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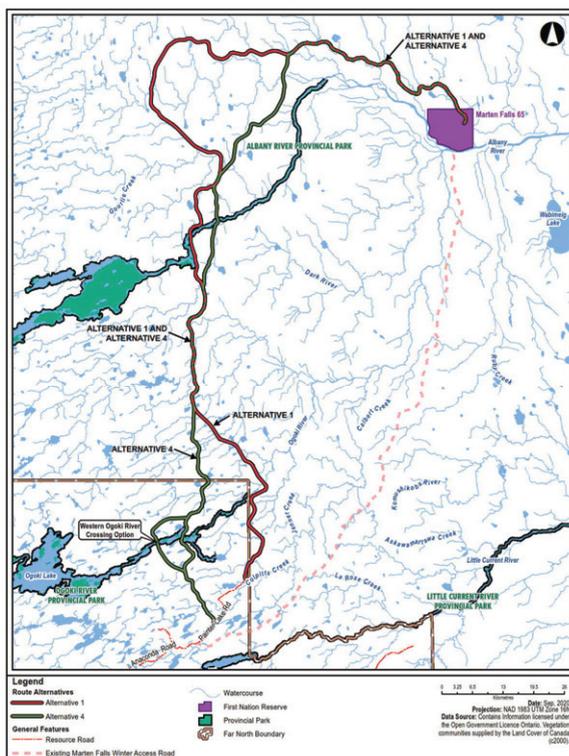
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NOTICE OF SUBMISSION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE MARTEN FALLS FIRST NATION COMMUNITY ACCESS ROAD PROJECT

Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) has prepared a Terms of Reference (ToR) for an Individual Environmental Assessment for the proposed Marten Falls First Nation Community Access Road Project (the Project). The ToR has been submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for review as required under the Environmental Assessment Act. If approved, the ToR will serve as a framework for the preparation and review of the environmental assessment for the Project. As part of the submission process, Indigenous communities, government agencies and interested persons are encouraged to review the ToR and submit comments to the MECP.

The Project: MFFN is a remote First Nation community in the Far North of Ontario, located at the junction of the Albany and Ogoki rivers, approximately 170 km northeast of Nakina, Ontario. The proposed Project will be a multipurpose all-season community access road approximately 190 km to 230 km in length that will connect the MFFN community to the Ontario provincial highway network. The alternative routes being carried forward to the environmental assessment are shown on the accompanying map.



MFFN has entered into a voluntary agreement with the MECP to subject the Project to the Environmental Assessment Act. The ToR submitted for review considered comments received by MFFN on the Draft ToR. If approved by the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, MFFN will begin the EA in accordance with the Minister-approved ToR and Environmental Assessment Act to assess and evaluate the potential effects of the alternatives and recommend impact management measures to avoid and / or minimize the predicted effects.

Project Purpose: MFFN community is currently accessible by air transportation and a winter road constructed on an annual basis. The winter road has been determined to be insufficient for the community and other transportation needs primarily due to the limited reliability of open winter road access. The purpose of the Project is to improve the well-being of MFFN by providing reliable year-round access to the community. The road is intended to provide increased travel safety, reduced price of food, fuel and supplies, improved community social, health, education and wellness services, in addition to providing the MFFN community with future economic development opportunities. The road will be multi-purpose; it will be used by both community and others which may include industry.

Review of the Terms of Reference: The ToR will be available for review beginning **October 23, 2020 for a period of 60 days**. The ToR and supporting documents can be accessed digitally on the Project website at <http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca>. Hard copies can be inspected in-person at local Indigenous community band offices and the following viewing locations:

- **Greenstone Public Library – Geraldton Branch:** 405 2nd St. W., Geraldton
- **Greenstone Public Library – Longlac Branch:** 110 Kenogami Drive, Longlac
- **Sioux Lookout Public Library:** 21 Fifth Avenue, Sioux Lookout
- **Matawa First Nations Management:** 233 S. Court Street, 2nd Floor, Thunder Bay
- **Timmins Public Library:** 320 2nd Avenue, Timmins, ON P4N 8A4

The ToR can be inspected in-person only at those viewing locations that are open to the public at the time the Notice of Submission is issued.

Comments about the ToR must be made in writing to the MECP by **5:00 p.m. on December 21, 2020**. All comments must be submitted to:

Sasha McLeod and Shannon Gauthier
Special Project Officer and Project Officer
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks - Environmental Assessment Branch
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Email: sasha.mcleod@ontario.ca and shannon.gauthier@ontario.ca

A copy of all comments submitted to the MECP will be forwarded to the Proponent for consideration. For further information on the Project, contact:

Lawrence Baxter Senior Community Member Advisor, MFFN	1-800-764-9114 info@martenfallsaccessroad.ca www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca
James McCutcheon Project Manager, AECOM	

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AVIS DE PRÉSENTATION DU CADRE DE RÉFÉRENCE PREMIÈRE NATION DE MARTEN FALLS – PROJET DE ROUTE D'ACCÈS COMMUNAUTAIRE

La Première Nation de Marten Falls (PNMF) a déposé le cadre de référence (CdR) d'une évaluation environnementale distincte visant le projet de route d'accès communautaire de la Première Nation de Marten Falls (ci-après le « Projet »). Le CdR a été soumis au ministère de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs (MEPP) aux fins d'examen, comme le prévoit la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*. S'il est approuvé, le CdR servira à encadrer la préparation et l'examen de l'évaluation environnementale du Projet. Dans le cadre du processus de présentation, les communautés autochtones, les organismes gouvernementaux et les parties intéressées sont invités à examiner le CdR et à soumettre leurs commentaires au MEPP.

Le Projet – La PNMF est une communauté autochtone du grand nord de l'Ontario située à la confluence des rivières Albany et Ogoki, environ 170 km au nord-est de Nakina, Ontario. Le Projet consiste en une route d'accès communautaire polyvalente toutes saisons d'une longueur d'environ 190 à 230 km qui reliera la collectivité de la PNMF au réseau routier provincial de l'Ontario. Les différents tracés mis de l'avant dans l'évaluation environnementale figurent sur la carte d'accompagnement.

La PNMF a conclu un accord volontaire avec le MEPP visant à soumettre le Projet au régime de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*. Le CdR soumis pour examen prend en considération les commentaires reçus par la PNMF sur l'ébauche du CdR. Sous réserve de l'approbation du ministre de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs, la PNMF amorcera l'évaluation environnementale conformément au CdR approuvé par le ministre et à la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*, dans le but d'évaluer les effets potentiels des différents tracés et de recommander des mesures de gestion des impacts susceptibles d'éviter ou d'atténuer ces effets.

