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Canada loosening border restrictions

Move does not yet pave the way for American visitors

By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

he federal government is easing some restrictions at the Canada-U.S. border, but the biggest changes apply only to those already eligible to cross.

Most restrictions on cross-border travel will remain in place until at least July 21, federal officials emphasized at a press conference Monday.

Meanwhile, the government also lifted restrictions on those approved for Permanent Residency, and ended the suspension of passenger flights from Pakistan - but not India.

Coming soon

Beginning July 5, fully vaccinated travelers already permitted to enter Canada will no longer be required to quarantine or take a COVID-19 test on day eight, subject to some conditions.

Those arriving by air who are fully vaccinated will no longer be required to stay at a government-authorized hotel,



STILL SHUT: Canada's border with the United States has been closed since March 2020.

upon arrival.

That applies to individuals with right of entry, such as Canadian citizens, permanent residents, and those registered under the Indian Act, as well as foreign nationals eligible to enter under existing

There are no changes for those who are not fully vaccinated, while additional provincial health measures apply, noted

Health Minister Patty Hajdu on Monday.

The government said the limited changes represented "a responsible, precautionary approach."

These cautious adjustments are now possible because of the successes of the vaccine roll out in Canada and Canadians following public health measures," it said in a statement.

The changes officially take effect at 11:59 p.m. on July 5.

Fully-vaccinated travelers must still take a COVID-19 molecular test within 72 hours before arrival to Canada and use ArriveCAN to enter their information, including a quarantine plan and proof of vaccination.

They also must complete an arrival test either at point of entry where facilities exist, or complete a home test once they arrive at their destination.

However, with a negative result, the quarantine and day-8 testing requirement are waived for those fully vaccinated. Children under 18 who are not fully vaccinated will still be required to quarantine, though they can do so from home.

Fully vaccinated means having received the full series of a vaccine or a combination of vaccines accepted by the Government of Canada (Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca, Janssen) at least 14 days prior to entering Canada.

Hajdu was tight-lipped Monday on what would be required before Canada moved to the second phase of border reopening, saying simply the decision would be based on metrics like case rates and vaccination domestically, and the progression of COVID-19, notably the delta variant, internationally.

Moving slowly

Canadians were counting on the government to proceed slowly, Hajdu

"They expect us not to squander those hard-won gains [made] over the last year and a half."

Starting Monday, any foreign national who holds a valid Confirmation of Permanent Residence (COPR) may also travel to Canada.

Arrivals had been frozen with limited exceptions for those with COPRs issued after March 18, 2020.

Passenger flights from Pakistan will once again be allowed, meanwhile, but the government will preserve a ban on flights from India until at least July 21, officials said Monday. The ban was put in place in April due to soaring COVID-19 cases in the country.



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DeMille OK if Ontario hits Step 2 a bit early

LOCALNEWS

Case counts are nearing single digits, vaccines are rising

"Increasingly,

we're seeing

our numbers

drop."

DR. JANET

DEMILLE

HEALTH By Leith Dunick -TB Source

Premier Doug Ford says he's considering moving Ontario to Step 2 of the province's reopening plan a little earlier than scheduled.

The medical officer of health at the Thunder Bay District Health Unit doesn't have a problem with that - as long as the public remembers the province is still in the midst of a pandemic.

Dr. Janet DeMille said the way the Ontario plan was laid out, in three stages, seemed reasonable, particularly starting with an increase in outdoor activities, where COVID-19 is less likely to spread.

Indoor activities are riskier, she said.

"Increasingly what we're seeing are our numbers drop," DeMille said. "They're dropping here and in the province, but also in the country and that's very reassuring. At the same time, our immunization rate is going up, so that's providing not only individual protection, but community-level protection.

"So I'm increasingly more comfortable with the reopening and in fact I'm supportive of it, especially with Step 1 and the ability to do things outside."

DeMille said any decisions must be evidence based. As of Thursday, there were 33 active COVID-19 cases in the Thunder Bay District, which also had a

seven-day, per-100,000 rate of 16.67 cases. Ontariowide, the province reported 384 cases on Thursday and a rolling seven-day average of 474, which was 32.5 per cent lower than the previous week's 703.

DeMille added careful attention must be paid to variants of concern, in particular the Delta variant. There have been 182 VOC cases in the District of Thunder Bay, but just four this week.

"I think it's feasible and I would be comfortable if we were to open up sooner into Step 2, based on how we're doing right now, but I think it's

> important to look at the data and the evidence."

> Ford on Thursday told reporters he would consult with both the science table and Dr. David Williams, Ontario's outgoing chief medical officer of health, before making any decisions. Williams was later quoted he would not be in favour of an earlier opening, other than possibly advancing it a day or two.

"There's an end to the journey in sight," Williams said at a media briefing at Queen's

Park.

"Let's make sure we get there safely, rather than doing something careless or reckless along the way. We want to make sure we're careful as we go

The earliest Ontario could currently enter Step 2 under current parameters is July 2.



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LOCALNEWS



OPEN AGAIN: The Alexander Henry resides near the Pool 6 property on the city's waterfront.

Alexander Henry partially reopens

Exterior tours only while restrictions remain

By Gary Rinne - TB Source

even though COVID-19 restrictions remain in place, the reopening of the Alexander Henry to visitors by appointment has put a smile on the face of Charlie Brown.

"Hey, we're actually open again, which is really wonderful news," said the president of the Lakehead Transportation Museum Society.

He added, however, that because of the conditions this year, they're only going to be doing external tours.

Brown said that, given the limits on public activities over the past year, he expects people are "biting at the bit" to do normal things this summer.

"So here we are. Come on down. If you haven't been here for the past couple of years, this

is your opportunity." Brown said tours are available Monday

to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., by

appointment only, starting this week.

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"If you

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"You'll be able to come on the ship, look through the windows, look through the doorways, but you can't go inside for now because that's a restriction. The tours themselves will be limited to immediate families or immediate groups, and we'll do all the protocols to ensure everybody is absolutely safe."

Brown said appointments can be made by phoning 355-5277 or 623-6550.

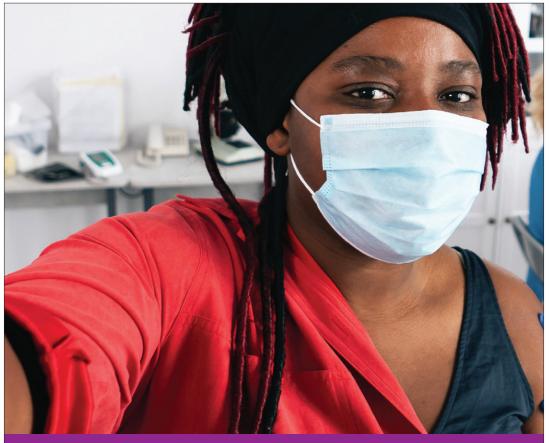
The price of admission is \$5 per

person. When the ship fully reopens, if visitors choose to return for another tour, \$5,00 will be deducted at that time from the normal full admission price of \$10 for adults, and \$7 for seniors and children.

More details are available online at LTMSTB.com.

Brown said the construction of the new Thunder Bay Art Gallery and the return of cruise ships to Lake Superior will

make the waterfront an exciting place to visit, and the Lakehead Transportation Museum Society plans to build on that momentum.



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Celebrating Indigenous youth culture

INDIGENOUS

By Ian Kaufman – TB Source

Thunder Bay-area youth had a chance to join in a full day of programming for Indigenous Peoples Day on Monday, mixing a celebration of Indigenous culture with learnings on the ongoing impacts of colonialism.

Traditional dances, art, and cultural teachings were on offer via a mix of virtual and limited in-person events, organized through the City of Thunder Bay's Youth Move and Youth Inclusion Program initiatives.

A Facebook Live talk by elder Ira Johnson centred on the cultural values of the four directions.

The film *Birth of a Family*, which follows four siblings separated at birth as part of the 'sixties scoop meeting' for the first time, was also screened in the evening.

Perhaps the centrepiece of the day came as elder Lorna Turner of Red Rock



DAY OF LEARNING: Ashlynne Froebe took part in Indigenous People's day programming.

