

Dene Assembly hears call for action against FIPA

Brenda Sayers of the Hapucasath First Nation in BC wants Northerners to mobilize in the fight against the Canada-China trade deal. See page 3.



North Slave Métis and De Beers sign IBA

The North Slave Métis Alliance are the first Aboriginal group to sign an impact benefit agreement for the proposed Gahcho Kué mine. See page 6.



Geology professor to make dam presentation

River expert Ellen Wohl of Colorado State University will be in Fort Smith Thursday evening to talk about the downside of dams. See page 8.



Inuvik's Great Northern Arts Festival turns 25

The North's most popular artist event is underway with a series of workshops and performances to celebrate its silver anniversary. See pages 10-11.





Levi Rossouw dives to make a save during a practice for the NWT men's soccer team at St. Joe's field on July 2 in Yellowknife. The team is headed to Sherbrooke, Que. in August to compete against some of the nation's best during the Canada Summer Games. See page 19.

'Oily sheen' on Athabasca likely algae, not petrochemicals: lab results

Head of monitoring 'proud' of response to potential spill

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

The "oily sheen" detected on the Athabasca River last weekend that had the community of Fort Chipewyan concerned for its water supply is not petrochemical in nature, according to lab results from water samples taken by community-based water monitors.

The mysterious large slick that headed down river from Fort McKay through the Athabasca Delta earlier this week had the community on high alert, suspicious that the 100 square-km sheen on top of the water could have been composed of bitumen, either natural or industrial.

But lab results from the independent study, reported early Thursday morning to *The Journal*, showed there is no indication of petroleum in

the oily substance that washed up on Fort Chip's beaches this week.

Bruce Maclean, research coordinator for the Mikisew Cree First Nation's Government and Industry Relations department and head of Fort Chip's community-based water monitoring efforts, said the finding is good news.

"All the sample results are in and it looks like no indication of oil. It doesn't look like there's anything showing up for fuel," he said.

Though the samples have ruled out what isn't in the water, Maclean said they still need to figure out exactly what the visible substance is. While the lack of petrochemicals in the water is a positive finding, he said the sheen is still worrisome.

"So it's probably not an oil spill, but it's still disconcerting. It's something, and it's something associated with deteriorating water quality," he said.

Maclean said the sheen may have been caused by a large blue-green algae bloom upstream, which often points to substantial agricultural runoff or land disruption in the southern part of the province.

"Clearly if it's a bloom, then it's usually the result of mismanagement of land and nutrient management in the south, because it's flowing north. It could also have to do with high water and runoff. It could have something to do with the massive 500-700 square-km fragmentation land disruption - to the south."

He said such organic

takeovers can be toxic to animals living in and drinking from the water.

"If it is an algae bloom...
when the algae die, they release toxins and those can
kill fish. I'm not saying that's
the cause, but it's one of the
hypotheses," Maclean said.

Over 130 dead fish were reported by land-users and Parks Canada employees in the waterways surrounding Fort Chipewyan as of Tuesday afternoon, which had people further concerned the unidentified substance was fuel-based.

Results have yet to be reported from the government of Alberta's monitoring efforts.

From a monitoring perspective, Maclean commended residents of Fort Chipewyan for their quick response in dealing with what could have been a very serious health risk to the community.

"There are a few people in the community who are feeling kind of worried that they cried wolf, but I think that their response was appropriate and I think the positive thing was the community responded well to protect themselves, so I'm proud of them," Maclean said.

"They responded well to something that concerned them; I mean, they're obviously watching the land. Their response was appropriate - it looked like oil, there were dead fish. They protected the community and shut down the water plant and then took some samples to find some information."

See Algae on page 3.

NEWS BRIEFS

NWT's only addictions treatment centre loses contract

The department of Health and Social Services for the territorial government will not be renewing its contract with the Nats'ejee Keh Treatment Centre on the Hay River Reserve, the only addictions treatment centre in the Northwest Territories. The current contract expires Sept. 30. The government cited its decision was based on "strong recommendations flowing from the Minister's Forum on Addictions and Community Wellness that call for changes to how addictions treatment programs are designed and delivered across the NWT." The decision was also based on the fact Nats'ejee Keh had issues with recruiting and retaining qualified staff in order to deliver a treatment program. Residential addictions treatment options will continue to be provided to NWT residents. The department is also in the process of negotiating contracts with a number of southern treatment programs in Alberta and British Columbia. These contracts should be in place by the end of July 2013.

