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Review of Draft Forest Management Plan Nipigon East Portion of the Lake Nipigon Forest 2021-2031 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Lake Nipigon Forest Management Inc. (LNFMI) and the Nipigon East Area Local Citizens' Committee (LCC) invite you to review and comment on the 2021 – 2031 Draft Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Nipigon East portion of the Lake Nipigon 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 between May 6, 2020 and July 5, 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 and can be made available by contacting the Lake Nipigon Forest Management Inc. contact listed below, during normal office hours for a period of 60 days: September 2, 2020 to November 1, 2020. Comments on the draft FMP for the Nipigon East portion of the Lake Nipigon Forest must be received by Raymond Weldon, R.P.F. of the planning team, by November 1, 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) to assist you in your review:

- Draft FMP, including supplementary documentation;
- · Draft FMP summary.

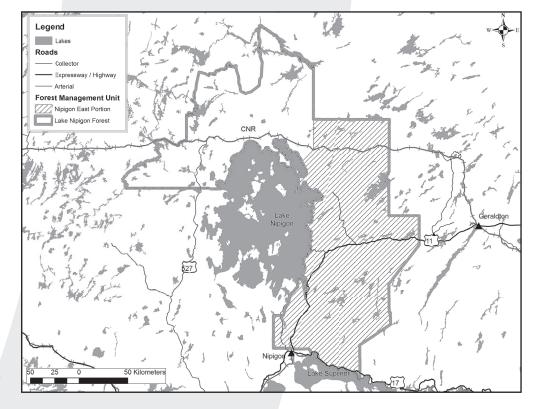
The Information Forum related to the review of Draft Forest Management Plan will be held via individual or group remote meetings which may be arranged by calling the individuals listed below during the review period. Remote meetings with representatives of the planning team and the LCC can be also requested 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 16, 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 **January 26, 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 Marie Parsons at 807-887-5012.

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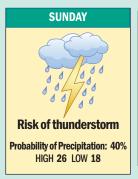


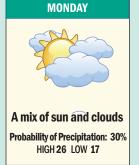


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NOT HAPPY: OSSTF vice-president Paul Caccamo (front left) protests for safe measures in the Ontario return-to-school plan.

LOCALNEWS

Boards praise, union slams classroom plan

EDUCATION By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

The provincial government's plan for reopening schools in September is receiving a mixed reaction in Thunder Bay, with school boards happy with how things will look, and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation saying not enough is being done to protect students and staff.

"I think we were thrilled," said Lakehead Public Schools director of education Ian MacRae.

"I'm sure our students and parents will be as well. Back to conventional times is going to be welcomed by everyone I think."

"We are extremely pleased that our students are going to be able to come back face-to-face," added Pino Tassone, director of education with the Thunder Bay District Catholic School Board. "We know that's where the best learning takes place and it's best for their mental health and well being as well."

The plan for reopening schools was announced on Thursday and will see classrooms across the province reopen in September to students.

All students between Grades 4 and 12 will also be required to wear a mask, along with all staff.

"Being proactive is the best way to go in terms of health and safety," Tassone said. "I think not only will our parents be pleased about that mandate, but our staff will be pleased because they are recommended to wear masks as well."

Teachers unions disappointed in reopening plan

The plan for reopening schools is not being praised by everyone, with teachers unions criticizing the provincial government for not consulting with teachers and putting students and staff at risk.

"If they were consulting, yesterday's plan would have put increased protections in for students in the province and parents in the province should be very concerned about what

school will look like in the fall and certainly our front line workers that we represent are equally concerned about their ability to provide the appropriate environment for the kids they serve," said Paul Caccamo, vicepresident of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation.

Caccamo cited the report by the

Sick Kids Hospital, which helped create the reopening plan. The report says the use of personal protective equipment, such as mandatory masks, only works if physical distancing can still be maintained.

"The reality is class sizes in Thunder Bay are just as big as any other centre in the province," he said. "There will be countless classes in

the mid-30s to high 30s when school starts in the fall and that is not safe by any metric and the board is not given the resources to address it."

"It doesn't matter how many kids are enrolled in the board, its how many kids are enrolled in the class," added Rich Seely, the local OSSTF president. "If they can't social distance in London then they can't social distance in Thunder

Bay."

"I think we

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thrilled."

IAN MACRAE

Several teachers have already expressed concern about pre-existing health conditions and whether or not their health will be put at risk.

"The teachers who have reached out to me and there is a lot who have are understandably upset and feeling a lot more anxiety," Seeley said.

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Indigenous group protests police actions

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Aplanned unauthorized tree planting in protest of the Thunder Bay Police's treatment of Indigenous people did not go ahead as scheduled on Tuesday morning.

But the group behind it, Not One

"We will not

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JESSICA

JURGOTIS

More Death, promised to plant an entire forest of white spruce in front of police headquarters on Balmoral Street if a promised meeting with police to discuss the issue doesn't provide the answers they're seeking.