First Nation shared medicine garden teachings over Facebook Live and to a small group of volunteers and attendees present in person.

She spoke about the significance of several medicinal plants she had

harvested and brought to plant in a new Youth Move medicine garden at the Kinsmen Youth Centre on James Street.

Turner also paid tribute to victims of Canada's residential schools, saying those children would not be forgotten.

With the heaviness of the recent discoveries of previously unrecorded residential school deaths, Turner said, it was impossible for Indigenous Peoples Day to be entirely celebratory.

"We've had some significant learnings in the last month to the most recent weeks, of finding children out in B.C.," she said.

However, she said her way of celebrating was to share her knowledge with the next generations.

Those teachings were eagerly accepted by youth Ashlynne Froebe, a relative newcomer to the city who said she was eager to learn more about the history of residential schools.

Froebe and her mother, Kathy Pockett, said they were pleased to see substantial

youth programming on Indigenous Peoples Day.

"As a child, I left my culture," said Pockett. "Now that I'm older, I wanted to share it with my children."

Froebe was one of about 40 youth who painted along from home earlier in the day using an art kit created by local Ojibwe artist, Kevin Belmore, as part of the city's programming.

While it may not quite match the resonance of an in-person event, Youth Move program co-ordinator Carlee Garieri said the virtual programming had largely proven a hit with youth – and their parents.

Monday also marked the first day of free drop-in programming at Youth Move, which will run through the summer six days a week for youth aged 10 to 18.

More details are available at the city's website, and residents can email youthmove@thunderbay.ca for more information.



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EDITORIAL

Still no real answers

Canadians have been given some indi-cation border restrictions may be soon relaxed.

By July 5, anyone eligible to enter the country who can provide proof of full vaccinations will be able to skip the mandatory quarantine period.

However, the partially or non-vaccinated, including children, will still be subject to two weeks in isolation, under the threat of penalty, fine or even jail time. Want to head to the States and bring the kids? Probably not all that convenient.

That's clearly the point, the federal government tossing some Canadians a bone to make air travel a little easier, while discouraging the population at large from thinking about heading south.

And that's fine, but what's still missing, other than a promise by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau that more changes could come in a few weeks, is any kind of timeline.

Trudeau has to know what's coming. The Americans aren't likely to extend the closure beyond July 21 on their end. Canadians are going to start crossing the border, possibly in record numbers.

Americans are going to want to reciprocate. Fully vaccinated Americans, many with property, family or loved ones on this side of the border, deserve more than 'We're just not there yet.' We probably aren't, but those guidelines would pacify a lot of potential travellers all the same.

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Saving more babies

To the editor:

nfertile Canadian couples are unable to adopt babies in Canada because unwanted fetuses are being aborted.

These couples must go overseas to adopt babies from other continents.

What's needed is a national registry where pregnant women in crisis can connect with infertile couples who want to adopt.

Either the government or a charitable organization could offer an incentive of \$5,000 to every expectant mom-to-be in crisis that carries her child to full term.

Throughout the crisis pregnancy, the infertile couple would support the expectant mom in every way they can, enabling her to carry the baby to full term. Then the supportive couple would adopt the baby.

This national registry could be called A Life, a Future and a Hope.

This is a win-win-win situation.

It's a win for the baby who receives the gift of life.

It's a win for the birth mother who can take comfort in the fact she has indeed given her baby a life, a future and a hope, a choice she will never regret.

It's also a win for the infertile couple who are able to adopt.

Of course, careful screening must take place of both the birth mother and the couple who seek to adopt.

Also, the infertile couple must be counselled not to outfit a nursery or buy baby paraphernalia until the adoption has been finalized. Once the baby is born, the birth mother may change her mind and may want to keep her child.

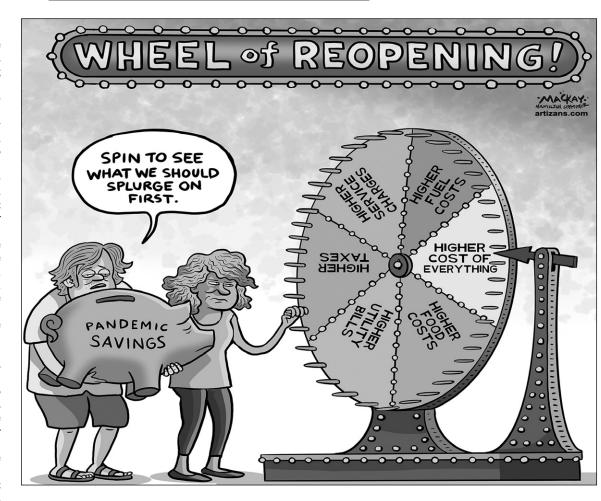
If the infertile couple has not been prepared for this eventuality, they will be, understandably, devastated. Up front, the hopeful couple must be prepared for this possibility and to take comfort in knowing they have, at least, save a baby's life.

Still, we know that we will never be able to get rid of abortion completely. There needs to be a change of hearts in our country and around the world.

We must do what we can to save the lives of some babies.

> Valerie Morsette, Thunder Bay

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Gothic horror and insanity

P. Lovecraft (1890-1937) and Charlotte Perkins Gilman (1860-1935) created two well known gothic horror stories which explore aspects of insanity.

The Case of Charles Dexter Ward was published after Lovecraft died. It

begins with the disappearance from a private hospital for the insane near Providence, R.I. of exceedingly singular person.

He bore the name of Charles Dexter

Ward, a young intellectual who is lured to his doom through an obsession with his ancestor, a reputed necromancer.

Written in the style of Edgar Allan Poe, this story has all the hallmarks of gothic horror. Charles is a normal unassuming young man until he discovers his links with Joseph Curwen, a distant relative who was demonically active around the time of the Salem witch trials. Curwen was part of a cabal of wicked men who carried out evil experiments on their unsuspecting victims.

In the dark of the night strange noises, bright lights and offensive odours emanated from Curwen's house and outbuildings. There were rumours of grave robbing and a network of secret catacombs where the unfortunate subjects of his black arts were experimented upon with horrific consequences.

When Charles discovers a large

JOHN

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portrait of Curwen (which bears an uncanny resemblance to himself) he falls under his spell and starts to talk and write like his disgraced ancestor who was torn apart

by an enraged mob. Now it is time for Charles to continue Curwen's work and conjure up dark powers with the use of chemicals and incantations. He is saved by a doctor and is committed to the asylum.

The narrator of The Yellow Wallpaper, Gilman's best know short story, simultaneously chronicles and reflects her voyage to insanity. A virtual prisoner of her husband, a supposedly well meaning physician, she queries innocently 'perhaps that is one reason I do not get well faster.' With her environment restricted to her room, she grows mesmerized by its patterned wallpaper, at first merely sinister, then gradually an emblem of confinement. In the end, reality and symbol hurtle into each other.

This story can be read as a classic and haunting story and as a feminist tract. Gilman was an enormously influential American women's rights advocate and sociologist. Her early twentieth century writings continue to inspire writers and activists today. She combines humour, anger and startling vision to suggest how a woman's 'place' in society should be changed to benefit all.

The Man Made World: Our Androcentric Culture, and her masterpiece, Women and Economics, established her international reputation as a theorist.

Her utopian novel, Herland, is an acidly funny tale about three American male explorers who stumble upon an all female society and begin their odyssey by insisting, 'This is a civilized society ... there must be men.'

Gilman drew on her lived experience. Her early life was characterized by dire poverty and an unstable home. Her father abandoned the family. She challenged the dominant role of men in society. She believed that meaningful work for all was the route to human freedom. -

Post-pandemic plans

Family reunions top Canadian public's wishlists

OPINION By J.R. Shermack **Special to TB Source**

ne day soon when my family and friends see me again after such a long separation I hope to be a sight for sore eyes.

If absence makes the heart grow fonder we will all be happy and relieved to get together in person again.

Canadians are anticipating a joyful, tearful reunion when safe, healthy communities can finally breathe an unmasked collective sigh of relief.

For a while it seemed like the lockdown might never end but these days it looks more and more like this pandemic won't continue to torment us forever.

Vaccination rates are up, the vaccines are proven to be very effective and the number of new cases is dropping in many areas.