Arrest made in Yellowknife murder case

RCMP have made an arrest in the murder case of a Yellowknife woman. Yvonne Desjarlais, 63 and originally of Lutsel K'e, was found deceased on Dec. 30 near 53rd Street and 50th Avenue. The arrest was made after a lengthy investigation from the "G" Division Major Crimes Unit. The suspect's name is not being released at this time. The investigation remains ongoing. If anyone has any information regarding this matter please contact the Yellowknife RCMP at 867-669-1111 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Break-in at Yellowknife art business

Yellowknife RCMP responded to a report of a break-in around 8:30 a.m. last Wednesday at the Northern Images business at 4801, 50 Ave. in downtown Yellowknife. Police found the front window smashed and a stone sculpture of a raven missing from the premises. The piece was worth about \$3,800. The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with more information is asked to contact Yellowknife RCMP at at 867-669-1111 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.



Edmonton-Strathcona MP Linda Duncan presents her bill to reinstate the Slave River under the Navigable Waters Protection Act at the Dene National Assembly meetings on Thursday.

Environment Water

Dene Nation aims to reinstate protection of NWT waters

Leaders want action on Slave, Peel Rivers

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG
Leaders from throughout Denendeh are calling
for more protection for
Northern waterways removed from the Navigable

Waters Protection Act in December.

Dene Nation chiefs, councillors and elders voted in favour of supporting Bill C-529 last Thursday at their annual assembly meetings in Inuvik, following a presentation by the MP who introduced the bill, Linda Duncan of Edmonton-Strathcona, and that bill's seconder, Western Arctic MP Dennis Bevington.

The bill, which moves to reinstate protection for the Slave River under the act as a heritage navigation route, was introduced in the House of Commons on June 10 and now awaits second reading, scheduled to take place when session begins again this fall.

The Dene Nation passed a resolution to provide a letter of support to Duncan for the bill, along with a second resolution demanding further protection for the Peel River. Although the Peel is not included in Bill C-529, it was also pulled from the waterways protected under the act.

"There's no protection on the Peel River, so there's some elders who want to present a resolution to protect the Peel River, another watershed in the Northwest Territories that may not be protected," said elder Francois Paulette, who made the resolution to back protection of the Slave alongside Duncan and Bevington at the Inuvik meetings.

"People are really, really concerned. People want everything protected," said Dene National Chief Bill Erasmus, who said they couldn't hear from all the people who wanted to speak on the issue during the two-hour presentation because they ran out of time.

Erasmsus told *The Journal* it's time for First Nations to step up and protect the rivers if the federal government isn't going to.

"The interesting thing here is the federal government is vacating the field to a large extent, so we need to have a discussion about what that means. If they don't want to protect the rivers, then as First Nation governments, we have to take on that responsibility as we always did. We always protected these rivers and we always cared for them. We need to talk about how that can continue into the future and not rely on the federal government to be the responsible agent," he said.

Bevington said he will be talking to people in Yukon when he is at the Assembly of First Nations meetings in Whitehorse this week to see if there is also support on that side of the border for Peel River protection.

The result might be another private member's bill aimed at reinstating protection to the Peel watershed, similar to Duncan's action on the Slave River.

"The federal government could simply add them to the list (of protected rivers). It can be done through cabinet; it doesn't have to be done through a bill. So we're hoping to put pressure on them to do that, if not perhaps this government, then the next government," Bevington said.

"These private member's bills are designed to bring attention to the need for these issues, and to set the stage for the government to just include them on the list of heritage rivers, on the list of rivers that are protected to some degree," he said, adding that support from Dene leaders is strong on the issue of water protection.

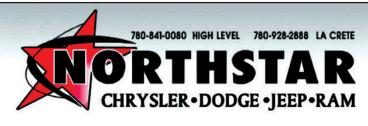
"This is a passionate issue for the First Nations in the North, the water issue, and protecting the water is something people here hold very dearly."

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Athabasca Chipewyan
First Nation Chief Allan
Adam also spoke on the
water issue via telephone at
the Dene National Assembly, giving an update on the
state of a mysterious oily
sheen detected on the Athabasca River.

That substance was identified Thursday morning as not petrochemical in nature, but likely the product of a bluegreen algae bloom, caused by record-high water levels and temperatures in the Fort McMurray region.