Raison d'être du Projet – À l'heure actuelle, la PNMF est accessible par voie aérienne et par une route d'hiver qui doit être reconstruite chaque année. La route d'hiver a été jugée insuffisante pour répondre aux besoins de la communauté et à d'autres nécessités de transport, une situation attribuable en grande partie à la fiabilité déficiente de la route d'hiver. La raison d'être du Projet est de contribuer au bien-être de la PNMF en fournissant un accès fiable à la communauté toute l'année durant. La route procurera les avantages suivants à la PNMF : transport plus sécuritaire, réduction du prix des denrées alimentaires, du carburant et des fournitures, amélioration des services sociaux, des soins de santé et de l'éducation et occasions futures de développement économique. La route sera polyvalente; elle sera utilisée à la fois par la communauté et par d'autres usagers, y compris l'industrie.

Examen du cadre de référence Le CdR pourra être consulté par le public à compter du **23 octobre 2020, pour une période de 60 jours**. Les versions numériques du CdR et des documents à l'appui peuvent être consultées sur le site Web du projet : <http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca>. Des exemplaires imprimés de ces documents seront disponibles pour consultation en personne dans les bureaux administratifs des communautés autochtones et aux endroits indiqués ci-dessous.

- **Bibliothèque publique de Greenstone – section Geraldton :** 405 2nd St. W., Geraldton
- **Bibliothèque publique de Greenstone – section Longlac :** 110 Kenogami Drive, Longlac
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- **Bibliothèque publique de Timmins :** 320 2nd Avenue, Timmins, Ontario, P4N 8A4

Le CdR pourra être consulté en personne à ces endroits seulement, qui sont ouverts au public à la date de publication de l'avis de présentation.

Les commentaires sur le CdR doivent être soumis par écrit au MEPP d'ici le **21 décembre 2020, à 17 h**. Tous les commentaires doivent être envoyés à :

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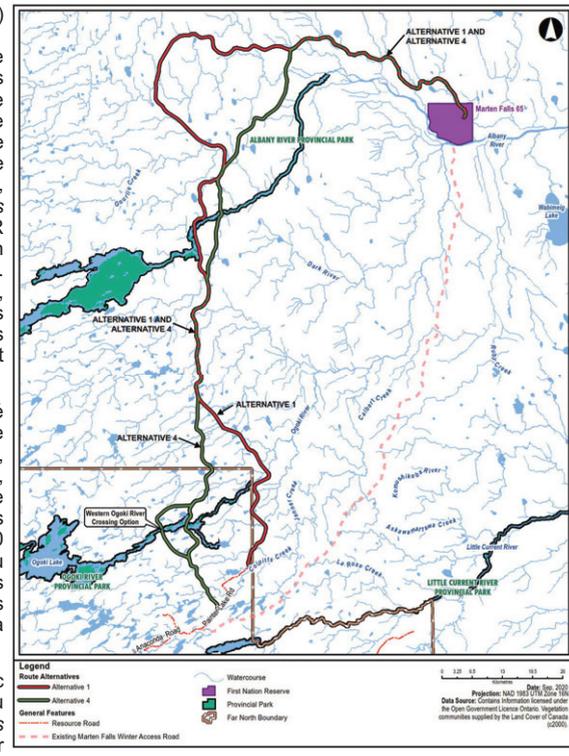
Une copie de tous les commentaires soumis au MEPP sera envoyée au promoteur pour examen. Pour de plus amples renseignements sur le Projet, veuillez communiquer avec :

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Route Alternatives
Alternative 1
Alternative 4
General Features
Resource Road
Existing Marten Falls Winter Access Road

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Watercourse
First Nation Reserve
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Far North Boundary

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LOCAL NEWS

Victoriaville axed

CITY HALL
By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

Thunder Bay's south end is in for a transformation. City councillors voted unanimously to demolish the Victoriaville Centre and reopen Victoria Avenue Monday evening.

The indoor mall has run deficits since it opened in 1980, with annual operating losses projected to top \$800,000 by 2025.

That means demolition and redevelopment, with an estimated \$10.75 million price tag, would pay for itself after about 10 years.

The full demolition option was recommended unanimously by Urban Systems' project team over three others considered for the facility's future.

Victoria Avenue with street trees, benches, decorative lighting, and on-street water treatment.

It will also add a new public plaza on the Syndicate Avenue right-of-way south of Victoria Avenue, and revamp the existing public square north of Victoria.

The city hopes that will attract more residents to the area for events like concerts and "unique retail experiences" that could include a vendors' market.



PENG YOU

Demolition isn't expected to begin until 2022. The process will consist of an "almost piece by piece" deconstruction, city staff have said.

Redevelopment of the site is expected to take place between 2022 and 2024.

A separate motion passed Monday could see the redevelopment process guided in part by a new south core renewal committee.

Coun. Peng You said Monday's decision is one council should have made much earlier.

"Either we fix it or we demolish it," he said.

There's no doubt the centre's

problems are longstanding.

"Victoriaville Centre has struggled since it opened and has consistently run an operating deficit," noted a report from consultants Urban Systems.

"The centre has multiple vacancies and many retail spaces have been converted to quasi-public uses, such as government office uses or health and social service uses."

Negative impacts

Coun. Andrew Foulds said while the decision to demolish Victoriaville was the right one from a planning perspective, it could negatively impact vulnerable people in the downtown if it isn't accompanied by other actions from the city.

"What happens to the people who virtually have nothing and use Victoriaville as a place of recreation, as a place of reprieve?" he asked Monday.

The demolition plan scored lower than other options on issues of equity and liveability, when evaluated by Urban Systems.

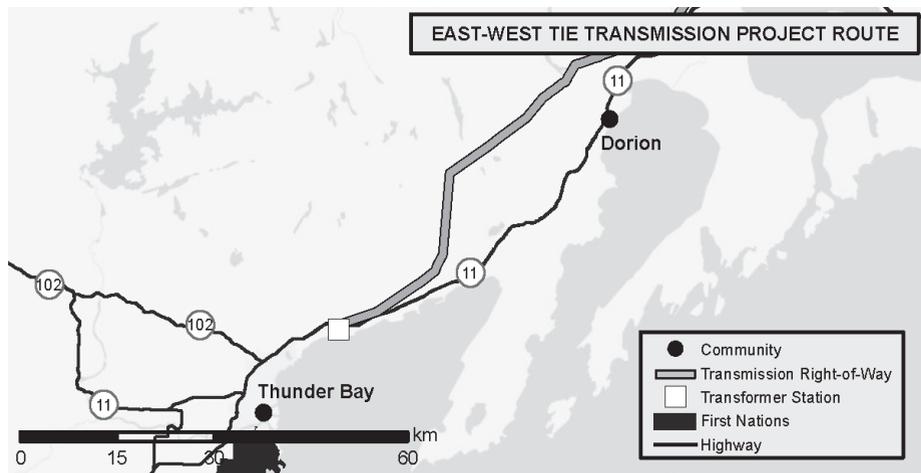
Foulds said he hoped the renewal committee would include the voices of south end social service agencies as well as businesses, to ensure those needs were met.

