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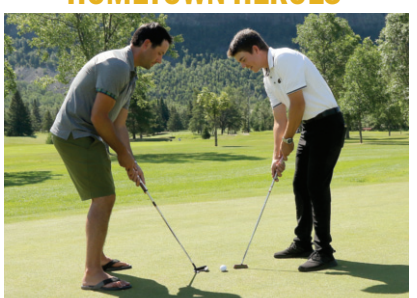
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LEITH DUNNICK



# REVIEW

## Review Of Draft Forest Management Plan Dog River-Matawin 2021-2031 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)**, **Resolute Forest Products Canada Inc.** and the **Dog River-Matawin Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)** invite you to review and comment on the 2021-2031 Draft Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the **Dog River-Matawin Forest**.

### The Planning Process

The FMP takes approximately three years to complete. During this time, five formal opportunities for public consultation and First Nation and Métis community involvement and consultation are provided. The third opportunity (Stage Three) for this FMP occurred on March 4, 2020 when the public was invited to review and comment on proposed operations for the ten year period of the FMP. This **'Stage Four'** notice is to invite you to:

- review and comment on the draft FMP; and
- contribute to the background information

Comments from the public will be considered in revisions to the draft FMP.

### How to Get Involved

Further information on how to get involved in forest management planning and to better understand the stages of public consultation please visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/document/participate-forest-management-ontario/how-get-involved-forest-management>.

The Draft FMP and the Draft FMP summary will be available electronically on the Ontario government website at [www.ontario.ca/forestplans](http://www.ontario.ca/forestplans) and can be made available by contacting the Resolute Forest Products Canada Inc., contact listed below, during normal office hours for a period of 60 days: **August 24, 2020 to October 23, 2020**. Comments on the draft FMP for the Dog River-Matawin Forest must be received by Scott Galloway of the planning team, by **October 23, 2020**.

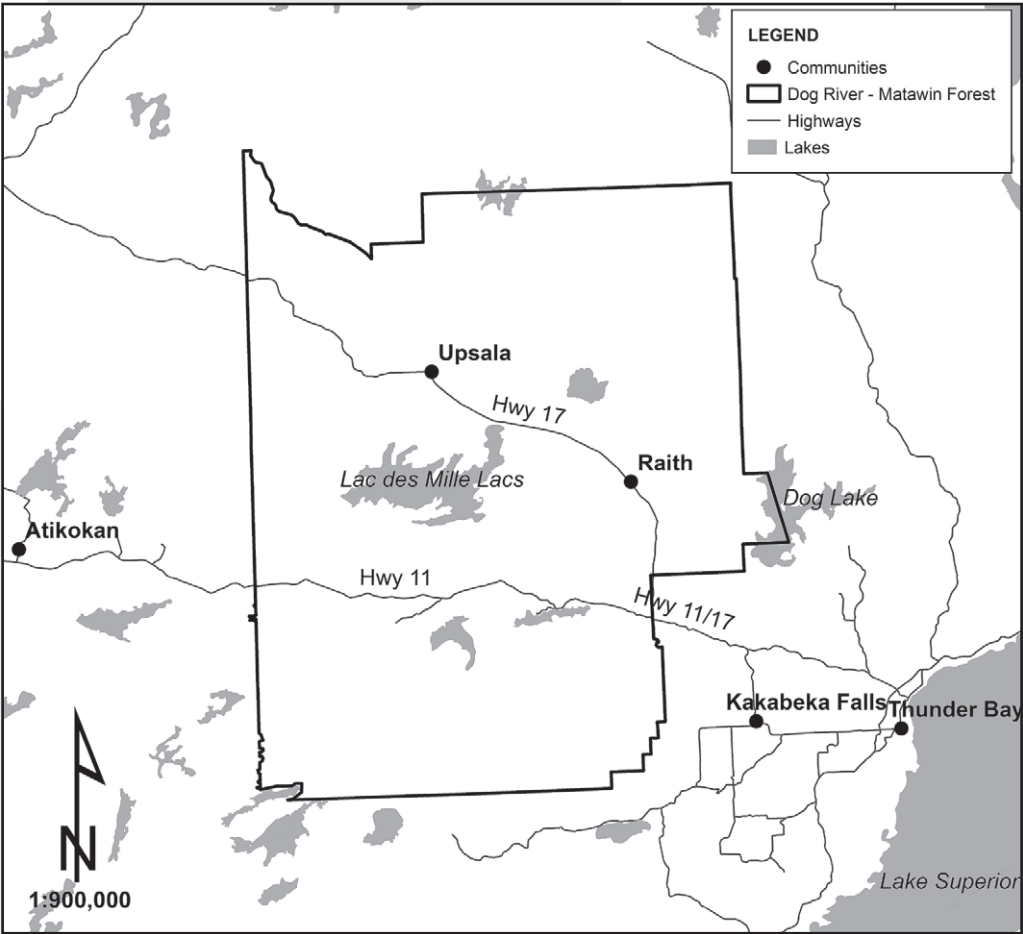
In addition to the most current versions of the information and maps which were previously available, the following information can be obtained electronically on the Ontario government website ([www.ontario.ca/forestplans](http://www.ontario.ca/forestplans)) to assist you in your review:

- Draft FMP, including supplementary documentation;
- Draft FMP summary;
- MNRF's preliminary list of required alterations

The Information Forum related to the review of Draft Forest Management Plan will be held via individual or group remote meetings which may be arranged by calling the individuals listed below during the review period. Remote meetings with representatives of the planning team and the CAC can be also requested at any time during the planning process. Reasonable opportunities to remotely meet planning team members during non-business hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests with a planning team member, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

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During the planning process there is an opportunity to make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the MNRF District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the 2020 *Forest Management Planning Manual (Part A, Section 2.4.1)*.

The last possible date to seek issue resolution with the MNRF Regional Director is **November 9, 2020**.

### Stay Involved

The MNRF-approved FMP will be available for inspection for the 10-year duration of the FMP

**Stage Five** - Inspection of the MNRF-approved FMP which is tentatively scheduled for **February 12, 2021**.

The approval date of the FMP is tentatively scheduled for **March 22, 2021 with implementation on April 1, 2021**.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority provided by the Forest Management Planning Manual, 2020 approved by regulation under Section 68 of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994*. Any personal information you provide (home and/or email address, name, telephone number, etc.) may be used and shared between MNRF and/or the sustainable forest licensee to contact you regarding comments submitted. Your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may also be used by the MNRF to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Alyson Dupuis at 807-475-1512.

## LOCAL NEWS



LEITH DUNICK

**FIRE CONCERN:** Residents were advised to keep windows closed during a fire at the Northern Hardwoods site on Vibert Road.

# Fire razes Northern Hardwoods building

**ROSSLYN**  
By Ian Kaufman – TB Source

Authorities are still investigating the cause of an overnight blaze that inflicted heavy damage on a building at the former Buchanan Northern Hardwoods site off Vibert Road, but aren't considering the fire suspicious.

Oliver Paipoonge Fire and Emergency Services crews responded late Friday night to the

fire, which spread through much of a large industrial building on the site, sending thick clouds of smoke into nearby residential neighbourhoods.

No nearby homes had to be evacuated, reported Oliver Paipoonge Fire Chief Sean Horan, though residents reported being warned to shut their windows Friday night to keep out smoke.

Responders were still on scene into Saturday afternoon, by which

time they had the fire controlled and contained, with some hot spots still smoking

About a dozen vehicles, including pumpers, responded, with over 20 firefighters helping to knock down the blaze. That included assistance from the Neebing Township fire department.

