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Future of Lakewoods development remains in doubt

ROGER PAUL
MADAWASKA VALLEY

The latest chapter in the long running saga of the proposed major development on Bark Lake unfolded behind closed doors at a lengthy Special meeting of Madawaska Valley Council (MV) on June 25. It resulted in a resolution, passed unanimously, the wording of which throws some light on the lack of progress in recent years.

For those readers unfamiliar with the history, it should first be noted that this proposed development should not be confused with the ongoing development known as Little Bark Bay, which is also located on Bark Lake. This article concerns the development known as the Lakewoods Resort, a project which was first conceived in 1983 by engineer and developer Gary Medwid who, in 2006, incorporated Lakewoods Resort Developments, Inc. (LRDI) as the vehicle for an ambitious upscale lakefront community. He envisioned using the 1,500-acre parcel of land, which includes five kilometres of frontage on the lake, for three phases of residential properties consisting of a total of 88 single family lots. At its heart eventually would be a luxury lakefront hotel and villas, a golf course and a private landing strip.

Planning permission for this development was granted in 2014 and subsequently LRDI announced that 80 percent of the lots in Phase I had been sold. Following this, advancement of the project then became stalled with the result that, in 2018, MV extended the completion date for the Phase I work included in the original 2014 By-law. This involved construction of the roads (Skead Road and Lakewoods Drive) into the development which were to be assumed by MV after completion.

The recent MV resolution recites continued failure to complete the roadworks, resulting in LRDI being served



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with a Notice of Default on July 13 2020. Since then the township has used some of the money from the developer's performance guarantee to carry out works such as winter snow clearance and sanding, and to tender for the revised scope of the road. However, following this tender process in February 2021, the township rejected the lowest tender because it exceeded the value of the remaining funds in the performance guarantee. The lowest tender was submitted by Bonnechere Excavating Limited (BEI) and was in the amount of \$1,798,685.02.

In an attempt to work around this and following receipt of a legal opinion from Cunningham Swan, lawyers, MV Council has decided to negotiate with BEI as a single source supplier by virtue of them having submitted the lowest bid earlier this year. The Resolution concludes by saying: "due to the deteriorating condition of Skead Road and Lakewoods Drive that council for the Township of Madawaska Valley directs staff and the municipal engineer to immediately engage in contract negotiations with BEI for construction of the roadworks to be funded

by the performance guarantee and prepare an agreement for council review and approval to allow for road works to proceed promptly."

It has not been disclosed how much remains of the performance bond which dictates the upper limit that BEI is faced with, as Council also stated in the resolution:

"And whereas council is not prepared to expend public funds for a private development and is acting in good faith and in the best interests of the taxpayer and the municipality."

"And whereas the municipality will not cover any additional cost overruns in excess of the performance guarantee."

An online search conducted by The Current reveals that the same land is currently being offered for sale by Lake District Realty with an asking price of \$12.9 million.

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County plans Public Meeting on Official Plan



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As explained by lawyer Robert Howe in a June 2020 article in *The Current*, Renfrew County mayors were united in their disappointment over the Province's "anti-development" stance. These new proposed amendments appear to throw the same balls back in the Province's court because they largely replicate what was rejected in the first place. For example, some of the areas listed for which public input is being sought include removal of population allocations, water setback, secondary dwellings, rural subdivisions, and servicing policies.

Online readers of *The Current* will have seen the complete, formal Notice of Application and Public Meeting dated July 19 2021 from the County of Renfrew regarding a proposed amendment to the County of Renfrew Official Plan, Amendment No. 31 (OPA 31). The notice applies to all lands in the County.

Public meeting: will be held on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the public meeting will be held virtually, livestreamed on YouTube, and can be viewed at the

following link:

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Purpose and Effect of OPA 31: County Council adopted Official Plan Amendment (OPA) 25 which was a 5-year update to the County of Renfrew Official Plan. The amendment was approved with modifications by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) in 2019. This amendment proposes changes of many of the modifications made by MMAH back to the intention of the policies adopted by County Council in OPA 25.