Weather Forecast

<p>WEDNESDAY</p> <p>Mixed precipitation Probability of Precipitation: 40% HIGH 5 LOW -3</p>	<p>THURSDAY</p> <p>Rain Probability of Precipitation: 80% HIGH 3 LOW 0</p>	<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>Scattered flurries Probability of Precipitation: 60% HIGH 4 LOW -6</p>
<p>SATURDAY</p> <p>Mainly sunny Probability of Precipitation: 20% HIGH 1 LOW -7</p>	<p>SUNDAY</p> <p>A few flurries Probability of Precipitation: 40% HIGH 1 LOW -6</p>	<p>MONDAY</p> <p>A mix of sun and clouds Probability of Precipitation: 30% HIGH 1 LOW -8</p>

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LOCAL NEWS

TTC looking at additional streetcars

BUSINESS

By Ian Kaufman -TB Source

The possibility of a new streetcar order for Bombardier is a promising sign, but local leaders say they're waiting to see where major chips fall before declaring a victory for the company's Thunder Bay manufacturing plant.

Dominic Pasqualino, president of Unifor Local 1075, said a recommendation from Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) staff for a new \$140 million order of 13 streetcars from Bombardier wouldn't make much of an impact for the workers he represents.

"A 13 car order isn't going to cut it," he said. "It doesn't even guarantee those cars will be built in our plant."

However, if provincial and federal governments come through with matching funding needed to boost the order to 60 cars, Pasqualino was confident Thunder Bay would be the logical place to build them.

"There's no doubt in my mind – 60 cars, everybody knows that we're the best place to build that amount or more," he said. "We're not really good at making five or ten cars – we need a big order."

Mayor Bill Mauro said the recommen-



MAY BUY: The Toronto Transit Commission is considering up to 60 new streetcars.

dation for another streetcar order with Bombardier showed what those who work at the local plant already know: the cars can be made more quickly and at a lower cost here.

He called the news an encouraging sign, one he hopes will be backstopped

by investment from upper levels of government.

"I think [my reaction] is cautious optimism," he said, "but there's more we'd hope to see."

Even the larger 60 streetcar order would have a limited impact, Pasqualino

warned – perhaps sustaining the workforce currently turning out bi-level GO train cars and ventilators.

"That 60 car order probably wouldn't increase our [staff] numbers very much – as a matter of fact, they may even reduce from what we've got right now – but at least it keeps the lights on in the plant in 2022."

The TTC recommendation stipulates that all streetcars would be delivered between 2023 and 2025.

Pasqualino expressed confidence that leadership at Bombardier was focused on bringing work to Thunder Bay – though he said the acquisition of its rail division by the French train manufacturer Alstom, expected to close early in the new year, adds uncertainty.

The company also welcomed the TTC recommendation, though it declined to comment on implications for the Thunder Bay plant.

"On behalf of the women and men who work for Bombardier Transportation here in Ontario, we welcome the opportunity to be considered, in the TTC Board report... as the TTC's preferred manufacturer for up to 60 additional streetcars," the company said in a statement to Dougall Media.

The recommendation for the new

order with Bombardier will be voted on by the TTC's board as part of a larger fleet procurement strategy on Thursday.

That plan, if approved, would also advance the initial phase of procurement for 80 new subway trains, at an estimated cost of \$1.61 billion – again, dependent on funding from upper levels of government.

Unlike the streetcar order, that's work that could sustain operations and bring laid off workers back if completed at the Thunder Bay plant, which has previously manufactured the cars, Pasqualino said.

"The impact of a subway order would be tremendous," Mauro agreed.

The plant's uncertain future highlights the need for stronger "Buy Canadian" procurement policies from all levels of government, the mayor argued.

"The demand is there, but the City of Toronto will need support from the federal and provincial governments," he said. "The good news is there is no disagreement among any of the major players that there is a demand for vehicles."

The TTC board will consider approval of the 13 streetcar order and other details of its fleet procurement strategy on Thursday.

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Pandemic Halloween

In Thunder Bay, it's an annual tradition for hundreds of parents to pack their kids up on Halloween night and head to the ritzier neighbourhoods of the city to take their kids trick-or-treating.

That's a no-no this year, according to the province's chief medical officer of health.

Dr. David Williams earlier this week stressed families should stick as close to home as possible if they choose to head out on Halloween night.

He's got a point. COVID-19 is a virus that doesn't care where you come from, but is more than willing to attach itself to you and go home with you.

A few simple precautions are best. First and foremost, everyone, whether collecting candy or handing it out, should safely wear a mask. Consider your costume choice to ensure you and your little ones can properly breathe.

Try your best to not touch high-use surfaces, like handrails and travel with folks from your own household.

What we don't want to see is an undiagnosed case lead to dozens of other cases, given how well our region is doing. We also don't want to deprive our kids of the fun of trick-or-treating, given everything else they've sacrificed in 2020.

We're all in this together, and together we can make it work, without putting ourselves in danger,

But it's up to all of us.

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Think about food waste

To the editor:

CCOVID-19. It has changed our lives and has made us re-think our way of life. There is much uncertainty about how long this virus, and the circumstances surrounding it, will last. During this pandemic, we had to adjust the way in which we held Thanksgiving with family and friends. Despite the restrictions, most of us were still able to enjoy the traditional Thanksgiving dinner having our plates filled with plenty of tasty, high quality food.

We are so lucky that we live in this lovely, rich country which has adequate amounts of food available. However, as we all know there are many people in our world who do not have the luxury of plentiful food on their plates.

Millions of people either do not have enough food or are starving. We have to keep in mind that Covid-19 could result in more food shortages and, in light of this, we need to work on strategies to reduce food shortages.

Oct. 16 is National Food Day whose theme this year is "Grow, Nourish, Sustain. Together."

Food is seen as a basic human right yet one in nine people globally experience chronic hunger. World Food Day was created to help to eradicate hunger.

While many are generous in donating to food banks, it is also our social responsibility to minimize food waste.

We need to be conscious of our food supply making sure that we keep the wasting of our food to an absolute minimum and also work on ways to boost local food production.

All of us have bought food which ends up being thrown out for some reason, whether it has been forgotten and has spoiled or has been left in the freezer for too long before it has to be thrown out.

As well, in grocery stores and restaurants there must be a way that good food that cannot be sold could be utilized.

Less food waste also has an additional effect of protecting our environment by reducing the use of energy required to produce and package food that ends up getting discarded and reduces the economic and environmental cost of transporting it to retail destinations. Studies have shown that decomposition of food dramatically increases CO2 emissions.

Taking care of our environment is vital for future generations.