Horan had spoken with the office of the Ontario Fire Marshall, but said the agency was not expected to investigate the incident further.

## City cuts \$7M from COVID deficit

**CITY HALL**  
By Ian Kaufman – TB Source

The City of Thunder Bay has slashed millions off its estimated losses from the COVID-19 pandemic as it reopens services and finds additional savings, a new report shows.

City leaders had feared the pandemic could cost the municipal government up to \$13 million in 2020. City treasurer Linda Evans now pegs that figure closer to \$7 million in a financial variance report prepared for city council.

The report, submitted on July 6, does not take into account the city's move to Stage 3 reopening on July 17.

Overall, the city estimates it will lose out on \$15 million in revenue while facing nearly \$4 million in additional costs in 2020 due to COVID-19.

Those staggering sums are partially offset by a projected \$12.7 million in avoided costs, which have

included significant layoffs and facility closures.

The bulk of the projected impact of COVID-19 comes from foregone revenue in the community services department, totaling nearly \$9 million.







This includes nearly \$4 million in lost recreation revenue, and more than \$3 million in lost transit revenue.

Other major contributors include nearly \$2.7 million in net losses for the corporate Services and long-term care department, and a nearly \$1.2 million net loss at the Parking Authority.

Savings found by the city include a projected \$1.4 million on utilities and fuel, \$1.2 million on health benefits, and \$500,000 from foregoing a wage increase for non-union non-affiliate, and management staff. The city also expects to recoup \$800,000 with the recent reintroduction of transit fares.

Without the pandemic, Evans estimated the city would face an unfavourable variance of just under one million dollars for the 2020 tax-supported budget.

## Weather Forecast

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Mainly sunny	Sunny	Sunny
Probability of Precipitation: 20% HIGH 25 LOW 14	Probability of Precipitation: 10% HIGH 26 LOW 14	Probability of Precipitation: 0% HIGH 27 LOW 15
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## LOCAL NEWS



**QUICK TO BUILD:** Thunder Bay Regional's Dr. Stewart Kennedy and Dr. Salima Oukachbi say a COVID Isolation unit can be up and running in about a day.

# COVID-19 unit closes

Hospital officials say only a dozen patients have been treated there for virus

**HEALTH**  
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

**A** COVID-19 isolation unit at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre initially built to house up to 36 patients has been closed after only treating a dozen patients over a three-month span.

However, hospital officials say they can have the third-floor unit back up and running in a matter of about 24 hours should an expected coronavirus wave hit the region in the fall.

Dr. Stewart Kennedy, who heads the hospital's incident management team, last Wednesday said it's good news, but by no means is Thunder Bay out of the woods, as case counts rise in other jurisdictions – though not in Thunder Bay, where 92 of 93 cases have been resolved, with one death attributed to the virus.

"This is a milestone transition in our COVID-19 pandemic response and it highlights our community's success in terms of avoiding an influx of positive cases at our hospital," Kennedy said.

"This unit opened in early April 2020, to allow for a potential influx of COVID-19 patients. This influx never occurred. The total number of patients treated on the unit was 123

... Only 12 of those patients were COVID-19-positive. We only had four at one time."

Kennedy said the goal is to use the beds designated for the unit for other medical purposes, allowing for other treatments and procedures to take place, as they would prior to the pandemic's declaration this past March.

"Of course, this doesn't mean the pandemic is over. COVID-19 is still in our community and as we're experiencing in other areas right now, like Alberta and B.C., it is increasing once we actually open up the rules for further gatherings," Kennedy said.

"We expect we'll get more COVID-19 cases here at Thunder Bay Regional Hospital. But the process of the COVID-19 (unit) closing is to make room and additional surgical capacity as we increase our elective surgery, taking care of the pain and suffering of many of our community members who have endured COVID-19."

For now, any patients diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19 will be housed in one of several negative pressure rooms located throughout the hospital.

Kennedy said once that number hits seven, the incident management team will meet again to determine if it's necessary to restart

the COVID-19 unit again.

Dr. Salima Oukachbi, one of two dedicated physicians on the unit, said initially it was tough to choose to work so closely with the virus, which has killed more than 618,000 worldwide, according to Johns Hopkins University of Medicine, including more than 8,900 in Canada.

There were plenty of unknowns at that time, including what drugs to treat patients with and how it was actually transmitted.

"I think we were fortunate enough at Thunder Bay Regional where we didn't have as many patients and the community stepped up and did what they had to do," Oukachbi said.

"The difficulty treating those patients is having the false negatives. Sometimes we'd do a test and it would come back negatives but the symptoms from the labs and from the presentation of the patient, you'd feel this patient has COVID."

Precaution always won out, she said.

Oukachbi said while the public awaits a successful vaccine to build up herd immunity, that same kind of attitude must be maintained.

"To stress it more, it's physical distancing and using masks. If you have symptoms, stay home and self-isolate. If you get worse, you come to the hospital."

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DR. STEWART  
KENNEDY**

LEITH DUNICK



## LOCAL NEWS



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**CONCERNED:** Health Minister Patty Hajdu says testing and tracing is key to keeping COVID-19 at bay.

# Hajdu promising \$4.2B for testing

Federal money will also be used to improve tracing

## HEALTH

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

**H**ealth Minister Patty Hajdu says Ottawa will spend \$4.28 billion to increase testing and contact tracing capacity, as well as the associated data management related to the spread of COVID-19.

The money is part of a \$19.2-billion Safe Restart fund announced two weeks ago by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, that will enable public health officials across the country to conduct up to 200,000 tests per day.

Hajdu said a portion of the remainder of the money will be used to cover sick pay for workers unable to show up for work because of the virus or because they're exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

"This is about capacity, not targets," Hajdu said Monday at a news conference held outside the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, where she once worked.

"We just want to make sure as a nation that we have the capacity to test as many people as we need to, depending on how this outbreak evolves. In fact, rapid testing allows for the ability to do rapid contact tracing and that is really critical to containing the virus, making sure people have the information they need to prevent the further spread to their loved ones."

Asked why it's taken four-and-a-half months to get to this point, Hajdu said Ottawa has injected billions into the coronavirus response, but this new agreement is a chance for the provinces and territories to get through the next six to eight months.

"This is not about rebuilding our economy

post-pandemic. This is about making sure that at the provincial and territorial level, people have what they need to restart the economy in as safe a way as possible, and to address some of the gaps that became glaringly apparent very early on," Hajdu said.

"I've said this before and I'll say it again – we've under-invested in public health for many, many decades. The challenge is we have a health crisis and people remember public health is important. And then the health crisis fades and then we de-invest in public health."

It's because of that cycle that things like data management systems, which may sound boring to the average Canadian, often aren't in place when needed most.

In fact, Hajdu said, they may be the key to helping Canada emerge from the other side of the virus' impact on the day-to-day lives of Canadians and Canadian businesses.

"Data has been a plague to us all – a second plague to us all," Hajdu said.

"The inability to actually quickly understand what's happening with an individual and how they're connected to a larger outbreak, has

been a really challenging aspect at managing this pandemic at all levels of government."

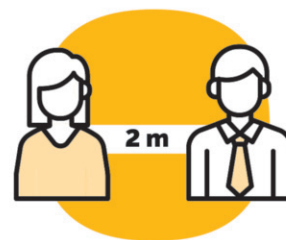
Though short on how it will be rolled out, Thunder Bay District Health Unit medical officer of health Dr. Janet DeMille said it's welcome news.

