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Boulevard Lake appears to have been intentionally drained, the city saying dam gates were lowered without authority. (Ian Kaufman)

Boulevard ballyhoo

Mischief suspected as lake intentionally emptied

By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

It will take at least three weeks for Boulevard Lake to refill to normal summertime levels, the city reports, after gates at the lake's dam were lowered in what is believed an act of mischief.

The city was alerted early Monday morning that 11 of the Boulevard Lake Dam's 12 gates were "lowered without authority," apparently late Sunday night.

They have since raised.

The circumstances around the lowering of the gates is still under investigation, but director of engineering and operations Kayla Dixon said it appeared the most likely explanation was that the gates were manually opened on site by an unauthorized person or group of people.

An automated system to operate the gates, one of the last elements in a recent \$8.5 million restoration of the dam, had not yet been installed, she said.

It means the city did not receive immediate indications of the problem.

"Once the dam operations are operated through [the automated system], we would be [alerted] as far as lake levels, flow rates, or gate levels, but at this time that's not in place," Dixon said.

The city also does not have surveillance cameras in the area, she said.

While she cautioned the city is still unsure of the details of what occurred, she said she was able to rule out an error on the part of city staff, and there were no indications of a mechanical failure.

"At this time we have determined that no city staff operated the gates. There was no fault that could be found to say that the gates dropped somehow automatically."

Instead, she said it appeared someone manually operated individual activators on each gate.

"We believe there would be some person that came out and operated the gate," she said.

That would take some knowledge or "a lot of playing around," according to Dixon.

"I do know it's difficult to access the actuators on site, so someone would have been trying very hard in order to make any changes to the gate levels," she said.

She encouraged anyone with information about the incident to contact city dispatch at 625-2195.

Current River Ward Coun. Andrew Foulds called the incident "extraordinarily disturbing."





"All indications suggest" it was a case of vandalism, he said.

"It appears that someone who was unauthorized opened the dam and allowed the lake to drain," he said. "If that is the case, I hope someone has the courage to call Crime Stoppers or call the authorities to let them know who did this."

One of the dam's gates will remain lowered in order for the city to meet obligations to maintain water flow of 0.4 cubic metres per second through the dam, to support fish habitat, Dixon said.

"We anticipate the lake levels will be back to normal within several weeks," she said.

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Hauth faces hearing

Allegations come hours after TB police chief announces retirement

By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

Police chief Sylvie Hauth will face hearings over alleged misconduct, the Ontario Civilian Police Commission (OCPC) has announced.

The revelation comes just hours after Hauth announced her intention to retire effective June 2023.

Hauth was not aware of the notice of hearing at the time of Thursday's retirement statement, a Thunder Bay Police Service spokesperson said.

Hauth would no longer be subject to the Police Services Act hearings upon her retirement, leaving uncertainty over whether the disciplinary process will have time to conclude before she departs.

The chief was not available for interview, according to the TBPS.



SYLVIE HAUTH

Coincidence?

Colin Woods, president of the Thunder Bay Police Association that represents rank and file members, said it "just seems like too much of a coincidence" that the two announcements were made on the same day.

The association has previously raised concerns over the leadership of the force.

The news also raises questions over whether Hauth can continue serving in her position for another year until her

retirement, Woods said. The administrator appointed to oversee the police services board will have to seriously evaluate whether Hauth should be suspended pending the hearing, he said, noting the TBPS typically evaluates whether to suspend officers charged with PSA offences.

"To have a police chief served with notice of allegations, that's pretty serious in my mind," he said.

The OCPC announced its investigation into Hauth and other leaders within the service in February. The commission said at the time it would examine allegations Hauth failed to take appropriate steps to address actions by now-suspended deputy chief Ryan Hughes, provided "misinformation" to the Thunder Bay Police Services Board, and failed to take appropriate steps to address allegations of misconduct by members of the TBPS. In a statement released

Wednesday, the commission said the investigation indicated a hearing under the PSA was warranted.

The hearing will examine three counts of alleged misconduct.

The first involves Hauth's role in an investigation the TBPS commenced against police services board member Georjann Morriseau over breach of trust, related to allegations she shared confidential information with a police officer.

Hauth was aware of that investigation and allowed it to proceed, despite acknowledging in an Oct. 12, 2021 confidential memo to the police services board that "it would not be appropriate for a police service to investigate any of its members or board members," according to information provided by the OCPC.

Allegations of deception

In a second count, the OCPC alleges Hauth "deceived or attempted to deceive" the police services board about her knowledge of the investigation of Morriseau. In the Oct. 12, 2021 memo, Hauth led the board to believe she had no knowledge of the investigation until Dec. 9, 2020, weeks after the OCPC alleges she was informed of it by Hughes.

The third count Hauth faces involves a second memo she sent to the board on Oct. 18, 2021, clarifying she had received the earlier emails from Hughes. The second memo was sent only after Hughes asked Hauth to clarify the timeline to the board to indicate he had informed her of the investigation, according to the OCPC's statement of facts.

However, the OCPC charges Hauth continued to mislead the board about her knowledge of other aspects of the investigation, such as when a production order would be placed on Morriseau's phone.

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Police last Sunday hold the scene outside a Crown Street residence. (Justin Hardy)

Arrest made in teen killing

By Justin Hardy – TB Source

A Thunder Bay man is in custody in connection with a homicide investigation into an incident on the North side of the city on Saturday evening.

Police say that members of the primary response unit were dispatched to a residential address in the 100 block of Crown Street just before 5:25 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, following reports indicating a male had sustained injuries from a possible assault.

Officers located a 19-year-old male with significant injuries who was then transported to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre for further evaluation and treatment of his injuries. The victim was later

pronounced deceased at the hospital.