After being stressed by COVID-19 concerns for over a year the tone of public conversation has recently shifted to reflect a more positive

Canada is about to achieve the two vaccine milestones necessary before restrictions can be eased or lifted altogether.

That will happen once 75 per cent of Canadians have received their first dose and 20 per cent are fully vaccinated.

Many local citizens have either been double jabbed already or they have booked the date and time of their appointment for jab number

Now is the time to make plans for after the pandemic.

Some will embrace the new normal, others will try to resurrect the old normal and many will have trouble remembering exactly what "normal" means.

As for me, when the restrictions are lifted and the risk is low I will be looking to get re-acquainted with all the happy faces I have missed.

I can hardly wait to visit family

"Our eyes are

sad and we

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and friends and I will be all smiles as we greet one another with a heartfelt, "Well, aren't you a sight for sore eyes.'

Our eyes are sad and we sorely miss the sight of loved ones Canadians crave an end to lockdowns and other measures that keep them apart.

We are still living with restrictions but hopeful Canadians dream about the sights they would most like their post-COVID eyes to

Topping the list of the Canadian post-pandemic wish list is everybody getting together again for family gatherings on special occa-

Mother's Day visits were restricted this year and Father's Day gatherings were subdued.

Our dining room table has been collecting dust for many months - it has been some time since we shared a home-cooked meal with the whole family.

One day soon I will see the smiling faces of loved ones gathered around our table and looking back at me - that will be a sight for sore

Pass the perogies please.

Canadians would like to see the return of indoor restaurant dining, indoor shopping and an end to nonessential travel restrictions.

Also, lounging at popular beaches or parks, attending theatre, music

and sporting events and getting back to the gym or the pool.

As restrictions are lifted and our social lives are revived nobody knows what kind of "normal" awaits or what changes we will see.

Long periods of separation from loved ones has given us a new fondness and appreciation for the important people in our lives.

As Canada nears its vaccination milestones we have a new respect for the science and medical professionals who led the fight and kept us

Hopefully our new normal will be more compassionate, understanding and respectful and we will see positive changes in attitudes and behavior toward one another.

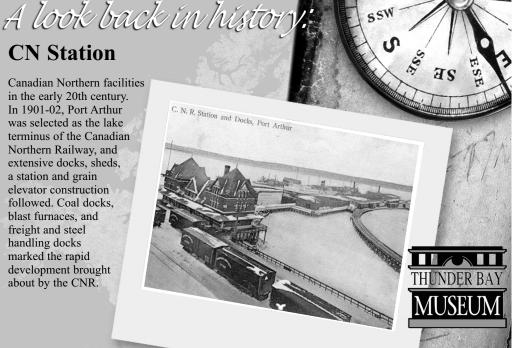
If we see kindness and good will become a meaningful and normal part of our post pandemic reality, that really would be a sight for sore eves



GETTING TOGETHER AGAIN: Family gatherings are getting nearer and nearer in Thunder Bay.

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IN BRIEF

Second doses far outpace first doses

Thunder Bay ramped up its double dose numbers last week, with 9,221 people receiving a second shot.

As of last Saturday, 25.2 per cent of those 12 and older have received both shots.

There was, however, a marked slowdown of first vaccinations, after the province opened second shots to anyone who received an mRNA vaccine on or before April 18 and anyone who received AstraZeneca at least eight weeks prior.

It was the first time since vaccinations were opened to the broader public that second shots outpaced first jabs.

Only 2,871 first doses were handed out, bringing the District of Thunder Bay's total to 106,188, or 74 per cent of the eligible population 12 and older.

Broken down by age category, the 70 to 79 group continues to lead the way, with 89 per cent having had at least one dose, slightly ahead of the 80-plus age

group, which climbed to 87.5 per cent.

The biggest jump came in the 12 to 17 age category, who jumped from 43.7 vaccinated with one shot to 56.9 per cent.

At least 20 per cent of all age categories, led by the 80-plus crowd at 42.3 per cent, have been doubly vaccinated, with the exception of the 12- to 17-year-olds, who were last on the first-dose list and are at just 5.8 per cent doubly dosed.

A total of 106,188 people have had a single dose, while 35,873 people have had two shots. The total population of the district is 149,936.

Seven-month low

Active case numbers hit their lowest point in 2021 as the Thunder Bay District Health Unit reported no new confirmed COVID-19 cases Tuesday.

With two previous cases declared resolved, the active case count fell from 14 to 12, the lowest level since Nov. 8 of

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The health unit has reported only nine confirmed cases of COVID-19 over the past week.

There were three district residents in hospital with the virus as of Tuesday, with two of those in the Intensive Care Unit.

Two previously reported cases also screened positive for a COVID-19 variant of concern, bringing the total reported to 184.

The health unit has reported a total of 3,331 cases since the pandemic began, with 3,255 considered resolved and 12 active. The health unit recorded its 64th COVID-related death last week, the first in nearly a month.

Firearms arrest

Aman wanted in connection to an alleged incident involving shots being fired in south side neighbourhood

was taken into custody late last week.

Robert Bannon, 25, of Thunder Bay was arrested by the Thunder Bay Police Service on Friday, June 18 and made a brief court appearance that day.

Bannon is facing numerous charges including unauthorized possession of a firearm in motor vehicle, unauthorized possession of firearm without a licence, careless storage of a firearm, possession of firearm with knowledge its possession is unauthorized, reckless discharged of firearm, and possession of weapon for a dangerous purpose.

Thunder Bay Police Service responded to reports of shots being fired on May 1 in the 500 Block of Gore Street at approximately 9:30 p.m. Officers on the scene observed damage to a residence consistent with a shooting.

No injuries were reported resulting from the incident.

An investigation identified Bannon as

a suspect and on May 7 a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Algae found in lake

Blue-green algae has shown up at a Thunder Bay-area lake.

The Ministry of the Environment, on Monday confirmed the presence of the algae in a water sample collected on June 14 from the swimming area at the Hazelwood Lake Conservation Area.

Analysis of the sample for the presence of toxins is still underway.

Blue-green algae may contain toxins that pose a health risk to people and animals when consumed, or even from skin contact.

The Thunder Bay District Health Unit will post the results on its website.

The TBDHU cautions that water should be avoided whenever a bluegreen algae bloom is present, and for about two weeks after it has dissipated.



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PATTY HAJDU

Hajdu says vaccines and borders evolving

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Canada's health minister says she has yet to speak with her American counterparts about whether or not their country will recognize those who got one or two doses of AstraZeneca as being fully vaccinated.

But those discussions will happen,

Patty Hajdu said Saturday, moments after receiving her second COVID-19 vaccination at the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition's Coliseum building in Thunder Bay.

"As you know, here in Canada we're looking at alleviating some measures for fully vaccinated travellers, and that will be for Health Canada approved vaccines," Hajdu said.

"I think every country right now is sorting through how to recognize vaccines from other regulatory bodies that they don't know or they don't necessarily work with as closely. I think this will evolve. I think the (World Health Organization) is also doing its own research on effective vaccines and has a number of vaccines

listed from around the world that they consider to be effective."

The issue came to the forefront earlier last week when rock legend Bruce Springsteen announced he was returning to Broadway.

Promoters initially said they were acting on the advice of New York state and would not accept AstraZeneca vaccinations for entry.

Jujameyn Theaters last Saturday revised its requirements and said it will accept WHO or FDA approved vaccines at events requiring full vaccination, based on changes in guidance from the state. Other shows, including Saturday night live, will still not accept AstraZeneca.

Other states have banned businesses from asking about vaccine status and have flatly refused to provide residents

with some form of vaccine passport.

The U.S. currently does not require travelers to be fully vaccinated to enter the country, but does require a negative COVID-19 test from all air passengers.

Canada has approved four vaccines - AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson,
Moderna and Pfizer.



DOUBLED UP: Health Minister Patty Hajdu had her second vaccination last Saturday.

The United States has yet to approve AstraZeneca because of issues surrounding blood clots, not because the vaccine isn't effective in fighting COVID-19.

About 1.7 million Canadians,

including Hajdu, received a jab of AstraZeneca for their first shot. In Ontario, the government stopped giving out AstraZeneca as a first dose, but has continued offering it up for second shots.