With respect to food that is donated to the less fortunate, it would be wise to coordinate the donations between organizations so that there is an equal and more efficient distribution of food.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



It would also be wise for these organizations to have education available that would teach people how to prepare their own healthy meals as there are some individuals who may not have these basic skills.

Boosting the production of food is also recommended.

With excellent water and soil readily available, Thunder Bay is an ideal area for high quality food production using innovation and modern technology.

Producing more food locally would have the dual effect of increasing our economic development in our community by utilizing more of our farmland for the production of meat, vegetables, rice and other crops and also assist with any potential food shortages both locally and worldwide.

Food grown here by entrepreneurs could be distributed to the world market.

Coun. Peng You,
Thunder Bay

Stop merger

To the editor:

A group of former Councillors and Reeves representing over a half century of politics are speaking out against the merger of Oliver Paipoonge with Conmee. Former Reeves Iris Calvert and John Graveson as well as councillors Rolland Martyn, Jim Byers and Rick Potter have written an open letter to the Council of Oliver Paipoonge.

We the undersigned as previously elected Council Members of Oliver or Paipoonge are writing at this time to express our deep concern over the proposed merger of Oliver Paipoonge and Conmee.

The basic conduct of this merger exercise was flawed; no consult as to the wishes of the people was conducted prior to commencement, all meetings were conducted as "closed meetings", none of the taxpayers of Oliver Paipoonge were involved or allowed to contribute to the merger

report and there are flagrant omissions and errors in the report itself.

The survey conducted by Grant Thornton indicates the overwhelming response was extremely negative, the first response being "no" the second most common reply was "not enough information and too rushed" and out of over 250 responses only one was actually in favor.

It was a complete condemnation of the concept of merger.

The financial benefits to Oliver Paipoonge are minimal to negative at best, the exposure to long-term liability considerable.

There is no case to be made for entertaining this risk.

In consideration of the above and out of respect to the taxpayer we the undersigned recommend that the Merger of Oliver Paipoonge and Conmee be abandoned immediately.

Rick Potter, Iris Calvert, John Graveson, Rolland Martyn and Jim Byers

Perspective

Victoriaville a failed experiment

Four-decade-old decision was the wrong move in 1979 and council was right to undo it in 2020

OPINION
By J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

It seemed like a good idea at the time but there were unintended consequences.

One of the decisions facing Thunder Bay city council in 2020 is how to deal with the results of a failed experiment dating back to 1980.

That was the year the Victoriaville Centre opened its doors and began its slow, relentless decline.

It was intended to revitalize the south core but now, forty years later, it is still deteriorating and has become a barrier to further development.

It is a maintenance nightmare, a drain on city finances, a failed retail outlet and what's more, the roof leaks.

It has reached the point where the most viable recommendation is that the city cut its losses, tear the whole thing down and try again.

It wasn't always this way on the streets of downtown Fort William.

Big-time busy

There was a time in this fair city when the south core was a going concern and the corner of Victoria and Syndicate was a bustling downtown hub.

It was referred to as "Chapple's corner" after the iconic department store which occupied two sides of the street and served local consumers for many years.

As a kid I used to spend a lot of time on that corner and I still have fond memories of waiting for the bus while



COMING DOWN: Victoriaville will be torn down as early as 2022, after city council voted on Monday to demolish the controversial facility.

observing busy people and traffic going by.

Many aging baby boomers have nostalgic memories about the glory days of the Victoria Avenue strip – but those days are gone forever... or are they?

The fate of the south core is once

again in the hands of city council as history repeats itself.

It has been suggested by some that the problem goes back even further, to 1970 when Fort William and Port Arthur were reluctantly amalgamated.

Something was needed to appease the still simmering rivalry between the

north and the south and this led to an ill-advised and hasty decision.

Urban renewal in Port Arthur would be matched by Victoriaville in downtown Fort William as recommended by a consultant at the time.

The city's Director of Planning pushed the idea forward, a question-

able decision was made in haste and a costly mistake was under way.

There had always been a rivalry between the twin cities - the intercity area was the unofficial neutral ground between two competing communities.

As a young lad sitting on the mainline bus at the intercity terminal I would watch from my window seat as riders transferred to some mysterious purple buses heading north.

It would take more than amalgamation and a white elephant called Victoriaville to solve that mystery and bring the two cities together.

Mistake was made

This is an example of how a bad decision can come back to haunt you – let's hope our current council makes a better one this time around.

As I write this, city council is a day away from making its decision and it remains to be seen if this will be the final one.

In retrospect and after four decades of observations is it finally time to draw some final conclusions and bring this failed experiment to an end?

As a boy I lamented the loss of Chapple's corner and now as a city tax payer I may get to see the area revitalized yet again, depending on the decisions of our current council.

It will require vision, courage and determination to make the right choice - whether or not they get it right will be decided forty years from now.

In some ways it seems like we're right back where we started– the more things change, the more they remain the same.

A look back in history:

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A load of fish unloaded in Thunder Bay. Commercial fisheries on Lake Superior thrived through to the 1930s. In 1938, 400 tons of whitefish, 400 tons of trout, and 600 tons of herring were caught with a value of \$140,000. By this time, however, commercial fishing was becoming largely uneconomical.



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Hood for a Cure tackles cancer

ROSSLYN
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Cara D'Amours said her company wanted to do something a little bit different to help a local charitable cause.

An office administrator at Hood Equipment Canada's Rosslyn location, D'Amours said she thought long and hard before settling on a raffle, the goal to raise \$8,000 for the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation.

Picking the beneficiary was the easy part.

Touches everyone

"Cancer is everywhere," D'Amours said last Friday.

"There isn't anyone who hasn't been touched, whether it's male, female or a child. We need to make sure all of this money stays in our community, so that we can help our community with this disease. There have been people here at Hood who have been touched by it. They're in remission, they're a couple years in and it's just a really important cause."

Tickets are 12 for \$20, and much like at a shag, those who purchase them can drop them into numbered brown paper

bags set up next to each prize package, placing as many as they want in bags depending on what prizes catch their eye.

There is also a door prize featuring a wall of gift cards, including The Beer Store, Canadian Tire, Home Depot, Tim Hortons, The Keg and Starbucks, valued at \$500. Tickets for the door prize are \$5 apiece.

Wide variety

D'Amours said there's a little something for everyone.

"We've got a couple of women's baskets. There are candles inside. We have one from Pearl Vision that has women's and men's sunglasses. We've got Napa. They gave us a variety of different cups and shirts and a clock. Power Centre, they gave us a laptop case," she said.

"Kam Industrial, they donated money. Lowery's donated money. It's just a whole bunch of different items. It's for everyone."

Draws will take place on Oct. 30.

"We have two more weeks to get out here to buy tickets," D'Amours said.

Hood Equipment Canada is located at 14 Haniak Road.



