600 children aged 16 and under had been hospitalized, with 93 of them ending up in intensive care and at least seven – all under age 10 — dying from complications of the flu, says the Public Health Agency of Canada

(PHAC). The death of a three-year-old Quebec girl last week would not have been captured in that report.

Skowronski said children have been disproportionately affected by influenza this year, with kids under age nine making up 28 per cent of the 661 cases analyzed for vaccine effectiveness, even though children comprise only about 10 per cent of the country's population.

'So that's why I think we're seeing this year more younger people represented in the tallies of hospitalizations with H1N1," she said. "It's not that the virus is more virulent. We're having higher attack rates in younger children.

'When you have more infected, more attack rates, and the same proportion experiencing serious out-

# **Studies** aim to support **Truth report**

THE CHRONICLE-JOURNAL

Researchers at Lakehead University are receiving over \$140,000 in grant money to fund studies that promise to have a profound impact on relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

The \$144,601, split between three projects, comes from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Indigenous Research Capacity and Reconciliation Connection Grants that are meant to implement calls for action from the Truth and Reconciliation Report.

Martha Dowsley, associate professor in geography and the environment, as well as anthropology, is receiving \$50,000 to help create video research stories about Lac Seul First Nation in Northwestern Ontario.

Guided by elders, youths will interpret research data collected in 2017 with support from Lac Seul and Lakehead University mentors.

The data includes interviews in English and Anishinaabemowin, family and archival photos and archeological maps, artifacts and drone photogrammetry related to community history and the annual flooding of their traditional territory that began in 1929 when Ontario Hydro created a hydro-electric reser-

The video projects will be presented in Lac Seul First Nation, Thunder Bay and an academic conference.

Receiving \$49,935, Rhonda Koster, director of outdoor recreation, parks and tourism, is working on a new way of engaging in research and consultations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples when it comes to resource-based tourism.

Working with results from a roundtable event in Manitoulin Island, a collaborative model was created that addresses the duty of resource-based industries, such as forestry or fly-in fishing resorts, to consult with Indigenous people within their worldview of having relationships with all aspects of the

With the help of \$44,666 from the grant, Ruth Beatty, associate professor in the faculty of education, is organizing an Indigenous mathematics conference at Lakehead's Orillia campus from May 3-5.

Beatty's research has found that making connections between math instruction and Indigenous culture positively impacts on students learning math.

The conference, Wiidookaadying Gikinoomaagewin: Gindaaswin Kendaaswin - Relationships and Reciprocity: Indigenous Education and Mathematics Conference, will provide an opportunity for participants to contribute to a national dialogue on Indigenous research capacity and reconciliation in education.

comes, the absolute tally of serious outcomes will be higher."

On its weekly FluWatch website, PHAC said there were 20,494 laboratory-confirmed influenza cases reported by the provinces and territories as of Jan. 12, most of them caused by H1N1 and most affecting those under age 65.

More than 1,500 resulted in hospitalization, including 227 ICU admissions and 47 deaths.

PHAC collects data only on laboratory-confirmed cases of people who were tested after seeking medical attention. The actual number of Canadians who contracted influenza without seeing a health-care provider would be many times higher.

The vaccine effectiveness analysis was conducted by researchers with the Canadian Sentinel Practitioner Surveillance Network, headquartered at the BCCDC. The network includes hundreds of primary-care practitioners in B.C., Alberta, Ontario and Quebec, who gather positive test results for flu and vaccination status of infected patients seen on an out-patient basis. Those treated in hospital are not included in the data.

Skowronski said there has been a lot of regional variation in the timing and intensity of the influenza epidemic across the country. Alberta and B.C., for instance, started seeing cases early in the season, while areas in Eastern Canada were hit later and may not have reached their peak.

"We're past the peak here and we're on the downslope," she said of B.C. "But even on the downslope of the epidemic curve, there will be activity for several more weeks.'



The season's flu vaccine is 72 per cent effective in preventing infection with the H1N1 respiratory virus.

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# Navy ok with one support ship

LEE BERTHIAUME

THE CANADIAN PRESS

OTTAWA — Canada's top sailor says he is currently "comfortable" with having only one temporary support ship in the water, as the Trudeau government faces pressure from Quebec and opposition parties to lease a second such vessel.

The federal government awarded Quebec-based Davie Shipbuilding a \$700-million contract to convert a civilian container ship into a temporary supply vessel and lease it to the navy for at least five years.

The deal, negotiated by the Harper Conservatives and finalized by the Trudeau Liberals, was intended to address a serious gap in the navy's ability to conduct overseas missions after retiring its previous two support ships in 2015.

Davie delivered the MV Asterix to the navy last year; the vessel recently returned from a six-month deployment around Asia and the Pacific and is currently docked near Victoria in preparation for a second tour.

The Quebec government, Davie and federal opposition parties have since stepped up pressure on Ottawa to move ahead on a contract for a second temporary ship to address the navy's needs and support local workers.

But in an interview, Royal Canadian Navy commander Vice-Admiral Ron Lloyd indicated that he did not currently believe the MV Obelix, which Davie is offering to convert and lease for \$500 million, is needed.

"If you're asking me in terms of where we find ourselves as a navy, am I comfortable with one interim (support ship)?" Lloyd said. "I'm comfortable."