"I don't have a lot of details of how that's going to potentially impact us here. I am optimistic that they do understand the implications for trace and contact management for health units and are looking at supporting us in doing that."

**"This is about capacity, not about targets."**

**PATTY HAJDU**

## As more businesses and services reopen, we must all continue our efforts to protect each other.



**Continue to practice physical distancing**, stay two metres apart even in gatherings.



**Wear a face covering** where physical distancing is a challenge or where required.



**Continue to wash hands frequently.**



**Get tested** if you are worried you may have COVID-19, or have been exposed to the virus.

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# Editorial

## EDITORIAL

### Local kids should play

**T**hunder Bay Minor Football got the OK from the district health unit to hold a season this fall.

It's going to be different. For starters, tackling is out and the game being played is a variation of flag football.

It appears some summertime four-on-four hockey will also be taking place at the Tournament Centre.

The return of sports at the local level was bound to happen, and sooner, rather than later.

Done carefully, it's a good thing.

Psychologically, it's important for our youth to get back to some sense of normalcy.

As we've seen in stores and gyms, if the proper precautions are taken, it is safe to start resuming some of the activities that made life fun in pre-COVID times.

Unfortunately, higher level sports teams may have to take a back seat, or reinvent what it is they do.

It's probably not a smart idea to have teams traveling from region to region to get games in. The border closure (and continued gathering restrictions) may make it all a moot point until much further down the recovery road.

But lets get our kids back to playing games on the soccer fields, hockey rinks and basketball courts. And hopefully, it's a sign we'll be able to get them back in the classroom in the fall.

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## Shop carefully for an advisor

**Dear Money Lady,**

*I received a large severance from my employer that recently eliminated my job after 38 years. I plan to find an advisor, but because I have never had one before I am wondering what I should agree to pay for their services?*

Ed

**E**d you are not the only one looking around for a new investment advisor. With the volatile stock market environment, many people have sent me comments and questions about how to move their portfolios to a new advisor. I would caution those investors on making any quick changes and selling stock at this time.

Remember the key is to maintain a well-diversified portfolio which includes bonds, cash, and high-quality stocks.

When you are looking for an investment "partner," try to pick an advisor who really has your best interests at heart; something you will definitely need when weathering future market uncertainties.

Please make sure to do your homework and find out what the firm and the new advisor's value proposition is.

It goes without saying that you should interview more than one and make sure you find a good fit with not only the advisor but the brokerage firm. Now let's talk about fees.

What should you pay? There are two types of fee structures – transactional or fee-based.

Many people use direct investing options these days to avoid high advisor's fees and we are seeing an increased shift with millennials who simply don't see the value in having an investment advisor.

The young simply don't want to pay the thousands of dollars just to sit down with an advisor and have a relationship with a banker.

As more funds transfer into the hands of these new investors, advisors and brokerage firms may need to shift their thinking about their future fee structures.

Many bank financial planners typically are paid a base salary with a commission matrix based on how they grow their book of business and bring on new clients.

Typically, fees are preset based on the mutual fund you choose for your portfolio ranging from one per

cent to 2.5 per cent.

Investment advisors are generally paid differently and on straight commission making them highly motivated to ensure you make a profit of which they in turn are compensated on.

I have seen advisor fee-based services range from 0.75 per cent all the way up to three per cent.

Some advisors act as personal bankers for ultra-rich clients, doing everything for them, hence I can see the higher fee structure.

But for most of us we do not need someone to pay

our bills and handle our budgets, so if you are paying more than 1.5 per cent for a fee-based portfolio, you may be paying too much.

If you have different SMA products or separately managed accounts your advisor may increase their fee up to 1.8 per cent.

Bottom line, fees are all over the map and vary from one advisor to another and really should be based on your comfort zone.

Do you feel that you are getting your money's worth on your fee-based portfolio or would you prefer a transaction-based portfolio?

Is your advisor a valued partner that you are willing to pay for, and most importantly are you satisfied with their services?

It is always a good idea to periodically check out the competition, talk to your friends and see what they pay. Only you will know what feels comfortable to pay for investment advice.

*Good luck and best wishes,  
Money Lady*

**Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author of the best-selling book "How to Retire Debt Free & Wealthy" and a new book Don't Panic – How to Manage your Finances and Financial Anxieties During and After the Coronavirus" available at all bookstores across Canada. If you have a money question, please email on website: [www.askthemoneylady.ca](http://www.askthemoneylady.ca)**



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# Perspective

## A bird named Thunder

City admin didn't put enough thought into mascot name

### OPINION

By J.R. Shermack  
Special to TB Source

**T**hunder Bay has been preoccupied for much of 2020 so it is understandable if the city's 50th anniversary passes by without much fanfare and celebration.

Citizens can be forgiven if they don't feel like dancing because even before COVID 19 our beleaguered community was already in social turmoil.

Isolation and social distancing puts a further damper on public displays of citizenship and it will be challenging to create a sustained mood of fun and festivity.

Councillor Shelby Ch'ng and her 50th anniversary committee had no way of knowing about the coming global pandemic when they kicked off the celebrations last New Year's Day.

### Missed a lot more

That wasn't the only thing they failed to anticipate and their lack of community awareness led to an error in judgement and a baffling, somewhat fuzzy result.

I count myself among the baffled and befuddled and it all has to do with an ostentatious, furry bird named Thunder.

The anniversary committee began in 2016 as the Civic Pride Task Force and then, as now, I'm sure they had lofty goals and intentions.

Committee members include representatives from Thunder Bay

business, culture and education with guidance and leadership from city council.

The group was recently repurposed to help the city celebrate 50 years of amalgamated bliss and pay tribute to our history, culture, heritage and diversity.

Residents were to be engaged as community ambassadors throughout the year when friends and family travelled home to celebrate with us in Thunder Bay.

Nostalgic photos would be shared and colourful stories would be told at crowded venues and events all over town.

The goals don't get much loftier than that but we all know what happened next – COVID 19 put an end to all travel plans and the only crowds allowed were online zoomers.

The 50th anniversary committee must have been disappointed by this unforeseen challenge but apparently they didn't put all their eggs in one basket.

One egg remained and when it was hatched our city was invaded by a large, boldly coloured, cartoonish bird named Thunder.

I first became aware of Thunder when somebody pulled up the promotional video and proclaimed, "You have to see this – you won't believe it."

They were right and as I watched that garish bird clod-hopping in front of traditional Thunder Bay landmarks I thought somebody was pranking the good people of Thunder Bay.

I waited for the punch line or at least an explanation of some sort but I soon realized that this was the egg recently hatched and seriously endorsed by the 50th committee.

The video caught me completely by surprise and I got a good laugh at first until my mood changed very quickly from the ridiculous to the sublime.

Instead of inspiring civic pride this out-of-place, awkwardly juxtaposed mascot stirred an immediate negative backlash from offended, culturally sensitive citizens.

### Weren't thinking it through

For all its expertise and oversight, the committee failed to make the connection between a bird named Thunder and the Thunderbird, a sacred indigenous symbol.

Chairperson Ch'ng issued a heartfelt "Whoops" to the community and promised to rename the bird.

But it will take more than a name change to correct the mistake and repair the damage done by Thunder Bay's 50th anniversary committee.

Besides forcing the City to issue an immediate apology for a lack of sensitivity, this \$5000 blunder indicates a serious lack of empathy and vision by decision makers.

Given our city's recent racial turmoil and amid a growing global awareness of inequality it might be best if we clip Thunder's wings before he causes another big flap.

This is not what the city needs right now.

