Ontario Premier Resigns

Government cancelled GTA power plant as election nearedOntario Premier Dalton McGuinty has announced a surprise end to his tenure as Liberal leader, saying that it is time for his party to put a new leader at its helm.The premier called an emergency caucus meeting Monday night to announce that he was stepping down."After 16 years as leader of the Ontario Liberal Party and after nine years as premier, it’s time for renewal, it’s time for the next Liberal premier," McGuinty said."It’s time for the next set of Liberal ideas to guide our province forward."

McGuinty also announced that he had prorogued the legislature to give the government the opportunity to work on reaching wage-freeze agreements with public-sector workers."Our top priority these days is, of course, the economy," McGuinty said."This means we’ve got to remove the deficit and in order to do that, we’ve got to freeze public-sector wages."

But the climate at Queen’s Park has made this difficult to achieve, which is why McGuinty says it was necessary to prorogue the house while the government pursues two goals."First of all, we’re going to make a sincere and determined effort to sit down with our partners and see if we can negotiate wage-freeze agreements, not unlike what we’ve done for 80,000 public-sector workers so far," he said."Secondly, we’re going to continue to reach out to the opposition to see if we can determine precisely what they would need, in the way of a legislative response, to ensure that we could through legislation put in place the necessary wage freeze."

Opposition reaction
Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak thanked McGuinty for his years of public service, but was critical of the Liberal leader’s choice to prorogue the legislature."Given the scope of the challenges that our province of Ontario faces, now is not the time to close down the legislature and to walk away," Hudak said, calling on McGuinty to "reconsider" the measure."We just can’t simply close the doors and lock them up at this crucial point in our history."

Leadership convention to be called
McGuinty has asked the Ontario Liberal Party to call a leadership convention "at the earliest possible opportunity," though he will stay on as premier until the party chooses a new leader.McGuinty was first elected to the Ontario legislature in 1990, winning the seat of Ottawa South. He was re-elected in each of the five elections that followed.He led the Liberals to back-to-back majority governments in the 2003 and 2007 elections.Just over a year ago, the Liberals formed a minority government, with the party falling just a seat short of a majority in the October 2011 election.The liberals hoped to regain majority control in a pair of recent byelections, but managed to win only one of the two seats needed to make that happen.

Greenstone (Snowmobiling) Loop Ceases to Exist

The volunteers of the North of Superior Snowmobiling Association and its member Clubs have faced many obstacles during the 2011/2012 season. Poor economic conditions, and mass unemployment have meant less cash in the hands of District 16 snowmobilers. As a result District 16 failed to sell the required number of trail permits to renew, not only the Associations membership in the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, but also the Clubs of Terrace Bay, White River, and Nakina cannot remain as Clubs in good standing with the OFSC. Manitousauge and Nipigon Clubs suffered from lack of volunteers, and were forced to shut down trail operations in the past couple of years. This has resulted in the OFSC insisting that all assets derived from the sale of trail permits, in part or in whole, be returned to them, including groomers and fuel tanks. All assets partially funded with other government grants, are considered purchased with "crown funds", and must be returned.

Operating dollars or “District payments”, have been given to all Districts that make up the Ontario Federation, with the lone exception of District 16/NOSSA. With the exception of limited administrative dollars, the North of Superior Snowmobile Association has not received operational funding for the past 2 ½ years, in effect, starving us out of business! In an effort to continue to provide groomed trails for our riders, we reduced the trail system last season from +2200 kms to around 800 kms. Of course, reduced trails = reduced permit sales, and this was not sufficient to guarantee the Districts survival. There are however, some Clubs that remain in operation in this once great District. The Thunder Bay Adventure Trails, has been reassigned to a neighboring District. Marathon and Geraldton Snow Clubs as members of the OFSC, will be selling trail permits, and will groom local trails only, as long as their permit dollars allow them to. They also must sell 50 permits each to remain members in the OFSC for future years. The Longlac Snow Club, although “in good standing”, with the OFSC, will not be allowed to purchase permits for sale, and must get them from another Club. They will be allowed to groom their local trails, as long as their dollars permit. What connected the three communities of Longlac, Nakina, and Geraldton, more commonly known as “The Greenstone Loop”, will cease to exist as a groomed trail. Not only will the assets be recovered, we have been informed that all signage along main roads will be removed by paid members of other Clubs/Districts, signs that were installed by the hard working volunteers of District 16. There also remains bridges that must be removed, although as of this date we are aware only of one that is in the works. We, the Board of Directors, of the North of Superior Snowmobiling Association, District 16 of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, have done all we could to convince the OFSC, that we do deserve at least a chance. This has fallen on deaf ears, and although it was the snowmobilers of District 16 that did not purchase the trail permits to support their Clubs, for whatever reason, in the end, we also feel that the Ontario Federation is equally responsible by their lack of support! A huge thank you to all the volunteers who have given their time and support to this once great District, we should all be proud. Dorene Boulanger, President North of Superior Snowmobiling Association.
Old Village Discovered at Ring of Fire River Crossing

Ecologically sensitive area could be vulnerable to industrial disturbance, professor says

The place where a road to the Ring of Fire would cross the Attawapiskat River is full of cultural heritage for the people of Neskkantaga First Nation, according to a Lakehead University professor.