Bevington said the incident, which caused enough worry in the community of Fort Chipewyan to shut down water intake at the local treatment plant, is a good example of poor management of waterways by government.

"I think what struck me with that issue was how Alberta Environment didn't understand it, and yet it was killing fish and was potentially hazardous to human life, as well," Bevington said. "Yet it took the First Nations to notice it, to bring it to their attention, and at first Alberta said that there was nothing there. So I think once again it shows how governments are just not up to the task yet of protecting that river system. They need to be more vigilant."



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First Nation goes North to gain allies in battle against Canada-China trade deal

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

A representative from a First Nation off the coast of BC attended last week's Dene National Assembly meetings in Inuvik to try to mobilize Northerners into taking action on the proposed China-Canada fair trade deal known as FIPA, now awaiting ratification.

Brenda Sayers of the Hupacasath First Nation on Vancouver Island presented at the meetings on Thursday afternoon in an attempt to get support for their court case and push Northerners to become active in the fight against the impending agreement.

"We really need to let the federal government know that, as a whole, we're opposed to what's going on here, because it's not just the constitutional rights of First Nations that have been violated, it's the constitutional rights of Canadians that have been violated and people should be upset," Sayers told *The Journal*. "They have a right to be mad, because it's going to dictate how our country is formed in the next 31 years."

Sayers' tiny First Nation of 300 members took the federal government to court over the proposed trade deal with China on June 5-7 in Vancouver using \$185,000 of fundraised money, claiming



Brenda Sayers (left) of the Hapucasath First Nation in BC attends the Dene National Assembly meetings along with two other guest presenters, Caleb Behn (centre), an anti-fracking activist from northern BC, and Dene elder Francois Paulette, whose activism focuses mainly on the protection of water.

the Crown did not consult with Aboriginal peoples on the agreement, which could impact their ability to exercise their treaty and Aboriginal rights.

"One of the most important issues that people should be looking at as First Nations is that there's an investor-state arbitration clause contained in the agreement. So if we decided as First Nations to protect our lands, our resources or the health of our people, that could trigger an

investor-state arbitration, just because we were trying to protect our rights." she said.

"What happens once it's triggered is that a three-person secret tribunal will sit down and decide whether Canada has violated the agreement, and they can sue Canada for any loss of profits, even if it's a slow-down of the work because we took them to court over it. They can sue for that period of time that they would lose profits."

Though the agreement was signed in Russia on Sept. 9 of last year, it has yet to be ratified. But the Hupacasath court case could trash the deal.

"They actually can't sign it until due process has taken place, so that's why it hasn't been ratified...(The Canadian government) could have signed it at the end of October, but I think at that point in time (it wasn't signed) because of public pressure, and then of course our court case came along," she said.

Sayers said First Nations are not the only ones who should be concerned about

"We're all in this together, the First Nations and Canadian citizens, because it affects all of us. It will be the taxpayers that will pay penalties that are imposed upon Canada. But it's not just the taxpayers; we have to remember the programs, like health - will our MSP bills go up, or each province's health plan? Education? Social

services? Those kinds of things will more than likely be affected and we may not know why," she said.

Similarly, she said unions should also be aware of what could come over the next 31 years if the trade deal is locked down.

"China could bring in their own workers, so this is why unions should be concerned, and some of them are - some of them have stepped forward to support us in our legal action - but a lot of them haven't yet and we need them to because it's their job to protect the rights of the workers. So they have to be more vocal about that. If China's allowed to bring in their own workers, we aren't building capacity in Canada. And don't forget that they won't be getting paid the same rate of pay as Canadians are getting paid," she said.

Sayers said more First Nations should take legal or political action against the treaty, lest Canada become a resource colony for China, which is the second largest economic power in the world and slated to become number one in the next decade.

"We need to get people moving because if we don't, it will just look like a tiny nation of 300 is the only one concerned about this," she said.

Algae bloom never before seen, says ACFN

Continued from page 1.

The Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN), which raised the alarm of the oily substance, said they, too, felt the response was measured.

"We feel we took all appropriate precautions, given the fact that there have been numerous oil spills, leaks, bursts and breaches in the province in recent past, and our people have never seen algae blooms in the region before, so it caused great alarm to our members who rely on the land and river systems for food, water and sustenance," said Eriel Deranger, communications coordinator for ACFN.

She said she hoped the First Nation's rapid response to the incident would indicate to the Alberta government that they are "more than capable partners" to work with and that next time, the reaction of the provincial government will be to come to

the community first before approaching industry.