### ROLLING AROUND



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## A look back in history:

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## Paramedics honour comrades

### THUNDER BAY

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

**P**aramedics cycled through parts of Thunder Bay last Wednesday, an effort to remember colleagues who have died as a result of the job.

More than a dozen paramedics and family members took part in the ride, the first leg of which led them from Superior North EMS's Junot Street headquarters to Hillcrest Park overlooking the Sleeping Giant, where a bell was rung 50 times for those who have fallen.

It was rung once more in support of those who suffer from post traumatic stress syndrome and other paramedics whose psychological suffering have led them to commit suicide.

Jonathan Woodbeck, the peer support and wellness co-ordinator for Superior North EMS, said it was an emotional day for paramedics in the Thunder Bay area.

The ceremony usually takes place in Ottawa and Toronto, the start and end destinations of a cyclist ride to honour those who died on the job.

With COVID-19 restrictions in place, in 2020 organizers decided to ship the bell to communities throughout the province and bring the ceremony closer to home.

"It's sobering," Woodbeck said. "Often up here in the north, and with smaller services, we forget that we're part of a much larger paramedic family. Events like this, events like the ride, sort of bring us together, remind us that we're not alone, that there's others out there. There are others who have sacrificed. There are others who haven't made it home to their families."

It's a reminder for paramedics to not only stay safe on the job, but to be respectful, helping and watching



**MOVING TRIBUTE** Paramedics and their families rode from Junot Street to Hillcrest Park last Wednesday.

each other's backs.

"At any point, what we do is dangerous," he said. Ryan Charbonneau, said he took part in last year's ride between Toronto and Ottawa and said it truly showed him just how large a family paramedics are in Ontario and across the country.

"To be able to have the bell here in Thunder Bay and bring it home to my colleagues and have them share it was something pretty special," he said. "I'm just glad we had a beautiful day and that we could share it and have a little ceremony here at Hillcrest and honour our colleagues."

## Cycling clubs still taking a cautious approach

**A**fter nearly four months, the Ontario Cycling Association has announced that racing can finally start up again in Ontario, with new safety measures in effect, under their Progressive Return to Cycling policy. Locally, the Thunder Bay Cycling Club kicked off the 2020 road season with an Individual Time Trial on July 23 and future events are scheduled every Thursday evening through to the end of August.

Maureen Page, the Thunder Bay Cycling Club's race Commissaire says club members are excited about the race season opening as there was a lot of uncertainty over the last few months. They are taking several new precautions at races.



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the races, individual starts are staggered by a full two minutes, results will only be posted online and they have removed the volunteer who usually holds each rider upright on the start line, allowing racers to begin clipped in to the pedals for an explosive start.

Finally, athletes who drive to the events are required to park their vehicles with a full space in between and anyone who cannot comply with social distancing protocol will be required to wear a mask, even though they are outside. The club shut down in March after a hugely successful fat bike season.

Since then, many riders have been enjoying an extended off-season and doing a lot of solo riding, but many were anxious to get back on the road and feel that adrenaline rush of a real race effort.

Meanwhile, Thunder Bay's Blacksheep Mountain Bike Club offered their members a triple bill of virtual challenges back in June.

Mountain bikers had the opportunity to head out solo, whenever it was convenient for them, and try a speed challenge, a distance challenge and a technical

challenge.

While the real draw of the Blacksheep is the social aspect of their events, which usually draw more than a hundred racers to each, plenty of people tried the virtual challenges and some even completed all three.

Brooke Ailey, the 2019 Advanced Women's champion chose the ultimate challenge of doing the speed, distance and technical events all in one ride.

### Multi-disciplined

She said, "I enjoyed having several different types of challenges – speed, distance, and technically difficult courses. It really made the ride a lot more fun to have some goals to shoot for."

Blacksheep president Tristin Radley-Hansen says they plan to resume live racing, social rides and trail builds soon with participation caps, social distancing and other safety measures similar to the TBayCC.

He reminds people to not participate in events if they have been ill or in contact with anyone who has been ill.

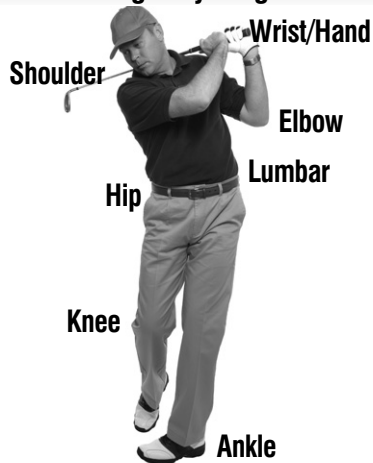
It is a relief for local athletes to finally have some small race opportunities start to appear back on the calendar here in Thunder Bay.

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# Summer's first harvest finally arrives

And so, it begins: the first harvest from our veggie garden. So, there I was, Sunday, doing dishes, listening to CBC Music and a wonderful symphony concert when suddenly, a squeaky voice shouts "surprise!" I jump, dropping the pot that I was scrubbing. It was our son, Doug, carrying a large basket full of newly harvested carrots, beets,

onions, and yellow beans. He was followed by my wife, Laura, The Gardener, also loaded with a huge armful of kale and leeks.

Wow! I couldn't wait to wash a couple of carrots and chomp. Pure luxury.

"We are going to have a lot of carrots, but I have to thin them," Laura

announced. I mumbled something like an agreement as I crunched a carrot feeling a bit like Bugs Bunny.

The heat that we have had helped with the growing as long as we regularly watered the garden since we also endured, until recently, a long dry spell.

What rain we have received out here on the farm has been negligible. We need a good, steady, rain, not a downpour that will just run off, but a good rain to soak the ground.

I was talking with my hay producer about the yield and quality of hay from the fields.

Quality very good, yield (quantity) not as good due to the lack of rain.

But the shocker was discovering the other day that some critter had been eating our beets. Groundhog! How do I deal with that?

I don't own a rifle (don't really want to kill the thing anyway), but this little, brown furry can do some real damage.

The beets that Doug brought in all had a chomp or two out of them. Groundhog's interfering with our garden prompted us to have beets Sunday night. And the weeds!

Can't keep ahead of them.

I don't even bother with the quack grass. I just pull the other types when I see them while passing through the garden.

And thistles! Nasty stabbing things that not only invade the vegetable garden but has spread throughout pasture paddock beside the garden. Pretty to behold until you try to pass through them.

Then one must wear protective clothing.

We garden organically so I refuse to use chemicals to rid both garden and pasture of noxious weeds such as the quack grass, thistles, Lambs Quarters, and whatever else that tends to invade.

Laura tried an experiment this year. We have a section that is fenced in we call the Round Pen.

It is where we would put first-time horses on the property to isolate them and allow them to get used to seeing the rest of the herd without being harassed. Slowly we'd introduce new equine into the herd. Well, since we closed the business back in 2012, the round pen has stood idle.

The experiment was to mow the grass in long stretches, put down cardboard, cover that with old hay, and then, plant potatoes. We did not try this experiment until we finished planting the vegetable garden so it was a tad later than usual.

But, hooray! We have potatoes. Experiment a success! It was advertised as "No Work Gardening". By "no work", I assume that meant no hilling of potatoes necessary nor weeding. Just "let 'em do their own thing" as it were.

Thursday night Laura stayed up very late processing the basil. She grew lots of it.

The kitchen was redolent with that sweet aroma as she turned it all into pesto. My job was to carry the trays of newly-made pesto down to the freezer.

Sunday, Laura had me bring those trays back upstairs to the kitchen so that she could put them into freezer bags that I would carry back downstairs again to the freezer for future use.