That comfort, he said, is based on when officials expect to receive two permanent support ships that are being built in Vancouver. The latest schedule calls for the first joint support ship, as the permanent vessels are known, to be delivered in 2022-23.

"Right now, the Asterix is delivering on our requirement predicated on the timelines for the joint support ship."

The Trudeau government last year approved a plan to start cutting some steel on the joint support ships ahead of schedule as Seaspan's Vancouver Shipyards waited for the Canadian Coast Guard to finish design work on a science vessel.

The Defence Department's procurement chief, Patrick Finn, said in a separate interview that things have progressed further than anticipated as the front half of the first joint support ship is nearing completion.

That, combined with many of the lessons learned over the past number of years, have led officials to have a high degree of confidence that the first vessel will be ready by early or summer 2023, Finn said.

That confidence wasn't shared Thursday by Davie and the union representing its workers, however, both of which noted that the joint support ships have experienced numerous delays over the years.

Construction on the first ship was supposed to start in 2016, with delivery this year, but that schedule

# Reported mobster shot dead in Montreal

MONTREAL — Tony Magi, a businessman with reported links to organized crime in Montreal, has been shot dead, according to multiple media reports.

Police said they received a call shortly before noon today about an unconscious man lying on the ground at the entry to a garage in west-end Montreal.

Officers who arrived on the scene found the man suffering from at least one gunshot wound. Police say the victim, a man in his 50s, died in hospital. No arrests have been made.

Magi was known to police and survived an assassination attempt in 2008. He was also kidnapped in 2005. Both of those crimes are unsolved. His wife was also shot at while she was driving near the family home in 2011. She was unharmed.

The Canadian Press

has changed several times even as the cost for the project has grown to \$3.4 billion from an initial budget of \$2.3 billion.

"The track record of the (national shipbuilding) strategy is abysmal," said Davie spokesman Frederik Boisvert. "It's failure after failure after failure. Nobody right now can guarantee the timeline."

Boisvert went on to reference a Senate report released in 2017, in which members of the red chamber wrote that "military commanders should not serve as cheerleaders for the government."

The federal government agreed last year to purchase three secondhand icebreakers from Davie for the coast guard and has tapped it to do maintenance work on three of the navy's frigates starting in 2021

But Boisvert said the shipyard is nonetheless down to roughly 200 workers from a high of more than 1,000 when Asterix was being converted, and that the Obelix contract would support hundreds more jobs.

Davie isn't the only one to have raised the issue; one of the Quebec legislature's last acts before rising for Christmas was the unanimous adoption of a resolution asking Ottawa to award a contract for the Obelix.

In the meantime, Ann Gingras, regional president for the union representing Davie workers, says while some of her members are being recruited by other shipyards, many are without work as they wait for Ottawa to act.

Asked whether the federal Liberals could pay a price in Quebec if more work doesn't head Davie's way, Gingras said: "I have no idea. But I know that the people are greatly disappointed because they had high expectations of the Liberal government."



SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Royal Canadian Navy Vice-Admiral Ron Lloyd poses for a photo at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa.

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# Canadian Rangers play a crucial role in fire crisis

Peter Moon Special to Wawatay News

Canadian Rangers from nine Indigenous communities from across the Far North of Ontario have played a crucial role in an isolated First Nation after five people died in a house fire in the remote fly-in community.

Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, often referred to as KI, declared an emergency after the fire on May 2 killed a foster mother, her six-year-old biological daughter, and three foster children aged seven, nine, and 12. The Oji-Creecommunity is 600 kilometers north of Thunder Bay and has a population of about 1,400.

"It was an event that shook our community," said Chief Donny Morris. There were fears that the deaths would lead to suicides and social instability. "We did not have the resources to deal with it.'

The First Nation asked for help from the Canadian Army, which authorized the use of Canadian Rangers, who are part-time army reservists, to help the stricken community. Part of the Ranger uniform is a distinctive red sweater.

"The Ranger red sweater is highly respected in Northern Ontario," Chief Morris said, "and it meant a lot to have those red sweaters patrolling and being involved in our Community Centre, at the grave site, and doing regular briefings here in the Band office. Their presence has helped stabilize the community. They stopped two feared suicide attempts. We had a community feast to thank and honour them.'

Members of the local Ranger patrol were quickly augmented by Rangers who flew to KI from Bearskin Lake, Cat Lake, Fort Severn, Lac Seul, Peawanuck, Pikangikum, and Wapekeka.

Master Corporal Orion McKay, a member of the KI Ranger patrol, said the deaths affected the whole community. "We've never experienced anything like this," he said. "It was hard on everybody. The deaths affected four families and a lot of friends. Everyone knew them. I've had friends who have committed suicide and we feared there would be more suicides. People come up to us, the Rangers, and say thank you for being here to help us."

Master Corporal McKay, who runs the Junior Canadian Ranger program in KI, organized a series of activities, such as archery, learning on-the-land skills, and overnight camps, to keep the local youth occupied.

A number of Canadian Army Ranger instructors flew into KI and their presence in army combat uniforms also helped steady the community, Chief Morris said.