TICKLED PINK: Staff at Hood Equipment Canada are fully behind Hood for a Cure, a fundraiser for the Thunder Bay Regional Foundation.

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Open-water season winding down



KEITH AILEY

THE GOOD LIFE



ALL CAUGHT UP: Wes and Nate Bender with Keith Ailey and a triple-header of trophy walleye.

We have seen our first snow already and the forecast is calling for nothing but cold in the coming weeks.

Yet, the last three weekends have been pretty amazing and if I don't get out much more, I can be content with how the fall fishing season went.

We have been chasing coho salmon, walleye and steelhead since the end of September and despite the cool temperatures, the fish have always been cooperative.

Though I must admit my first love is river fishing for migratory species like trout and salmon, the recent walleye fishing adventure is the one that keeps bringing a smile to my face every time I think about it.

Over the Thanksgiving weekend we had planned to do our annual trip up to Lake of the Woods to fish for walleye and crappie. However, with a recent spike in Covid-19 cases both provin-

cially and nationally, we decided the responsible thing to do would be to stay closer to home and make a day trip to fish for walleye and hunt for grouse instead.

While this weekend is traditionally spent with two good friends, we had a substitute for this particular adventure. Wes' 10-year-old son Nathan stepped up and filled the gap in our fishing party.

Now, it must be stated that fishing with Wes is always a marathon. Leaving in the dark and returning in the dark are standard protocol and though we joke about his sixteen hour days on the water, these ultra-endurance fishing trips are not for the faint of heart, especially in extreme weather.

Most adults would need a nap midway through a day of fishing with Wes. However, from the time the boys picked me up at 5am until they dropped me off at 10pm, Nate never complained once.

When darkness gave way to light and we pulled on to the dirt road, we immediately started seeing grouse.

Yet, Wes drove straight past the first four because they were spruce grouse and we both prefer the lighter meat of ruffed grouse.

I figured he was crazy as I've never passed up birds on a fall fishing trip. Still, before we even arrived at the fishing spot, we already had seven ruffies in the cooler for dinner and plenty of confidence that we would easily fill our limits on the way home.

As good as the hunting was, we were really there to catch walleye and I was extremely happy to finally see the water.

My mood quickly changed from excited to total disbelief as soon as we started fishing. Double headers were the norm for the first hour or two.

As fast as I could release a fish and get my jig back in the water, my rod was bent over again. I won't go into all the details because you would never believe me anyway, but I can easily say I have never experienced anything like it and I've done a fair bit of fishing over the years.

When the snow started, the walleye just seemed to smash our jigs with even more urgency. I am now a firm believer in the theory that predatory fish like walleye will absolutely gorge themselves in a feeding frenzy before the water temperatures plummet with the onset of ice up.

As for the rookie, young Nate easily held his own. He caught dozens before even taking a break and proved he can handle his dad's marathon angling adventures. He is obviously a chip off the old block.

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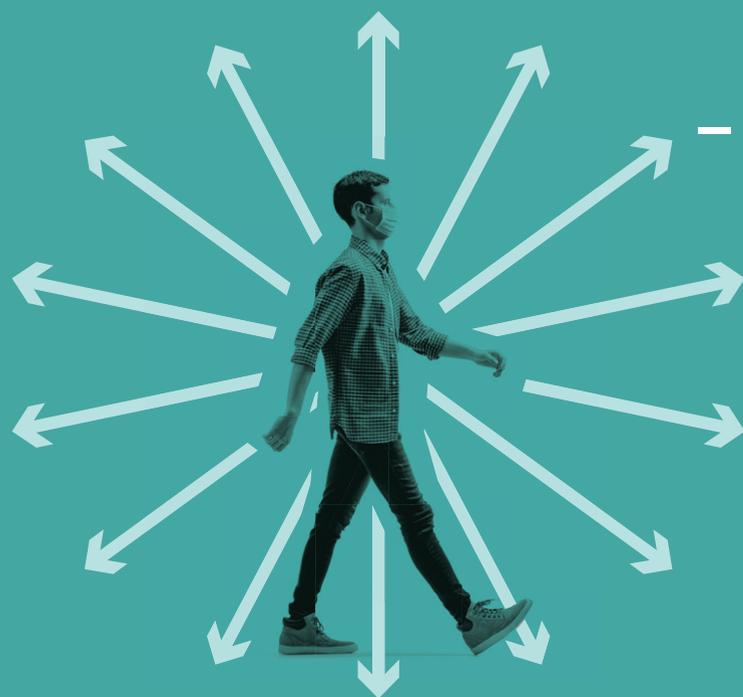
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TBLife

Not ready for winter's arrival

Last weekend's snow was a bit of a surprise this early in October

It was not the earliest that we've received snow. My wife, Laura, remembers snow in August one year. Me? It's all a blur. But what a surprise! We were warned.

Environment Canada posted a warning for our area that ten to fifteen cms of snow could fall upon us.

We actually received a very brief blast Friday for about five minutes and then the clouds parted, the blue appeared, and ol' Sol shone through.

Like a warning shot across a gardener's bow, Laura spent two hours out in the garden Friday night and then several hours Saturday finishing her permanent raised bed project and then with me, harvesting the last of the cabbages, the Brussel sprouts, and the leeks.

She had uprooted the turnips, carrots, and any beets the groundhog hadn't snatched.

The lettuce outside got frizzed.

However, inside the greenhouse it was still nice and warm.

"We have fresh lettuce for a salad," Laura announced. Or, for sandwiches until it runs out and then we have to buy some.

Laura had also brought into the basement her pepper plants that she had grown in the greenhouse she and son, Doug, erected off the basement door.

Friday afternoon after that initial five-minute teaser from Ol' Man Winter, I dashed around madly gathering up all the stuff that needed to be stored under cover, especially our supply of stacked, winter wood..

Out in force

Sunday, the sun came out to shine on the 'winter wonderland', the fresh snow covering all of the tree branches.

And with the sun came a modicum of warmth enough for small clumps of snow to be released from branches of bushes and trees.

Growing up in Toronto in the fifties and sixties, we didn't expect serious snow until mid to late November.

Certainly never on Hallowe'en.

But when I moved up here to Thunder Bay and then in June 1979 out to my wee hoosie in the country,

I learned that typically, the first snow

came on Hallowe'en, not to stay mind you.

I remember one year visiting a farm outside of Murillo where the owner held sleigh rides on big sleighs pulled by a pair of Belgian draft horses.

By then, the last week of November, we expected a foot or two of snow on the ground and the farmer wanted to drive the sleighs to set the tracks for future rides. But, no snow.

So, we hitched the horses to the wagons and had a nice time learning (for me) to drive a team of draft horses.

I love winter especially when the ground and trees are covered with the white stuff. I

am not particularly fond of the extreme cold especially as my body gets older. But two weeks before Halloween is too early.

We are not ready mentally.