One of the crops of basil was purple. Didn't know there was such a thing. Well, Laura successfully grew purple potatoes last year, so why not?

We harvested almost all of the cauliflower, some of which I turned into a scrummy soup. The rest gets processed and frozen. Yellow beans are quickly ripening as are the peas.

So, where are the green beans? Laura told me that she had to replant them after that killer frost.

We will get a crop, just not now.

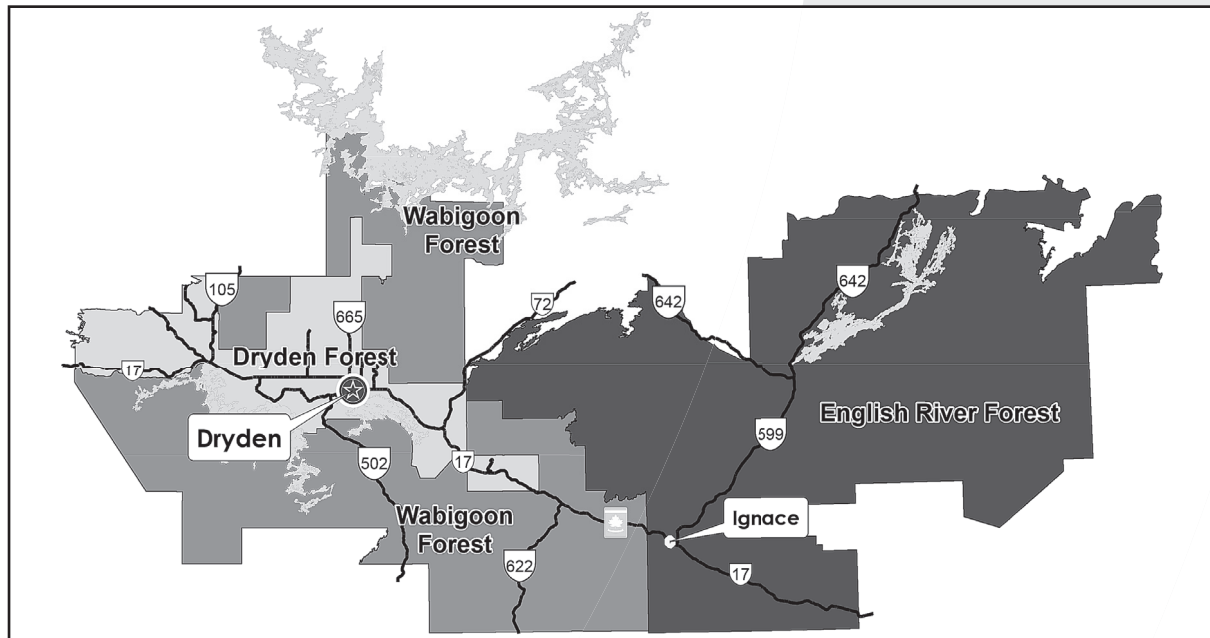
Each year gardening (Laura reminded me) is different. Weather, experiments, et all make sure that no year is quite the same. It is the results that matter.

And so far, the results from her garden are a delicious success.

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## The Outpost a gut-wrenching battle



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MOVIE TALK

**T**he *Outpost* (Shaw Pay-Per-View) is an impressive entry in the 'characters-under-siege' genre, in the tradition of *Zulu*, *Platoon*, and *Black Hawk Down* among many, where outnumbered soldiers resolve to overcome desperate odds while trapped at one imperiled location.

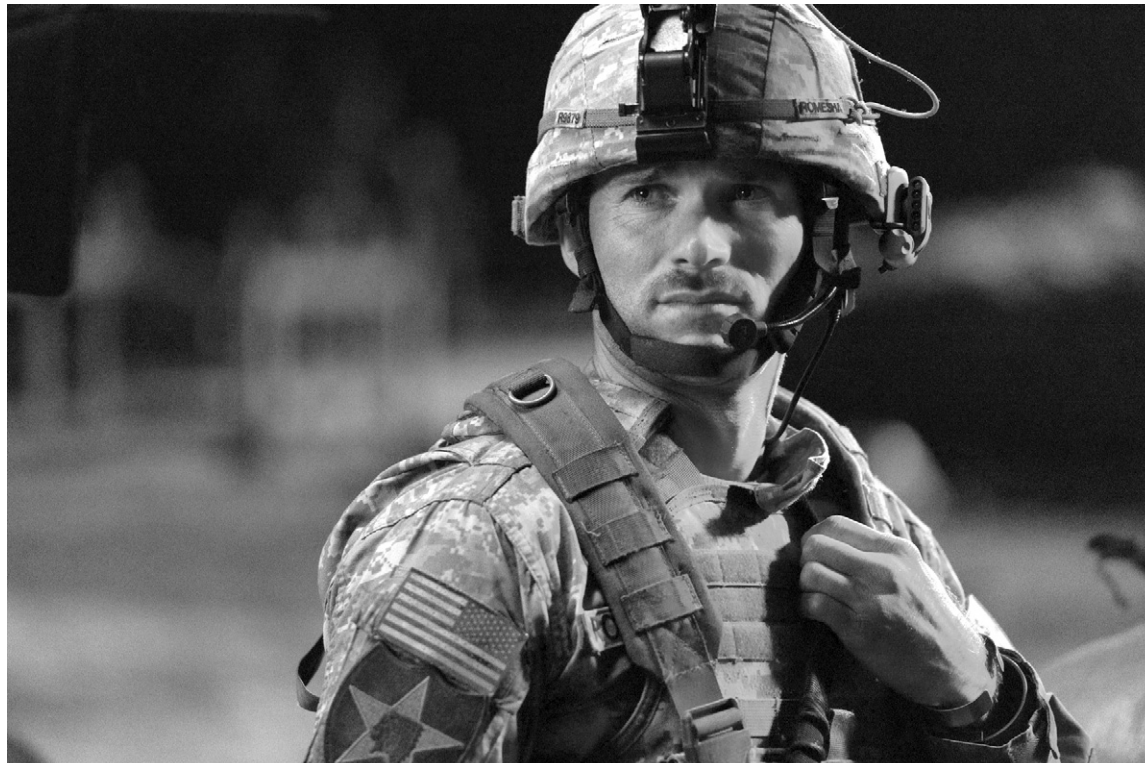
The film is based on CNN journalist Jake Tapper's best-selling book, *The Outpost: An Untold Story of American Valor*. The book is brought to life by director Rod Lurie, a West Point graduate and ex-journalist. It recounts the 2009 Battle of Kamdesh, where 53 US soldiers faced a massive attack by over 400 Taliban insurgents in a bloody 13-hour firefight at Combat Outpost Keating.



**JAKE TAPPER**

battling an unpopular war.

The outpost is situated at the base of an Afghan mountain range, Hindu Kush.



**LEADING ROLE:** Scott Eastwood, son of Hollywood legend Clint Eastwood, stars in *The Outpost*, an adaptation of a Jake Tapper novel.

The goal was to establish US community connections with the Afghan locals in attempt to win hearts and minds over the Taliban.

While the post's close location enables US commanders to hold ongoing if somewhat volatile negotiations with slippery Afghan leaders, it is also positioned in a supremely vulnerable spot

where the Taliban sporadically unleash sniper fire at the Americans from the hill-sides above.

Director Lurie sets the tense tone immediately, opening with a Taliban barrage that makes a grave impression on some new troops. This is a deadly doomed place. The outfit is later shaken by the tragic loss of other brothers-in-

arms in the film's first half.