Upset at past actions

At issue is what they perceive as a lack of transparency when it comes to internal police discipline,

notably a recent decision to internally punish an officer seen on a widely circulated video slapping an intoxicated Indigenous teenager on a stretcher, after the teen spat at the officer in question. The group was also protesting police violence against Indigenous people.

The decision not to plant the tree at this time was made after the group of nine, along with several elders, met with representatives of Thunder Bay Police and the Thunder Bay Police

Services Board, agreeing to hold future discussions before any action takes place.

"We will not be taking action today, but this process is just beginning," said Jessica Jurgotis, a spokeswoman with Not One More Death.

The group plans to be vocal on the topic moving forward, making sure their voices are heard.

"Every time there is police violence, any form of lack of

transparency or accountability, we will be organizing protests and our presence again, in order to make sure that accountability is maintained moving forward," said Cassie Thornton, another member of the newly formed organization, which arose out of the former Bear Clan chapter.

Both the police department and the police services board were found to have systemic racism ingrained within their structures in a pair of highly publicized reports released in 2018. The Office of the Independent Police Review Director slammed police for its investigative practices involving Indigenous people, recommending nine homicide cases be re-looked at

Senator Murray Sinclair delivered an equally damning report, accusing the board of not recognizing or addressing issues of systemic racism within the TBPS.

Deputy Police Chief Ryan Hughes, who met with the protestors on Tuesday, said he understands the frustration of Not One More Death, but could not promise police would be able to provide more transparency on

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POLICE

NEGOTIATING: Police meet on Tuesday with members of Not One More Death.

internal disciplinary hearings.

"Like everybody else, our officers have a right to privacy, under legislation. When our officers are disciplined for actions, whether they're against the Police Service Act or some other statute, some won't be published what the discipline is," Hughes said.

"And that's what gets people upset, that it's not transparent. But it is being transparent, the officers have been disciplined, although we're not going to let the public know what the discipline is."

Will talk

Georjann Morriseau, chair of the Thunder Bay Police Services Board said she wants to be proactive moving forward.

"After our discussion, I'm committed to work and sit down with this group of elders and this group to say, 'What can we do, collectively?' I think we've got to recognize that not all police are bad. Not all Nishnawbe people are bad – and that's not to dismiss anything. But sometimes these things need to happen to get some (action) moving forward," Morisseau said.

"I think the first thing to do is talk."







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SEEKING HELP: Habitat for Humanity CEO Lana Vukelic says their latest build is short on both cash and volunteers.

Habitat house facing big financial crunch

"COVID really

set us back."

LANA VUKELIC

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

wo Thunder Bay families are still waiting for a place to call their own.

Blame a shortfall of funds.

The two families were each approved to take ownership of half a duplex being built by Habitat for

Humanity, but a slowdown in fundraising had delayed completion of their Leith Street residences. COVID-19 has exacerbated the situation.

Lana Vukelic, CEO of the local Habitat for Humanity chapter, said it's terribly disappointing to have to delay turning over the keys, but she remains hopeful the work will be completed to allow the families to move in

Vukelic said she's also hoping members of the public can step up to help put them over the top. The structure is partially completed, with work going on two days a week, but she'd like to step up construction before cold weather

"It's a bold engagement for us to build a duplex, because really, that's two houses," she said on Thursday afternoon, the sound of a roaring table saw occasionally interrupting the tranquility of the quiet neighbourhood.

"Our history is such, we're used to building one house for one family. We are doing it for two, so we need some funds. COVID really set us back. It really did a negative impression for us and our funds are low.

Vukelic said the estimated cost to complete construction, which is mostly volunteer driven, is about \$157,000.

Any amount would be appreciated.

"I know it's hard for any one business or individual, certainly, to come up with that, but if people can help us place these families that have been waiting for a home (that would be great). If we can't finish it, we're going to have to close it up and try to raise funds until next spring," she said.

The goal is to have both families into their new homes by Thanksgiving.

"I just won't say which Thanksgiving," Vukelic said. "Either Canadian or American." Habitat, which has reopened its ReStore location, is also running a fundraiser, a Catch

the Ace draw, which features a weekly draw and a progressive jackpot draw, which currently stands at \$1,005. Tickets are three for \$10, 10 for \$20, 50 for \$50 and 200 for \$100.

They're available at https://ace.habitattbay.com.

Editorial

EDITORIAL

Please use **COVID** app

he COVID-19 app is out. The question is, will you use it. You should.

COVID Alert could be an effective tool in helping to stop the spread of the virus, but it's only going to be effective if the majority of the public buys in.

The app uses bluetooth to commuicate with nearby cell phones, using random codes to determine if you've had extended exposure to another user who has reported a postive COVID-19 test result in the past 14 days.

Users who have tested positive will be given a code to plug into the app.

Backlash has arisen to the idea. It mostly stems from the mistaken belief the government may use the data to track

Well, for starters, Facebook and your mobile company already do this.