About 2,000 people in Thunder Bay were administered AstraZeneca through local pharmacies.

"I can anticipate that as people get comfortable with vaccination rates, as people get comfortable with the disease activity, we'll start to see that types of vaccinations – my sense is that will be less of an issue than the fully vaccinated state."

Hajdu, who received an mRNA vaccination for her second shot, reiterated that anyone who got AstraZeneca for their first dose did the right thing.

There have been reports of vaccination regret among many who took the advice of public health officials and politicians, including Hajdu, and took the first vaccination they could get.

In many cases, that was AstraZeneca.

Hajdu said those who did are helping Canada and its communities fight the spread of the virus.

"Like me, I had AstraZeneca for my first dose. Obviously those who are still awaiting their second dose will now have an option for an mRNA or AstraZeneca in certain provinces or territories. And that's the great news. We do have options and each of these vaccines are effective in protecting us from the spread of COVID."



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Father's Day always an adventure



THE GOOD LIFE

ast Sunday was Father's Day. My children do not even ask what I would like for a special occasion like this because the answer will always be the same. All I ever want is for them to join me on a fishing trip, a journey by bike or for some kind of outdoor adventure. Truthfully, I am lucky and we do these things all the time. Still, for Father's Day I just want more of the same because nothing makes me happier.

We spent the weekend at camp, and we had all kinds of fun, but a highlight was the bike ride with my youngest, Char on Sunday morning. When I came in from my sunrise paddle, she had pancakes waiting so we fueled up and headed out.

Our favourite place to play is Sleeping Giant Provincial Park, so this was to be the backdrop for our Sunday fun day

With plenty of rain in the forecast, we decided we would have to limit our adventure to a couple hours and decided to explore the isolated and lovely Bay's End Lookout Trail.

This secluded road is over 11km in length and traverses the cliff tops along Lake Superior from the community of Pass Lake to the Thunder Bay Lookout Road in Sleeping Giant Park.

Along the wide and smooth trail, there are a couple great stopping points that provide some fantastic views of Caribou Island and Bay's

We launched from the Rita Lake

parking lot and headed north on Hwy 587 for 15km to access the entrance of the Bay's End Lookout Trail. The trail itself is not technical and is really more of a bush road than a mountain bike trail.

It is easily ridden on a gravel bike but a mountain bike allows you to really let it rip on the downhills. Despite the rain that had started to fall, we had a blast and, just like the previous dozen times I had travelled this trail, we did not encounter another person.

At the end of the trail we turned right onto the Thunder Bay Lookout Road and were soon rewarded with the aweinspiring views from the Thunder Bay Overlook.

Despite the fog and the rain, the view from the platform which extends out beyond the cliff's edge was still amazing.

We could have driven up here but I can't imagine giving up the chance to ride up (or ski in the winter) which just makes the whole experience so rewarding.

Our trip back to the truck was a straight shot down the Lookout Road, past Poundsford Lake and Lizard Lake, with a lot of exciting hills and a net loss of 85 meters of elevation.

We were having so much fun we barely noticed that the rain was now pouring down.

We arrived back at the truck having completed our loop in under two hours but Char was a little disappointed our trip fell short of her 50-kilometre

However, she was alright with heading back to camp for lunch once I reminded her that summer has barely begun and we have much bigger adventures coming up soon.



A SPORT WITH A VIEW: Char and Keith Alley take a break from cycling at the Thunder Bay Lookout platform.

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Getting out to the lake with our boat



inally! We made it to the lake, boat in tow.

It was Saturday and the weather was cloudy but there was almost no wind. Much preparation had been done the day before and all we had to do was wait for the arrival of our son, Doug who now lives in the city.

Doug arrived and after a check to make sure we had hats, sunscreen, towels, binoculars, and fishing gear, we drove off.

Daughter Beth did not want to join us so she volunteered to feed the horses lunch in the afternoon and their supper in the evening (whadda gal...).

The weather report leaned towards increased sun as we drove west to our

favorite lake. Ol' Sol did appear infrequently but fortunately just as we landed on a beautiful beach and set up for our lunch; but for the most part, the sun and the clouds played hide-and-seek throughout the day.

The previous summer that was one of the driest on record, the water levels of in land lakes were incredibly low. Launching the boat was very difficult. Not this summer. The spring rains had restored a lot of the missing lake level and getting the boat off of the trailer was easy (whew!).

Having loaded our food and fishing gear in the boat and after I parked the trailer, we clambered aboard, I lowered the engine, turned the key, and voila! I backed the boat off the shore, turned it around, and off we went.

The wind was ruffling the surface of the lake but not enough for whitecaps. I thrust the throttle to full speed and the boat leveled to plain beautifully as we sped across the large bay to weave our way amongst the various islands following a route now well memorized to the southwest.

En route, we observed how several shoals revealed the previous summer due to the extremely low water levels now had disappeared.

As we sped across the water, I relaxed, Laura turned and beamed at me which I returned, and Doug put his hands on both our backs, all three of us thrilled to be back on our favorite lake.

We were headed to a beautiful sandy beach where we would stop to eat our lunch, about a twenty minute boat ride from the landing.

We arrived, having passed by many gorgeous islands, pulled up the boat, and took out the cooler containing our noon-time repast.

If one enters the water at the beach, one can walk out a long way before the ground drops off. Doug decided he was going in for a swim.

"It is still June, Doug, and the water might be chilly. Just because it is warm right at the shore..."

I ventured but he ran into the lake and plunged. When he surfaced, he let out a

yell: "Whoa! It is colder than I thought it would be." Ah well, a vibrant, healthy youth willing to "take the plunge". Not me. Laura did wade along the shore of the beach where the water was much warmer. "We need to come back in July or early August after some heat has given the water a chance to warm up," I announced.

After lunch we loaded the boat and pushed off to motor to where the Wekwabenanaw River empties into the lake. You slowly drive your boat up this enchanting channel with towering white pine trees on either side until you reach the rapids.

Doug and Laura tried fishing and Doug caught a good-sized bass (that we released). While slowly motoring up the stream, we saw an eagle soaring on the thermals above us. Then we slowly retraced our route and headed back into the bay to a couple of small islands known for good bass fishing. No bass this time but Laura caught a couple of small pike that we also released.

At one point I quoted Conan Doyle to

son Doug: "I draw your attention Watson to the singular incident of the American vehicle license plates at the landing. Doug: "I didn't see any American license plates of trucks at the landing."

"That is the singular incident to which I wished to draw your attention," says I. There were none. And none last summer either

Due to the pandemic and border closures Canadian tourism is taking a hit. When the border opens, watch out.

Laura and Doug liked to fish; I just enjoyed being on the water. We pulled into a small bay en route back to the landing just to try our luck catching a walleye perhaps. It was in that bay that we saw a loon surface, disappear, and surface several times more. Fishing like us.

But eventually it was time to return, to make the long boat ride back to the landing, load the boat on the trailer, and head home. All three of us were grinning after a wonderful first adventure on the lake for this summer. We hope that there will be many more to come.



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WASTE COLLECTION CHANGES WEEK OF CANADA DAY



Calendar	Area/Zone	New Collection Date	Service
Blue	Area 1, Zone 1	Monday, June 28	Garbage & recycling
Blue	Area 1, Zone 2	Monday, June 28	Garbage
Orange	Area 2, Zone 1	Tuesday, June 29	Garbage & recycling
Orange	Area 2, Zone 2	Tuesday, June 29	Garbage
Green	Area 3, Zone 1	Wednesday, June 30	Garbage & recycling
Green	Area 3, Zone 2	Wednesday, June 30	Garbage

There will be no garbage or recycling collection on Canada Day - Thursday, July 1. Collection on Friday, July 2 will remain unchanged.

For your correct collection dates throughout the year, refer to your new 2021/2022 waste collection calendar or visit thunderbay.ca/waste.

Need more information? Contact the Infrastructure & Operations Dispatch at 625-2195.





Bonnes vacances!....have a pleasant vacation!