Additional information re OPA 31 may be obtained from the County of Renfrew by email to officialplan@countyofrenfrew.on.ca or by phone at 613.735.3204 during regular business hours.

To receive notification of the decision on the proposed OP amendment, send a written request to: Bruce Howarth, Manager of Planning Services, County of Renfrew, 9 International Drive, Pembroke, ON K8A 6W5

To see the legal notice of the meeting, please see <https://madvalleycurrent.com/planning-notices/>



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Regional officials applaud Ontario internet funding

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Elected officials across Eastern Ontario are hopeful that the Government of Ontario's new \$4-billion broadband program will help deliver Gig level speeds across the region.

The Province announced that the program, Ontario Connects, will connect every home, community and area to high-speed internet by the end of 2025. The program will provide funding directly to Internet Service Providers, who will be selected to serve different geographic areas through a series of reverse-bid auction events.

The substantial investment is applauded by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN), along with the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) and the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC), which has been leading improved connectivity across the rural region for more than a decade, has proposed a regional project to deliver broadband speeds of one gigabit (1G) across the region. This project would deliver ultra-fast internet to at least 95 percent of the region, including some areas that have little service today. The organization offers its support to ensure that its residents get access to Gig-level speeds wherever possible. It is also encouraging the federal government to continue investing eastern Ontario.

EORN is currently delivering on a \$300 million Cell Gap Project to improve cell service coverage and capacity. The project is jointly funded by federal and provincial governments, and Rogers Communications.

Story Walks hosted by MV Public Library

Last month Madawaska Valley Public Library set up several outdoor story stations and walked kids through "The Thing Lou Couldn't Do" by Ashley Spires. The free Story Walk was held at the Library one Friday afternoon and the following week library staff staged it at Zurakowski Park. The Library plans more Story Walks this summer. Check out their Facebook page for dates and details.



"We appreciate that the federal and provincial governments heard EORN, the EOWC and the EOMC about the urgent need for broadband expansion in our region. Public investment is critical to expanding broadband in rural areas," said Debbie Robinson, Chair of the EOWC.

"We congratulate the Minister and the provincial government on this historic \$4 billion investment. EORN is prepared to lend our expertise to deliver our Gig Project in support of the Government's commitment to connect 100% of eastern Ontarians. Our work has demonstrated that collaborative, publicly funded broadband projects can deliver results," said J. Murray Jones, Chair of EORN.

"EORN's analysis demonstrated the economic value of connecting our communities to future-proof, Gig-speed internet and we are hopeful that Ontario Connects and federal funding programs will ultimately help deliver this level of service to our communities," said Diane Therrien, Chair of the EOMC.



Maggie and Abby wait with Sir Monkton and Lady Sarah until the Story Walk begins. PHOTO SUBMITTED.

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Blooming beautiful in Barry's Bay



Church Street Flowers, Opeongo Line, Barry's Bay

DANIELLE PAUL BARRY'S BAY

Florist Pam McNichol said the time was right to make Church Street Flowers more visible along the Opeongo Line in Barry's Bay so she worked with realtor (and her new landlord) Kristen Graves-Kuiack on their new location between V&S Stedmans and Cat Nap & Lazy Dog. Pam said with pride that they didn't miss a single business day due to the move.



Pam McNichol with blooms in the cold room

Church Street Flowers has gradually become a bigger presence in the community during the past couple of years. Pam and husband, Dave, live in Killaloe and she told *The Current* they are in business here "for the long term." While she has operated a Pembroke location for some time, she has local roots here and has planned the Barry's Bay location to be her "retirement project" twenty years

from now. Naturally, it's a family affair and Dave contributed his skills, notably transforming the mud room into a walk-in cool room linked to air conditioning. This means that Church Street Flowers in both Barry's Bay and Pembroke have walk-in cool rooms which Pam said helps them to ensure a quality product.

Customers have a big choice of merchandise in the shop as Pam offers a selection of gift items to complement both the fresh flowers and the many different potted plants she stocks.