Last month, Scott Hamilton, from the university’s department of anthropology, travelled to the site with elders from Neskkantaga as part of an ongoing effort to document traditional knowledge.

“There’s lots of evidence of a seasonal gathering place,” Hamilton said of the tent frames, and homemade barrel stoves found there.

“It’s really an important place on the cultural landscape.”

‘Vulnerable to loss’

Hamilton said it appears the site was used regularly as a ‘village’ up until approximately the 1970s. But he said he also found what appears to be a section of a musket barrel, which would point to people using the area at least as long as the fur-trade era.

Hamilton said the elders from Neskkantaga have “an enormous amount of information [about the site] that is very vulnerable to loss.”

“It is extremely important for large-scale environmental assessment both in terms of heritage values on the landscape but also ecologically sensitive areas,” Hamilton said.

“Where are the important fish-spawning places? Are they vulnerable to disturbance and damage from industrial development? What’s the baseline data of current ecological conditions before any transformation begins to occur? We haven’t any of that kind of information yet.”

Hamilton said no formal archaeology was done during his visit. He said he’s currently writing up a report for Neskkantaga based on his field observations and conversations with elders.

Reported by: Jody Porter, CBC.ca

Marathon Prepares for Mining Job Rush

The town of Marathon could experience a hiring boom over the coming decade as mining jobs eclipse traditional work in the forestry sector, says a new report.

The report by the town’s community adjustment committee says it expects nearly 400 new jobs being created over the next decade, along with 150 “immediate hiring needs” in the mining, sales, management and trades sectors.

But the report also identifies “gaps” which could impede the process of getting those jobs filled, including a need for localized training, a lack of apprenticeship opportunities and little knowledge among locals of existing training agencies.

Recommendations include the development of a “labour-force” strategy and providing an “inventory” of existing job trainers in the town.
TO BEARD OR NOT TO BEARD

By Arthur Black

There was big photo of Thomas Mulcair on the cover of Maclean’s Magazine recently. STEPHEN HARPER HAS FINALLY MET HIS MATCH the headline blared, in the magazine’s trademark, understated, feces-disturbing way. The cover story mentions Mulcair’s assets – a whip-sharp mind, a fast mouth and the disposition of a pit bull with ulcers. But what really separates the man from the guy who lives at 24 Sussex? A beard.

The face fur separates Mulcair from just about every politician in Canada. It’s an unspoken law, but a law nonetheless: if you’re a man and you’re running for office, your chops better be bare. Nevertheless beardo-phobia still thrives. Our armed forces take a dim view of any recruit who shows up with a beard. How to Get a Job manuals urge military applicants to grow a temporary beard, “because I’d like to have working smoke alarms and to develop and practise a home fire escape plan. It’s an unspoken law, but a law nonetheless: if you’re a man and you’re running for office, your chops better be bare.

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From Nakina....

Commentary by Bob Rotz

Pro and Good Response....

...to our request to load up the freezerer with wild game here at ‘F/N’HQ in last week’s column. We landed a couple Bullwinkle tongues, a nice sharp-tail grouse heart as well as some nice sharp-tail grouse breasts. That’s a good start on stock- ing up for the winter months, but there’s room for more....huh, there’s always room for more....and we’re still seeing some more moose calf liver. At least, yours truly is....liver of any description is not on the top of Mr. Jo’s list......and I often enjoy some fried liver, bacon and onions when she is off to an all day meeting somewhere on the North Shore and I have the kitchen all to myself. Oh, and while we’re in the ‘begging mode’, we’re all out of walleye fillets too. All donations gratefully accepted......and acknowledgments will be as worthy as advances. Thanks in advance.

News From Queens Park

A clip heard on CFNO-FM.....who’s listening today. I’m told is bigger than some small European countries....last week advised that the Ontario Government has granted pharmacists new ‘rights’ as to what they can or can’t do in providing their services to the public. It includes giving free flu shots, something that can only help in the annual fall/winter battle against viruses, and the potential of doing up prescription ref- writes when a doctor may not be readily available. That could be seen as very good news in this neck of the woods, given our ongoing shortage of doctors, when an appointment isn’t always easy to land and can take a week or much longer than that. The report said some 15 pharmacies throughout Ontario will be involved ini- tially, but that number will grow considerably. At tyne of writing this wasn’t yet obvious to any of the two local drug stores (Longlac and Geraldton) are part of the 600, but perhaps you can learn that elsewhere in this week’s T-Star. Of course some naysayers are already saying it’s only some kind of trick about saving money.....it says here that it well be about saving lives, and if it saves money too, well that’s just fine.