Bv Lucie Allaire

« En cette fin d'année scolaire, j'aimerais saluer l'excellent travail et la résilience de tous les employés du Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales. La sécurité et le bien-être de nos élèves ont été au cœur de notre mission depuis le début de la pandémie : aucun cas de COVID-19 n'a été présent dans chacune de nos dix écoles. Cette vigilance a été aussi réussie grâce à l'appui des parents. Je suis très reconnaissante pour tout ce qu'ils ont fait pour leurs enfants. Leur collaboration a par ailleurs été essentielle pour soutenir et accompagner le travail des enseignants et du personnel. Nous sommes conscients que cette année a été exigeante et sommes très fiers de la grande résilience et la capacité d'adaptation de nos élèves. Nous avons hâte de les retrouver en personne dans nos écoles.

Je vous souhaite à tous un repos bien mérité et d'agréables vacances cet été. »

La directrice de l'éducation. Lucie Allaire

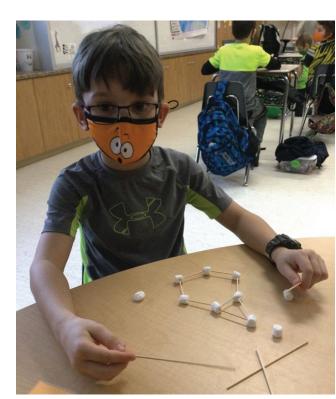
Le Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales couvre toute la région du Nord-Ouest de l'Ontario et comprend neuf écoles élémentaires et une école secondaire.

"I would like to recognize the hard work and resilience of all employees of the Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales The safety and well-being of our students has been at the heart of our mission since the beginning of the pandemic: no cases of COVID-19 have been present in any of our ten schools. This vigilance has also been possible thanks to the support of parents. I am very grateful for all that they have done for their children. Their collaboration has been essential to support and accompany the work of the teachers and staff. We are aware that this year has been challenging and are very proud of the great resilience and adaptability of our students. We look forward to seeing them in person in our

I wish you all a well-deserved rest and a pleasant vacation this summer."

Director of Education Lucie Allaire

The Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales covers the entire Northwestern region of Ontario and includes nine elementary schools and one high school.



Bonnes vacances!

à notre personnel, nos élèves et leurs familles





End of year thank you message to staff

I am taking this unique opportunity to thank Lakehead Public Schools staff for their extraordinary contributions to an engaging and successful 2020-21 school year. This year, once again, school staff rose to the unprecedented challenge of delivering both in-person and virtual instruction to students. Rising to this challenge meant working above and beyond the normal expectations of time, preparation, intensity, and energy.

I applaud your boundless commitment to, and concern for, the success of our students. Your collective and cooperative efforts in serving our students through this difficult time served as an excellent example in how to meet daunting challenges with determination, resolve, and resiliency – a lesson that students will remember and strive to follow as they face challenges of their own with a new found confidence.

Sincere wishes to Lakehead Public Schools staff for a happy and healthy summer. I look forward to welcoming a new school year with you in September.

With gratitude, pride, and admiration,

Ian MacRae Director of Education, Lakehead Public Schools



WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

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Congratulations, you made it!

By Pino Tassone

Dear Class of 2021,

You have overcome challenges in a time where the days continued to change, never knowing what the next week would bring.

Many of you were denied the full High School experience, and for this I am incredibly sorry. Despite it all, here we are. Your friends, teachers and families rallied around you, ensuring your last year of high school would be a memorable one. Take the opportunity to thank those who have helped you along your journey. Many of them have gone the extra mile engaging with online learning and graduation activities and for this I am incredibly grateful.

If there is anything to take away from this year, it is this: you are important, you matter and you are making a difference. I have said this to my colleagues many times and it rings true for you as well. This year has made us all stronger; we have faced adversity together and will continue to do so as long as this pandemic continues. I am proud of you and extremely excited to see where your journey after high school will take you.

Continue to be kind, loving, and inclusive in all that you do. On behalf of all your former TBCDSB Family from your previous schools, we salute you, the class of 2021! Congratulations and God Bless.

Pino Tassone, Director of Education TBCDSB





Businesses show support for LGBTQ+

THUNDER BAY
By Ian Kaufman – TB Source

Anew certification process aims to arm local businesses with the knowledge to create more welcoming and inclusive spaces for members of the LGBTQ+ community.

The Rainbow Collective of Thunder Bay officially launched its Gender and Sexual Diversity (GSD) certification Thursday at the Sleeping Giant Brewing Co., which became one of the first organizations to become certified earlier this week.

To earn the certification, at least 75 per cent of an organization's staff, organizers, or board members must take a two-hour GSD and inclusion workshop. Certifications last for three years before renewal.

Standard bearer

The certification sets a standard for businesses to live up to, according to vice-president of inclusion Jessy Bogacki.

"It's something we're launching in order to verify that businesses have a certain level of education and background respect about the community," they said Thursday. The training explores issues of identity within the LGBTQ+ community, the use of gender-neutral language and pronouns, and more.

"We want to make sure when they're addressing the customer, they're not making any assumptions based on their appearance or anything else," Bogacki said.

The collective, which launched earlier this year, also plans to follow up with businesses if it receives feedback from the community about negative experiences.

"You're signing on to a code of practice that you'll live by the workshop... and that you'll do good by our community," said president Jason Veltri. "They want a safe, welcoming, positive environment where they're not mis-gendered, where they're not misunderstood."

In extreme cases, certification could be revoked if businesses don't live up to the commitment, he said.

Sleeping Giant Brewing Co. general manager Kevin Brewer is a big believer in the training, saying the positive impacts stretched beyond the workplace.

"It's not just for [staff], it's for our families, our friends, our customers," he said. "It's to help better the community."



GROUNDBREAKING:The Sleeping Glant Brewing Company and the Rainbow Collective celebrate the signing of the Gender and Sexual Diversity program, one of the first signed.

"I feel a little bit better having taken this education, just understanding things I do that I could stop doing to help be more inclusive – just the way I write an email, [for example]. It definitely helps."

The brewery joined the Thunder Bay Museum and Communities Together for Children – EarlyON as the third local organization to officially become certified, after participating in a remote workshop on Wednesday.

Staff found the workshop engaging, with concrete examples of everyday behaviours they could change to be more inclusive, said SGBC marketing manager Kali Colledanchise.

"They said, 'Oh my gosh, I didn't realize how many assumptions, or things I was saying that I didn't realize might have a long-lasting effect on someone," she reported.

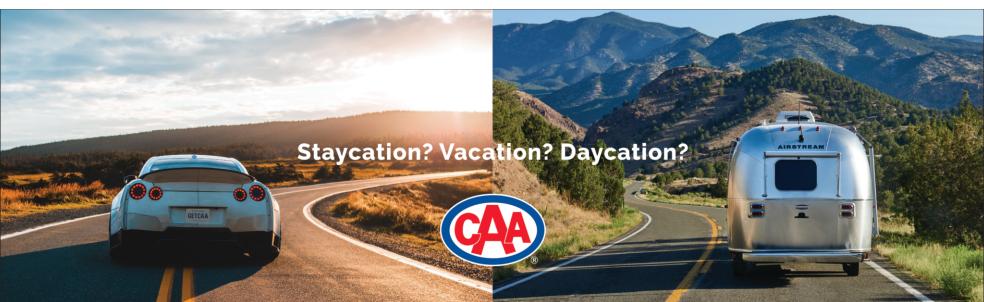
"They recognize we're going to make mistakes – it's in our human nature. But I think recognizing they can do better and they're willing to do better... the workshop opened our eyes to that."

Beer is back

The brewery also announced it would offer a second batch of its "Love = Love" limited-edition beer, due to overwhelming demand.

Proceeds from the raspberry sour will support the Rainbow Collective's micro-grants initiative, which will offer small grants for items like gender-affirming supplies, community support groups and art projects, and basic needs for community members struggling to make ends meet.

Details on how to apply for those grants will be announced in the near future, the collective said.



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Feds say dental care was adequate

HEALTHBy Gary Rinne – TB Source

The federal government is speaking out for the first time about allegations it has failed to provide adequate dental services to First Nations in the Sioux Lookout region.

Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) issued a statement Monday evening in response to charges last week by the Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority (SLFNHA) and area Chiefs that government inaction has created a dental crisis.