But that aside, the fedeeral government has promised the app does not use GPS, it does not store your name or address, the time or place a user was near someone or if you are currently near someone with a positive diagnosis reported.

While COVID Alert does not replace contact tracing, it's one more tool we, as a society, can use to help keep the virus at

The quicker we do so, the quicker life can get back to the new normal.

Contrary to what some would like to believe, the government isn't out to get us except at tax time. Please do your part.

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Plan ahead for your pet's future

Dear Money Lady,

'm in my 80's and am getting a bit nervous thinking about what is going to happen to my dog if I died. Any ideas?

Dear Candice,

reat question! There are many retirees that treat their pets like one of their children, a member of the family – but what happens if your pet outlives you? Planning for our future is something we all know to do, but we should also consider proper planning for our pets to ensure they do not face any

> uncertain fate, should we leave them.

CHRISTINE IBBOTSON **MONEY LADY**

Legally, pets are considered property, therefore unless you state otherwise,

upon your death, your pet will become the property of whomever receives the rest of your personal items; such as furniture, cars, etc. Does this person want the responsibility of caring for your pets and are they suitable? Often a friend or family member may say that they will take your pet when you pass, but I have seen all too often how these arrangements can fail. Sometimes it can be a conflict with other pets, incompatibility with other family members or children, inadequate finances, or maybe they have just changed their mind now that they are faced with this responsibility.

The only way to really ensure that your pet is



PUPPY PLANS: Specify what you want done with your pets in your will or estate plan.

given to someone willing and able to care for it, is to make a special provision in your will or estate plan. Here are some tips that you should consider when making your own personal plan for your

• 1. Select one or more responsible persons to take care of your pet for absence during short-term emergency situations, or as a permanent caregiver.

 2. Provide your future caregivers with detailed instructions on care, food, routines, vet and emergency needs. Give them a small notebook with all the specific details that are important to you and your pet should you die or become incapacitated.

3. Carry the caregiver instructions or contact information in your wallet. I have some clients that even have the details of their wishes put on a preprinted business card or "alert card" and carry it with them. Some have also given these cards to all their family and friends.

• 4. If you have multiple pets, consider how you want them to be cared for – together or apart?

• 5. Ensure you have set aside funds for the future care of your pets. This can be gifted to your future pet guardian and provides safeguards so that they are more willing to adopt your pets wholeheartedly without suffering a financial burden.

There are so many Canadians now in retirement alone with only their pets day-to-day as companions. We need to take care of ourselves and always be planning. Write down your expectations, change things if you have to, but have your say and make sure it is done your way!

Good Luck and Best Wishes, Money Lady

Written by Christine Ibbotson, Author of the bestselling 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

Taking a glimpse at today's normal

By and large social distancing measures are being observed while out in public in Thunder Bay

By J.R. Shermack - Special to TB Source

t may be my over-active imagination or just wishful thinking but sometimes when I least expect it I catch a glimpse of normal.

I don't mean the new normal, I'm talking about the old normal, those comforting sights, sounds and routines that are such an important part of daily life.

While drinking my morning coffee on the deck I can still enjoy the sunshine, the songbirds in the trees and the gentle summer breeze just like normal.

By the time I finish my second cup I feel like a mighty fine fellow because as far as Mother Nature is concerned, all is right with the world.

And now that we can safely include a few family and friends in our normal routine there are times when the back yard becomes a relaxing, carefree sanctuary.

Taking it carefully

It is also comforting to know that even though our community has successfully managed the current health challenge, we proceed with due diligence.

We still have limited social circles but mandatory masks make business and service more easily accessible and much safer for nervous consumers.

Thunder Bay's effective response so far is a tribute to the community and should be a great source of civic

Amid all these positive vibes our



THE EYES HAVE IT: The Thunder Bay public appears to have taken to wearing masks while out in public these days.

family circle decided to go camping at Sleeping Giant Provincial Park, which we would normally do this time of

We were lucky to get a campsite but even though the park was full we weren't overly concerned - there is enough great outdoors for everyone.

But before we hit the road we had to

get groceries which is also something we normally do to make sure we have enough campfire goodies and treats.

We began shopping in person again recently and this trip to the grocery store took place just after the mandatory mask requirement announced.

I was already wearing a mask in

public during my infrequent outings, but I noticed that I was clearly a member of the masked minority.

Still, I knew that the store staff was respectful of health and safety concerns and shopping customers were courteous and accommodating.

That was the atmosphere while I shopped for camping supplies that day, but as I maneuvered toward the chip and candy aisles something seemed a little different.

There was a lot of normal activity going on - people foraging through the produce, others perusing the dairy case and guys like me rustling bags of chips and cheezies.

By and large, social distancing was being respected, directional arrows were followed and people waited their turn for service – but it wasn't exactly like before.

Bought in

And then it dawned on me - everybody I saw in the grocery store that day was wearing a mask while they shopped normally in every other

It was very gratifying, even inspiring, to see my fellow citizens doing this simple act of kindness to keep our community safe - I felt a twinge of civic pride.