Lurie paints a realistic, gritty picture of the grunts, as the soldiers ride each other constantly, bonding through foul-mouthed, darkly funny insults, enduring boredom punctuated by sudden heart-pounding terror

Overlooking the stronghold, Scott Eastwood's Sergeant Romesha chillingly

assesses strategy the Taliban could employ to overrun them. This makes the precariousness of Bravo Troop's fate all the more dire, setting the stage for the inevitable onslaught.

Upon learning of the American plan to close the base, the Taliban unleashes a massive surprise attack to make the US pay for their folly, galvanizing the film's bracing second half.

Lurie is extremely effective in staging authentic, gut-wrenching 'you-are-there' sequences as handheld cameras tightly follow the US soldiers as they dodge deadly gunfire and bone-jarring explosions. Bodies begin to fall.

Amid the chaos, the Americans feverishly strategize to hold the post, desperately holding out for air cover.

In the end, they emerge with 8 dead, 27 wounded. Bravo Troop becomes one of the most decorated units in the 19-year-old conflict.

Stand outs in the excellent cast include the aforementioned Eastwood, Orlando Bloom as Captain Keating, and Caleb Landry Jones as Specialist Ty Carter.

The film might have achieved greater gravitas had there been a reference to the battle's impact on the strategic landscape if any and ramifications for higher-ups responsible for the base's ill-fated location.

But such is "The Outpost's" singular, noble purpose as exemplified in the closing credits, to simply serve as an unvarnished tribute to the price paid for ultimate sacrifice, simple survival, and brotherhood under fire.

## Novels paint stunning pictures of our historical background



**JOHN  
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BOOK BANTER



**I**sland *Beneath the Sea* by Isabel Allende is sweeping, provocative and impossible to put down. Born a slave on the island of Saint-Domingue, Zarité – known as Tété – is the daughter of an African mother she never knew and one of the white sailors who brought her into bondage.

Though her childhood is one of brutality and fear, Tété finds solace in the traditional rhythms of African drums and in the voodoo loas she

discovers through her fellow slaves.

When 20-year-old Toulouse Valmorain arrives on the island in 1770, it's with powdered wigs in his baggage and dreams of financial success in his mind.

But running his father's plantation, Saint-Lazare, is neither glamorous nor easy. It will be eight years before he brings home a bride – but marriage, too, proves more difficult than he imagined and Valmorain remains dependent on the services of his teenaged slave.

Spanning four decades, *Island Beneath the Sea* is the moving story of the intertwined lives of Tété and Valmorain, and of one woman's determination to find love amid loss, to offer humanity though her own has

been battered, and to forge her own identity in the cruellest of circumstances.

*The Black Jacobins* by CLR James is the classic history of Toussaint L'Ouverture and the San Domingo revolution. I like his Marxist definition of history: 'Great men make history, but only such history as it is possible for them to make.'

Their freedom of achievement is limited by the necessities of their environment.

To portray the limits of those necessities and the realisation, complete or partial, of all possibilities, that is the true business of the historian.'

It is interesting to note that he wrote *The Black Jacobins* in 1938 when the Nazis were persecuting Jews and he

draws a parallel between this and the oppression of black slaves by white planters in Haiti.

In both cases white Europeans used their racial theories to justify their economic and political oppression and genocidal policies.

Évelyne Trouillot's brilliant novel *The Infamous Rosalie* is a fictional analog to *Survival* in Auschwitz in which Primo Levi recounted the horrors of everyday life for Jews in Nazi death camps.

Beyond offering detailed testimony, Levi used his experience to ask profound questions about what it means to be human.

Évelyne Trouillot does something very similar but from a female slave's perspective. Relying on existing

scholarship as faithfully as she can, Trouillot imagines a slave's existence.

What did slaves see and what did they think? How did their experiences vary? Her book also offers a more compelling account of the background to the Haitian Revolution than many existing histories.

Finally, she uses slavery to raise big questions about the purpose of life and whether life as a slave was worth living.

A beautifully written short novel with an excellent translation by M.A. Salvodon, *The Infamous Rosalie* is eminently worthy of becoming a new 'classroom classic' alongside slave narratives such as those written by Olaudah Equiano and Solomon Northrup.





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**HIRED ON:** Thunder Bay's Ryleigh Dupuis.

# TBSO hires a new GM

## MUSIC

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra has a new executive director and general manager.

The TBSO on Friday announced Ryleigh Dupuis has been hired to take on the dual roles, returning to Thunder Bay after several years away.

In addition to working in 17 different cities as a human resources specialist with WestJet, Dupuis was also a talent associate for one of the oldest agencies in Vancouver.

The chance to return home was just too great to pass up, she said.

"I was born and raised in Thunder Bay. Having grown up participating in the arts in the city, I have always held the TBSO in high esteem," Ryleigh said, in a TBSO-issued release.

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to return home to work with an organization that is at the heart of the city's vibrant and diverse arts community."

Dupuis had all the characteristics and experience needed to fill the role, said TBSO board president Linda Penner.

"We're delighted to have Ryleigh Dupuis join the TBSO, bringing her skill set, energy and excitement at a time where we re-imagine our '20-'21 season while embracing the challenge for live symphonic music to continue to thrive in Thunder Bay."

Dupuis, who begins her new role on Sept. 1, takes over from Gerald McEachern, who opted not to accept a two-year extension earlier this year and departed in June.

## IN BRIEF

# Gap Outlet store permanently closing in city

Thunder Bay has lost another retailer. A handwritten sign posted on the door of the city's Gap Outlet store at the Thunder Centre indicates the outlet will not reopen. It closed in March because of COVID-19 restrictions.

"Unfortunately our store will not be opening. Thank you for all your support over the last few

years. We will miss you."

## VR arcade opens at mall

Thunder Bay's first virtual reality arcade opened its doors Sunday, promising visitors an out-of-this-world experience.

Thunder VR is located at the north end of the Intercity Shopping Centre in the old West 49 location.

It boasts eight 10-foot by 10-foot stations for solo or multi-player use where players, armed with headsets and controllers, can explore virtual worlds in three dimensions.

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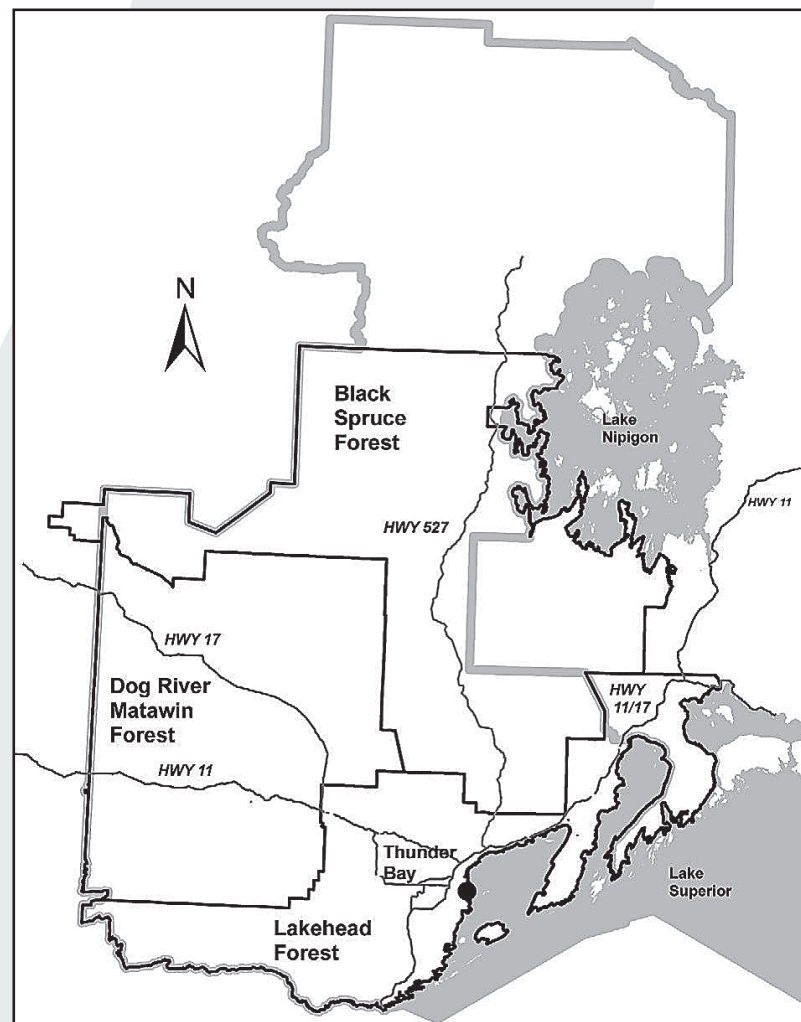
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# Violence on TV seems to be way of life