The federal department said it's working with First Nations, SLFNHA, other health partners and Ontario to support and improve dental services.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, it said, ISC's Non-Insured Health Benefits

program has continued to provide coverage for dental care including medical transportation expenses for patients needing service outside their community.

However, early in the pandemic, dental services across Ontario were limited to urgent needs only, in accordance with guidance from dental regulators and public health authorities.

As regulatory guidance evolved, ISC said, it began to safely increase service levels in communities through contracted dental professionals, and noted that "since November 2020, service levels have continued to increase."

It cited the period between Nov. 4, 2020 and Jun. 2, 2021, when dentists and dental hygienists made 89 visits to 26 communities, providing care to nearly

7,200 patients

"Also from Dec. 2, 2020 to June 17, 2021, 182 children have been treated through the dental surgery program at Meno Ya Win Health Centre in Sioux Lookout."

SLFNHA has accused ISC of backtracking after months of joint planning for a new dental clinic to replace an aging facility in Sioux Lookout.

ISC said formal talks with SLFNHA about transferring all direct patient dental care to them were forcibly halted by the pandemic, but those negotiations have since resumed, with the most recent meetings being held on June 4 and June 18

"ISC continues to work with SLFNHA to explore options for the health authority to establish a facility," it said.

Younger set getting shots

HEALTHBy Leith Dunick -TB Source

"I'm really

pleased with

our progress

overall."

Dr. Janet DeMille

The 18- to 29-year-old age group is doing its part to help Thunder Bay meet its vaccination targets.

The age group, born between 1992 and 2003, has been 66.2 per cent vaccinated with their first shot and 17 per cent vaccinated with their second.

That puts them well ahead of the 30 to 39 age category, which has seen 61 per cent of its population vaccinated once and 17.3 per cent with both doses.

It also puts them within a percentage point of the 40- to 49-year-old group, which climbed to 67.1 per cent in first doses in figures released by the Thunder Bay District Health Unit on Tuesday, taking into consideration all vaccinations administered as of last Saturday.

Dr. Janet DeMille, medical officer of health at the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, on Wednesday said the eagerness of the 18- to 29-year-olds to get vaccinated is encouraging.

"We do see it in all age groups, and youth in particular had a big jump and we expect to see that continue," DeMille said late last week

"But yeah, the young adults, people that sometimes you might think are a bit hesitant to getting vaccines, it's really nice to see that increase in that group."

DeMille said they're continuously keeping a close eye on vaccination trends, including age categories and location.

The good news is that every age category continues to rise. The 30 to 39 group, for example, jumped up 7.5 percentage

points from a week earlier, the third highest boost of any age category in the Thunder Bay District. "We're going to continue broadly offering vaccines to

people and as long as we're seeing that increase, that's good. I think at certain points we'll look at what's lagging behind and try to ask why it's lagging behind — whether it's an age group or a location — and then how do we promote the vaccine into that age group," DeMille said.

Vaccine hesitancy has been well documented across the country. A recent CBC News report shows in Alberta, it's tied to education. The more post-secondary schooling one has, the more likely they are to seek out a vaccination. Nationally, about

14 per cent of Canadians are uninterested in getting a shot, according to a survey conducted by the Travel Health Insurance Association of Canada and reported by CTV.

Locally, DeMille said she's not too concerned yet about vaccine hesitancy – and the numbers corroborate this line of thinking.

As of June 12, 72 per cent of the district's population 12 and older has received at least one dose, and 18.7 per cent have had both doses.

Factoring in only adults, it jumps to 74 per cent and 19.6 per cent, both nearing the provincial numbers needed to open up Step 2 of the province's reopening plan, which requires 70 per cent and 20 per cent to kick in – as well as three weeks from the start of Step 1, which began on June 11.

"I'm really pleased with our progress overall," DeMille said. "People are coming forward to get vaccinations. We had a very good week last week and we saw people going to pharmacies as well as to the various clinics in Thunder Bay and in the district. And I think that's a very promising kind of step."

DeMille said she's hopeful more vaccines arriving in Canada will mean more shipped to Thunder Bay, which could help more people get double dosed.

She added she expects everyone who wants to be double dosed will be able to be fully vaccinated by the end of July.

INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved Aerial Herbicide Project Lakehead Forest

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) invites you to inspect the MNRF-approved aerial herbicide project. As part of our ongoing efforts to regenerate and protect Ontario's forests, selected stands on the Lakehead Forest (see map) will be sprayed with herbicide to control competing vegetation, starting on or about July 8, 2021.

The approved project description and project plan for the aerial herbicide project is available electronically for public inspection by contacting the **Greenmantle Forest Inc.** during normal business hours and on the Natural Resources Information Portal at https://nrip.mnr.gov.on. ca/s/fmp-online beginning June 1, 2021 until March 31, 2022 when the Annual Work Schedule expires.

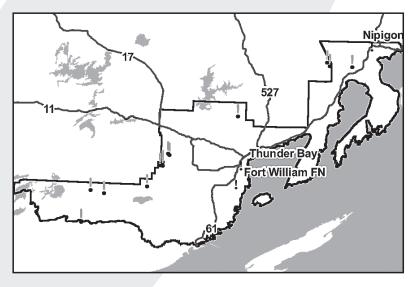
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Luca charming coming of age tale



uca (Disney+) is Pixar's latest animated entry, a mildly amusing, charming coming of age tale-with sea monsters.

While it may not achieve the same aesthetic heights as the recent Oscarwinning Soul and other celebrated Pixar titles (ie Wall-E), Luca offers just enough wit in the first half and beautiful visuals to keep various family members reasonably entertained.

Luca is set in the 1950s along the Italian Riviera. The titular character (voiced by Canada's Jacob Tremblay, Room) is an adolescent sea monster who is intrigued with life on dry land.

The sea monsters fear the human monsters who in turn fear them. (Actually, the sea monsters are more like sea 'creatures,' who behave like any human family with household chores and nattering in-laws, including a weird uncle appropriately voiced by Sacha Baron Cohen).

Despite cautions from his parents, Luca lands on the beach where he instantly takes human form and is quickly befriended by another teen sea monster, Alberto (Jack Dylan Grazer, "Shazam!") who's more experienced and nonchalant about life on land.

They form a bond, with Alberto acclimatizing his new friend to the surface world—like learning to walk and breathing. They also fear the slightest contact with water that will



FISH OUT OF WATER: Disney's Luca is the tale of 'sea monsters' who learn to live on the land and yearn to see the world on a scooter.

reveal their true scaly selves.

At the nearby village they befriend a human girl named Giulia (Emma Berman) who's bent on winning the

local triathlon, comprised of cycling, swimming and....eating pasta. (It's Italy after all.) Winning would give the lads enough money to procure a

Vespa scooter to enable them to see the world.

They team up. Standing in their way is Ercole (Saverio Raimondo), perennial winner of the competition and vain village bully.

Also imposing is Julia's father, a burly one-armed fisherman equipped with sea monster harpoons and a very suspicious, similarly mustachioed cat.

Julia sparks a thirst for learning in Luca, who suddenly sees another path for himself.

Luca's parents (Maya Rudolph and Jim Gaffigan) show up, taking human shape and, since they cannot recognize their son in human form, promptly and hilariously dunk every kid they come across with water.

Threat of detection and winning the race provides a double-edged climax for our heroes.

Luca is about friendship, realizing one's true self, braving the world in spite of who you are. It also gently makes the point about fearing those who appear different from us. This is hardly ground-breaking but there is a certain relevance to today's stressed cultural landscape, albeit offered simplistically.

While there are quips, wisecracks and sight gags, the film resists the tendency towards hyperactivity that often masquerades as humour in these

Enrico Casarosa does a superb job in his directorial debut creating both appealing characters and evocative period architecture and landscapes. The colour palettes, textures and lighting artwork are truly stunning. The screenwriters also toss in some Italian movie in-jokes and hearttugging moments in the closing act. Casarosa even provides an epilogue via graphic stills in the closing credits.

If this is Pixar-lite, so be it. Luca is a delightful, joyful cinematic wafer.

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Closing Date: July 2, 2021

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IN THE **BAY**



GROWTH: Cyclists in Thunder Bay could see even more trails to ride along in coming years.