An 18-year-old suspect was also located at the residence and taken into custody and transported to the Thunder Bay Police Service headquarters.

Daniel Braeden Keefe, 18, of Thunder Bay, is charged with second-degree murder

Keefe appeared in bail court last Sunday and was remanded into custody with a future appearance date.

Police say the victim and the accused were known to one another.

A post-mortem examination is being scheduled and next of kin notifications continue.

None of the charges have been proven in court.

Murder charge laid

By TB Source staff

A 24-year-old man is facing a second-degree murder charge following an early morning weapons call that left one man dead

Thunder Bay Police responded to a weapons call on Friday, June 24 around 2:45 a.m. at a residence in the 900 block of Miles Street East.

Police located a deceased adult male. As a result, Joseph Hubbard, 24, of

Thunder Bay, was arrested at the scene by the responding officers.

Hubbard has been arrested and charged with second-degree murder and appeared in bail court on Friday.

The identity of the deceased is not being released pending next of kin notification.

Members of the major crimes and forensic identification units are now involved in the ongoing investigation.



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Muted July 1

Canada Day will look a lot different than it usually does.

Following last year's successful Cancel Canada Day rally in the wake of the discovery of hundreds of unmarked graves at residential school sites across the country, the city has decided to continue to scale back its July 1 celebrations.

And rightfully so.

We're a nation that needs to heal, and celebrating 155 years of colonial rule still doesn't seem right.

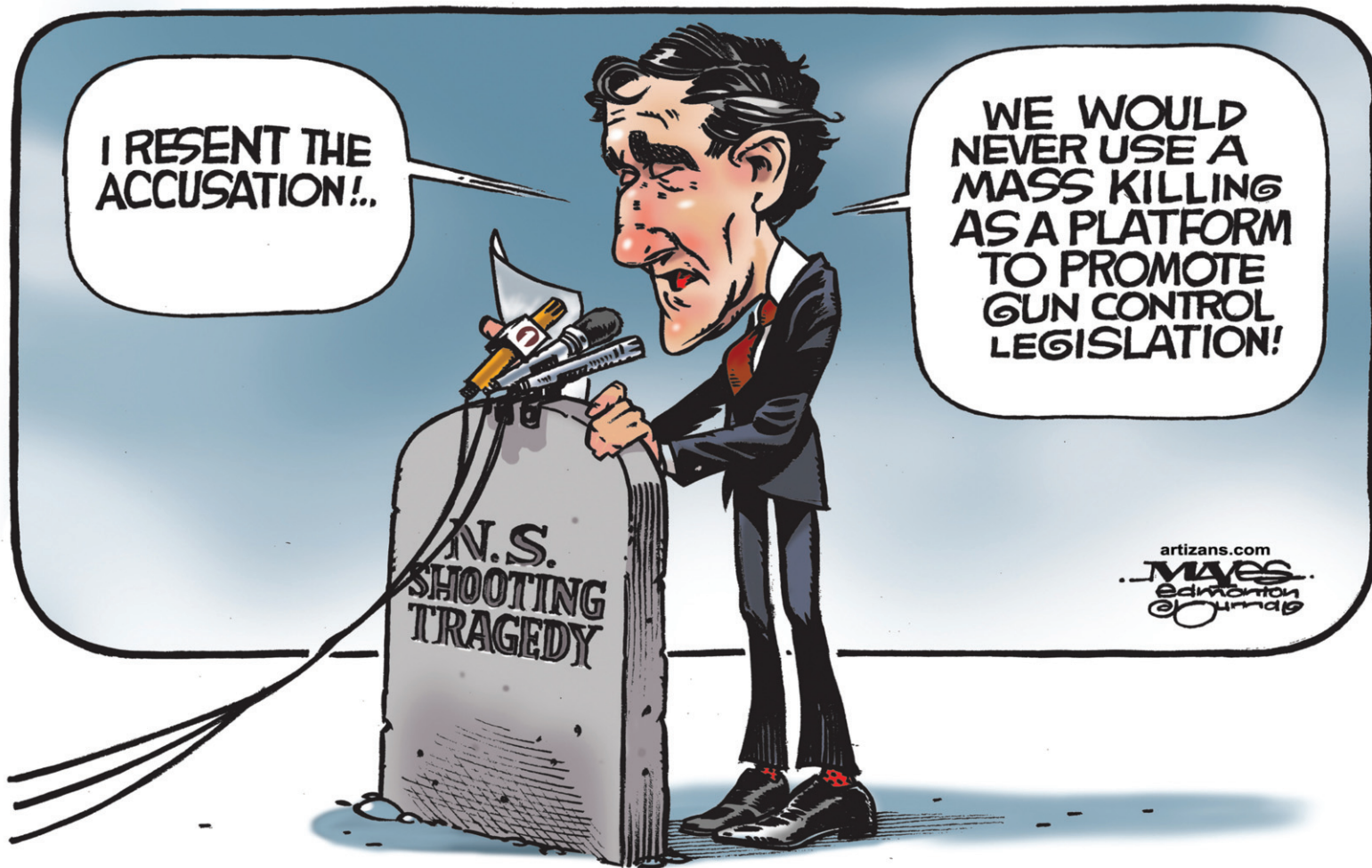
Thunder Bay won't be completely fireworks free, as individuals will still shoot off their own from the comfort of their own backyards.

But the annual fireworks display paid for by municipal taxpayers has been put on hold until later in the summer.

There will still be plenty to do on Friday at Marina Park and at Fort William Historical Park, plenty of opportunity to show pride in one's country.