Could Be A Big Week....

.....for all Northwestern Ontario as the Ring Of Fire is back front and centre. We know it would be, didn’t we?....Stuff that’s been ‘sitting on the back burner’ since who knows when could be cranked up to Medium/High this week, but we’ll do a short re-wind to the middle of last week to help readers get back on track. Got a CBC Media Release here at HQ from Alrodel Chief Sonny Gagnon that originated with Nishinawbe Aski Nation (NAN), and it basically indi- cated that Exton is not neces- sarily out of the running to become the smelter site for Cliffs mega project. They clearly were going with Capreol, their base case‘choice, some tymow, however, the CBC report that came via NAN said the Exton site is still alive. So, in an effort to get to the bottom of this and find out if it’s fact or fiction, “From Nakina” Investigative Dept. did some digging, and one report we got back was that the CBC was erroneous in it’s report that they had used/quoted some documents from back in 2011, which became null and void in May of 2012 when Cliffs gave the nod to Capreol. At this point I suppose it’s up to the indi- vidual as to whether you believe The CBC (CBC) is not. As if the ‘processing site’ (smelters) perhaps didn’t get enough ink first time around? One thing is cer- tain....if anything indeed is for certain regarding the Rod?.....is that Sonny, Matawa and their ‘technical people’ are sitting down at a table in Thunder Bay on Wednesday Oct 17 (yes, THIS Wednesday) with Bill Boor and Cliffs executives to discuss a number of what could be very critical issues involving many/most aspects of how things will be done once the mine starts pro- duction, which will become ferro-chrome. On the agenda are such topics as the Environmental Assessment (E/A), making hydro available up to and including affected First Nations and the mine itself, the North/South road and/or rail transporta- tion corridor, as well as a host of other pertinent items. This will be the first tyne the two groups have conducted what one might call mean- ingful discussions in some time, and to say it’s results are ‘important’ would be a major understatement. As an aside, we’re not sure if Cliffs knowingly planned their Greenstone Open House #3 in Geraldton also for Wednesday the 17th, but apparently it’s a ‘go’. We’ve received no press/media release as of Monday 10:00AM, but that’s about par for the course, as in Open House #1 and #2. It was agreed by many/most atten- dees that O/H #2 was an exact replica of O/H #1.....although the sand and desert green but not at the second one was even bet- ter than the first. Tyne and location of O/H #3? Your guess is as good as mine. If I were a betting guy, I’d say the Geraldton Curling Club Wednesday from 4:00 to 7:00PM...but I’m not a bet- ting guy. Haven’t used the following line in a while.....stay tuned.

ELA Still Alive?

Though Harper’s and his Conservatives have been try- ing to pull the plug on the Environmental Lakes Assessment.....to save what boils down to some penny ante money?.....the ELA Coalition has received world wide support lately as to the need to see this ongoing scientific project.......well, ongoing. Greg Rickford, the (mentally and physically) AWOL MP who seems not to care about his con- stituents OR the very critical work done by the ELA, has sat closed mouthed on the sidelines as T. Bay/Superior North MP Bruce Hyer has lended a much needed hand to the ELA group. You’d think that with the pro-ELA comments from around the world, Rickford would wake up and smell the coffee, but he hasn’t done so to date. I’d bet the mortage that his rid- ing’s voters will remember his total inaction come next election!*

*Thought Of The Day....“Healthy” is merely the smallest possible rate at which one can die. (from a reader in Hamilton)

“From Nakina”...until next tyne.
The wind is blowing through our hair; her long white mane is tangled in my clenched fist as her hooves beat against the earth in a steady drumbeat. The forest is a great green blur as we speed by. We both feel the exhilaration of going fast and she senses my thoughts and she goes faster. Her long donkey-like ears are pointed back at me, listening to me, then they flick forward again as she hears something in the thick, green, jungle that I can’t hear. We are interconnected as one. I think about moving left and she responds to my thoughts, rather than my actions. We round the sharp corner and we see a dead, decaying popular tree lying down the path. The ground looks a thousand miles away, but yet her hooves crunch against the soft, rocky, ground all too fresh in our connected minds. We keep galloping seeing green, jungle that I can’t hear. We are interconnected as one. I think about moving left and she responds to my thoughts, rather than my actions. We round the sharp corner and we see a dead, decaying popular tree lying down the path. The ground looks a thousand miles away, but yet her hooves crunch against the soft, rocky, ground all too fresh in our connected minds. We keep galloping seeing green, jungle that I can’t hear. We are interconnected as one. I think about moving left and she responds to my thoughts, rather than my actions. We round the sharp corner and we see a dead, decaying popular tree lying down the path. The ground looks a thousand miles away, but yet her hooves crunch against the soft, rocky, ground all too fresh in our connected minds.
Hint of Winter Tests Area Drivers

Carl Clatchey
Friday, October 12, 2012
Chronicle Journal

Though he’s not supposed to show up with his frost-covered beard for another two months or so, Old Man Winter put on quite a display Thursday in many parts of Northwestern Ontario.