But at the same time, it was a little eerie to see so many pairs of eyes with no faces to go with them - it's necessary but I hope the new normal is just temporary.

Our camping trip was a great success and we did all the normal things normal campers normally do under normal circumstances.

When the sun went down and the loons began to sing we curled up in our sleeping bags and drifted off to peaceful sleep – all was right with the

I don't want to lull myself into a false sense of security but the more I look, the more often I catch another glimpse of normal.



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KEEP AN EYE OUT: Police urge people to pay close attention to friends and family who might be struggling with mental health issues.

Suicide spike

By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

hunder Bay police say they're responding to a spike in suicide attempts and apparent suicides. Police released a public safety alert last Friday warning of a marked increase over the past month.

Police explained the safety alert was being issued to warn the public, in part because the sensitive nature of the incidents prevents them from releasing details on a case-by-case basis.

Officers responded to 156 mental health calls in July alone, said Det .-Insp. John Fennell. That's a slight increase over past months, but more worrying was the increase in incidents that escalated to suicide attempts, he

The force pointed those struggling with mental health, addiction, and related issues to community supports like the Canadian Mental Health Association's Thunder Bay crisis response services.

The service offers a 24/7 telephone line for youth and adults, mobile crisis response, and a crisis support residence. It can be reached in Thunder Bay at (807) 346-8282 or toll-free at 1-888-269-3100.

Police suggested further supports, including for those in other regions of northwestern Ontario, in their release.

The force further encouraged those close to someone struggling with mental health and addiction to reach

"If they're starting to see someone fall into a mental health situation, to make sure they contact professionals and try to get the person some help," said Fennell. "Don't let it just sit, because it's going to fester and may become something we unfortunately have to deal with. We're hoping early intervention may be able to prevent something like this."

Finding walleye in August not that difficult



s warm temperatures continue into August, many anglers are finding walleye fishing has become increasingly

Even in local lakes that are known to be "walleye factories", fishing can be challenging in the heat of summer.

Luckily, there are a few ways anglers can increase their odds of striking gold in the heat of summer.

Choose wisely

Picking the right day can be an extremely important factor during a summer heatwave.

If you have the luxury of choosing your fishing days, look for a forecast that includes cloud cover and even periods of light rain. If a potential fishing day features some wind, all the better.

Even a light summer breeze will add a little chop to the surface of the lake, and that in turn seems to diffuse light penetration and activate the walleye.

On really windy days, fishing the wind-blown shoreline can be a great place to start looking for feeding

Search under cover

As cloud cover dissipates and winds die down, anglers will do well to locate some weed cover.

Right now, when lake vegetation is peaking, it pays to spend time around weeds which will hold schools of baitfish and shelter walleye from the intense light of the sun. The importance of fishing cover is amplified in clear water lakes as more light will penetrate the water and force the walleye to seek

Go deep

With the warm water temperatures we are currently seeing, it pays to go deep. Summer walleye like to seek shelter in deep water located off points, humps, and weed lines.

It seems that fish in deeper water can often be aggressive throughout the day, so if you're limited to fishing while the sun is up, try staying out deep. During low-light conditions in the morning and evening, fish tend to move up into shallower water, allowing us to move into more traditional areas as light conditions change.

Slow down

Trolling minnow baits or spinner rigs tipped with minnows, worms or leeches will help you locate active fish, but walleye will often be lethargic and unwilling to give chase under the hot summer sun.

If trolling is not working, try killing the motor in favour of vertical jigging or slowly drifting with a subtle live bait rig to coax reluctant fish.

Try the night bite

Big walleye typically move up to shallower flats, sand bars or rocky/weedy points to feast on baitfish at night. This might be anecdotal, but I have had my best night fishing under a full moon.

If you are targeting a trophy walleye this summer, fishing at night might be the most effective way to catch a big one.

Getting out in the boat on a warm August day is certainly pleasant compared to all those cold and wet days we endure in the spring and fall.

Trying a couple of the tricks listed above can help make sure the walleye aren't missing from your perfect day on the water.



How I spent the long weekend



FRED JONES

RURAL ROOTS

love getting out in our bush and clearing our trails.

A big wind comes up and invariably some tree will have been toppled across

Trail clearing is a 'given' after big

I don't ride our horses; that is the passion of my wife, Laura. I take care of them when she is at work. Her other passion of which me and our children are the beneficiaries is the vegetable garden. Laura loves gardening.

I spent most of the spring cutting, splitting, and stacking ten cords of firewood while Laura was busy planting, fixing the dog-pen green house at the bottom of the garden and building another one attached to our basement

Clearing trails was not on the top of our 'to-do' list. Then late June and July got really hot. Neither of us felt like tromping over our trails hauling chain-

Until last weekend when I took our dogs for a walk and we did the route. There were trees down across every

Some were thick, some were thin, but a horse would not be able to pass by.

Once, several years ago, I walked all of our trails carrying our chainsaw and clearing a path through any fallen tree.