SIGRID'S NATURALS — FEATURED VENDOR

"It's hard to believe that Sigrid's Naturals has been in business for 17 years," says owner Sigrid Geddes. She likens her natural skin care business to a child. She has birthed it, nurtured it, and watched it grow. In that time Valley residents too have witnessed the business develop and blossom. But, says Geddes, now that her "child" is 17, like all teenagers it's time for it to leave home and get out into the big world. Thus, she jumped at the chance to display her products at Church Street Flowers.

A welcome by-product of moving the Sigrid's Naturals retail shop out of her home in Wilno is that Sigrid gets to reclaim her residence. She plans to continue manufacturing her products at home until eventually finding a suitable workspace in town. She also reassures fans of

the Madawaska Valley Studio Tour that they will still be able to visit Sigrid's Naturals in Wilno during the summer and fall Studio Tours – but the new location at Church Street Flowers means they can purchase Sigrid's Naturals products any time through the year, right in the heart of Barry's Bay.

Pam and Sigrid have known each other for a long time. Although some of Sigrid's products are available elsewhere throughout the Valley, her display at Church Street Flowers contains the full line of Sigrid's Naturals.

Pam's retail philosophy is to "complement without competing" against whatever else is available nearby. That's why she believes Church Street Flowers is such a great fit in its new location – both with Sigrid's Naturals as its featured vendor — as well as with all the other retailers in downtown Barry's Bay.



Sigrid Geddes and her display of Sigrid's Naturals

EMOTIONAL CONNECTION

Pam explained that there are always highly emotional reasons to purchase fresh flowers. She praised full-time employee Charlotte Croft-Larocque from Palmer Rapids, saying that she is very empathetic and can quickly connect with customers' needs.

Charlotte for her part said, "I am proud to be a member of this community. Pam and I are very grateful to Valley residents for shopping local and supporting small businesses during this period. We consider ourselves so lucky."

Generations Under Sail “Pokolenia Pod Zaglami”

DANIELLE PAUL
MADAWASKA VALLEY

POLISH LANGUAGE SHORT FILM READY FOR FESTIVAL RUN

Filmmaker Adam Benish is no stranger to the Valley. Benish found himself in Madawaska Valley a couple of years ago working on the filming of The Manhattan Project and thinking of his own family, he determined to make a Polish language film about the dynamics of different generations. His grandfather grew up in Barry's Bay and while growing up Benish enjoyed camping and cottage experiences in the Valley. Because of friends involved with the Polish Scouts, he originally planned to set the film in Kaszuby where the granddaughter character would be a Scout having conversations about immigration with her grandfather. That plan altered when he himself learned to sail and Benish decided instead to shoot his story about Polish family members on a sailboat on the open water of Lake Ontario.

“LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION” BECOMES “BOAT SAFETY, CAMERA, ACTION”



Filming on water PHOTO BENISH FILMS

Embracing the concept of filming on the lake meant Benish had to accept that for safety reasons his role as director became secondary to the boat captain. Instead of following the traditional film mantra “Lights, camera, action” he and his shooting crew and cast awaited instructions and the all clear from the skipper before the camera could roll. To add a little spice to the situation, the skipper of the sailboat cast in the lead role was his father-in-law,



Stephanie Jaskot as Sierra growing up PHOTO BENISH FILMS

Lucjan Modzynski, a veteran sailor. Benish explains that he had seen Modzynski inspire the family with his passion for sailing and knew he would perfect for the role – whether as the sailor or the actor – and says he gave a performance that was everything a filmmaker could want.

The director cheerfully described some other challenges faced by the crew. Generations Under Sail is shot entirely in natural light – almost as unusual as filming entirely on a boat. He decided to shoot in black and white “because I didn’t want to see that much blue.” His goal was to tell the story of an immigrant, using Polish language. While it has only one line of English dialogue, the film is more of a visual piece and Benish is confident audiences will not need subtitles.

The granddaughter is played by two actresses: Mariya Gazizova is the young Sienna, and Stephanie Jaskot portrays her growing up. Local talent from Madawaska Valley is even included: one-year-old Zosia Kozdrak, the daughter of family friends with a cottage on Blackfish Bay, plays an important role in the climax of the film.