City lays out plan to expand trails

THUNDER BAY By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

he City of Thunder Bay has outlined a multi-million, more than decade-long plan for a unified waterfront trail connecting its north and south ends.

Achieving that vision will eventually cost more than \$20 million, staff estimated in a report presented to city council Monday, and depend on negotiations with multiple private landowners.

However, work adding kilometres of new trail sections in the Marina Park and Mission Island areas will begin this year.

The multi-use trail would stretch for roughly 13.5 kilometres from Fisherman's Park at the mouth of Current River in the north, to Mission Island in the south.

The implementation plan comes after Coun. Aldo Ruberto pushed last year for the city to move forward on the plan, first envisioned more than 15 years ago during development of Prince Arthur's Landing.

Ruberto said he was pleased with the plan presented last week, arguing the trail would be widely used and should be prior-

"It's probably one of the most important projects in this city," he said. "Everybody gets to use it - rich, poor, disabled, old, young – it doesn't matter."

Coun. Brian Hamilton was more critical, saying the plan would strain limited infrastructure resources and was hobbled by property-rights issues, leading some sections to be planned further away from the waterfront itself.

"I'm not that crazy about this waterfront trail, to be honest," he said. "It looks to me just like an industrial active transportation link that isn't really near any amenities or anything. It looks like a trail kind of through the middle of no-man's land."

Administration's report contemplates a \$6.1 million investment over the next decade to complete major sections of the

Broken down as a yearly average, that's more than double the city's entire annual budget for multi-use recreation trails, funded at \$300,000 a year.

The city will pursue both private and government funding to support the project, administration said, but noted it would likely require increased investment from municipal coffers as well.

Three sections of trail will be developed in 2021, largely through federal funding, including:

From Marina Park north along Marina Park Drive to a new outlook with a sitting area near the Richardson grain terminal, using existing roadway with new signage

Island Drive between Main Street and the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway, where the road will be widened during rehabilitation to include an adjacent three-metre separated trail with new signage

A granular trail starting at the Mission Marsh Conservation Area along with wayfinding signs

The plan presented by administration outlined short-term actions achievable over the next five years, including three sections added in 2021, more detailed planning and design, property negotiations, and further expansions south from Prince Arthur's Landing to Pool 6, creating a link for expected cruise ship visitors.

Sesame Street leading LGBTQ+ way

During Pride month, there's been a lot of discussion about flags, crosswalks, and the representation on television. Amid all the cheering for inclusivity, there's always a few voices that complain. "Why do we need this?

Then shouldn't everyone get a flag or a special day?"

Funny how no one asks that question when a flag is raised for autism awareness or for the Raptors during the

But the fact is, it is necessary to highlight certain groups as long as those individuals feel separate and outcast within our community. A flag is an easy way to make someone feel welcome and recognized. What requires actual effort is basic education and ensuring they are a visible part of our everyday lives.

Fortunately, television is slowly including more LGBTQ characters in its programming. Starting early.

In honour of Pride Month, Sesame

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Street introduced its first homosexual male family to its young viewers. In the episode celebrating Family Day, Nina introduces her brother Dave, his husband Frank, and their daughter Mia to the neighbourhood. Little background information is given. Instead, the characters talk about different types of families and what unites them as a family: Love.

Of course, for decades the show has boldly and honestly dealt with topics



LOVE IS LOVE: Mia, Frank and Dave, a family recently introduced on Sesame Street.

such as race, death, and even the pandemic. Yet, this episode definitely marks a milestone, and Sesame Street is

likely to face some flak from critics as they have in the past with other LGBTQ characters and guests.

Last year, Tony-winner Billy Porter appeared on the show wearing his famous tuxedo gown and singing with a penguin. His performance had nothing to do with his sexuality. In fact, the song was about making new friends with people who are different - and discovering all the things that they have a lot in

Sure, he was wearing a skirt. But after a feel-good song about friendship, how many children would even care about his outfit? Nonetheless, Porter and the show came under fire.

The most common complaint is that the show's viewers are too young to learn about gender and sexuality. Yet, they learn subtle clues about that every day at home.

Some claim it's not the right format for the subject. But how many parents know how to approach such a subject appropriately? Sesame Street works with psychologists and child development professionals when crafting their characters, stories, and scripts. So if not on a show like Sesame Street, where should they start learning?

If kids are introduced to the LGBTO community early, they'll grow up understanding it. And those who feel they're a part of it will then have support from all sides – as opposed to the youths who struggle alone and are five times more likely to become a suicide statistic.

If you accept the need for more colour and racial representation on television, why not the LGBTO? They're a part of the world. So they should part of our imaginary world too.

After all, they show us another side of humanity. You may not relate to them. That's okay. But for those who do, isn't it important that everyone sees? And is

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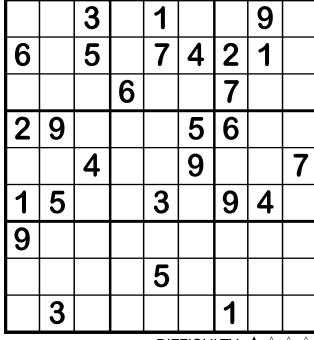
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FINISH LINE AHEAD: Dairy Queen International Speedway co-owner Norman Nadin says it's taken about a decade to get to this point, but weekly races could be a reality in 2022.

Get your motor running

Dairy Queen International Speedway set to open for racing in mid-September

AUTO RACING

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

adies and gentlemen of Thunder Bay and surrounding areas, get ready to start your engines.

The owners of the Dairy Queen International Speedway are putting the finishing touches on their dirt-track oval and plan to stage their first races this coming September. By next summer, they're hoping to make it a weekly event.

Years in the making

It's been a long time coming, more than a decade in the making, building up a tract of former swampland adjacent to the Oliver Paipoonge municipal office off Highway 130, said co-owner Norman Nadin, a construction contractor who said the ownership group has spent close to a million dollars over the past decade getting to that point.

It was a labour of love, said Nadin, a racing enthusiast who along with co-

owners Louis Nadin and Richard Schutte, wants to bring dirt-track racing back to the forefront in Northwestern Ontario.

"This town is definitely a race community and we noticed that once they revitalized Mosquito Speedway they had a good turnout and I think

there's a craving for racing in Thunder Bay. Everybody's always travelling to Superior or somewhere in the States to race," Nadin said.

"So we thought maybe it's time to get something back in Thunder Bay. The response has been awesome."

Getting to this point hasn't been an easy task.

In addition to filling in the swamp, they've had to build concrete walls and import the clay that will line the track.

Next up is the protective fencing and the bleachers, which Nadin hopes will be allowed to be in use by the time race weekend arrives in mid-September. It's definitely the light at the end of the tunnel, he said.

"It feels awesome. We're looking to host this track full-time next year, but what this is about this year is just to show people in Thunder Bay that if you're thinking about building a race car, if you want to, get on board because

you want to, get on board because this is happening," Nadin said.

"It's all about educating people in Thunder Bay that this is not a pipe dream anymore, it's right around the corner."

It's very loud music to the ears of Oliver Paipoonge Mayor Lucy Kloosterhuis, who said she was thrilled to welcome the new attraction to her community, excited for what it might mean – and not just financially.

"I think it's a wonderful thing for families to be able to go somewhere together and watch the cars race. I remember doing it when I was younger. It's the thrill of it for young and old alike. Any kind of family oriented event I think is terrific," Kloosterhuis said.

The mayor said there was a pair of objections raised when the track was first proposed and zoning changes requested, but a sit-down meeting with a nearby resident and representatives of a church across the roadway. Track owners agreed not to run races during Sunday services, and also undertook a noise study that alleviated the resident's concern.

Dates set

The Thunder Bay Truck Centre Dirt Track Nationals, which will be held from Sept. 17 to Sept. 19, in recent years were held at Mosquito Speedway. A practice session will be held on Aug. 18 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 17 will also be a practice session, with MWM time trials beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Classes include A-Mods, MWM, super stocks, street stocks and hornets, with stock tires only). More information can be found on the speedway's Facebook page.



Hughes shows some U.S. Open mettle

What a weekend for Mackenzie Hughes.