Meteorologists say the fast-moving storm that spoomed up a few days earlier around North Dakota moved furious through the region, closing some provincial highways and dumping up to seven centimetres of slushy snow in places.

“It moved rapidly, resulting in poor visibility in some areas,” said Environment Canada’s Geoff Coulson.

By mid-afternoon North Shore towns like Marathon saw the snow had melted. But Coulson said temperatures are to remain below normal values until Saturday. The temperature will climb, but the weather isn’t expected to be peachy: the forecast calls for plenty of scattered showers. The normal daily high for Thunder Bay at this time of year is in the range of 10-11°C.

The long-term outlook for Northwestern Ontario continues to be warmer than normal, “but perhaps not as warm as last fall,” said Coulson.

Though the storm was an inconvenience, many areas hit by drought this summer are likely welcoming moisture in any form, Coulson added.

There were several incidents of black ice, minor collisions and trucks in ditches on routes between Nipigon and Marathon, but no reports of serious injuries, said regional OPP spokesperson Acting Sgt. Anne McCoy.

McCoy reminded the public not to call police when seeking information about road conditions and closures. The Ministry of Transportation’s information line is 511. Information can also be found online at mto.gov.on.ca.

Thursday’s blinding storm sent some motorists right to automotive shops to have snow tires mounted.

“We were so busy we didn’t have time to turn around,” said Grace Abbott, a clerk at a Marathon tire dealer.

CPR Training Record Attempt

On Saturday, October 27th, residents of Northwestern Ontario are being invited to learn hands only CPR at a special, free training event at Hammarskjold High School.

Registration commences at 9:30 a.m. and training will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. This event is being held in partnership with a Guinness Book of World Records event being hosted at Canada’s Wonderland on October 25th, where approximately 8000 people are expected to learn CPR together (and hopefully break the record for CPR training!).

The goal of this training event is to make Thunder Bay Canada’s leader in cardiac arrest survival and bystander engagement. Wherever someone is in need, there will be a bystander able and willing to assist and begin CPR.

Many partners have come together to make this event possible including: The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, Northern Hearts, the Northern Cardiac Fund of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation, Ornge, Superior North EMS, and the City of Thunder Bay.

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Municipalities Across Northern Ontario Join the Fight to Save a World-Renown Canadian Freshwater Research Center

Municipalities in northern Ontario are passing formal resolutions calling upon the Government of Canada to rescind its decision to cancel the Experimental Lakes Area (ELA) program. The ELA is a natural outdoor laboratory established in 1968 that is unique in the world – it is the only place scientists can conduct experiments on whole lakes to understand and develop solutions to the emerging threats to our freshwater ecosystems and their fish populations.

Today, the Coalition to Save ELA, the Northern Ontario Municipalities Association (NOMA), Environment North, and MP Bruce Hyer held a press conference at City Hall in Thunder Bay to speak in solidarity about the need to save the ELA as a Municipalities in northern Ontario that have passed resolutions calling upon the Government of Canada to reinstate funding for this essential freshwater research center and its team of top aquatic scientists.

“Municipal resolutions in support of the ELA have been rolling in from across northern Ontario,” said Diane Orihel, Director of the Coalition to Save ELA. “We hope that the federal government will heed this strong message sent by the local governments who truly understand the importance of the ELA to the quality of their water and the health of their fisheries.”

To date, 16 municipalities in northern Ontario have passed resolutions in support of the ELA: Atikokan, Chapple, Dorion, Dryden, Gillies, Homepayne, Ignace, Kenora, Lake of the Woods, Neebong, Rainy River, Red Rock, Sioux Lookout, Sioux Narrows – Nestor Falls, Terrace Bay, and Thunder Bay (motions are available on-line at: http://saveela.org/resourses/municipal-resolutions/)

The movement by municipalities to pass resolutions was spring boarded by a letter written to Prime Minister Harper from the NOMA, which represents the interests of 37 municipalities from Kenora and Rainy River in the west, to Homepayne and Wawa in the east. In the letter, Ron Nelson, President of NOMA, outlined the importance of the world-renowned ELA and implored the federal government to continue funding the program.

The City of Thunder Bay was one of the municipalities that recently passed a resolution. The motion was introduced by Thunder Bay Councillor Larry Herbert, the regional representative for NOMA. “The Experimental Lakes Area should continue in perpetuity as a living laboratory existing in the environment in which we live,” explained Mr. Herbert.

The charitable organization, Environment North, which functions as a regional coalition on various environmental issues, has also joined the effort to save the ELA. “Environment North recognizes the unique importance of the ELA,” said Director of Environment North, Scott Harris. “We strongly support the Coalition to Save ELA, and the 37 municipalities of the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association that are rallying to its defense.”