Film synopsis

Sienna is a second-generation Polish girl growing up in Canada who spends summer sailing Lake Ontario with her immigrant grandfather. In this story of home, family and passing the torch from one

generation to the next, the two set sail for what could be their last voyage together. Source: Benish Films.

Benish’s extensive experience with past films such as The Manhattan Project has encouraged him to expose Pokolenia Pod Zaglami to a run on the upcoming festival circuit. He is aiming for international festivals, looking regionally to cities with a strong sailing community. The hope is to hold the first screening at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) followed by festivals in Warsaw and then Chicago.

Film fans should watch for an announcement in August of the date of the TIFF World Premiere. Benish aims to organize local screenings next spring after the festival season. To view the trailer and to follow the film’s progress, tune in to Benish Films on social media. Look for @benishfilms on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.



The young Sienna, played by Mariya Gazizova

PHOTO BENISH

Reflections on a not-so-happy Canada Day



Above map: Beadwork by Amanda Laliberte, Ashley Copage, Ashley McKenzie-Dion, Didi Grandjambe, Jennelle Doyle, Joelle Charlie, Kyla Woodward, Lenore Augustine, Marissa Magneson, Mellz Compton, Monique Jolly, and Rena Laboucan. GRAPHICAL MOCK-UP BY JUSTIN ROMERO. (KOOTEN CREATIONS, FACEBOOK) PHOTO CTV-NEWS.COM

DANIELLE PAUL
MADAWASKA VALLEY

EDITORIAL

Canada. According to a federal government website, the name likely comes from the Huron-Iroquois word “kanata,” meaning “village” or “settlement.” We like to think of Canada as a country that’s a mosaic – where everyone’s language, culture, skin colour, ethnicity, is celebrated and allowed to co-exist. Integration, not assimilation. Travelling outside North America, that maple leaf on your collar, or a flag pinned to your backpack, used to guarantee you a friendly welcome. Canada – the peacekeeping nation, the fair nation, the country that cares ...

It was a nice feeling. But thanks to the internet age and the resulting “global village,” Canada’s record of mistreatment of indigenous peoples, including the abuses perpetrated in the residential school system, is now known worldwide. For those who bother to think or study a bit deeper, there is the shocking realization that these so-called “historical” incidents continue to have devastating effects today not just on the descendants of survivors but for all indigenous/first nations people.

For example, although the tragic effects of the heat wave in BC and its portents for the climate crisis are covered thoroughly,

a headline in today’s Guardian asks “This Canada Day, let’s remember this country was built on genocide.”

I’m proud of my Canadian roots — on the Quebec French side, they go back to 1685 and the Ottawa Valley Irish part of the family dates from 1849. More than most, though, I ought to have understood that my Canadian roots were really just “settler” roots. And that my genealogical research of a few hundred years was superficial compared to the thousands of years that indigenous people have lived in this land.

I used to be a smug Canadian. As my father was a career civil servant in Indian Affairs, we lived on a reserve when I was born. I could use words like “reserves” and “bands” and “treaties” and “land claims” with ease and when I lived in the United Kingdom, most Brits thought I knew what I was talking about.

In the seventies when I worked with a lawyer who specialized in indigenous rights law, I was happy to hear that the elders on the reserve where we had lived for fifteen years (Akwesasne) remembered my father as “one of the good guys.” And Dad’s final project before retiring in Barry’s Bay in 1969 was to travel coast to coast to develop proposals so that indigenous peoples would achieve self-government. We were proud of his work then, and proud of his recommendations when

a few of them were eventually adopted by Ottawa more than thirty years later.

But now my settler smugness has to end. It’s not good enough anymore to remain ignorant. The past few weeks have been a time of conscience for me as a Canadian. What do I really know about indigenous/first nations peoples’ ways and beliefs? Or about the way our settler government has mistreated the people whose lands we live on? And more worryingly, what can I do about it? Have I bothered to learn and to share that knowledge with others?

If I’m struggling with this, just imagine how it must have been for my Dad. He was a deeply devout Catholic, respectful of the clergy and the church, someone who was honoured by the Knights of Columbus here in Barry’s Bay for his seventy-five years’ active membership. During all his years of civil service work visiting reserves across Canada, what did he hear? What did he suspect – or know? All I can remember him saying about residential schools was that it wasn’t good to split up families, but I do recall he was shocked when stories of abuse began to appear in the media in the late sixties.