There are also likely to be protests, which are planned across the country, aimed at any lingering COVID-19 mandates and supposed loss of freedoms.

And that's OK too. It's a free country.



Imperialism rode roughshod on Caribbean

In the Castle of My Skin by George Lamming is a beautifully written story about the damage and distortion that imperialism wrought upon Britain's former Caribbean empire.

Anyone who wants to understand the destructive nature of colonialism should read this novel. Britain not only stole the land, but they also stole the past, present and future of the people who lived there.

We will never know the potential of the Caribbean islands because their progress was stunted and distorted by imperial greed, power and plunder.

A recent survey reported that one third of British people yearn for the return of the Empire. One wonders

how this figure would be impacted if even half the truth was taught about the brutal reality of colonialism, including the million plus files that remain hidden from public view and the UK forced indentured labor in Africa and the Caribbean.

Any changes to the school curriculum should include *In The Castle of My Skin* which is both rich and riotous and its poetic imaginative writing has never been surpassed.

Nine-year-old G leads a life of quiet mischief, crab catching, teasing preachers and playing among the pumpkin vines.

His sleepy fishing village in 1930's Barbados is overseen by the English landlord, Creighton, who lives on the hill, just as their 'Little England' is watched over by the Mother Country.

Yet gradually, G finds himself awakening to the violence and injustice that lurk beneath the apparent order of things. As the world he knows begins to crumble, he is spurred ever closer to a life-changing decision.

The novel begins with torrential rain which is a regular occurrence and can sweep whole villages away. The floods are taken

to be a bad omen and, sure enough, more troubles soon emerge. There is a strike amongst the dock workers which leads to riots and police violence.

A power battle ensues between Creighton, and Slime, an ex-head teacher who opens a savings bank and friendly society.

The villagers respect Creighton because of history and tradition but look to Slime, one of their own, for political leadership.

Slime promises them that one day they will own the land but in the end he uses their hard earned savings to fund his own ambitions.

The villagers are visited by Slime's business partners and told that the

land that they have lived on for years has been sold from under them. They will have to move their houses, which are no more than shacks and fall to pieces when they try to shift them.

Slime is a symbol of the new neo-colonial power that will replace the British when they move out. Nothing has changed except for the color of the 'castle of my skin' that now oppresses the people. This is what ultimately prompts G to make his move.

Lyrical and unsettling, George Lamming's autobiographical coming of age novel is a story of tragic innocence amid the collapse of colonial rule.



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We belong, among the wildflowers

By JR Shermack

I was encouraged by the proposed new Thunder Bay bylaw which gives the nod to yard naturalization in the city.

If you are the type of person who enjoys the sight of brilliant yellow dandelions blanketing lawns in the spring this may be of interest to you.

If you have ever been mesmerized by the cavalcade of color in a field of wildflowers in full bloom, often right within city limits, the bylaw is good news for you.

If you are among of the army of disgruntled home owners who grudgingly sacrifice a portion of their weekend pushing or riding a lawnmower, there is something here for you too.

For city residents who appreciate the benefits of living in a natural environment now might be the perfect time to naturalize your landscape.

Even if you can't get out to the forest to enjoy the wonders of nature maybe you can recreate that naturally invigorating atmos-

phere right in your own back yard.

Naturalization is the process of transforming cultivated landscapes featuring green lawns and exotic shrubs into something more natural and useful as an eco-friendly habitat.

Natural landscapes include plants that are native to the area and grew freely before agriculture and urban development eliminated the habitat of many native species.

Styled front lawns and ornate backyard gardens are being transformed into something different, something creative, more natural and beneficial than perfectly manicured grass.

The David Suzuki Foundation estimates that there are about 6.2 million lawns growing across Canada which require huge amounts of water to keep them green and growing.

One of the most common varieties is Kentucky bluegrass, a non-native species that will turn brown and die in the heat of summer unless regularly watered and fed.

In response to rising environmental concerns many gardeners are opting for drought-resistant native plants that will thrive under the same conditions and require much less care.

When walking along city streets I often see former front lawns converted to attractive collections of shrubs, flowers, native grasses and even assorted vegetables.

The new proposed yard naturalization bylaw would allow Thunder Bay residents to replace 100 per cent of the turf grass in their yard with native local plant species.

A growing number of property owners across Ontario are switching to a more natural approach to landscaping and many local gardeners are growing in that direction.

But while it is pleasing to some, this unconventional approach to yard maintenance faces opposition and complaints in many neighborhoods and communities.

Not everybody appreciates the beauty and benefits of a home grown naturalized environment.



Thunder Bay is considering changes to its yard bylaw regulations. (FILE)

However it fits in with the strategy of lowering our carbon footprint and the advantages include increased biodiversity,

lower water use, fewer pesticides and less maintenance.

Experiencing the sights, sounds and scents in a natural environment is a tonic for physical and mental well-being whether in the forest or in your own back yard.

Right now at the corner of Broadway and highway 61 there is a field of wild lupines in full bloom, a cavalcade of color in pastel shades of pink, white, blue and yellow.

As far as I know this naturalized garden has never been tended and yet every year, year after year, these flowers reappear in dazzling hues swaying in the breeze.

There are many other naturally occurring flowering plants and shrubs growing within and around Thunder Bay which would enhance any boulevard or front lawn in the city.

The yard naturalization bylaw will be debated by City Council and voted on at a future meeting.

It remains to be seen if our community will be growing what comes naturally.

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Celebrations will be muted this year, respecting concerns of the country's Indigenous peoples, a year after unmarked graves were found at residential school sites across the country.

July 1

Canada Day FW Historical Park

Explore a piece of Canada's past, visiting the Anishinaabe encampment and Fort William Historical Park to celebrate the country's diverse heritage.