A few years ago, our local TV station received a complaint from a viewer. He said that all the shows we were airing in the evening were about murder, rape and other violent or criminal activities.

According to the viewer, we should be ashamed of what we were airing and he wondered how we sleep at night.

Actually, after a long day at work, I'm tired and I sleep pretty well. But I understood his point.

We live in an increasingly violent and dangerous society – especially during this stressful time of social distancing – where people beat up their neighbours over yard borders. Where spouses kill for money or so-called love.

Where suicide bombers are showing up beyond the borders of those tiny



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countries we can neither spell nor pronounce. Where distance and international borders mean nothing thanks to cyber-crime.

This is our world. And we're getting less upset about it every day. Does that mean we're getting used to the growing violence?

Maybe. Maybe not. Recently, during a White House briefing, Press

Secretary Kayleigh McEnany played a violent video to illustrate the truth about the recent Portland protests. Fox News, which had been covering the briefing live, abruptly cut away from the White House, claiming the imagery was too violent to show during daytime television.

Probably a good call. Ironically, Fox has no problem showing similar video over and over again on a loop during all its prime time shows.

But thanks for protecting all the small children watching CNN during the day.

Studies have long identified violence on television as a major cause of the desensitization of people to violence in real life. (Not causing real-life violence but the desensitization to it.) Video games, the internet and social media have only added to this.

Of course, your local television station doesn't control what shows are aired. (I know, it's a shock.) With exception of some specific times allotted for local news and programs, we are contractually required to air the programs from our affiliate networks – Global and CTV.

However, the reason networks air such violent shows is because they are, in fact, popular.

They're the shows people want to watch each night. Even in this time of excessive repeats and pulling old shows out of the archives, the darker and edgier the better.

So what are our options to avoid sliding into violent despair?

CBC has always had a slightly more

family-friendly line-up. But even they're getting darker with each season.

Why? Simple competition.

The number of viewers dictates how much TV stations can charge their advertisers for commercial airtime during a specific show.

If they can't charge enough, they can't continue to pay for the shows, both from the networks and from local productions.

So they look for shows that will allow them to charge enough to turn a profit.

So it's a numbers game. And thus far, the killers, rapists, thieves and terrorists are winning. Unless you tune into repeats of *Friends*.



**KAYLEIGH MCENANY**

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### ACROSS

- 1 Ice (Ger.)  
4 Down with (Fr., 2 words)  
8 Cheese  
12 Mulberry of India  
13 Indo-Chin. language  
14 Fissure  
15 Chief of Naval Operations (abbr.)  
16 Tart  
17 S Afr. Boer assembly  
18 Home  
20 Pig  
21 "\_\_\_ Abner"  
22 Cigar  
25 Opposite of thesis  
28 Compass direction  
29 No (Scot.)  
30 Jap. clogs  
31 Lard  
32 Dodecanese
- 33 Feminine (suf.)  
34 Resin  
35 Punctuation mark  
36 Vex  
38 Stowe character  
39 Amer. Automobile Assn. (abbr.)  
40 Hooky  
44 Monsignor (abbr.)  
46 Container  
47 Asian gazelle  
48 Look narrowly  
49 Record  
50 Wolframite  
51 Sexually united (pref.)  
52 Toward shelter  
53 Alkali

### DOWN

- 1 Apiece  
2 Sayings (suf.)

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- 3 Untidy person  
4 Fortification of felled trees  
5 Mouthpiece  
6 Mine entrance  
7 Sward  
8 Mistake  
9 Bias  
10 Wine cup  
11 Angry  
19 Hip  
20 Honorable (abbr.)  
22 Chicago Board of Trade (abbr.)  
23 Nose (pref.)  
24 Time period  
25 "Arabian Nights" dervish  
26 Biggest little city  
27 Ploy  
28 Women's Army Corps (abbr.)  
31 Remote  
32 Stupor  
34 Yarn measure  
35 Deep valley  
37 Marx brother  
38 Ruminant's stomach  
40 S. Afr. dialect  
41 Sodium chloride  
42 E. Indian red dye root  
43 Christmas  
44 Miles per gallon (abbr.)  
45 Body of water  
46 Parent-Teacher Assn. (abbr.)

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## Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9.

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## Hometown Heroes getting a facelift

Carter Hutton challenged by Rock 94's Kaile Wanzuk in an effort to keep George Jeffrey fundraiser going

### GOLF

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

**F**undraising events have been hit hard in 2020.

Most have been cancelled or cut back.

Thanks to NHLer Carter Hutton, Rock 94's Kaile Wanzuk and golfer Evan DeGrazia, at least one will be returning this summer, albeit with a much different format and a significantly lower fundraising target.

Inspired by The Match II, which pitted golfers Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson against each other, paired with NFLers Tom Brady and Peyton Manning, Hutton and a yet-to-be named teammate will square off against Wanzuk and his ringer, DeGrazia, in an effort to raise \$25,000 for the George Jeffrey Children's Foundation.

It's a revamp of Hutton's annual Hometown Heroes golf tournament at Fort William Country Club, scheduled for Aug. 6.

Hutton, the Buffalo Sabres goaltender, joked he's not sure they'll be able to live up to the play of Mickelson and Woods, but they plan to do their best.

### Could be a challenge

"I don't know," Hutton said. "Maybe Evan, he can probably play like them. I don't know about me and DJ Kaile. But we'll have some fun and we're kind of working on the format to make sure it's competitive and we can have some interest."

"I'm sure there will be some fun banter out there, that's for sure."

The Sabres missed the NHL play-in round by mere percentage points, and while Hutton doesn't mind having the summer off to spend time with his family, the 34-year-old said he's glad he's able to give back to an organization he cares

deeply about.

"It's amazing. I think each year, when I go through this scenario, especially having kids myself and just seeing the impact that it makes on the community and all the kids that it helps, every year we have a lot of the same people donating money, and obviously this year's changed. It's been great not to



**READY TO PLAY:** Buffalo Sabres goaltender Carter Hutton (left) and golfer Evan DeGrazia face-off ahead of next Thursday's Hometown Heroes at Fort William Country Club.



**KAILE WANZUK**

just let COVID beat us," said Hutton, who took over hosting duties of the tournament several summers ago from former NHLer Patrick Sharp.