Mr. Bruce Hyer, MP for Thunder Bay-Superior North, called upon Conservative MP Greg Rickford, to support the ELA today as he had done publicly two years ago, “Mr. Rickford should be working to reinstate funding for the ELA as a public science program, on behalf of his constituents in the Kenora riding, rather than regurgitating his speaking points from the Prime Minister’s office.”

The incredible support that the ELA has received from the municipalities in northern Ontario that have passed resolutions exemplifies the need for the federal government to rethink and overturn their decision to cancel the ELA program. If the decision is not overturned, its doors will be closed by March, 2013. Closing the ELA threatens the health of our fresh waters and fisheries, now and for years to come, in Canada and all around the world.

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Geraldton District Chamber of Commerce Supports Small Business Week.

Canada’s Small Business week runs from October 17th, through to the 24th. Below are 10 surprising facts about Canadian Small Business you may not know

1. What is the definition of a small business in Canada? 5 to 100 employees
2. How many small businesses are there in Canada? The total number as of December 2010: 1,138,761
3. How many Canadians work for small businesses? 5,137,147 (48.3 per cent of Canada's total workforce)
4. How many Canadians are self-employed? In 2010, 2.7 million Canadians were self-employed
5. Success vs. failure Largest number of new Canadian small businesses established in one year: Approximately 115,000 in 2005 Largest number of small businesses that disappeared in a single year: Approximately 100,000 in 2006
6. How active are small business owners online? In 2007 85 per cent of small businesses had internet access, 36 per cent of small businesses had their own websites and 7 per cent sold goods/services online.
7. What do small businesses contribute to Canada's total exports? 86 per cent of Canadian exporters were small businesses in 2009.
8. How much do small businesses contribute to Canada's GDP? In 2005, small businesses accounted for 42 per cent of the country’s private sector GDP.
9. Are small business owners confident about Canada’s economy? The CFIB’s Business Barometer Index fell to 61.7 in August 2011, its lowest reading since July 2009.
10. What will happen to small businesses when the owners retire? According to TD Waterhouse just 24 per cent of small business owners surveyed said they had a succession plan worked out for retirement. Of those polled, 23 per cent said they would simply close their business when it came time to retire; 20 per cent planned to sell their business to a third party; 18 per cent expected to transfer it to a family member; 12 per cent said they’d sell to a partner or employee; and 27 per cent said they were not yet sure what they’d do with their business.

The Geraldton District Chamber of Commerce wishes to remind everyone to shop local. Shopping local builds the local economy through employment and local dollars being kept in town.
Having a Baby? Get your Finances in Order

By Melissa Cassar

It’s no surprise that raising a family is expensive. Canadian households with children can expect to spend exceptionally more on food, shelter, clothing, transportation and entertainment when compared to households with no children. How much can the average family expect to spend? Well, according to a study issued by the Conference Board of Canada, the average cost of raising a child from infancy to age 18 is $243,660!

Without a doubt then, in order to avoid financial headaches down the road, you’ll want to have ‘the money talk’ well before the baby is born and you’re bleary-eyed from lack of sleep. Here are a few budgeting tips to consider:

1. Employment Insurance (EI)

EI provides benefits to biological or adoptive parents (mothers) who need to take up to 15 weeks of paid maternity leave from their jobs and are considered to be ‘insured’. Benefits are typically paid at a rate of 55% of your average weekly insurable earnings, up to a maximum amount of $468 per week, which may be topped up by your employer depending on your company’s parental leave policies. To find out more about what you qualify for, check in with your employer’s benefits department and Service Canada.

Group benefits. When you have a new baby into the world, it’ll be nice to have a little extra space for your growing family. Many employers offer group benefits plans which allow employees to upgrade to a private or semi-private level. The University of Toronto is reviewing its coverage to see if you’re eligible and remember you may also be covered for an upgrade under your spouse’s group benefits plan as well.

Know what costs it. It’s amazing just how much “things” babies need. Must-haves include a car seat (required by law), baby crib, stroller, diapers, baby formula, medical and grooming supplies, clothing and home baby-proofing. Add in things like a baby bathtub, baby monitor and toys and we’re talking thousands of dollars before the kid is even crawl-
ing. Practical Money Skills for Life, a free personal financial management program run by Visa, contains a handy calculator that can help estimate baby-related expenses (www.practical-
moneyskills.ca).

Investigate tax advantages. There are several tax bene-
fits available to parents to help alleviate the extra costs. An overview of what’s avail-
able to Canadian families is included below:
The Universal Child Care Benefit (UCCB) is available to parents of a child under the age of six, regard-
less of household income. UCCB provides $100 per month for each qualifying child under the age of six. The benefit is then taxed on the return of the parent with the lower income.
The Child Tax Benefit is another tax benefit available to families. The amount pro-
vided under this tax credit depends on your household income, the number of chil-
dren you have as well as the province you live in. To esti-
mate the amount of benefit you will receive, visit the Child Tax Benefit calculator located on the Canada Revenue Agency website (www.cra-arc.gc.ca).