Fortunately, the highways were just wet and not slushy as I drove to town Sunday afternoon.

An early snow is one that has to be watched to see how long it stays on the ground.

Is there still time?

Do I need to put on the winter tires on the car or can it wait? If the tires go on too early, there is a greater risk of wearing them out on the bare pavement.

Winter tires have a much softer tread than summers so you really want to put them on when there is a certainty big snow is here to stay.

And when it arrives, then you have to remember how to drive in it.

Almost all of the leaves on the trees had been blown off in a really short time.

Strong winds for a couple of days took care of that.

The back roads now had a carpet of fallen leaves that swirled up as we drove past. Very pretty.

I came into Casa Jones after a trip to town to see bowls full of harvested kale and spinach from the garden greenhouse. "Going to get much colder.

Don't want to lose this stuff," Laura said. The garden is done for this year and just in time.

So, the branches are bare. It didn't take long for the winds to blow all of the leaves off of the trees. What's left are the evergreens and for now, the steeples of golden tamarack against the stark contrast of the grey, bare-branched trees.

As my daughter Beth said: "At least we had a real autumn this year."



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Auction of Hope fights cancer

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick -TB Source

Fundraising in a pandemic takes some imagination.

Across Ontario, with gathering restrictions in place, traditional events like the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundations annual Luncheon of Hope in support of breast cancer research cannot be held in 2020.

The loss of events like the luncheon leaves a major gap in annual fundraising efforts, but does nothing to stop diseases from continuing to wreak havoc on people's health. Treatment is still needed and in Ontario, raising the money to help cover the cost of equip-

ment, like a new mammography unit for the Linda Buchan Centre, featuring a state-of-the-art tomosynthesis and stereotactic biopsy unit.

So instead of a luncheon, the foundation has moved online and has launched the Tbaytel Art and Design Auction of Hope as a way to bridge the fundraising gap.

The auction will feature artwork, interior design services, photography, furniture, clothing and more, and runs until 9 a.m. on Oct. 26.

"We have 18 packages, all from local artists and people can bid online anytime from the comfort of their homes," said the foundation's Athena Kreiner.

"We decided to do an auction online because even though COVID-19 has stopped all of our events, it hasn't stopped people from getting breast cancer. We still need to treat these people in our community. The hospital is still treating patients and the need is still there to provide diagnosis equipment and research. We knew the need was high, so we came up with another creative way so people could do it online."

Artist Caterina Tolone, whose multi-material painting *Autum Wind* is one of the showcase auction prizes, said she's known a lot of people who have gone through cancer treatments, and wanted to help out in any way she could.

It's the perfect time to think outside the box, she said.

"When I heard that the events had been cancelled, I can't imagine all the money they get on an annual basis. I just think this event is great. People can sit at home, look at artwork, and order whatever they like as gifts or as products for their own homes," Tolone said.

Kreiner said the pandemic has forced fundraisers to think a little differently this year, and an idea like the online auction is a better alternative to no event at all.

To bid on the packages, visit www.healthsciencesfoundation.ca/auction.



UP FOR BID: Artist Caterina Tolone with her multi-media painting, *Autum Winds*.

LEITH DUNICK

Trial of the Chicago 7 is a chilling reminder

With the debut of writer/director Aaron Sorkin's *The Trial of the Chicago 7*, (Netflix) one may rightly ask: why re-visit a highly controversial trial that occurred almost 50 years ago?

Sadly, one sees chilling parallels between elements that gave rise to a notorious court battle where leaders of several activist organizations were charged with conspiracy to incite to riot and the tempestuous, hotly divisive clamor characterizing the US's wobbly march to the November election today.

The scene was Chicago, 1968, where several anti-war organizations targeted the Democratic National Convention as an effective platform to protest the Vietnam War through mass demonstrations.

Not completely unanticipated were violent confrontations between the Illinois National Guard and Chicago riot police against thousands of protesters, resulting in hundreds of arrests and injuries stemming from clubbing and tear gas.

Sorkin has to distill the essence of a fractious, protracted trial of 'the Chicago Seven' that ensued, involving a rogues' gallery of players and dense amounts of evidence. He succeeds for the most part, despite melodramatic and sentimental tendencies. He also benefits from a great cast.

Sorkin focuses on the highlight reel of contentious moments in the courtroom, foregoing scenes of the bloodied, chaotic conflict (these come later in flashbacks, effectively staged) to set up the legal combatants.

The first half suffers from melodramatic colouring of the principals. The defense group is a defiant and disruptive bunch of counterculture leftists, while the prosecution is ultra-conservative and supercilious, looking to hit back on behalf of the newly elected Nixon government.

The more vociferous defendants include Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin (Sacha Baron Cohen and Jeremy Strong), co-founders of the Youth International Party, (Yippies) as well as Black Panther President Bobby Seale (Yahya Abdul Mateen II), who's bound and gagged by the judge before he gets a mistrial due to Searle's absentee attorney, recovering from gall bladder surgery.

On the other side, the young lead prosecutor Richard Schultz (Joseph Gordon-Leavitt) is all straight-arrow, bespectacled, competent and clenched-jawed, though bothered by a twinge of conscience. Cops giving testimony are seen as sly undercover traitors and lying thugs.

Harried lead defense attorney, William Kunstler (Mark Rylance) earns multiple contempt of court charges by Judge Julius Hoffman, (Frank Langella) who's portrayed as an ultra-rightist, unhinged dictator. (The epilogue reveals that 78 per cent of Chicago's trial lawyers deemed Hoffman as "unqualified" in surveys.)

Sorkin scores well in the film's final third, where newly unearthed evidence points to Tom Hayden (Eddie Redmayne), president of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), and his culpability in touching off a riot. Sorkin effectively cuts back and forth from Kunstler grilling a squirming Hayden to flashbacks of what actually occurred one night, where riot police remove their badges while brandishing their clubs, spurring Hayden to fateful action. (This recalls recent unsettling actions in Portland where unidentified police grabbed protestors without cause.)

As with any fact-based story, one accepts poetic license in dramatizing the controversial ordeal. Melodrama and sentimentality aside, Sorkin makes *Chicago 7* disturbing and relevant, pointing to America's troubled soul.



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Does character actually count on television?

Recently, Donald Trump proclaimed the week of October 18 to 24 as National Character Counts Week. In an extensive notice to the public, Trump talked about the importance of moral character in Americans.

The announcement spoke of the "opportunity to show consideration for [others] ... [as] an opportunity to build habits of kindness and strengthen ... character."

The intent is to highlight those people who are examples of "honour and virtue" as the country builds "lives and communities grounded in moral clarity."

It's a lovely sentiment. And after laughing at the hypocrisy, I thought more about it.

What does it say that the president has to proclaim a specific week to do what most of us are taught from childhood to do on a daily basis?