The technology didn’t exist back then to discover mass unmarked graves of children, but it does now. And with improvements in technology comes the responsibility for all of us to improve our attitudes. No more smugness. Instead it’s time to reach out. It’s time to ask, to learn, to reflect, and then to change our ways and truly respect all who inhabit this land we call home, whether we refer to it as “Canada” or “Turtle Island.”

Above map: Beadwork by Amanda Laliberte, Ashley Copage, Ashley McKenzie-Dion, Didi Grandjambe, Jennelle Doyle, Joelle Charlie, Kyla Woodward, Lenore Augustine, Marissa Magneson, Mellz Compton, Monique Jolly, and Rena Laboucan. Graphical mock-up by Justin Romero. (Kooten Creations, Facebook) Photo ctv-news.com

Editor’s Note: The author’s father, T. Leo Bonnah, worked for Indian Affairs from 1939 to 1969, spending the first fifteen years as agent on the St. Regis reserve, now known as the Mohawk Nation of Akwesasne.

Meeting announced to finalize details of Inquest into deaths of Borutski victims

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On August 28, 2019 The Current reported that Ontario's Supervising Coroner for Inquests had announced that an Inquest would be held into the deaths of Carol Culleton, Anastasia Kuzyk and Natalie Warmerdam at the hands of Basil Borutski. Now steps are underway to schedule that Inquest into the murders which took place on September 22, 2015.

The Office of the Chief Coroner has given notice of a Pre-Inquest Meeting to be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 13 2021.

Under guidelines published by the Chief Coroner, the purpose of such a meeting is to: Provide an overview of the Inquest process, the scope of the Inquest and a summary of the anticipated evidence; Invite input from parties about the evidence and issues which will be heard at the Inquest; Discuss next steps in the process; and, Discuss any other matters as appropriate.

Accompanying the notice are details of the proposed scope for the Inquest which highlights that "This Inquest will explore the circumstances of their deaths with a focus on the dynamics of gender-based, intimate partner violence and femicide in rural communities. The Inquest jury will be asked to consider recommendations directed at preventing future deaths and protecting victims of intimate partner violence in rural communities."

The Inquest will be open to the public and the Notice states that "Family, friends, members of the community, law enforcement, service providers and other individuals with an understanding of the underlying causes of intimate partner violence and femicide in rural communities, will be invited to share their knowledge and experience."

In addition, the presiding coroner may allow other persons with a substantial and direct interest in the Inquest, including persons who may be directly and uniquely affected by the recommendations to take an active part in the proceedings. This participation is called "standing" and

a person or organization must apply for it.

Individuals who wish to observe the Pre-Inquest Meeting can do so virtually, using MicroSoft Teams. The sign-in details are available in The Current online at madvalleycurrent.com

The Chief Coroner introduces the Notice with the following statement by Zou

Zou Kuzyk, sister of Anastasia Kuzyk:

"I have a daughter myself, and it would be reassuring to think that any systemic problems can be addressed so she will have a safer world to live in. This can happen to any woman and there is more the justice system and communities can do to keep women safe."

"I have a daughter myself, and it would be reassuring to think that any systemic problems can be addressed so she will have a safer world to live in."

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Champlain Gardens holds official opening



Champlain Gardens

DANIELLE PAUL BARRY'S BAY

Since 2002 residents in the Madawaska Valley and area have benefited from an assisted living facility in the heart of Barry's Bay beside the Railway Station. Re-christened as Champlain Gardens last year after a change of ownership the residence, formerly known as Water Tower Lodge, deferred its Grand Opening until recently due to Covid. Members of the management team were present in the residence's lounge, but many others attended virtually online as MooseFM DJ Trevor Smith-Millar hosted a live video. Numerous business partners contributed to a bountiful prize draw for all guests who also had the opportunity for a virtual meet and greet with the new board of directors.