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ceremonies held at 2 p.m.

Russ's Garage has an extensive collection of vintage cars, race cars, kids' toys and memorabilia. The location is 3190 Highway 61 S. at Gillespie Road in Slate River, just a short drive from Thunder Bay.

Phone 475-7424. Admission is by donation. Both will be open throughout the summer on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

The events take place between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

July 1

Canada Day Bash

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There is a misconception that because you're a good chef, you should instinctively want to own and operate your own restaurant or food operation.

This isn't always the case; it takes a specific mindset to be both a talented cook and a decent manager/owner.

Both these skillsets can be learned with time and training but occasionally a person just becomes a natural born leader.

I can now after 40 years on this planet look myself in the mirror and know my own shortcomings. These skills took a bit longer to develop in me than I would have preferred but the food business is a harsh but addictive mistress, and she takes much more than she gives sometimes.

I will never forget the first time I heard an owner with no food experience say, "I got into the restaurant business to make money".

As someone who occasionally has issues controlling his face, I'm sure my expression was priceless. Even at 27 years old, I knew this was quite possibly the dumbest thing I have ever heard.

There are many reasons to get into cooking, primarily the most important part of it is that you love the business, secondary should be that you love food and love cooking, you should also enjoy serving and meeting people. However, present but almost ancillary on the list should

be profit.

Margins in food are tight, your product is perishable, your sales need to be consistent to make decent profits.

Many factors need to be in play to make a profitable food operation. Location and overhead costs being the often-overlooked option.

If you want to be in a desirable neighbourhood, you will need to factor in a larger portion for overhead. It's not completely necessary to do, but it does help. Thankfully in Thunder Bay, you can't really ever rely on foot traffic for profitability.

Another moment in time with an inexperienced restaurateur, I was asked in my "professional" opinion how much money he should anticipate making in this venture. I confidently said 15-20%, he seemed befuddled, "that's it?". I explained we could do a little better if we get some solid drink sales but if we are doing better than 20% profit with mediocre bar sales, we are ripping people off. It was at that point he asked me to explain to him the margins on alcoholic beverages, which I began to explain.

As I was talking to him, I saw the gears in his head turning behind his beady little eyes. I didn't know it at the time, but I was talking myself right out of a job. We were standing in a 90% built restaurant and he was already checked out, thinking more about building a bar at a new location instead. You don't need a classically trained chef if all you want to do is sling booze.

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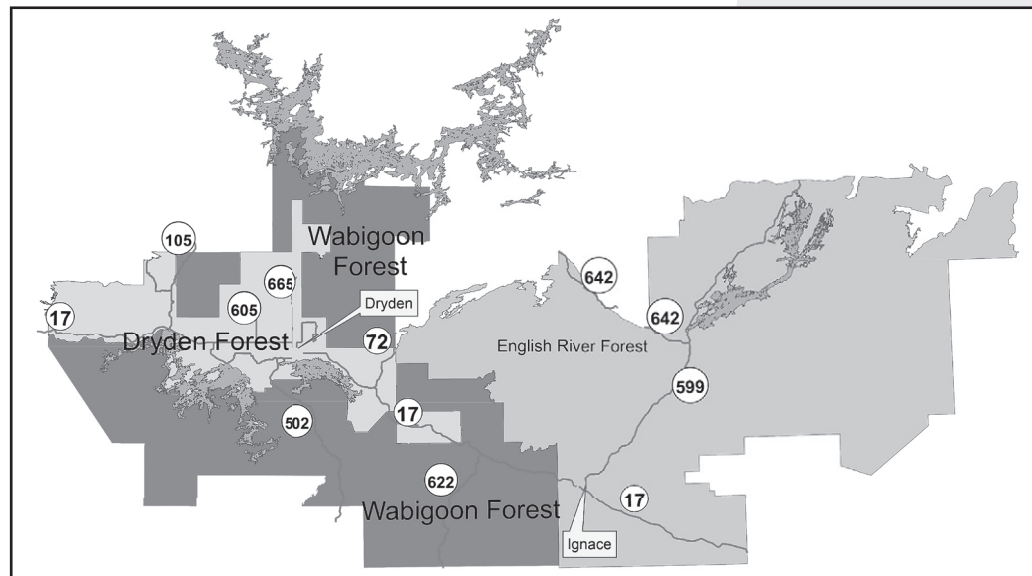


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Fishing with a dog can be great

Dogs are well known to be great partners for our outdoor activities. My golden doodle loves to join the other family members for trail runs, hiking trips, fat bike rides and even some fishing excursions.

Fishing with the dog can be an excellent way to spend time with him, however, some angling adventures might be too long or dangerous to include a canine. It is best to start with some short and simple excursions for the first few trips.

I always consider what type of fishing I am going to be doing before I commit to bringing the dog. Usually, if a fishing trip is suitable for children, it will also be fine for a dog. Typically, this means



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shorter, trips where the dog is unlikely to get either bored or exhausted. Patience is something very important for this sport and some high-energy breeds will struggle with fishing unless they are really well trained. I find that my dog is equally happy following me up and down a river bank or sitting patiently in the boat, but his time limit is about an hour before his obedience begins to break down.