Aches and pains

When I got back to Casa Jones, my shoulders were very sore. "Not doing that again," I said.

From then on, I would trundle the trails with our quad pulling a cart into which I placed the chainsaw. Shoulders saved.

But something happened to the quad and it has refused to work properly.

It is being fixed by someone who is mechanically inclined unlike me. So, I delayed trail clearing until this weekend.

Sunday morning was very windy and cool. Our plans to go boating were changed. "I want to mow the trails since the grasses have grown long. You could follow on the tractor and clear any tree that blocks my way and if I get the mower stuck, you can help me get it unstuck," Laura suggested. we set out on our adventure.

All went well: Laura mowed the long grasses that had grown up in the trails having not been tromped down by horse

I followed on Red stopping regularly to clip off branches that had grown out over the trail. I had brought along the long-handled snippers so that I could cut over-hanging branches of trees and the dreaded tag alder that would slap a horse rider in the face. After all, me sitting on Big Red (my elderly tractor) is at the same height as a rider on a horse.

I had actually gone with the tractor before the weekend and cleared three of the main riding trails of fallen trees. I had observed and occasionally got whacked by over-hanging branches but did not have the clippers with me.

We took a break and came back home for lunch after which Laura suggested that I go out with Red to that part of the trail we call The Red Pines where there were a couple of trees blocking passage. She would follow in the riding lawn

The route to the red pines is open across the big paddock to the south of our house and then through a narrow passage of bush that has become narrow due to the invasive tag alder.

Slow going

From my seat on Red, I tried to snip away at the branches and slowly made my way back into thee open section beyond. Then you turn left and down to the opening into the red pines.

Laura on a different riding lawn mower. What happened?

"The other one broke. The mower blades suddenly stopped working so I got the second machine," she said.

I headed back home. The telephone rang. It was Laura on her cell-phone. "I'm stuck," I heard her say thought the reception was lousy. "Where?" I asked. In a low part of the back forty.

Son, Doug, to the rescue! He ran off down the paddock and disappeared. I set about splitting the wood I'd brought back in the bucket of Red.

Eventually I heard the riding lawn mower coming out of the entrance to our

"It is usually really wet where you got stuck," I said. "Usually it is but not now," Laura answered, "Everything is still very dry. But there is a rut that the front tires couldn't ride out of. The lawn mower is too heavy for me to lift. I needed help. But the trails are cleared."

And the first riding lawn mower can be fixed. And all is well. Welcome to August.

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Group of 7 and other perspectives

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

The word "drive" has various meanings and connotations.

Many are positive, as in "drive to succeed": we think of focus, strength and outcome.

How about the smooth drive of an expensive car?

Or, from pioneer days, the robust energy of man-and-animal as in "cattle drive"? But then there's also the drive of hurricane winds and blizzards, the inferno of wildfires.

Strength and outcomes far beyond any direction or control by humans.

A visiting exhibit from Guelph, currently up at Thunder Bay Art Gallery, might have you re-thinking the meaning of "drive".

The Drive is anchored by a fairsized oil by Tom Thomson of the Group of Seven, those icons of 20th century Canadian landscape painters who traversed the ruggedness of northern and northeastern Ontario, recording their inspirations with brushes onto canvases.

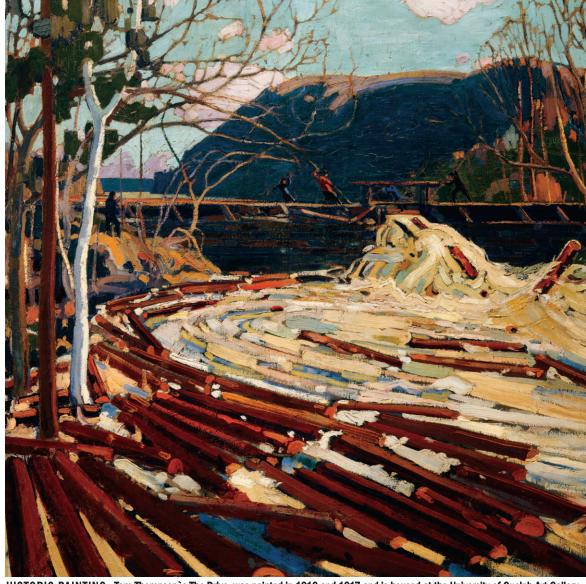
There are other smaller originals by that august cohort too: places recognizable because we may have hiked through similar vistas ourselves. It's as if we are there, in the canvas, in

But The Drive also features different perspectives, captured by others using video-cameras, highresolution photo lenses, wood-working tools, and words.

We can see, hear, and personally feel their abiding regard for the forests, waterways and resources of this world.

These other aspects are fearsome, beautiful, mysterious, haunted, or undeniably damaged.

Into the Woods, a huge 3-D panel of



HISTORIC PAINTING: Tom Thompson's The Drive, was painted in 1916 and 1917 and is housed at the University of Guelph Art Gallery.

multiple photos, layered to produce an illusion of motion and depth. I imagine anyone who's been disori-

ented, even temporarily, in a northern forest will experience that spooky little prickle up the spine as the eyes get pulled by flickers of light and shadow, or the ears register an unexpected whisper or snap.