DeGrazia, winner of both the Mallon's Play it Again Sport Better Ball Tournament and the AON District Open already this summer, plans to head out next month to play in four Mackenzie Tour-PGA Tour Canada sponsored events, created for Canadian golfers after the tour cancelled its 2020 campaign.

The 25-year-old said it will be a great way to tune up for the professional events, which could land him a spot in next year's Canadian Open and up his six-event conditional Mackenzie Tour status to guaranteed in 2021.

"When they reached out to me I was super happy to do it. I was all for it and happy to be here. Just giving back to kids in general is always a good thing," DeGrazia said.

Both the Laborers' International Union of North America Local 607 and

Best Western Plus Dryden Hotel & Conference Center kick-started the fundraising efforts, each chipping in cheques of \$10,000 toward the \$25,000 goal.

Times may be tough, but it's still important to give back to the community said Terry Varga, business manager with the union local.

"It's the work George Jeffrey's does, helping put the supports in place and helping children with developmental disabilities lead normal lives. It's very

important to LiUNA and its membership that we continue to help them," Varga said.

It couldn't come at a better time, said Kirsten Untinen, the charitable giving advisor with the foundation.

They've already had to cancel one event, so getting the golf tournament off the ground is key to their 2020 fundraising efforts.

"It will make sure that we have services and can provide that essential care that's needed in our community."

# Barclay quits

## VOLLEYBALL

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

**L**akehead women's volleyball coach Craig Barclay is stepping down.

In a release issued on Friday by the school's athletic department, Barclay said he's moving on to a new opportunity, though did not indicate what his new role will be, just citing family and personal reasons for his decision.

"I want to thank everyone who has supported me along this journey. It has been a pleasure and an honour to represent the Thunderwolves and the women's volleyball team. I will continue to support this program and the entire Thunderwolves family and wish everyone the best of luck next year in their shortened season," Barclay said.



**MOVING ON:** Former Lakehead volleyball coach Craig Barclay (left) and athletic director Tom Warden.

## INSPECTION

### Inspection of Approved Aerial Herbicide Project Lake Nipigon 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 **Lake Nipigon Forest** (see map) will be sprayed with herbicide to control competing vegetation, starting on or about: **September 1, 2020**.

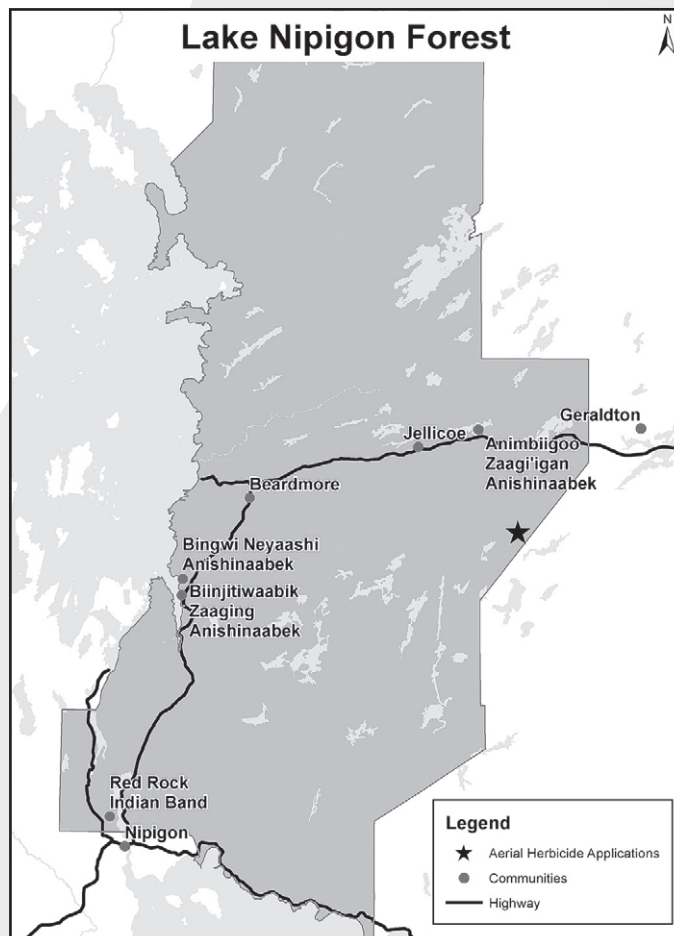
The approved project description and project plan for the aerial herbicide project are available electronically for public inspection on the Ontario government website at [www.ontario.ca/forestplans](http://www.ontario.ca/forestplans) beginning **July 27, 2020 until March 31, 2021** when the Annual Work Schedule expires.

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# Baseball in big trouble

**B**aseball's worst nightmare came true this week. If it's a sign of things to come, the season is going to be shortlived.

Over the weekend, it was reported a few Miami Marlins players had tested positive for COVID-19.

By Monday morning, 14 members of the organization had tested positive. By Tuesday the number grew even higher.

Their home opener against the Baltimore Orioles was immediately cancelled. The Philadelphia Phillies, who hosted the Marlins in Opening Weekend, followed suit, cancelling a game against the New York Yankees.



**LEITH  
DUNICK**  
SPORTS SHORTS

The Atlanta Braves held out two catchers, Travis d'Arnaud and Tyler Flowers, over the weekend because both were exhibiting signs of the virus, despite no positive tests.

The defending champion Washington Nationals are without star outfielder Juan Soto, who also tested positive for COVID-19.

This is not the spotlight Major League Baseball wanted shone on its return to play.

Instead of focusing on the games, the world is now trying to decide whether or not the sport should be allowed to continue.

Can the Marlins even field a team – a big-league quality team?

If they have to draw heavily on their expanded roster, what kind of challenge can they mount. And what kind of difference will playing a portion of their season at half strength have on the final standings?

And the Marlins are just the first team to experience an outbreak. With cases of COVID-19 on the rise and no bubble approach like the NHL and NBA are taking, would it surprise anyone if one of the California teams, or the Arizona Diamondbacks, experiences a similar outbreak?

I'm also amazed at the number of fans who are simply blasé about the whole situation.

### Some fans clueless

Reading the comment section on The Athletic, there are far too many people reasoning that because the players are young and healthy, who cares?

"Suck it up," they say, forgetting there are plenty of coaches and other staff who might be in the danger zone or have underlying conditions – not to mention no one really knows how devastating the long-term effects of the virus might be.

Maybe it will hit home if a star like Mike Trout decides this is too much and opts out.

His wife is expecting a child in August and the future hall-of-famer initially said he might not play, before changing his mind. This could push him over the top. He certainly doesn't need the money.

Baseball needs to get a better handle on COVID-19. It's can't just be a free-for-all, or the season and its expanded postseason will be dead in the water.

The frightening thing is, the National Football League is planning a very similar approach.

Hopefully commissioner Roger Goodell, team owners and the NFLPA are paying close attention.

This is not the way to handle playing in a pandemic. This is a virus that has killed more than 145,000 people in the United States and in many areas of the country, it's getting worse.

The Toronto Blue Jays were denied their request to play in Canada, and Pennsylvania also said no to playing at PNC Park in Pittsburgh. If this keeps up, local public health authorities are going to take the issue out of MLB's hands and prohibit teams from playing in their home parks.

Get it together, baseball, or cancel the season once and for all.



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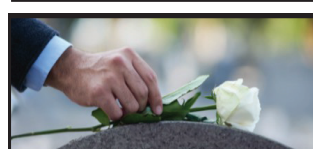
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