There are many reasons to take a dog fishing. At the top of the list is the fact that many dogs desperately need to get outside because they spend so much time sitting alone in the house all week while we are at

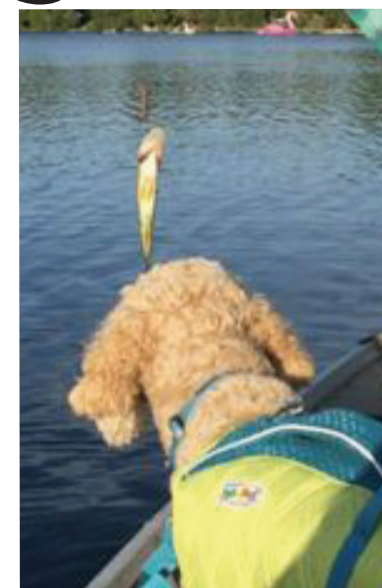
work. In addition, fishing provides an excellent opportunity to strengthen our relationships with our pets. Most companions will love to go fishing with their owners and you may find that fishing could be an excellent way to have some fun together.

On the other hand, there are some good reasons to not bring your dog on every fishing adventure. The first one would be that he is simply not ready to go fishing with you. Perhaps he is not fully trained or he doesn't tolerate extreme weather very well. Maybe he gets restless or bored. Or he could endanger himself by possibly jumping into a fast-flowing river or chasing a wild animal into the deep woods.

If a dog is ready to try fishing, there are a handful of extra things you will need to pack. At the top of

that list will be a leash, waste bags and plenty of water and treats. If it is hot and sunny out, providing some shade is also important. Some dogs might also need toys to distract them and a lifejacket if they don't swim well. A long lead can allow your dog some relative freedom, but, if the area you are fishing is remote and your dog is well-trained, it may be possible to let it off leash to fully enjoy the fishing experience.

Some anglers find that their dog is the perfect fishing partner as they keep us company, rarely complain and never back out of a fishing trip when the weather forecast looks grim. Consider taking your dog on your next fishing adventure and you are very likely to see his tail wagging with excitement while you simultaneously boost the fun level on your own experience.



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Summer winds, summer flowers

I have written before about sitting in the living room chair that affords a view west to the bush. I consider it an important observation post regarding the changes to the season.

I am an early riser. Can't seem to sleep past 6 am. I rise, stumble down the hall to make coffee and sit in my chair to wait for the java to finish dripping into the pot. Once it is ready, I pour a mug and resume my observation post.

I have several books on hand to read and lots of both CDs and vinyl records for this early morning listening. I read a bit while listening but am constantly attracted to the view out the west window. I watch as the wind ruffles the tops of the poplar trees. You see how the wind progresses ruffling each tree in succession as the wind moves.

Back in May and early June, the sun arose to the south of Casa Jones illuminating the forest to the west. You could see the slant of the rising sun on the trees. On Sunday I looked up as Ol' Sol peaked above the horizon and noticed the change of direction of its rays.

Now the sunlight was slanting around the north of the house. Of course, this movement of the rising sun has always followed this route but it is new to me as obviously I haven't until now paid attention. So beautiful.

The last few days that sunny splendor has been interrupted by dark clouds and even brief showers. Then the clouds part and the blue sky is revealed; but not for long. Soon the winds increase and the clouds rapidly move in to cover the sky. Not long after the heavens open and we receive a heavy shower. The rain doesn't last long either. And so it goes: clouds, patches of blue, more showers and gusting winds.

A while back I reported observing from my living room chair poplar puffs floating in the air resembling by their behaviour, large insects. Then the heat hit on Tuesday, Summer Solstice.

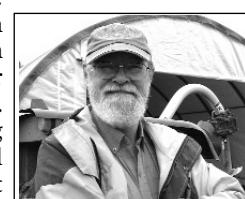
By afternoon we reached what I'm certain was a record temperature of plus 40! My friend Dave who lives in town said that at the same time it was only plus 22. That's what you get living close to the lake.

We inlanders don't have that great humidifier to temper both heat and cold. But the result of the heat (I'm guessing)

was the flush of dragonflies flying around and gobbling black flies and mosquitoes (hurray!). I love seeing the squadrons of dragonflies. At night when we feel it is safe to release the horses from the barn without them being assaulted by biting flies, I open the main barn door to see hundreds of dragonflies busy dive bombing around, consuming the mosquitoes since by then, the black-

flies have retired for the night not liking the dark after all.

Each morning after bringing the equines inside the protection of the barn for the day, I then head to the end of our driveway to fetch the newspaper. There are three, large Saskatoon bushes there. I saw no flowers and wondered if the bushes had



Fred Jones
RURAL ROOTS

suffered during the cold winter. "Nope," replied my wife, Laura," the bushes were in full flower while you were away in the hospital for a week." Oh.

Next time I grabbed the newspaper, I plunged into the depths of long grasses and bushes to "put the Saski bushes with the inspect." Sure enough, plenty of burgeoning berries on the branches. Good.

The other horticultural event that took place in my absence was the appearance of lupins. All along rural roads you can see the beautiful array of lupin colours: blues, purples, pinks, and whites. Gorgeous. Soon again at the end of our driveway long stalked flowering plants will emerge - chicory or corn flowers. And near the creek that flows under the road, Joe's Pieweed will appear with that characteristic pie-shaped, white flower. And along the creek the marsh marigolds have popped up with their lovely orange flowers.

But soon I will feel well enough to go for serious walks on our trails with our pooches. According to Laura, there are lots of trees down across the trails due to a couple of doozie winds. Ah well, also according to my wonderful surgeon who relieved my tum-tum of a nasty, perforated appendix, it will be several more weeks before I can safely manage a chain saw.

Or do any heavy lifting for that matter. So, the trails will have to wait. Meanwhile, pooches and I can inspect the trails to see just how much clearing is necessary.

Art with a certain je ne sais quoi

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

C'est vrai. It's true; and why it is called visual-art. You have to see it for yourself.

When put into words description usually loses something in the translation; it's not enough to read or hear about the joie-de-vivre, the essence, of a culture visually expressed. You have to experience it, for yourself, through your own eyes and imaginative mind. As the saying goes, you'll see what I mean.