Dr. George Mathew has been in the healthcare field since 1991. He explained that initially his work brought him to the Ottawa Valley three and a half years ago; he is an orthopedic surgeon at Pembroke Regional Hospital. He said that as he and his family explored the region, they really loved Barry's Bay and discovered this opportunity. "I've always had this in the back of my mind as a pet project I'd like to do at some point. I really see this as an extension of my work, the work that I do looking after people." He has assumed responsibility for Care Services Review and Auditing, Infection Control, and Pandemic Oversight at



Dr. George Mathew

the facility.

Dr. Mathew in partnership with Mini Mathew, his wife, are devoted to the residents and employees of Champlain Gardens. Their warmth and professionalism shines through when they speak about their work. Dr. Mathew said it's all about putting yourself in the other person's shoes; for example, looking for a place for a parent or loved one that is comfortable, clean, provides great food and atmosphere, with caring people. He added, "And how can we better ourselves every day with respect to the care we can provide to our residents? To me that comes naturally as a physician



Emily Mathew (left) and Mini Mathew

– just seeing a smile on a patient's face having made them better or having taken their pain away – and the people that I look after [here] are pretty much the kind of people that I care for in my hospital setting."

Mini Mathew is Chief Financial Officer for Champlain Gardens. Her B.Comm in Accounting and MBA in human resources equip her to handle the finances both at the assisted living residence in Barry's Bay and at her husband's orthopedic clinic in Pembroke. In an interview with The Current, she praised the Champlain Gardens management team, saying that she was new to the assisted living business so has relied on Amy Matcheskie, Administrator, and Keri Horvat, Managing Consultant. She explained that the Mathew family moved to Petawawa from Hamilton so it was a big change for their children. Emily (see photo) is in Grade 7 and says that life in Petawawa "is good; it's quiet." Her older brother, a Grade 11 student, was working so could not attend the opening, but their mother said that they adjusted quickly to the Ottawa Valley.

Dr. Mathew touched on the need for collaboration in the healthcare field. He acknowledged the local challenges of bed space management both at the hospital and the long term care home, and in a reference to the respite offered at Champlain Gardens, said, "Covid obviously added to those pressures ... so in our own way [we could] try to ease the pressures to be able to temporarily house and locate people."

He issued an invitation to all: "Welcome! We are open. We are here to care and look after your needs in terms of assisted care facilities – and we genuinely care."

Take-Home Trivia goes international - virtually

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Library staff have had to be inventive to continue to provide services for patrons through the pandemic. The popular annual Trivia Quiz fundraiser was a Covid casualty; that is until staff came up with the idea for Take-Home Trivia. As Library CEO Karen Filipkowski said, "Take Home Trivia was in response to COVID measures. We thought we would give this a try in July when it presented people with better options for an outdoor gathering to get together with family and friends and have some fun with Trivia. It also opened up the opportunity for online options for teams. Four teams were local and four teams gathered their teams online and participated. Of the four teams not local, one team was located in Toronto, another team was from Ottawa and Nova Scotia and two other teams were international."

Nine teams of up to six people gathered safely for a two-hour session in socially-distant (and sometimes virtual) spaces of their choice to pit their trivia knowledge as they answered 80 questions without consulting online devices.

The winning team Sanitized Six was Mark Woermke, Jason Derouin, Tom Burchat, Pauline Burchat, Dave Lowell, Bob Corrigan. They won gift certificates from Metro, Shell and Pantry Savings.

Second Place went to Petra's People. Frances Mawson was the only local player - Martin Turner (UK), Petra Morrison (Australia), Lorna Morrison (Australia), Margaret Mawson (UK), Phoebe Jones (UK)

Third Place Prize was won by The Current (blush). Our team comprised Karen, Jeff and Brigitte Bouganin, Roger and Danielle Paul. We were awarded "Smarties for smarty pants."

Most Socially Distanced was Penny Shulist's team - Penny & the Jets. Her son Brad lives in Hamilton with his partner Cindy, her daughter Janet lives in Stuttgart Germany and her daughter Leanne in Melbourne Australia.