Given his rhetoric on the campaign trail, his lies to the media, and his personal attacks on colleagues, opponents, and minorities, one could surmise that Trump doesn't have a handle on basic human decency.

Unfortunately, he's not alone.

Whether or not you agree with the various actions taken during the Black Lives Matter movement, there

is a definite inequality in the treatment of minorities.

And most of the "haves" do believe we should help the "have-nots" - so long as they don't have to give up some of their share in the process.

So people besides Trump are not following the basic character traits he set out in his proclamation.

And based on the few new shows that made it to the television schedule over the summer, "moral clarity" isn't high on the average viewer's priority list.

Recently evicted *Big Brother All-Star* houseguest, Memphis Garrett, admitted he developed alliances with those he felt he could manipulate.

While one could argue that his

treacherous behaviour led to his eviction, the other players' actions were influenced solely by their desire to win the grand prize and not some righteous indignation or punishment.

NBC's *Weakest Link* appears like a team game at first glance.

However, it celebrates taking down those weaker or the greatest threat to a player.

And that player is ultimately rewarded for those acts of self-preservation.

Until it was shut down due to safety restrictions, *Survivor* was the epitome of playing dirty to take down an opponent.

And after 40 seasons, it had the ratings to prove that viewers not only loved this behaviour, they also respected the players.

And this fall's new drama *Filthy Rich* focuses on a bible-thumping family who makes millions off of other people's faith.

Unfortunately, for them charity begins (and ends) at home.

Sure, the pandemic has brought forth periodic news of people helping people that warm the cockles of our hearts.

But they definitely don't get the president's all-important ratings that watching people behaving badly seems to.

Despite the proclamation, Trump's usual vitriol and name-calling has continued during his Character Counts Week. So it's completely hypocritical.

But before viewers tune in next Wednesday to see who's won *Big Brother*, perhaps they should take this week to consider what they're cheering for.



DONALD TRUMP

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- 19 Shabby
- 22 Above (pref.)
- 23 Smoke (2 words)
- 24 Peep (Scot.)
- 25 Snarl
- 26 Joan _____, folk singer
- 27 Himself (Lat.)
- 28 Sugar syrup
- 29 Loose jute fiber
- 37 Soldiers
- 38 Baseball gloves
- 39 Buggy
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DISAPPOINTED: Lakehead University's women's basketball coach, Jon Kreiner.

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THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Jon Kreiner says it wasn't too shocking to learn Ontario University Athletics had decided to shut down all sanctioned sports until at least March 31, 2021.

Lakehead University's women's basketball coach said anyone who was paying attention to the COVID-19 situation in Ontario could see the writing on the wall.

It didn't make the decision any easier to stomach.

"It is disappointing, even though we all kind of knew this was going to be the end result," said Kreiner on Thursday, minutes after the news went public.

The OUA had already cancelled all sanctioned sporting activity until Jan. 1, while U Sports, the governing body for university sports in Canada, had cancelled all national championships for the first semester. U Sports on Thursday announced it was axing all second semester championships as well.

"It's a sad, disappointing day, but the decision was made for the safety of everybody," said LU athletic director Tom Warden.

For now, Kreiner and the rest of the school's varsity coaches, which include men's hockey, men's and women's basketball, cross-country, track-and-field, wrestling and Nordic

skiing, and women's volleyball, will turn to recruiting – under strict COVID-19 guidelines.

Kreiner already lost all-star guard Sofia Lluch for the season. The Spanish import decided to play professionally this season at home. Veterans Julia Dunbar, Kate McPhail and Tianna Warwick-Dawkins decided not to return.

Kreiner, who plans to have one-on-one discussions with his players, said he has every indication that English guard Rhianna-Mae Laing intends to honour her commitment to the Thunderwolves. American Meghan Looney plans to return too.

"I do know those two players are fully committed to our program, whenever that may be," said Kreiner, whose athletes will be allowed to train, and may be permitted to play exhibition games in the new year, should both the school and public-health guidelines give the go-ahead.

Warden said he hasn't ruled out exhibition games at this point, but added they're not a priority.

"I think that right now it's out of the realm (of possibility), but it doesn't mean that won't change," Warden said. "We're only going to do things that are safe. If there's a competitive opportunity and it's safe, we'll look at it."

Warden said the school will do its best to keep staff in the athletic department, on the payroll.

T-Wolves look to next season

UNIVERSITY HOCKEY
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Andrew Wilkins was already facing a tough return-to-play battle.

The 32-year-old head coach of the Lakehead Thunderwolves men's hockey team was already down a couple of star players, forward Tomas Soustal leaving for the professional ranks in his native Czech Republic, while forward Josh Laframboise decided to ink a pro deal with Kansas City of the ECHL.

Laframboise and Soustal combined to score 30 goals last season, the two highest-scoring players on the team.

Last Thursday, Wilkins got the news he was dreading most, the OUA announcing it was shutting down all sanctioned sports until at least March 31, 2021 because of COVID-19 fears.

In some ways, the announcement may be a blessing in disguise for a Thunderwolves team that finished the 2019-20 campaign at 13-12-3, good for seventh in the OUA West.

He plans to use the down time – about 10 players are in town and working out on campus – to recruit, though what that might look like remains to be seen. The Quebec Major Junior Hockey League has begun play, but the other two major junior leagues and the country's Junior A circuits have yet to move beyond training camps.

Scouting continues

"We'll be busy watching them and recruiting non-stop," Wilkins said. "We can take advantage of the time to be a little busier with that. In terms of our players, I think the majority of our group is younger, first-, second- and third-year players."

Wilkins is hopeful most of the rest of his lineup will be back in 2021-22, but said he'll support whatever decisions his players make.

The Wolves have six senior players on their roster, along with a couple of fifth-year seniors, any of whom could decide to not return next season, having finished their schooling.

It's a reality Wilkins is ready to face. Really, he has no choice.

"It'll be up to them and we'll provide the resources and encouragement to stay here at Lakehead ... It's a chance it could happen and we'll have to see what



STICKING IT OUT: Geoff Dempster says he'll train in Thunder Bay this season.

happens with hockey south of the border as well," Wilkins said, adding Laframboise and Soustal earned a chance to show what they can do at the next level of the game.

One of the players who will be back is Ottawa's Geoff Dempster, one of three out-of-town players currently in Thunder Bay trying to stay in shape.

Wants to play

The second-year centre, who had three goals and 10 points in 28 games with Lakehead last season, said it's disappointing to endure a lost season, having to wait a full year before meaningful competition takes place again.

Teams may be permitted to play exhibitions, but whether it's financially viable or even possible from a numbers standpoint, remains to be seen.

"It's obviously difficult," Dempster said.

"You've just got to get up in the morning and just pretend it's really happening, that you're still in that mindset that you've got to train every day, I've got to get better as a player," the 22-year-old said.