Throughout this region and city, surely francophone culture is familiar to everyone. Yet I cannot find best words for the creative tickle-and-jolt of the latest show at Definitely Superior Art: "La Francophone

Dans Tous Ses Etats 2022".

An apt title for the diverse works of 16 professionally successful artists who just happen to identify as francophone; showing us the "language" in which they feel and think and dream.

There's a current of sharp wry humour crackling from some of the pieces; also beauty to veer us off in directions we didn't expect.

How 'bout this? An installation of compact wooden boxes in the middle of the main gallery, perched, on poles. Each artist was assigned to "fill" his or her box however or with whatever. It's called "Ferme ta boîte!" (in English, we read: Shut up your trap!), and grimace to recall, perhaps, a party-line telephone

system where numerous users could listen in on others' conversations, innocently or intentionally. Ring any bells? Yet, side by each, that unexpected beauty I mention. Our eyes are drawn to a large canvas, an acrylic of a mythical wolf (mythical because of the bright jewel-tones, predominantly emeralds and blues) and the arresting eyes. We can't look away.

Nearby another painting, this one a watercolour, exudes serenity: again in green, this time a lush backdrop of ferns cradling a magnificent butterfly, its delicate pale-yellow wings the same hue as freshly-churned butter.

"Tous prêts à rencontrer des amies" (English: Ready to meet

friends) is an inspiration to become quiet and calm inside oneself.

Back to wolves: in the next gallery space a 4 X 4 "photo" immediately conjures the moon with its craters. Superimposed is the silhouette of a howling wolf.

Of course that's what wolves do when the moon is full, we think. But lean real close to this "photo". And register what is there. Not one miniscule "dot" or symbol that makes up the image is an alphabet-or-number character on the standard keyboard we all use when typing. Same thing with a "photo" of the Finlandia Club on fire last winter. What is this artist asking us to think?

"The re-imagining of Art, but

through a different voice," notes DefSup director David Karasiewicz. "And no, French ideas don't necessarily translate well into English; it can be funny.

There's a lot of storytelling happening here, I think. And emotion. Expressed very well, in visual form and as art; then everyone gets it."

DefSup's gallery spaces also host a group of younger francophone artists: students from various schools around the city, juried for their talents in music, theatre, animation, audio-visual presentations. Sky's the limit for where they are headed.

La Francophone Dans Tous Ses Etats 2022 is up at DefSup until July 23. Go see for yourself.

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Elvis is in the building

Austin Butler soars, but Tom Hanks flops in Baz Luhrmann's latest biopic

Director Baz Luhrmann is known for his grandiose, over-the-top storytelling. Sometimes this works (*Moulin Rouge*, *Strictly Ballroom*) and sometimes not so much (*The Great Gatsby*.)

With *Elvis* (SilverCity) Luhrmann soars one minute and then skirts the tree line the next, such are the vagaries of recreating a legend.

Luhrmann orchestrates a turbo-charged rendering of Elvis' spectacular life that was overstuffed with dizzying success and tumbling excess, noting his impact on American culture, all stunningly, tragically over at age 42, gone in a blur.

The movie is an extravagant, high-powered vortex of dazzling concert scenes, thumping soundtrack, frenzied crowd scenes. Flitting flashbacks brilliantly connect meaningful

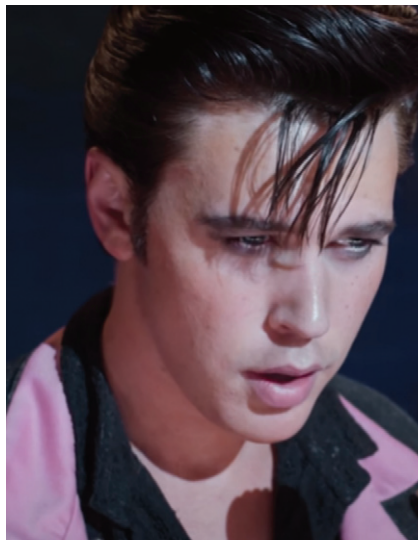
moments in Elvis' life. But forget depth or insight. It's all surface.



Marty Mascarini
MOVIE TALK

The revelation is Austin Butler (*Once Upon a Time in Hollywood*) as Elvis, who gives an acetylene performance on

stage. When he launches into his electrifying gyrations and impassioned singing you'd think lightning bolts are shooting through him, with female fans eagerly getting the full sexual charge. Then he returns to his hotel room, having to come down from the energy fix.



Austin Butler shines as Elvis Presley in *Elvis*.

Butler captures Elvis' silky charisma, his smoldering sex appeal, and devilish, dangerous swagger, approximating Elvis' pretty boy looks and distinctive vocal timbre.

However, off-stage Butler barely gets much dialogue until the film's latter stages where a tortured Elvis is at a career stasis, drug dependency simmering. One wonders how Butler could have more fully illuminated Elvis' interior life if only the script had given him the chance.

Luhrmann's grievous move lies with the voice over narrative, provided by Colonel Tom Parker (Tom Hanks). Off-putting is Hanks'

ridiculous European accent. In old broadcast interviews, Parker has the slightest Southern drawl. He emigrated illegally from the Netherlands at age 20. "Colonel" was an honorary designation provided by a Louisiana governor.

Given Parker's documented financial abuse of Elvis, we wince at getting the villain's side of the story.

Sunk under a ton of prosthetics, Hanks resembles a weirdly accented, lurking geek, Gollum as devious business man.

Elvis' bio-pic highlights get the flipping-through-a-scrapbook treatment. These bits flash by us, reflecting a meteoric life and career that flamed out all too soon, gone like vapor.