The former 51st-place finisher at the 2015 Staal Foundation Open, made the crowd roar at Torrey Pines on Saturday, holing an eagle on No. 13 to hold a share of teh 54-hole lead at the U.S.

Hughes, thanks in part to a bad

bounce that landed his ball in a tree on the back nine on Sunday, faded in his fourth round and finished outside the top 10, but nonetheless did himself and his country proud.

We can thank Mike Weir for helping Hughes and a breakout contingent of Canadian players flooding the PGA Tour these days.

Adam Hadwin, David Hearn, Taylor Pendrith, Nick Taylor, Michael Gligic, Roger Sloan and of course, Corey Conners, give Canada is best contingent of professional golfers yet to be

That's not including Graham DeLaet, once seen as the brightest light of them all until injuries sidelined his upward trajectory. And don't forget superstar Brooke Henderson on the LPGA Tour, where she's a 10-time winner.

The future has never been brighter, in

many ways inspired by Weir and his improbable Masters win in 2003.

Hughes was trying to become just the second Canadian to capture a men's major tournament.

His U.S. Open success brought back memories of Dave Barr, who in 1985 gave Canada its best finish to date at the granddaddy of American golf events.

LEITH SPORTS SHORTS

Barr, a two-time winner on tour, wound up second to Andy North that year, bogeying three of his final six holes to finish one shot back. Back then it was

Barr, Richard Zokol and the late Dan Halldorsen who carried Canada's flag.

Weir picked up the baton from them, battled his way onto the PGA Tour and, with some timely advice from Jack Nicklaus lingering from his youth, captured eight PGA Tour events.

After a few years struggling through injury, Weir is back in 2021, winning a Champions Tour event over none other than John Daly, the former two-time major winner.

The good news is, the next generation of Canadian golfers, including our own Jack Moro and Nathan LePore, to name just a couple of promising youngsters from Thunder Bay, have plenty of idols to look up to from north of the border.



CANUCK FIRST: Mackenzie Hughes held a share of the 54-hole lead at the U.S. Open.

Who knows where that might lead?

t was a historic week for the NFL and for the LGBTQ+ community.

For the first time, an active NFL player announced he was gay, Las Vegas Raiders defensive end Carl Nassib going public with his sexual

Nassib, who also pledged \$100,000 to the Trevor Project, a crisis intervention line for LGBTQ+ youth. The 28-year-old came out in an

Instagram post. "What's up people?" Nassib said on

his social media feed. "I'm at my house here in West Chester,

Pennsylvania. I just want to take a quick moment to say that I'm gay. I've been

meaning to do this for a while now, but I finally feel comfortable enough to get it off my chest. I really have the best life, I've got the best family, friends and job a guy could ask for.

Michael Sam came out prior to being drafted by the St. Louis Rams in 2014, but never played in the NFL, though he did play one game with the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League in 2015 before announcing his retirement from football.

No doubt there have been other gay players in the NFL, but none brave enough to tell the public.

Let's get real. There have been gay athletes in all team sports, in most Olympic sports, on the golf course and certainly in tennis and figure skating.

Unfortunately, in many ways we still live in an era of don't tell in profes-

Thankfully, that era is coming to an

ext weekend marks the start of the local golf major season, with the AON District Open slated to be contested on July 3 and July 4 at Whitewater on Day 1 and Fort William Country Club on Day 2.

Evan DeGrazia cruised to an eightshot win last year and has to be the odds on favourite again in 2021.

T-Wolves land versatile Webster on track team

RUNNING **By TB Source staff**

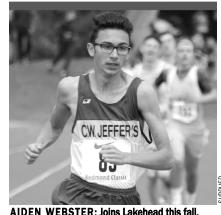
he Lakehead track and field and cross-Country has added Aiden Webster of C.W. Jefferys' Collegiate Institute in Toronto as a its 2021-2022 recruiting class.

Webster is a former OFSAA Bronze Medalist in the 800-metre who boasts incredible event versatility ranging from 400 metre all the way up to the 1,500

"I chose Lakehead because of the academic and athletic environments at the school. Having smaller class sizes means a lot to me and I'm looking forward to being a part of one of Canada's top universities.' said Webster in a recent release.

"Being a part of Lakehead's Track/XC team gives me the ability to continue growing as an athlete as well as taking part in more high level competitions.'

Some of Webster's athletic accomplishments include bronze at the prestigious OFSAA championships in 2018 in the 800metre event, as well as fifth-place finish in the 400-metre final at the same competition. Additionally, Webster holds personal bests of 1:58 in the 800-metre, 1:23 in the 600-



AIDEN WEBSTER: Joins Lakehead this fall.

metre and 51 seconds in the 400-metre.

"We are delighted that Aiden has decided to join Lakehead," said Interim coach Joe McDonough.

"Aiden is a great talent who has an incredible event range and will be able to contribute to our team across the board -I'm excited to work with Aiden and see what he can do as a Thunderwolf!"

Webster will commence his studies in Lakehead University's Kinesiology program this fall.



DeGrazia ready to launch pro career

Thunder Bay golfer expects to get eight starts on the Mackenzie Tour-PGA Tour Canada this summer

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

t's been a roller-coaster couple of years for golfer Evan DeGrazia.

In 2020, before the pandemic struck, the now 26-year-old earned conditional status on the Mackenzie Tour-PGA Tour Canada, gaining him guaranteed entry into a handful of events and a chance to play his way onto the circuit full-time.

Then the pandemic hit and the season was cancelled, only to be partially resurrected later in the summer as a Canada-only series of four events, two in southern Ontario and two in British Columbia.

DeGrazia made all four cuts and finished 46th on the final points list,

The results gave him plenty of momentum heading into 2021, his conditional status carrying over from 2020, knowing he has what it takes to play with the country's best golfers.

The pandemic got in the way again, however.

The tour, which feeds the Korn Ferry Tour, which in turn feeds the PGA Tour, decided to split its season, taking most of the biggest incentives south for the border to the Forme Tour. Eight Canadian-only events will be contested in Canada this summer, with little more than playing privileges on next year's Mackenzie Tour at stake. That's good enough for DeGrazia, the best local bet to make it into the professional ranks since Walter Keating Jr. was a Canadian Tour regular, along with his buddy Alan MacLean, a South African transplant who called Thunder Bay home for a few seasons, including a full-time gig on the European Tour.

"I'm super excited. I got a taste of it last summer a little bit in four events. I made all four of those cuts. It was not as strong fields, but definitely felt good, so I'll take some of that and put it into this year and make as many birdies as I can," said DeGrazia, currently ranked 1,897th in the world, with six missed cuts in six previous full-field Mackenzie Tour events.

Last summer was a great education said DeGrazia, who filled his spare time working at Chapples Golf Course and giving lessons to aspiring young

Playing against better player and on courses that aren't necessarily better than the best Thunder Bay has to offer, but certainly firmer and faster, teaches golfer they have to learn to adjust on the fly. It's something DeGrazia believes he figured out in a hurry in

"You kind of have to fine-tune that



SECOND CHANCE: Evan DeGrazia earned conditional status on the Mackenzie Tour-PGA Tour Canada last summer, only to have the pandemic lead to the season's cancellation.

when you get to that event, because you just don't get that here. That's the only thing that's changing, and you have to learn the course," he said.

Though his MacKenzie Tour start has been twice delayed, it's started to sink in just what this summer could mean for his career. While there's not a lot of money at stake, doing well could earn him a return in 2022, when COVID-19 is mostly a thing of the past, and a chance to play for one of five spots on the Korn Ferry Tour, the next rung up on golf's ladder.

MacKenzie Hughes, who was tied for the lead at last week's U.S. Open, was

in a similar spot in 2015, tying for 51st at the Staal Foundation Open, and has since gone on to carve out a pretty impressive PGA Tour career.

The sky's the limit, said DeGrazia, who will spend the next couple of

months dialing in his game, finding his

yardages and just getting a good feel

for the rest of the summer.

"As long as the quarantine, it's sunk in," he said. "I've been sitting on this for 15, 16, 17 months, however far in we are. I'm just really looking forward to it. I can't wait to get that opportunity to get out there to see what I've got against the best in Canada."

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