On the next wall, encounter an ominous world of blackened tree trunks rising from a pale, murky bath of sluggish concentric circles, not entirely silent because we can hear a sucking lap-lap even though there is no sound to accompany the video loop of "Leviathan".

Travel, a bit later, to the far wall to take in the other-worldly hues of vast photographs titled Nickel Tailings #31 and #39.

Spectacular. Except that glowing bright orange against the darkest of gray mountains doesn't belong there. An imagined scene of Mordor from Tolkien's Lord of the Rings springs

In the smaller gallery, more pieces to tell the story of human efforts and hard clashes with the natural world. This viewer doesn't begin to imagine the endurance required for treeplanting; and knowing full well the answer, nevertheless wonders why it has become an economic and environmental necessity in the first place.

TBAG's Corey Wilkinson sums up the impact of this exhibit on a viewer.

"Here we have historical works by The Group of Seven, including Thomson's depiction of man-andindustry, specifically logging in Algonquin Park in 1916-17.

Then we have more contemporary works by indigenous artists to show the continuing impact of industries such as logging and mining on the environment. No, not exactly in the best light.

But look (with aesthetic eyes) at the work of contemporary photographer Edward Burtynsky."

Easy to agree: aesthetically this lava flow is awe-inspiring.

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CRITIC'S CHOICE: Adele Haenel (left) and Noemie Merlant star in Portrait of a Lady on Fire, which has won 44 international awards.

Exquisite costume drama

Quietly surfacing on Shaw Cable is Portrait of a Lady on Fire, which received a Golden Globe nomination for Best Foreign Language Film.

Though snubbed by the Academy Awards, the movie scooped 44 other international awards. *Portrait* also enjoyed an enthusiastic debut at the Toronto International Film Festival last fall.

This is an exquisitely rendered costume drama about class, passion constricted by

societal norms and ultimately love denied, replete with references to Greek mythology.

Set in the late 18th century, the story focuses on Marianne (Noémie Merchant), a painter and art teacher, who journeys

to a remote villa on the west coast of France, engaged by an elegant countess (Valeria Golino who has been virtually MIA after an impressive presence in *Rain Man*) to paint a portrait of her daughter, Heloise (Adèle Haenel), as a means to ingratiate Heloise's intended husband-to-be in Milan.

However, the circumstances are under a cloud. Recently released by a convent, Heloise apparently is being groomed to take her sister's place after her alleged suicide. Heloise bristles at the notion of a portrait that will be used to ensure an arranged marriage, (a male artist has been previously rebuffed) so Marianne is ostensibly hired as a 'walking companion' for Heloise.

This set-up necessitates Marianne to closely observe her subject during their excursions, which doesn't go unnoticed by Heloise. After a day's walk, Marianne has to recall Heloise's likeness from memory,

sketching in secret in her room. But is her gaze based purely on artistic evaluation?

Feeling guilty, Marianne confesses the ruse to Heloise and defaces the completed portrait, especially after Heloise

questions Marianne's rendering of her.

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Heloise prevents her countess mother from dismissing Marianne outright by relenting to sit for the portrait. With the mother away on a five-day trip, Marianne has a second opportunity. Mutual attraction percolates, with Heloise openly returning Marianne's intense gaze.

Up to this point, the film has been restrained in spirit, measured in pace, and

spare in dialogue, with little back story. Yet it is compelling to view the character interaction. However, in the second half, with matriarchal dominance temporarily absent, emotions are unleashed and the film catches fire both literally and figuratively.

The two young women also come to treat the maid, Sophie, (Luna Bajrami) as an equal, even assisting in relieving the girl of her own dark secret.

This is a film about passion constrained and how perception is realized through both art and personal evaluation. An attendant theme involves how women's incremental defiance of convention must happen furtively.

Underlining art's emotional impact, there is a delicately rendered moment near the film's end involving a tiny detail Marianne discovers in one painting that is heartbreaking.

No sooner has passion been realized, that circumstances dictate it must be just as quickly sent asunder, leaving hearts broken.

Director Céline Schiamma demonstrates sensitive handling of the material and both Merchant and Haenel are excellent. The authentic atmosphere and beautiful cinematography also help immensely. *Portrait of a Lady on Fire* is an engrossing film.



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Is bringing back sports now worth it?

Why can't the games wait for COVID-19 to sort itself out?

or months, the public has been asking when sports would come The U.S. president himself complained about having to watch "old games" on TV. Truth be told, it is a little weird to watch a match that's a year or more old.

But that's been necessary in the age of COVID-19. And now, after approximately four months of waiting, sports are slowly stepping back out into the light and onto television. To varying degrees of success.

Part of that success rate is due to where it's being played out.

The UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championships) took over and sealed off an entire 25 km island in Abu

Hotel and arena staff, event personnel, island employees, coaches and athletes stayed inside this gigantic bubble for 15 days. Over 12,000 tests were taken so that a hundred athletes could fight. No one tested positive.

According to UFC President, Dana White, that's the only way sports can come back right now. The NBA is attempting something similar. Basketball players are being given every possible luxury inside a Disney World bubble. That is, except the freedom to leave or have contact with their families

Stringent regulations

The rules are purposely strict in part because these are high-contact sports. Golf and tennis – in which the players are naturally more separated - have

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had looser controls. But, again, varying levels of success.

Baseball's plan isn't so much a bubble as a chain-link fence. However, nobody's spitting in the dugout and team managers have been seen pulling on a mask as they run out onto the field to yell in the face of the

And yet, nearly two dozen Miami

Marlins athletes and staff tested positive, putting their season temporarily on hold.

Ironically, it's the guys often known for head injuries and questionable impulse control that are taking a step

Won't play

Many NFL players have given notice that they won't risk their families' health by playing this season. No, they refuse to pile on other big sweaty men at a time when movie theatres are closed and restaurants keep diners six feet apart.

Yet, we, the spectators, want and expect them to play. After all, they're paid millions to do so.

And Washington Nationals' Sean Doolittle even said during a press conference that "Sports are like a reward for a functioning society."

But that's the key: we are not a functioning society right now. We're barely limping by.

So why won't the sports world wait for things to stabilize?

Of course, televised sports have a huge financial impact on the economy. From advertising to hospitality, travel to food services, it supports many peripheral local businesses.

But so does entertainment. Hollywood - as big, if not more farreaching than sports – has re-trenched. New productions have been halted and classic shows are being re-run.

Only shows that can adhere to strict guidelines have considered shooting again.

And even that's iffy right now.

So let's take a note from the leatherheads and the world of make-believe.

Give the athletes a time-out so everyone has a chance at winning.

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Hutton disappointed he's not in bubble

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

six-game losing streak in late A February and early March cost the Buffalo Sabres a spot inside the National Hockey League's Toronto bubble.

The timing of the league-wide shutdown also didn't help.

The Sabres finished .007 percentage points behind the Montreal Canadiens, with two games in hand, when games were halted due to COVID-19, leaving Buffalo as the first team out when the NHL announced the top 12 teams in each conference would earn a shot at playing for the Stanley Cup.

It's a tough spot to be in, said goaltender Carter Hutton, an eight-year veteran who turns 35 in December.

"It's frustrating," said Hutton, who returned to Thunder Bay with his wife and two children after the NHL halted

"Obviously we had a lot of peaks and valleys this year with our team. We're still a really young team, but I think we showed we could play with everybody in a lot of games. We beat a lot of high end teams this year. Standing here, not having to go to a bubble, is not the worst thing in the world, with my family and that sort of stuff, but at the same time, from a hockey standpoint and my competitive edge, it's obviously really disap-



JUST MISSED: Goaltender Carter Hutton and the Buffalo Sabres finished percentage points outside the NHL's play-in round this season.

pointing."

Hutton, who in 2020-21 will enter the third and final year of a three-year, \$8.25-million deal signed after he led the league in goals against average with the St. Louis Blues in 2017-18,

said he knows time is running out to earn that elusive Stanley Cup ring.

He did get one with the Chicago Blackhawks in 2013, but only played the final game of the regular season, skating with the Black Aces during the playoff run.

"As I get older in my career, every chance you get to get into the playoffs (you want to be there). Obviously the way things rolled out, we had a couple of games in hand and we were only a

few points out, so it's frustrating not being able to show that," Hutton said.

"But what's done is done and for us, we need to move forward. I think a lot of guys can take this extra time to get bigger, stronger and smarter with the

Hutton includes himself on that list. It wasn't the best of seasons for the former Fort William North Stars netminder, who finished with a 12-14-4 record in 31 appearances, a career worst 3.18 goals against average and a career low .898 save percentage.

Hutton came out flying, winning his first six starts.

But on a young team, even one with building blocks like Jack Eichel and Rasmus Dahlin, the Sabres just couldn't sustain the success. Hutton racked up eight defeats in his next eight decisions, which in part he blamed on a vision disorder called convergence insufficiency, which means his eyes don't move at the

"I thought at times, when Linus (Ullmark) was hurt, I played really well, keeping us in the playoff hunt. So I have a lot of stuff to build on. You try to get a little more wellrounded as you go. I have a really good rapport with the league and hopefully I'll have a good season and keep this party going," Hutton said.

"If not, we're going to do everything we can to leave it all out there.'

Lowry building a hall-of-fame case

s Kyle Lowry a hall-of-famer? There's a case out there being made for the Toronto Raptors star guard.

Lowry is a six-time all-star who (with Kawhi Leonard's help) finally got the championship monkey off of his back last season.

What he's done this season might just get him there.

When the current season began, most pundits had the Raptors making the playoffs, but barely.