Lower income families may be eligible to receive the Canada Learning Bond to help save for their children’s post-secondary education. This grant provides $500 at birth for children whose families receive the National Child Benefit Supplement. Families with an income of less than $75,000 will also receive an additional $100 bond each year until the child reaches the age of 18.

2. Child-related expenses

Other useful tools to help save for your child's education is the Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP). The RESP is a sav-
ings account registered with the government of Canada in which family members or friends can contribute up to $50,000 over the lifetime of the RESP, tax-free. Families can also receive a govern-
ment grant equal to 20 per cent of any RESP contribution up to $2,500 or less through the Canada Education Savings Grant program. With this option, you can receive an annual maximum grant of $500 and a lifetime maximum grant of $7,200. For more informa-
tion on RESPs, please refer to CanLearn.ca.

3. Other family-related expenses

Children’s Art and Fitness Taxis are also avail-
able for parents who enroll their kids in extracurricular activities. Parents can receive up to $500 per child for enrolment in an activity associated with qualifying activities. This grant is available for children under the age of 16. Raising funds for a child’s future can be one of life’s most rewarding experiences. Just be sure you plan carefully for the financial bumps in the road.

1000 Days To Go TILL TO 2015

Sunday, October 14 officially marked the 1,000-day count-
down to the Toronto 2015 Games which officially kicked off their planning in 2013, with the Opening Ceremony of the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am Games.

To mark the milestone, the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games Organizing Committee (TO2015) launched a special Games-related “1,000 Days To Go” (http://www.toronto2015.org/assets/files/pdf/PanAm_Toronto_2015_1000days_en.pdf) newspaper insert, giving resi-
dents of the Greater Golden Horseshoe region an overview of the Games from sports to venues, as well as an updated preparations for welcome to the world in 2015.

"At the 1,000-day mark, we’re exactly where we should be," said Toronto 2015 Chief Executive Officer, Ian Troop. "We’re on time and on budget or under budget on our key project. We’re fanning out throughout the Greater Golden Horseshoe talking up the opportunities that come with hosting this

million under budget.

- Announced the sports pro-
gram and footprint for the 2015 Parapan American Games (http://www.toronto2015.or
g/lang/en/gallery/news/to
to-2015-parapan-am-ga
es-footprint-announced.html) (August 7-14), the largest-ever Parapan American Games to be held in Canada.

- Broken ground on the Markham Pan Am and Parapan Am Centre (http://www.toronto2015.org/
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nity-focused-markham-
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centre.html) a major new pool and field house in Markham’s burgeoning new downtown. The project is also coming in well under budget.

cer central” during the Games. This project is also on budget and on time.

- Announced CBC/Radio-
Canada as the Official Host and Domestic Broadcaster (http://www.toronto2015.org/
g/lang/en/gallery/news/to20
15-awards-host-and-domes-
tic-broadcast-partner--role--
cbc-radio-canada.html) of the TORONTO 2015 Games, ensuring unprece-
dented levels of live English and French Games cover-
age.

- Continued to grow its impressive roster of corpo-
rate partners, adding global network leader CISCO in the category of Premier Partner, Ford of Canada, Star and Metroland as Official Print and Online Media Supplier, leading Partner CIBC and Premier Partner Chevrolet.

More announcements are planned throughout October and November.

"The Government of Canada is a proud supporter of the 2015 Pan and Parapan American Games, which will bring economic prosperity and job creation to the region, the province and the country as a whole," said the Honourable Bal Gosal, Minister of State (Sport). "Our government’s commit-
tment to building the Games will bring world-class sport facilities to the Greater Toronto Area, while leaving behind lasting high-perform-
ance and recreation legacies for years to come."

"One of the key to host the Games to stimulate the economy, create jobs and build much-needed sport infrastructure for our athletes to train and compete at home,” said Charles Sousa, Ontario Minister responsible for the Pan/Parapan American Games. "The People’s Games" have also accelerated projects, such as the revitalization of Toronto’s waterfront through the construction of the Athletes’ Village and the Air Rail Link, which will benefit chil-
dren and grandchildren.”

About the TORONTO 2015 Pan American/Parapan American Games

The Pan American and Parapan American Games are one of the world’s largest international multi-sport events, held every four years for athletes of the 41 member nations of the Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) and 26 member nations of the Americas Paralympic Committee (APC). The Pan American Games are comprised of all Olympic Summer Games sports, as well as additional Pan American sports, while the Parapan American Games are comprised of the majority of Paralympic Summer Games sports. The TORONTO 2015 Pan American/Parapan American Games will feature more than 10,000 athletes, coaches and team officials and feature 51 sports in municipalities across the Greater Golden Horseshoe area. The TORONTO 2015 Pan American Games will take place from July 10-26, 2015, and the Parapan American Games August 7-14. For more infor-
mation about the Games, please visit www.TORONTO2015.org.