"Nothing really changes mentally. Just not being able to play is difficult."

"You've just got to get up in the morning and pretend that it's really happening."
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Staal says he's OK with another rebuild

Veteran defenceman looking forward to a leadership role with the Detroit Red Wings

NHL

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Marc Staal is used to the rebuilding process.

The Thunder Bay defenceman went through it the past couple of seasons with the New York Rangers, the only team he's played for in his 13-year National Hockey League career, and he's about to do it all over again in Detroit.

Traded away

The 33-year-old was dealt to the Red Wings, along with a second-round pick in next year's NHL entry draft, in return for future considerations.

While the Rangers were definitely a

team on the way up, the Red Wings are at the other end of the spectrum, coming off a last-place season in which they were by far and away the worst club in the 31-team circuit.

Staal, in a conference call with media Tuesday, said he's OK with heading to a team that likely won't be a contender in 2020-21.

Rebuilds aren't as bad as many fans think.

"Having gone through it in New York will help me for sure. We had a lot of success in New York for a lot of years. That first year going through the rebuild in New York wasn't easy for me, not used to being in that situation," said Staal, who played 892 games with the Rangers, sixth most in franchise history.

"Now that I have, for the last couple of years, seen where it can go pretty quickly - we were winning a lot of games last year and it took maybe a year. You're never really that far off and it's just about coming to the rink believing in the guys and the system that you're



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MOVING ON: Marc Staal spent 13 seasons with the New York Rangers.

playing and getting some confidence. And then the wins will start to come.

Like his brother Eric, who was traded by Minnesota to Buffalo in the off-

season, Staal expressed shock at learning he been traded to the Red Wings, general manager Steve Yzerman helping comfort him on a post-trade phone call.

"A lot of the conversation was him trying to relieve the shock of what happened and then speak good things about Detroit and the area, which I know pretty well already. I've known a lot of guys that have played there who speak very highly of Detroit. That part I wasn't really too worried about," Staal said.

"I think the next thing was just the opportunity to come in and be a big part of the team and play some minutes and be a guy that's counted upon every night. I'm looking forward to that responsibility and going in and playing some of my best hockey.

Despite their 17-49-5 record, the Red Wings have been busy in free agency, adding the likes of Vladimir Namestnikov, a former teammate in New York, and forward Bobby Ryan, who parted ways with Ottawa at

season's end.

Staal, taken 12th overall by the Rangers in 2005, said Detroit is headed in the right direction.

"They're making moves to get better and the optimism is who knows how good we can be?"

"Putting the Red Wings jersey on, it's a storied franchise and it's going to be a lot of fun."

Wants to keep going

Staal, who had two goals and nine assists in 52 games this past season, has one-year left on a six-year, \$34.2-million deal signed in 2015 and said the trade didn't really come as that much of a surprise.

"I think it was coming to a close in New York, either now or at the deadline or in the summer. I could see that window kind of closing for a while now."

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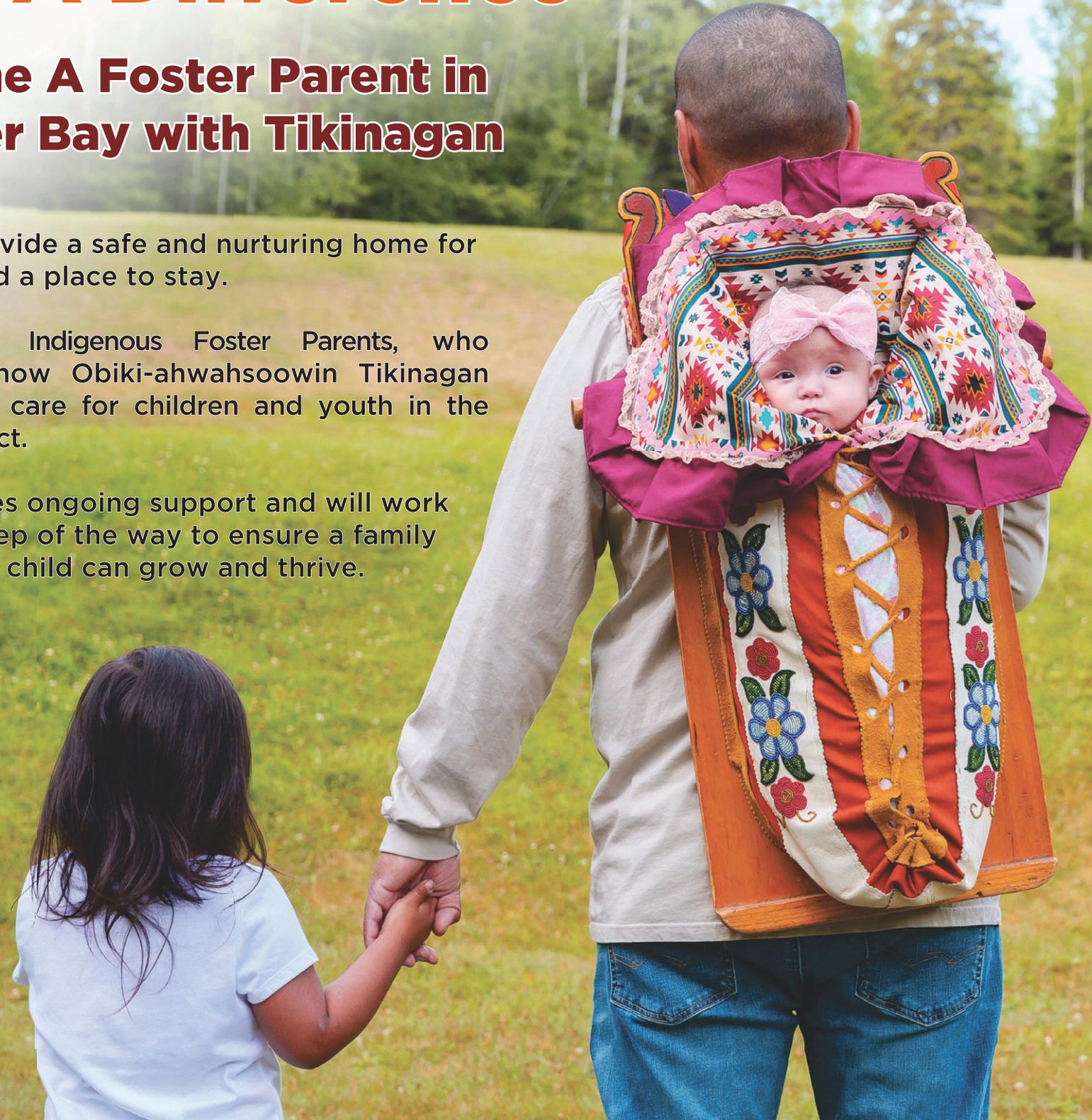
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