Almost no one foresaw them challenging for top spot in the NBA's Eastern Conference, and while they'll likely fall short of the Milwaukee Bucks, odds are looking good they'll go in as no worse than the third seed.

Lowry, who's never met a charge he wasn't afraid to take, is averaging 20 points a game in 2019-20, including a standout 33-point effort against the Los



Angeles Lakers on Saturday, the Raptors returning to action with a stunning 107-92 win over the top seed in the West.

At 34, he's averaging five rebounds and 7.6 assists a night. Both are the second highest of his 14-year career, which also included stops in Memphis and Houston before he arrived in Toronto in 2012.

But it's beyond the box score that Lowry shines. He puts his body on the line for his team, never stops hustling from the moment he steps on the court.

Unfortunately, that doesn't always translate into hall-of-fame votes.

But the results are obvious.

It's no coincidence that that Raptors recent run of success didn't begin until his second season in Toronto.

Cleveland's Tristan Thompson certainly thinks Lowry is a hall-of-

"He's a (five)-time all-star, Olympic gold medalist, an NBA champ. He's their backbone," Thompson told Sportsnet's Michael Grange.

At the time, Lowry was listed as a 68 per cent chance on Basketball-Reference.com's probability scale to make it to Springfield, the eighth highest among active players.

I took a peek for myself this week, and it appears his chances are up to 85.7 per

That's near certainty territory.

The players immediately above him on the chart include James Worthy,

Grant Hill, Jack Sikma, and Jo Jo White. All are in the hall.

He's 11th on the list among active players. LeBron James, Kevin Durant and Chris Paul are slam dunks, as are Russell Westbrook, James Harden and Steph Curry.

Dwight Howard and Carmelo Anthony should breeze in, as should former Raptor Vince Carter, who played his final game this season.

Guys in Lowry's vicinity who aren't in include Chauncy Billups (84.4 per cent chance) and Tim Hardaway (79.9 per cent chance).

If he leads the Raptors to a second straight title, he'll be a no-doubter. For now, he's still got time to build on his legacy as the greatest Raptor of all-time.

Personally, if I had a vote, he'd go in. Maybe not first ballot, but certainly within a year or two.



HALL OF FAMER?: Toronto's Kyle Lowry.

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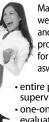
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NEXT STEPS: Evan DeGrazia has already earned conditional status on the Mackenzie Tour-PGA Tour Canada for 2021, and can improve on that with four events this summer.

DeGrazia going on Tour

Thunder Bay golfer to play in four Canadian Mackenzie Tour-sponsored events

GOLF

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

van DeGrazia is going to get a taste of life on the Mackenzie Tour-PGA Tour Canada after all in 2020.

The 25-year-old Thunder Bay golfer earlier this year earned conditional status on the developmental tour, only to have COVID-19 put the brakes on the season.

However, last month tour officials announced the MacKenzie Tour plan to hold four Canadian-only events in August and September, starting Aug. 10 at Bear Mountain in Langford, B.C. Two events are scheduled for the B.C. course and two more will be played at TPC Toronto in Caledon, Ont. the following month.

DeGrazia said he intends to play in all four. On the line is a guaranteed six starts on the MacKenzie Tour in 2021 and a spot in next year's RBC Canadian Open.

DeGrazia, who has six conditional starts lined up for next summer, could guarantee himself two starts by

finishing between second and fifth on the points list.

"It's super important," he said about the opportunity to hone his game against some of the country's top upand-coming golfing talents.

"It's a big opportunity for me. I'm happy to go out and compete again. I've kind of been – I

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Evan DeGrazia

won't say stuck in Thunder Bay – but a lot of players are stuck in their home towns, not being able to play a lot or travel anywhere. For them to come out and put four events on is amazing. I didn't expect that."

DeGrazia, who is spending his summer working at Chapples Golf Course, has already won a pair of tournaments in Thunder Bay in 2020.

He captured the Mallon's Play it Again Sports Better Ball Tournament with his father, John, in June and the AON District open in July.

The focus now is honing his game to be ready for a step up in competition when he lands on Vancouver Island and his first look at the Jack Nicklaus-designed course.

"Luckily, working at a golf course and giving lessons constantly, you hit your fair share of shots, so you're always staying somewhat sharp. It's not necessarily the exact practice I would usually do, or as much playing as I usually do. But now that there are confirmed tournaments and I know I'm playing, it's all-in playing, practice, kind of how I would prepare for the full season," said DeGrazia, adding consistency in his game is what will bring him success in the pro ranks.

Regardless, DeGrazia, ranked 2,071st on the Official World Golf Ranking, will have some status on tour next summer. He still has the option of returning to Q-School next spring to try to improve his standing, but should be able to get into at least six events.

Heading in, the Newberry College product says his confidence is at an all-time high.

"I think I'll play pretty well. I've been playing awesome, I'll say, the last year-and-a-half. So just getting the opportunity, I'm really looking forward to it and it's just going out there and making a bunch of birdies."

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