Things were chaotic when I arrived," said Warrant Officer Carl Wolfe, a Ranger instructor. "We wanted to create a sense of calm by being visible. The Rangers wore high-visibility vests that said Ranger on them. They went around and talked to the kids and to people who might need help. They walked every street in KI. We made sure we always had a presence in areas of significance.

Some of the Rangers who flew to KI to help were new and inexperienced Rangers, he said, "but their drive, motivation, their determination, and their want to contribute to the greater good of this community helped immensely."

Thirty six family members flew from KI to Sioux Lookout for a memorial service. They were supported for their two days in Sioux Lookout by members of the nearby Mishkeegogamang First Nation Ranger patrol who provided transportation, help with their luggage, and provided whatever other help they could give.

When the remains of the five dead from the fire were flown back to KI after autopsies the Rangers provided a guard of honour at the KI airport.

The Rangers bring their training and their great cultural understanding into an operation like this one in KI.' said Lieutenant-Colonel Matthew Richardson, who commands the Rangers in Northern Ontario. "It demonstrates again that they are an indispensable community organization in the

evacuate "We helped Kashechewan First Nation recently when it was threatened with flooding. We have been busy this year with search and rescue operations. Since the beginning of 2015 we have rescued more than 100 people in searches. The Rangers do a great job whenever they are called on to provide help and that's what they have done and are still doing in KI."

(Sergeant Peter Moon is the public affairs ranger for the 3rd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group at Canadian Forces Base Borden.)

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# Schools recommended to integrate mental health into operations

BY NICOLE THOMPSON THE CANADIAN PRESS

TORONTO —The Mental Health Commission of Canada is recommending that colleges and universities integrate student well-being into every aspect of schools' operations.

The commission, which gets its mandate from the federal government, makes the recommendation in a review draft of mental health standards for Canadian post-secondary institutions.

The document, posted online last month and up for public review until November, is part of the commission's efforts to address what it describes as a "burgeoning need" for access to mental-health care on campus.

The voluntary guidelines suggest factoring mental well-being into the "whole institutional environment," with systems in place to ensure students have the support they need.

Sandra Koppert, director of programs and priorities for the commission, says specifics are deliberately scarce in the guidelines.

She says that makes the standard applicable to vastly different schools with varying needs.

"We know that every institution is already doing so much, but how can they learn from each other moving forward?" she said.

The voluntary standards say institutions that sign on to them must "establish and maintain an action plan" that they will update as more information becomes available.

The standard also encourages schools to intervene early in potential mental health crises.

"Post-secondary institutions shall use a variety of methods to identify students whose psychological health and safety may be at risk and to reach out to students in need," it reads. "Early recognition requires the attention of all members of the campus community to not only recognize students in distress, but to be aware of early warning signs that students may be struggling."

To accomplish that, schools should educate students and staff about mental well-being, the draft says.

The guidelines, which were created with the CSA Group certification body and input from various stakeholders, are just one piece of the commission's campaign to better address mental health on Canadian campus-

It's also helped to launch an online training program for students that's been picked up by 29 post-secondary institutions.

Earlier this year, about 55,000 students across 58 post-secondary schools responded to a survey that indicated more than 60 per cent of them were dealing with above average or "tremendous" stress levels.

The National College Health Assessment also found that 23 per cent of respondents had been diagnosed with anxiety, and 19 per cent had a depression diagnosis.

Those numbers were up from 2013. when 38,000 students from 32 schools were surveyed; at that time, 12.3 per cent of students had an anxiety diagnosis, and 10 per cent had been diagnosed with depression.

## **London mayor calls out** sexism, misogyny on display at street party

THE CANADIAN PRESS

LONDON, Ont. — The mayor of London, Ont., took to Twitter on Tuesday to call out vulgar messages that were on display at a massive unsanctioned homecoming party for Western University students over the weekend.

In a series of tweets, Mayor Ed Holder took aim at what his office said were offensive and misogynistic messages written on bed sheets that hung from the porches of several

Holder said the spray-painted messages — which included "If your girl goes to Western, she's not your girl anymore" - were examples of "sexism, misogyny, and rape culture on full display.

"We will not allow young women — be they students, fac-

ulty or otherwise — to be disrespected," Holder wrote.
"And we will not allow London to be used as a door-mat, nor a poster-child for the ignorant messaging that was on display over the weekend."

A spokesman for the mayor's office said they've had conversations with Western University, which it is also con-

cerned about the messages. Western University President Alan Shepard said it was "upsetting" to see the banners at the party, which he said

showed disrespect for women. "Casual misogyny is always corrosive," Shepard said in a

"As a community we must continue to reflect on some inherent problems with this event." Police say approximately 25,000 people attended the street party, which takes place annually and is known as "FoCo," or Fake Homecoming, among Western students.

For the past several years, the school's sanctioned homecoming event is held on a late-October weekend rather than earlier in the fall. The street event is put on by students a neighbourhood with many rental properties.

Police made 13 arrests, laid 10 public nuisance charges and issued more than 2,000 warnings during this year's par-

# Mentally ill killer of five people can be eased into community

**BY BOB WEBER** 

THE CANADIAN PRESS

EDMONTON — A review board has ruled that a mentally ill man found not criminally responsible after killing five young people at a house party can be eased back into the community under strict con-

But the Alberta Review Board says Matthew de Grood of Calgary remains a potential danger and must be monitored by experts.