SOURCE: Toronto 2015 Pan American/Parapan American Games

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Felix Baumgartner's Jump from Space's Edge Provides Collective Moment

Roswell, New Mexico: Felix Baumgartner stood alone at the edge of space, passed in the open doorway of a capsule suspended above Earth and wondering if he would make it back alive. Twenty-four miles below him, millions of people were right there with him, watching on the Internet and marveling at the wonder of the moment.

A second later, he stepped off the capsule and barrelled toward the New Mexico desert as a tiny white speck against a darkly-tinted sky. Millions watched him breathlessly as he shattered the record for the highest manned-jump, the first person to reach supersonic speed without a craft. NASA: "Congratulations to Felix Baumgartner and RedBull Stratos on record-breaking leap from the edge of space!"

This attempt marked the end of a long road for Mr Baumgartner, a record-setting high-altitude jumper. He already made two preparations jumps in the area, one from 15 miles high and another from 18 miles high. He has said that this was his final jump.

Red Bull has never said how much the long-running, complex project cost. Although he broke the sound barrier, the highest manned-balloon flight record and became the man to jump from the highest altitude, he failed to break Mr Kittinger's 5 minute and 35 second longest free fall record. Mr Baumgartner's was timed at 4 minutes and 20 seconds in free fall.

He said he opened his parachute at 5,000 feet because that was the plan.

"I was putting everything out there, and hope for the best and if we left one record for Joe - hey it's fine," he said when asked if he intentional-ly left the record for Mr Kittinger to hold. "We need-ed Joe Kittinger to help us break his own record, and that tells the story of how diffic-ult it was and how smart they were in the 60's. He is 84 years old, and he is still so bright and intelligent and enthusiastic".

Mr Baumgartner has said he plans to settle down with his girlfriend and fly helicopters on mountain rescue and fire-fighting missions in the U.S. and Austria.

Before that, though, he said, "I'll go back to LA to chill out for a few days."
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DEPRESSION SUPPORT SELF-HELP GROUP

Tuesday afternoons, 6:30 to 7:30. The Mental Illness Support Network, 310 Main St. Needs volunteers to share their work together to help each other.

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Community

PRENATAL CLASSES in Geraldton and Longlac. To register call 854-0544. Thunder Bay Health Unit.

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CENTRE DE RÉSOURCES DU CLUB CANADIEN FRANÇAIS DE GÉRALDTON to meet the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30 in the rectory of St. John’s Church. First meeting will be held on Tuesday May 15, 2007 at 6:30. Everyone welcome.

#227 SQUADRON ANNA S. CADET 7:00-9:00 pm. Wednesday in G.C.H.S. Starts at 5:00. Contact: WW1 LeBlanc 854-1996.

GERALDTON KARATE CLUB - Contact: Jean Pouliot (807-4054). Tuesday 7:00 - 9:00 PM & Thursday 6:30 - 8:30 PM, G.C.H.S.

LONGBEACON MARTIAL ARTS CLUB (KARATE) - Contact: Jean Pouliot 876-4774 or 876-9572. Chateau Jeunesse Gym. Mon. & Wed. 6:30pm - 9:00pm.

TUSSKAROA KARATE classes, downstairs at Longlac Seniors Centre. Monday, Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm. Contact: Ralph Courtemanche @ 876-4044

NORWEST WCMHC - Please call 876-2271 or drop in for more info. All programs free of charge, with the exception of Community Kensington sewing projects (participants share the cost of purchased fabric).

LAB: Every Monday & Wednesday from 8:00 to 12:00.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: $10.00 per hour for approved programs.

FOOT CARE

7:00 and Thursday afternoons 1:00-3:30. 

GERALDTON – Area AA Meetings - Tuesday

Thursdays 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Meetings are held in the rectory for the Catholic Faith Community in Geraldton at 6:00pm. For more information, call 864-3800.

GERALDTON DISEASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS: The Longlac Seniors Centre is starting September 25, 2012. Please get your tickets from Alcan at 864-1862 or the Longlac Chamber of Commerce. The price of every 2nd month from 11:30-1:00 at the EDCD.

Nakina

Nakina KIDS NUTS / PETITE CHEZ NAKINA: Open for ages 0-12 years, open 7 days a week on a daily basis, but if you need before 7 or after 5 can be opened as needed and it’s as low as $6. Contact Cassie at 329-8592.

Nakina Parents & Tots / Parents et Bébés Nakina: Naki na Le Fleq Chez Noak in Nakina at 301 Algoma Street. Tues. and Thurs. from 9:30am - 11:30am at the EDCD.

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National Anti-Bullying Charity

BullyingCanada Needs Public Funding

The nationally registered anti-bullying charitable organization BullyingCanada is currently facing a dim future without assistance from the public. BullyingCanada currently provides the following national services:

* 24/7 telephone support network to youth, parents, educators and the public at large to get information, support and resources on the topic of bullying – at no cost.
* A scholarship program for youth who are entering school and corporate.