The Random Question Winner, the only team to answer question # 65 correctly, were the Blackfish Fly Swatters - Peter Fright, Eileen Fay, Iwan Fay-Fright,



Summer programs at MV Public Library

Leslie Reis, Scott Reis, Alex Gunn. Their prize was a gift certificate from Home Hardware - with a recommendation to purchase bug spray!

Filipkowski thanked the local businesses who sponsored Take-Home Trivia: Barry's Bay Metro, Barry's Bay Shell, Pantry Savings, Shulist Farms and Barry's Bay Home Hardware. She said, "The bulk of the work in any Trivia is developing the questions. This was in the capable hands of our Board Trustee Bill Houle."

Test yourself: Can you answer the Random Question?

The song "I Just Wanna Stop" was written by which Canadian heartthrob? See answer on page 12.



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Aug. 16-21

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- New library podcast launch
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Leave pets at home say OPP

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The Upper Ottawa Valley (UOV) Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is urging pet owners to leave their pets at home as temperatures begin to rise. Shawn Peever, Media Relations Officer for the Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment, advises that the OPP has already started to receive calls from concerned citizens after pets were left unattended in vehicles.

With warmer temperatures in the forecast the danger for the unattended pets in vehicle increases. The sun heats up the surfaces in a vehicle causing the interior temperature to rise above the temperature outside the vehicle. Because the heat is originating from inside, even on mild days or when parked in the shade or with a window left slightly open, temperatures



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can quickly become deadly. Pets can experience heatstroke, brain damage and even death if left unattended in a vehicle. The public can report animal welfare concerns 24/7 by calling 1-833-9ANIMAL (1-

833-926-4625). The public can also call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or their local police service

OPP continue 49-year search for missing Arnprior child

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ADRIEN MCNAUGHTON WAS 5 WHEN HE VANISHED

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) continues to follow potential leads in relation to the 1972 disappearance of Adrien McNAUGHTON. The Renfrew County Crime Unit under the direction of the Criminal Investigation Branch is continuing the investigation. Adrien was five years old when he went on a fishing trip to Holmes Lake, near Calabogie on June 12, 1972. He was there with his father and siblings when he wandered into the forest. Despite a massive search effort at the time, as well as subsequent searches,



Age enhancement OPP

no trace of Adrien has ever been found. Above Adrien McNaughton age enhancement. Photo supplied.

One theory was that the child had somehow made it out of the forest and could have been taken in by someone and potentially be alive and living in the region.

In 2009, investigators released an image, created by an artist, of what Adrien

might look like in his early 40s. Since that time, the OPP has received multiple tips that have been investigated and ruled out.

"If Adrien is alive he might have only fleeting memories from his early years," said Detective Inspector Serge Acay. "We would ask everyone, in the Renfrew County area and elsewhere, to take a close look at the artist's sketch and think about people you know."

Adrien McNAUGHTON would be 54 now.

If anyone has information, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous you may contact Renfrew County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at www.valleytips.ca.

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Bike bank celebrates 100-bike milestone

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OVCATA volunteers Bob Peltzer, Pat Krose, Andy Kalnins, Larry Warden, Ish Theilheimer, Debbie Fiebig, Ron Moss and Debbie Macdonald discussing th.jpg

OVCATA volunteers Bob Peltzer, Pat Krose, Andy Kalnins, Larry Warden, Ish Theilheimer, Debbie Fiebig, Ron Moss and Debbie Macdonald discussing their bike bank at McRae Park in Eganville. Photo submitted.

A few months after coming up with the idea, volunteers with the Bike Bank are celebrating because, together, they have collected, restored and given out 100 bikes in Renfrew County to people who needed them. The Bike Bank was set up by the Ottawa Valley Cycling and Active Transportation Alliance (OVCATA) out of concern that a lot of people who really could use a bike just can't afford one. Bike Bank receives requests for bikes and offers of used ones ones through its website, Bike-Bank.ca. Donated bikes are thoroughly restored and checked for safety, and then they are matched up with people who ask for them and, in most cases, delivered to their doors, and it's all done by volunteers.