"De Grood is a significant threat to the safety of the public and this may continue some time into the future," the board said in a written decision released Tuesday.

It spells out a series of privileges that de Grood may enjoy, subject to increasing levels of oversight.

With the approval of his doctors, he will be able to leave Alberta Hospital in Edmonton for supervised outings in the city, where his parents now live. Depending on de Grood's progress, they may also approve unsupervised city day passes.

With the approval of higher authorities at Alberta Hospital, de Grood could be granted supervised passes for up to three days in Edmonton. Those authorities could also OK travel in Alberta for up to a week, as long as he was with a responsible adult and received prior approval.

De Grood's doctors could authorize stays in Edmonton for up to one week for the sole purpose to help him transition into a supervised group home. Any final move would have to be approved at higher levels. The board writes that decision could come "in the very near fu-

The easing of restrictions was supported by the Crown, de Grood's treatment team and de Grood him-

In 2016, a trial heard that the 22year-old believed that the devil was talking to him and that a war signalling the end of the world was about to begin when he arrived at the Calgary house party, which was being held to mark the end of the school year.

He killed Zackariah Rathwell, 21; Jordan Segura, 22; Kaitlin Perras, 23; Josh Hunter, 23; and Lawrence Hong, 27.

He was found to be suffering from schizophrenic delusions at the time and was not held criminally respon-

The review board decided last year that de Grood, with his mental illness in remission, could be transferred from a secure psychiatric hospital in Calgary to Alberta Hospital in Edmonton.

"Any expansion of privileges will occur at a very slow pace and close supervision is warranted," said the board's decision.

The board is of the view that significantly more time is required to evaluate and test the potential for relapse.

The decision quotes from a report by Santoch Rai, the psychiatrist in charge of de Grood's treat-"Should he relapse and reoffend.

. . the violence is likely to be unexpected, rapid, extreme and with multiple victims." At the hearing, families of his

victims said their suffering continues as de Grood gains more freedoms. They objected to government-

funded support and treatment he receives while they get nothing to help them with their own trauma. 'The family members of the victims are in considerable pain," the

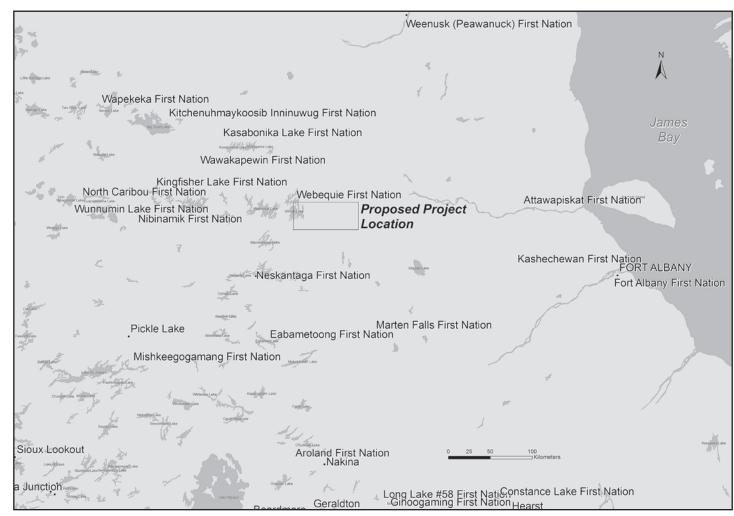
board wrote. "For most, the process of attending hearings annually serves as a

painful reminder." Greg Perras, father of Kaitlin, said the families will continue to lobby to remove the possibility of an absolute discharge after any verdict of not criminally responsible.

De Grood's condition and the rules of his confinement are to continue to be assessed annually.

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### Wednesday, October 9, 2019

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Regency Room B Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre 555 Arthur Street West, Thunder Bay

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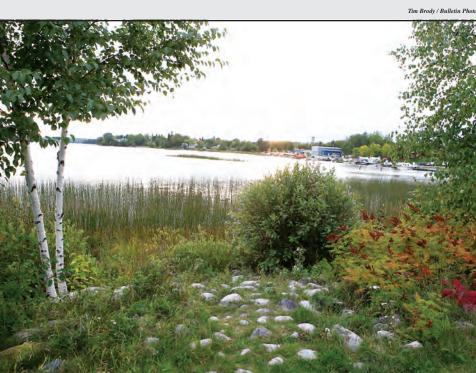






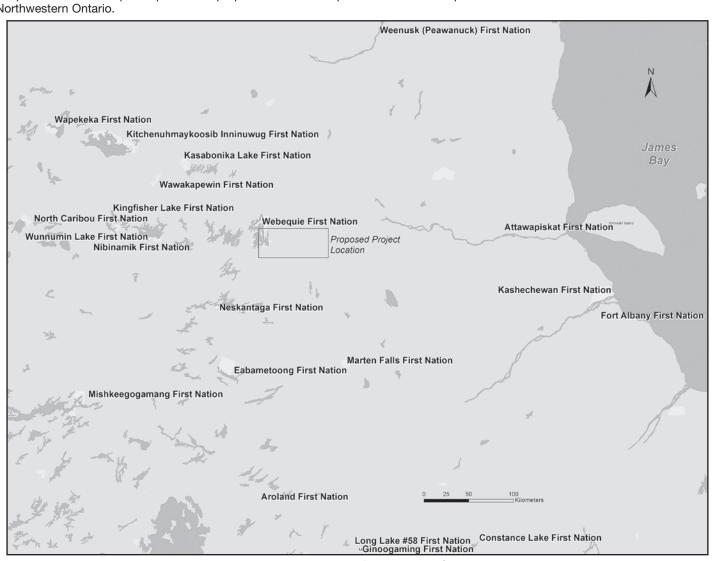


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# Conservatives win majority in Manitoba