BullyingCanada works at ensuring that support in a bullying situation is provided to any party involved, and often serves as a mediator between the individuals and the media, government, or other third parties.

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BullyingCanada is currently in its second year of operation as a charity but has been a national organization since its creation by Frenette and Neu in 2006. Last year, the nationally registered charity was able to collect $40,325 in donations. Currently the organization does not have enough of a cash-flow in order to operate at full capacity for the month of November.

BullyingCanada receives no Government or United Way funding and only operates on public and corporate donations.

For the first 5 years BullyingCanada was entirely volunteer-driven. Just since August of 2012, both Executive Directors were advised that due to the number of hours that they put in to the organization that they should begin taking a salary. They currently work at minimum wage, and are the organizations first paid employees.

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 213 LONGLAC,**

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Local resident is currently accepting resumes for the position of Educational Assistant – Special Needs Support.

**Responsibility:**

The Educational Assistant – Special Needs Support will assist with providing support for an adult with a physical disability to obtain educational goals mainly in a hospital environment.

**Qualifications:**

* Post Secondary Degree or Diploma as an Educational Assistant or related field is preferred; or a combination of relevant accredited training and work related experience.
* Knowledge of computers and various applications.
* Experience dealing with individuals with a variety of physical disabilities.
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* Must be willing to work flexible hours.
* Must have a current Criminal Records Check, including a Vulnerable Sector Screening completed and approved prior to commencement of the position.

**Duties:**

* Assist client with lessons in reading, spelling and basic math
* Plan and organize daily activities in response to clients needs
* Accompany client to attend classes at various locations (i.e. Friendship Centre, Hospital)
* Operate or assist in operation of electronic equipment such as laptop including internet
* Maintain communication with various agencies such as Sioux Hudson Literacy and the Thunderbird Friendship Centre
* Attend meetings with client in regards to educational goals

**Hours of Work:**

Monday thru Friday 20 hours/week (4 hours/day)

**Anticipated Start Date:**

Monday, November 5, 2012

Please contact Marla or Ashley at (807) 854-1060 Ext. 157 with any questions or to discuss the position.

**Closing Date:**

Friday, October 19, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.

Interested candidates are invited to submit a cover letter, resume and the names of three references in a sealed marked envelope to:

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The attached photos can be used online, in print or on camera. The Aboriginal drawing of a turtle is by a student from Sherbrough Public School while the weaving with mixed media was created by a student from Monsignor J.E. Ronan Catholic School.

Investors Focus on the Economy

In other news this week:

- Statistics Canada’s new house price index rose 0.2% in August on the heels of a 0.1% increase in July.

- The Eurozone factory output expanded by a more-than-expected 0.6% in August over July.

- China’s central bank pumped cash into the banking system for the second time in two weeks. The move is intended to lower domestic borrowing costs for businesses coping with slowening economic growth.

- Standard & Poor’s cut Spain’s credit rating, citing a worsening recession and difficulty coping with mounting borrowing costs.

- The provincial government is considering a $1.5 million investment in a biomass gasification plant at Atikokan. The project is expected to create 150 new jobs over the next 3 years.

- The Ontario government is investing $10 million to support the development of renewable energy projects in the province.

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Trading Coal for Bio-Mass in Atikokan

Ontario is turning off coal and switching on biomass at the Atikokan Generation Station - a move that sup-ports jobs in the community and takes the province anoth-er step closer to eliminating all coal-fired generation by the end of 2014. The conver-sion will create up to 200 construction jobs and help protect jobs at the plant. It will also support an estimat-ed 20 to 25 jobs in Ontario related to the production of wood pellets and sustain other jobs in the forestry sec-tor. The project is expected to take up to three years to com-plete. Once converted, the plant is expected to generate 150 million kilowatt-hours of renewable power, enough to power 15,000 homes each year. This initiative supports the province’s five-year Open Ontario Plan to create new opportunities for jobs and growth, as well as investing in infrastructure and clean energy.

Event Quotes:

“This is splendid news for Atikokan. We are very grate-ful to Bill Mauro our MPP, the Minister of Energy, Brad Bagust, and the entire McGuinty government for this great announcement. It shows that they really care about Atikokan and Northwestern Ontario and we thank them very much for this.”

– Dennis Brown
Mayor of Atikokan

“This announcement is a major milestone for our Atikokan biomass project. Atikokan can provide Ontario with a new source of renewable energy and Northwestern Ontario with economic benefits for years to come. This is good news for OPG, Northwestern Ontario and the province.”

– Frank Chiarotto
Senior Vice President, Thermal, OPG

“This signals a bright new future for our community. I’ve long been advocating for repowering the Atikokan Station to biomass because it makes sense for our economy and our environment. I am thrilled that jobs are staying here and jobs will be created in the region.”

– Bill Mauro
MPP Thunder Bay Atikokan
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