Elvis finally winds up as a troubled fixture in Vegas, gaudy, pudgy, still adored by fans.

He's a bird in a gilded cage, entrapped by Parker who thwarts Elvis' global career aspirations, exploiting his financial liabilities. Parker's reluctant to travel and face exposure because of his illegal alien status. He also nixes Elvis' dream of finally getting a serious acting role in *A Star is Born* opposite Barbra Streisand.

The galvanizing musical scenes, including those highlighting Black legends like Little Richard (Alton Mason) are terrific. But there are many questionable bits, like Elvis as civil rights proponent, and behind-the-scenes production tussling during taping of his TV comeback special.

Much like Col. Parker, Luhrmann is a showman. Love him, loathe him or tolerate him, he's entertaining, warts and all.

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- 41 1st incarnation

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- 44 Haw. island
- 48 Anatomy (abbr.)
- 49 Edible seed
- 51 Principal
- 52 Quality (suf.)
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T-Wolves ink Gerrie

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Three years ago, Keighan Gerrie and Kyle Auger were magical together with the Superior International Junior Hockey League champion Thunder Bay North Stars.

Gerrie, the playoff MVP, and Auger, the league's top defenceman in the regular season, each put up 102 points for a North Stars team that lost just seven times in 56 games and thoroughly dominated the opposition from start to finish.

This fall, the duo will have a chance to recreate that same magic at Fort William Gardens, after the Lakehead Thunderwolves on Thursday announced the commitment of Gerrie to join the OUA men's hockey team this fall.

The 21-year-old Gerrie says it's one of the things he's most looking forward to with the Wolves, a team that struggled offensively and defensively in 2020-21.

"I still keep in touch with Kyle, pretty much every day. We're pretty good friends and it will be really nice and exciting to get back on the ice with him," Gerrie said on Friday afternoon.

"He's a dynamic player, he's really good, so hopefully we can take a run at it."

It hasn't been smooth sailing for Gerrie since he left the Stars in 2019, journeying first to the Waterloo Blackhawks of the United States Hockey League. The speedy Thunder Bay forward only



Keighan Gerrie starred for the Thunder Bay North Stars before leaving to play in the USHL (FILE)

managed four goals and six points in 41 appearances, in what was supposed to be a stepping stone to Bowling Green University, a highly regarded NCAA Division 1 school.

Instead, Gerrie headed westward, joining the British Columbia Junior Hockey League's Nainaimo Clippers in 2020-21. He spent two seasons on the Island, scoring 16 goals and adding 17 assists in 46 games, and really came into his own in the 2022 post-season, scoring seven goals and 13 points in 15 games.

It was a real confidence boost, he said.

"I played a lot more this year. It was good for the confidence, for sure, to just get back and keep reminding yourself

that you can still play at a high level," Gerrie said. "It helped a lot, and then in the playoffs too, you get put in those late-game opportunities and it helps you feel good about yourself as a player."

LU coach Andrew Wilkins says Gerrie will be a great addition to the team.

"We are really excited to have Keighan join our team, he's a player that brings a really good skill set to our forward group. Watching Keighan in Nanaimo this year, he continued to improve while producing at big moments during their playoff run," Wilkins said.

"Keighan has the ability to play a fast dynamic game and we look forward to helping him continue his development."



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Chill cool St. Croix

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The chances kept coming for St. Croix SC, but Eduardo D'Avino was up to the task.

The Thunder Bay Chill goalkeeper was a game-changer between the posts on Friday night at Chapples Park, turning aside a late-game barrage to preserve a one-goal lead, including a free kick just outside the box in the 62nd taken by St. Croix's Victor Gaulmin.

It wasn't until injury time that the Chill could breathe a sigh of relief.

With St. Croix keeper Jack Morris abandoning his net to help out in the offensive zone, the Chill managed to fire the ball up-field, where striker Osita Obiekwe grabbed hold of it, out-raced a St. Croix defender and buried it in the opposition net to secure a 3-1 win.

"It felt great. Everybody started to hug each other. It was a fantastic feeling because we fought for it. Our defence, our team we fought for it," D'Avino said.

"After the third goal, we understood that it was done. We had won."

The three points give the Chill complete control over their playoff destiny, albeit with half a season yet to be played.

The win improved the team's record to 3-1-2, a point behind second-place Peoria City with two games in hand.

"It was three essential points," the Chill keeper said.

"It was important after we lost to Des Moines and tied with Peoria, we had to take advantage of being



The Chill's Osita Obiekwe scored twice on Friday night in a 3-1 win over St. Croix. (Leith Dunick)

at home in front of our fans."

The Chill gave the crowd of 495 plenty to cheer about in the opening 25 minutes of play.

Midfielder Alexander Pechacek opened the scoring in the 11th, blasting the ball to the far side past a diving Morris for a 1-0 Thunder Bay lead.

A handball in the box led to a penalty kick in the 25th and Obiekwe made no mistake, fooling Morris with a low shot to the left side of the St. Croix net to double the home team's lead.

It looked like Thunder Bay would take a 2-0 lead into the half, but St. Croix's Kobby Owu caught a break

in the 44th minute, firing what appeared to be a harmless ball at the Chill net, only to have it hit a Thunder Bay player and catch D'Avino going the other way.

The goal proved to be a bit of a momentum changer.

Once again, the Chill couldn't figure out how to close a contest, said veteran coach Gio Petraglia.

"Today we had another great first half. I don't believe the score was fair at halftime. We conceded a goal at the very worst time. We're paying for the fact we're very young ... and we're not mature enough and not enough of a team to close these games earlier," Petraglia said.