THE CANADIAN PRESS

WINNIPEG — Brian Pallister and his Progressive Conservatives have won a renewed majority from Manitoba voters to continue a program of cost-cutting and tax reductions.

The Tories were projected to capture 30-plus seats in the 57seat legislature in the election Tuesday.

But they appeared hardpressed to match the 40 seats they won in 2016, which was the largest majority in a century in Manitoba and ended 17 years of NDP government.

Pallister himself was declared the winner in his Winnipeg constituency of Fort Whyte.

The New Democrats were on track to improve on the 14 seats won in 2016 and remain as the Official Opposition. They were winning back some of the core support that abandoned them in the election three years ago. Leader Wab Kinew won his seat in Fort Rouge.

Liberal Leader Dougald Lamont won in his Winnipeg constituency of St. Boniface but his party was struggling to retain the four seats it had at dissolution.

Four is the minimum number needed

for official party status, which carries with it extra funding for caucus staff, some allotted committee spaces and time in question period.

The Liberals ran on boosting public spending by \$1.4 billion or more annually, mainly to aid health care and ed-

ucation.

Lamont, speaking to supporters, said he was proud of his team running a positive campaign that pushed critical issues to the forefront. But he said politics is ultimately an unforgiving "blood sport."

"You can put everything you have into something. You can deliver the best work of your life, and sometimes it's still not

enough. And that's life. And that's politics," he said.

"We will continue to build."

**Brian Pallister** 

Both Lamont and Kinew will face mandatory party leadership reviews. The Green Party of Manitoba was shut

out once again in its bid for its first seat. Party leader James Beddome ran and lost against Kinew in Fort Rouge - his fifth attempt at a seat.

Almost all of Pallister's cabinet ministers at dissolution were re-elected, including Finance Minister Scott Fielding, Health Minister Cameron Friesen and Justice Minister Cliff Cullen.

The election broke new ground for diver-

Manitoba has never had a black MLA but that changed Tuesday when the NDP's Uzoma Asagwara won.

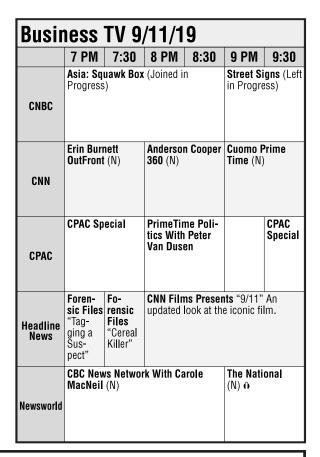
The campaign was a calculated gamble for Pallister, who called the election more than a year ahead of the scheduled voting

It was a four-week summertime fight that offered few surprises and saw Pallister run a front-runner's campaign.

He participated in only one leaders debate and most of his campaign promises were small additions to measures taken in his first term.

The focus was on health care and money. Pallister reduced the provincial sales tax by one point to seven per cent and fulfilled an election promise to reduce annual deficits, but his fiscal restraint has stirred up controversy.

Subsidies for everything from public housing to sleep apnea machines to physiotherapy have been cut. Three hospital emergency departments in Winnipeg have been downgraded and no longer handle life-threatening cases such as heart at-





THE CANADIAN PRESS

Members of the 4 Engineer **Support Regiment from Camp** Gagetown assist in the cleanup

## Storm blamed for cellphone service failure

THE CANADIAN PRESS

HALIFAX — Federal Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale says he's heard from residents in the Maritimes livid about losing cellphone service after post-tropical storm Dorian swept through the region, causing widespread power outages and property damage.

Speaking Tuesday from a slightly damaged government wharf in Herring Cove, N.S., Goodale pledged financial support through disaster assistance programs, but he also made a point of urging fed-up cellphone users to take action, saying he's heard about their frustration "loud and clear."

"For those who have been affected by what they consider to be faulty or deficient telephone services, they . . . should make their concerns known to the . . . regulatory authority," Goodale said, referring to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission.

They need to know if customers believe the response to the emergency was not at the level they have a right to expect  $\ldots$  . Make sure you make that concern known to the

Goodale said cellphones have become essential tools for Canadians. "It's not just a frill that's nice to have," he said, adding that infrastructure across the country must be built to withstand the intense weather and "abnormal circumstances' caused by climate change.

Many Nova Scotia residents have come forward to complain about spotty cell service in the aftermath of the storm, with some saying they were left with no way to call for help or seek critical information.