Kyla Sullivan, of Wilno, is a big Bike Bank fan. She wrote, "My son Benjamin has grown a lot since last summer and we knew that his old bike would no longer be a good fit. We wanted to give him the opportunity to ride a bicycle and exercise with his family, especially during COVID. I'm happy to say that he has been riding it regularly on our street and he definitely takes pride in its care. We were so impressed by the quality of the bike, and the time taken by the bike bank volunteer to deliver it. I was touched when I saw the BB volunteer take out a cloth and even give it one last polish right there on our driveway before encouraging Benjamin to try it out. It made his day and mine. Thank you very much for making the experience feel empowering. It was apparent to both of us that not just time, but a lot of love goes into the program."

"I received bikes for my two older children," said Amanda Fraser, of Renfrew. "My children are disabled and I was able to teach my 11-year old daughter how

to ride a bike this year. I am grateful for the bikes it gave her a chance at learning to ride and my son too. My daughter is grateful and has been riding all summer practicing around the house. It gives her some independence and something to be proud of herself for."

Bike Bank is the brainchild of OVCATA Co-chair Pat Krose, of Forester's Falls. "We know how important bikes are to people. They get you where you want to go and make you feel good and healthier in the process," she says. "We are just a small group, about ten people altogether who do most of the work, and the logistics of getting it going were a bit complicated, but it has proven to be very worthwhile, both for those getting bikes, and also those giving them away, knowing their bikes will be valued by their new owners."

OVCATA's other co-chair, Ron Moss of Pembroke, is also one of Bike Bank's two main mechanics. He works closely with Adam Yantha, of Yantha Cycles, and a couple of other volunteers who do a lot of picking up and delivering of bikes.

More than half the bikes distributed have been for adults, with lots of women requesting bikes. "Cycling may be less widespread in our rural area than in urban ones, but the demand for bikes shows how important bikes are to people here too."

To date, Bike Bank has cost about \$2,000 in parts and insurance. "That works out to almost \$20 per bike," says Ron Moss. "We're hoping to raise some of that money from local service clubs and the rest from local people." You can make a donation in support of Bike Bank at www.ovcata.ca/donate.

To offer a bike, send an email to Bike-Bank@ovcata.ca. To request one, go online to www.ovcata.ca/bike-bank, click on Application, and fill in the online form.

Bike Bank is now winding down for the season, as its volunteers need time to get out and ride and the number of requests and donations, which was quite heavy in Spring, is tailing off. It is still accepting requests and offers, but the volunteers expect less activity until next Spring.



HERITAGE: Camp Tekakwitha



The camp chapel. PHOTO SUBMITTED

BOB CORRIGAN BARRY'S BAY

These reminiscences about Camp Tekakwitha come from Cathie Corrigan who was a camper there. The Catholic Women's League out of Ottawa organized this small camp for girls aged 9 to 15 years. The buildings were situated on the shores of Lake Kamaniskeg looking out on Mask Island and were accessed from Siberia Road. Above, the camp chapel.

Photo submitted.

Cathie said, "It was a small camp, nothing fancy but, in the eyes of a city girl from Ottawa, it was Heaven. Just to be in the country on a beautiful lake, swimming, hiking, rowing, ball games, camp fires and sing-songs, etc., it was wonderful. Many new friendships were made, along with enough memories to last a lifetime."

"In fact, I loved Barry's Bay so much that I actually met and married a lad from the Bay and have lived here ever since."

You can see roughly where the camp was located if you visit the cemetery of the former Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as Camp Tekakwitha was tucked in behind Kartuzy Road at the intersection with Siberia.

It would be great if our readers can provide other pictures and stories about Camp Tekakwitha.

Editor's Note: The local lad Cathie refers to above is the author and local historian Bob Corrigan. If you are interested in having a picture and story featured in The Madawaska Valley Current, please submit the information to Bob Corrigan at madvalleycurrent@gmail.com (subject Heritage Photos) or mail your photo to Bob c/o The Current at PO Box 1097, Barry's Bay K0J 1B0 (originals will be returned).



Camp Tekakwitha – chapel interior. PHOTO SUBMITTED

ANSWER TO RANDOM QUESTION: GINO VANELLI