"But we showed character at the end. We fought and Eduardo made great saves to keep us up. That's part of our game."

The Chill had at least two great chances to restore the Chill's two-goal lead. As the first half was winding down he was in alone on Morris, but lifted the ball over the St. Croix net. Then in the 50th Pechacek was in alone, but slammed it off Morris' head.

St. Croix's best chance to even the score came in the 80th, when Telvin Vah blasted it off the Thunder Bay post, D'Avino coming up big on an equally dangerous rebound.

The Chill now hit the road for four straight, starting with the first-place Des Moines Menace on Canada Day, the first of four games in a five-day stretch.

They return home to close out the regular season on July 15 and July 16 against FC Manitoba.



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 16. Cottages
 17. Commercial
 18. Storage/Space
 19. Wanted
 20. Condos
 21. Miscellaneous

MERCANDISE FOR SALE
 22. Bargain corner
 23. Misc.
 24. Antiques
 25. Music
 26. Office Equip.
 27. Machinery
 28. Pets & Livestock
 29. Food
 30. Misc. Wanted

VEHICLES FOR SALE
 31. Cars | 32. Trucks
 33. Vans
 34. Motorcycles/ATV's
 35. Campers/Trailers
 36. Motor Homes

37. Marine Equip.
 38. Snowmobiles
 39. Parts & Repairs

YARD SALES
 40. Current River
 41. Northward
 42. South
 43. Westfort
 44. Rural

MISC.,NOTICES, TENDERS
 45. Auctions
 46. Health
 47. Travel
 48. Financial
 49. Lost & Found
 50. Personal
 51. Notices
 52. Tenders

BUSINESS & SERVICES
 53. General Services
 54. Home Improvements
 55. Bus. Opportunities
 56. Training Courses

EMPLOYMENT
 57. Help Wanted
 58. Careers
 59. Child
 60. Health Care
 61. Employment Wanted
 62. Students For Hire

ANNOUNCEMENTS
 63. Coming Events
 64. Craft & Flea Markets
 65. Happy Ads
 66. Cards of Thanks
 67. In Memoriam
 68. Death/Funerals

31. CARS

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41. YARD SALES - NORTHWARD

Multi-family yard sale: lots of various tools, RV, camping, fishing, gardening, misc. household items. July 2nd & 3rd no early birds. 8:30am 147 South Empress Ave.

50. PERSONAL

Single male 58, would like to meet new friends for fun and good times. Call 357-9686.

53. GENERAL SERVICES

#1 AFFORDABLE TREE REMOVAL, CEDARS, SHRUBS, etc. Dump runs. Low rates. Senior discounts. Call Brian at 622-7888.

#1 dump runs, trash/yard clean up: inside/outside. Tear down/remove sheds, decks, fences. Also repair sheds, fences, decks. Cut/remove small trees, trim hedges, lawn cutting + general odd jobs/services. Call Frank 628-5919

#1 YARD CLEAN-UPS: Grass cutting, garbage dump runs, yard clean up and trees trimmed. Phone Brian 474-8870 or 768-9849

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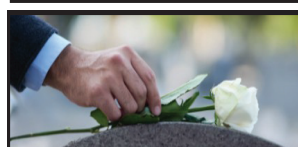
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68. DEATH/FUNERAL



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OENO	ARE	EMIT	5	4	6	9	7	8	2	3	1
ADIT	RAS	DIRT	1	7	2	3	6	5	8	9	4
LATHER	PIERCE		3	5	8	2	1	6	9	4	7
	ELI	ICE	6	2	7	8	9	4	3	1	5
INDRI	ISHMAEL		4	9	1	7	5	3	6	8	2
ARO	HAE	AGE	2	6	4	5	8	9	1	7	3
NATURAL	ADAGE		7	8	5	1	3	2	4	6	9
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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Fill in the budget survey below or complete the survey online.

Visit: www.thunderbay.ca/GetInvolved



2023 PRE-BUDGET SURVEY

1. How important are the following programs and services to you and those in your household?

	Not important	Somewhat important	Important	Very important	Not applicable/ Don't use
Emergency Services (EMS, Fire and Police)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Roads Maintenance & Construction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Winter Maintenance (snow plowing, sanding/salting)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Drinking Water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wastewater (sewer)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stormwater Management (ditches, storm sewers, low impact developments, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Garbage and Recycling Collection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Long Term Care & Senior Services (Pioneer Ridge, Jasper Place, and Meals on Wheels)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks (parks, conservatory, splash pads, trails, golf etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreation Programs & Facilities (aquatics, arenas & stadiums, older adult programs, community centres, events and programming, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Child Care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Libraries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Economic Development (attracting and retaining businesses)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Communication & Engagement with Residents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community Safety & Well-being (poverty reduction, homelessness and mental health programs etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Licensing & Enforcement (by-laws, animal services and parking)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. Are there any other areas not listed above that you would rate as important/very important?

3. The effect of high inflation on the cost of goods and services purchased by the City will put a significant strain on the City's 2023 Budget. What option(s) would you support to cover the increased costs? *Check all that apply.*

- Temporarily reduce/modify some services in 2023
- Permanently reduce/modify some services
- Increase user fees in areas that have increased costs from inflation
- Increase taxes in 2023

4. Are there any programs or services that you would be comfortable with reducing or modifying in order to help cover estimated inflationary cost increases? If so, please list.

5. Do you have any additional suggestions for City Council as it considers the 2023 budget?

(attach an additional page if more space is required)

Return your survey to City Hall or any Branch of the Thunder Bay Public Library. Watch for the Budget Survey collection boxes.

DEADLINE: JULY 20, 2022