Various wireless providers have confirmed they dispatched crews to repair damaged cell towers, but company officials have also reminded users that most cellphone towers have limited backup electricity, leaving them vulnerable to failure dur-

ing extended power outages. Telus issued a statement that it has been working around the clock with its infrastructure partner to restore service to its customers and won't charge people for some fees due to the storm.

"We apologize for the inconvenience and thank our customers for their patience and understanding,' Steve Beisswanger, a spokesman, said in an email.

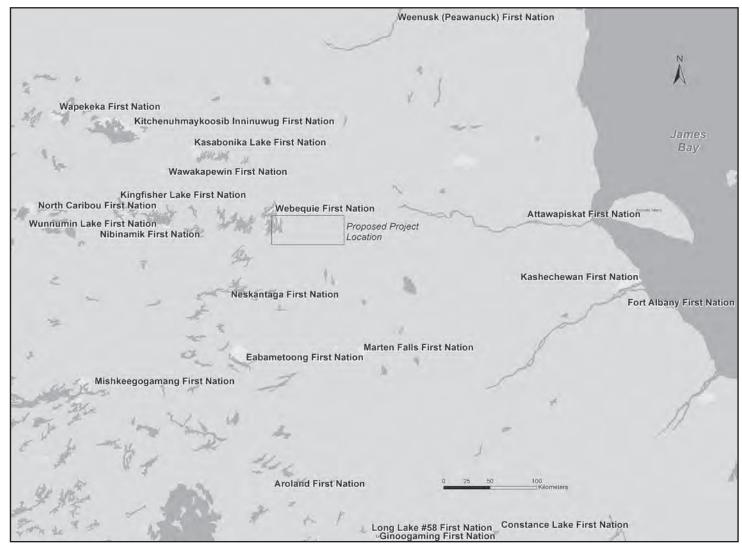
To support our customers during this challenging time we are proactively waiving all domestic voice, text and data overage fees incurred between Saturday, Sept. 7 and Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019, for customers in affected areas."

Dorian pulled down power lines across the region. In Nova Scotia, outages were reported from one end of the province to the other, leaving more than 400,000 Nova Scotia Power customers — 80 per cent of the homes and businesses in the province — in the dark at the height of the storm.

If nothing else, the wave of complaints confirms how reliant people have become on their smartphones and fibre optic telecommunications gear that can also fail when the lights go out and backup batteries

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# Make broadband essential: Rural leaders

SHAWN JEFFORDS

TORONTO High-speed internet should be declared an essential service to ensure all Ontarians can enjoy the benefits of the digital economy, says the head of a group representing rural communities.

Allan Thompson, the chairman of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, said broadband services should be treated the same as the provision of clean water, electricity, health care, education and postal services.

Making the service mandatory will bolster economic development and ensure kilometres of fibre optic cables already buried across the province by telecommunications and other private companies could be accessed for public use, said Thompson, who also serves as the mayor of Caledon, Ont.

"There are owners of a lot of fibre that's sitting dark," he said. "Until the province makes it an essential service it's going to be extremely difficult to have reliable and affordable internet connectivity."

Municipalities across Ontario have been grappling with the challenge of providing access to high speed internet and cellular service for over a decade.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission has said that by the end of 2021 it wants 90 per cent of Canadian homes and businesses to have access to broadband speeds of at least 50 MBps for downloads and 10 MBps for uploads.

In Ontario, an estimated 12 per cent of the residents cannot access those broadband service speeds.

Thompson said dial-up or slow internet speeds are stifling job creation and hurting the rural economy which impacts the entire province. Talented workers and businesses are moving to larger urban centres.

Setting up the right conditions for workers and businesses to relocate to rural Ontario will help lessen the burden on the province's cities, he said.

"If you want to reduce gridlock on roads, allow people to work from home," he said. "It'll be far cheaper and far quicker to put fibre in the ground than to build rail service or highways."

Both the federal government and province say they are committing millions of dollars to municipal-led efforts to expand broadband and cell connectivity.

A spokeswoman for Infrastructure Canada said under a bilateral agreement with the province, Ontario will receive \$250 million in funding for rural and northern community infrastructure projects including broadband infrastructure.

"The Government of Canada is committed to working with our provincial and territorial partners to ensure that our infrastructure investments are benefiting communities across the country,"

Lama Khodr said in a statement. Ontario has committed \$315 million over the next five years for broadband and cellular expansion, said a spokeswoman for In-

frastructure Minister Laurie Scott. 'We intend to work closely with all levels of government, including rural, northern and First Nations communities, and the private sector to leverage funding and innovative solutions which can improve access to broadband and cellular access for up to 220,000 households and businesses," Jill Priest said in a statement.

Last week, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau held a roundtable with small business owners in Owen Sound, Ont., where he stressed that the federal government is trying to solve the problem but it will take time.

 $Several\,round table\,participants$ told The Canadian Press that during the closed-door session Trudeau was critical of the Ontario government, blaming the province for holding up spending on broadband expansion projects.

Thompson said the rocky relationship between the federal and provincial governments is impeding progress. He believes rural broadband services will be a federal election issue.

"At the end of the day it's the communities, it's taxpayers that are suffering here," he said, urging the governments to work together.

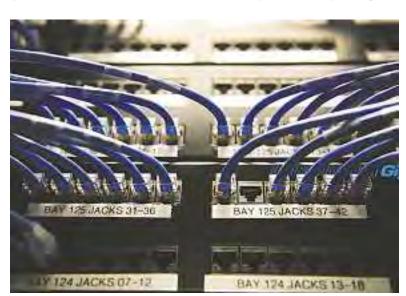
Owen Sound Chamber of Commerce CEO Peter Reesor said businesses in the community are struggling to compete and some have chosen to move closer to urban centres to access services.

"You can go five kilometres outside of Owen Sound and have no access to a cell signal," he said. "That's a huge impact on business, particularly if you're trying to work from home."

The president of a stone quarry near Owen Sound said his business is challenged daily because of the slow internet speeds.

Andrew Negus said his clients, architectural firms in Toronto, send large files through email to his company and slow internet speeds hurt their ability to do business.

We spend half a day to downloading them on our end," he said. "Some of these are very time sensitive quote opportunities. We have a day or two to get a price in ... it puts us at a disadvantage." The Canadian Press



The Rural Ontario Municipal Association is calling on the provincial government to make high-speed internet an essential service. The group says rural businesses are missing out on potential opportunities. CP FILES

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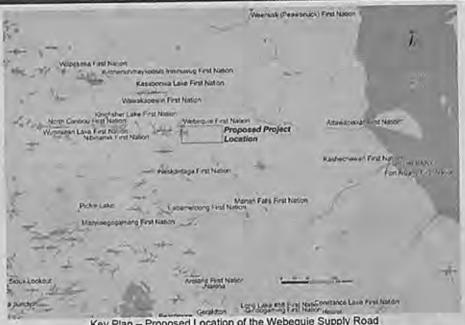
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# NOTICE OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEW

Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment



Webequie First Nation (WFN) is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) study under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act for the Webequie Supply Road Project, a proposed all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials. supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario.



Key Plan - Proposed Location of the Webequie Supply Road

#### The Process

As part of the planning process, WFN has prepared a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EA. The draft ToR provides WFN's framework and work plan for addressing Environmental Assessment Act requirements when preparing the EA, including an outline of the studies, evaluation of alternatives to be considered, and consultation activities that will be carried out. WFN plans to submit the final version of the ToR for review and a decision to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks in Fall 2019 and is seeking input from interested parties to finalize the document prior to the final submission. WFN will consider input received in preparing the final version of the ToR that will be submitted to the Ministry.

#### Consultation

Beginning September 16, 2019, the draft Terms of Reference will be available for review and comment for a 30-day period at: http://www.supplyroad.ca.

You may also inspect the draft Terms of Reference during normal business hours at the following locations:

City of Thunder Bay Municipal Office

500 Donald Street East Thunder Bay, ON Tel: 807-625-2230 Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Timmins Municipal Office 220 Algonquin Boulevard East Timmins ON

Sloux Lookout Municipal Office

25 Fifth Avenue Sioux Lookout, ON Tel: 807-737-2700 Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Pickle Lake Municipal Office 2 Anne Street Pickle Lake, ON

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Thunder Bay District Office 435 James Street South, Suite 331 Thunder Bay, ON Tel: 807-475-1205/1-800-875-7772 Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

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# Education

# Oshki nursing grads celebrated in pinning ceremony

Rick Garrick Wawatay News

Oshki-Pimache-O-Win: The Wenjack Education Institute held a pinning ceremony on Sept. 11 to celebrate the first graduating class of 11 Practical Nursing students.

"It's exciting - I've always wanted to be a nurse for a long time," says Martine Kanakakeesic, a graduate from Weagamow who had previously enrolled in a college nursing program but was unsuccessful due to the death of her father. "But then Oshki had just started in January and they accepted me to continue on with them, so I'm very fortunate for Oshki and happy that I am graduating. It was a small group and there was lots of support from everyone, including the staff. We grew together as a family and there's just lots of love and support there."

Delphine Yellowhead, a graduate from Nibinamik, delivered the valedictorian address at the pinning ceremony, which was held at the Best Western Plus Nor'Wester Hotel and Confer-

ence Centre near Thunder Bay. "We are all here for one roncon to celebrate and

always supported each other when times were difficult. Some days we just wanted to quit and go home, but we staved strong and continued to study, we never gave up."

The nine other graduates were: Anita Ball, from Gorham; Clarissa Baxter, from Marten Falls; Jacqueline Beardy, from Sachigo Lake; Sarah Begg, from Kasabonika; Janet Kayongo, from Thunder Bay; Minsoo Kim, from Thunder Bay; Star Quequish, from Cat Lake; Shannon Mamakwa, from Kingfisher Lake; and Lovena Tait, from Sachigo Lake.

"It's a very special day," Beardy says. "All the hard work that everyone put into it, we're finally done, so it's a very good feeling."

Beardy says the blended program delivery provided by Oshki-Pimache-O-Win, which included online classes at home and labs, clinicals and other classes in Thunder Bay, worked for her.

"The way it was run made it possible for me to finish my Practical Nursing," Beardy says. "There is a lot of support (at Oshki-Pimache-O-Win), there are staff that are more than happy to help you if you have Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. 135 St. Clair Avenue West

Greenstone Municipal Office

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Tel: 807-854-1100 Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

1ST Floor Toronto, ON

416-314-8001/1-800-461-6290 Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Please submit your comments on the draft Terms of Reference to the contacts below or on the Webequie Supply Road website (http://www.supplyroad.ca) by October 16, 2019.

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acknowledge that our long journey has come to an end and another chapter in our lives is about to begin," Yellowhead says. "Without all of you we wouldn't be here today, we couldn't have done this without your love, encouragement and full support. I speak for the class when I say nursing school wasn't easy. Some of us live here in Thunder Bay and others are from different northern communities. They had to leave their families for weeks at a time and that was hard to do."

Yellowhead says going back to school also required an adjustment from some of the students.

"Waking up early for classes, getting assignments done on time, exams to study for, staying up late reading, practice labs and clinicals, but those were all good times, especially study groups and those coffee runs," Yellowhead says. "We laughed and joked around to keep ourselves sane. But we any problems or issues." Roy Thunder, Beardy's uncle,

says she had previously asked him to attend the pinning ceremony, noting that her parents had passed on over the past few

"It was important to me to be here, to make time to be at her graduation because her parents are not here, but they're here in spirit," Thunder says. "So I was so glad I was part of the ceremony here today. I would like to congratulate my niece Jacqueline Thunder Beardy on graduating."

Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler says the pinning ceremony was "significant" because it represents part of the Health Transformation work that Nishnawbe Aski Nation has been doing over the last few years.

"It starts with building capacity at the community level for our people to play these important roles," Fiddler says, "And these graduates today represent that."

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Notice of Submission of Terms of Reference







#### NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

# Webequie Supply Road Project Environmental Assessment Webequie First Nation

Webequie First Nation (WFN) has prepared a Terms of Reference (ToR) for an Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Webequie Supply Road project ("the Project") and is submitting the ToR to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for review as required under the *Environmental Assessment Act.* If approved, the ToR will serve as a framework for the preparation of the EA for the Project. As part of the submission process, Indigenous communities, the public, agencies, and other interested parties are encouraged to review the ToR and submit comments to the MECP.

The proposed Webequie Supply Road will be an all-season road corridor approximately 107 km in length from Webequie First Nation to the mineral deposit area near McFaulds Lake. The preliminary corridor for the road consists of a northwest-southeast segment running 51 km from Webequie First Nation to a 56 km segment running east, before terminating near McFaulds Lake. A total of 17 km of the corridor is located within Webequie First Nation Reserve lands. The preliminary supply road route alternatives being carried forward to the Environmental Assessment are shown in the accompanying Key Plan.

#### **PROJECT PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Project is to create an all-season corridor that will facilitate the movement of materials, supplies and people from the Webequie Airport to the proposed mine development and mineral exploration activities in the McFaulds Lake area of Northwestern Ontario. The Project is intended to provide the WFN with a means to better service their community and be a contributor to the local economy by providing employment and economic development opportunities.

#### THE PLANNING PROCESS

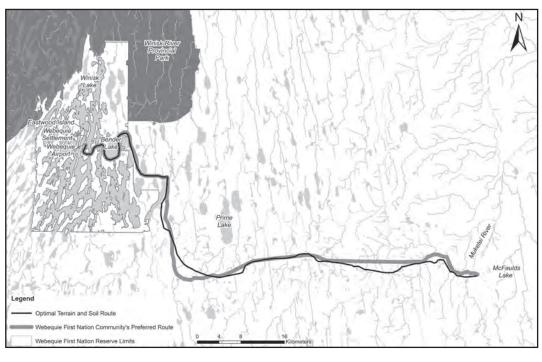
The WFN has entered into a voluntary agreement with the MECP to subject the Project to Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act*. The ToR is the first step in the EA process and outlines the work plan for addressing the requirements under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The submitted proposed ToR considered comments received by WFN on the draft ToR. If approved by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the ToR will provide the framework for the second step of the process, the preparation of the EA. Important elements of the EA will be to evaluate the alternatives, assess potential effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

#### **REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Members of Indigenous communities, the public, agencies, and other interested parties are encouraged to review the ToR and provide comments from **August 14 until October 13, 2020.** 

The ToR can be accessed on the project website at www.supplyroad.ca and hard copies will be available for review at local First Nation community band offices, as well as at the following public library and municipal offices:

- Thunder Bay Library 285 Red River Road, Thunder Bay
- Sioux Lookout 25 Fifth Avenue, Sioux Lookout
- City of Timmins 220 Algonquin Boulevard East, Timmins
- Township of Pickle Lake 2 Anne Street South, Pickle Lake



#### SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

Your comments regarding the ToR must be submitted to the MECP before **5:00 p.m. on October 13, 2020.** All comments should be submitted to:

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A copy of all comments submitted to the MECP will be forwarded to the proponent for consideration.

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Radio Shows and Live Streams









# Live Stream & Radio Show

The Webequie Supply Road (WSR) Project Team has planned a series of live streaming and radio call in shows focusing on EA's future activities.

## **Next Session Topic: Cumulative Effects**

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The **Webequie Supply Road** (WSR) Project Team has planned a live streaming event and radio call-in show to provide a discussion on Project Components & Activities.

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#### **Radio Show**

Sept 8th, 2021 at 2:30PM EST

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