"If a community raises alarm of a situation on the river, it should send people immediately to the river, not call industry to ask them what's going on," she said. "We asked for an independent, world-class monitoring system in the Athabasca Delta that wasn't run by industry; yet in a situation like this, they look for answers directly from industry. That shouldn't be the case."

First Nation points to changing climate

Deranger said even though the occurrence was natural, it is still serious and requires action from the government on climate change and other cumulative impacts of industry in the region.

"Circumstances were created for these algae blooms. High waters and runoff coupled with high temperatures created both a breeding ground and a system for the algae blooms, but then the high temperatures killed them almost immediately which created this oily sheen," she said. "You can't ignore the fact that both the recordbreaking rainfalls and record-breaking temperatures are likely a byproduct of climate change."

She said climate change, caused primarily by green-house gas emissions from industry, affects indigenous and land-based peoples first, and this incident is a "prime example" of that.

"So our call is, now more than ever, that it's time for government to begin the process to adequately protect, monitor and mitigate the negative and adverse impacts on ecosystems that are not just vital to indigenous people, but to the planet as a whole," she said.

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Whose job is it to prevent tragedies?

It is a good bet trains will never run through the heart of Lac Mégantic, Que. again. Sections of those ribbons of steel may even be torn up by deeply hurt and angry souls after the terrible tragedy there.

The police would consider such acts vandalism. Running trains through the centre of towns and cities is how we do things, with no consideration of the hazards. The cost of rerouting those tracks around Lac Mégantic would be huge. The implications of the same being demanded by other communities would be far reaching. The way things have been done in the past and the needs of wealth and job producing industries would likely win out.

Heightened concern will force discussion however, and change may happen:

- Should trains ever be left unattended?
- Should trains be deployed with only one crew member?
- Should train air-brakes auto-deploy when the engine is shut off, as on trucks?

Last week *The Journal* received a prospective column about the recent Alberta flooding. The headline cried out, "Locating new subdivisions in floodplains is nothing less than a crime."

"If we don't change the way we build and locate businesses and homes, then we're a bunch of idiots," was the subhead. The first line read, "It's time legislators across Canada showed some courage and passed meaningful legislation limiting development on floodplains." Those are two messages speaking to two separate audiences: legislators ("they") and the public ("we").

Lac Mégantic, with considerable public support ("we") will want action as a result of the tragedy. It will be legislators and bureaucrats ("they") who decide if trains are to be made safer, and/or the tracks are to be relocated away from town.

The Alberta government is now going to force change in the way citizens are allowed to build in areas at risk of flooding. "They" have wisely established that any flood victim staying in a location prone to flooding will not be eligible for compensation if the same happens again in future. Community planning and municipal bylaws will also change. All of this was recommended in the report after the 2005 floods in Calgary but not implemented. The tragedy this time was much greater as a result. Better late than never.

What responsibility do governments have in being discerning and acting preemptively to prevent tragedies? What role do we, the public, have in promoting or supporting such action?

A second debate about the safety of train oil tanker cars has emerged from the Lac Mégantic tragedy. Explosive, flammable and poisonous materials are routinely shipped through Canadian towns and cities, something virtually ignored. The shipment of large quantities of oil being sent to refineries is new, however, from recently discovered oil fields stranded far from pipelines. Rail transport offers the only option. Why has the danger of shipping hazardous materials by rail not been recognized and dealt with? Why has this new use of trains for moving oil - increasing the danger to communities they pass through daily - not been noticed and dealt with by governments? In fact, the current government approach is to reduce regulations and inspections. A tragedy is apparently needed to compel action. That is a serious problem with our system.

The public is responsible too. Pressure must be applied to governments to take action. That does not happen either. Anyone who expresses concern is branded "radical"

or "environmentalist." The "silent majority" remains uninvolved, by choice, unless they are affected personally, or if something terrible occurs to raise public ire. There is something dysfunctional about this. The social contract between citizen and state in our society is out of sync.

The Lac Mégantic disaster will also impact the debate over the development of new pipelines - particularly projects like Keystone XL and the Northern Gateway. Messy oil spills in the environment do not seem as bad as hazardous goods posing a danger to densely populated areas, so pipelines suddenly appear the lesser of the two evils.

The pipeline rupture that spilled as much as 1,500 barrels into the wilderness near Wrigley in the NWT should be considered. Enbridge, the pipeline owner (also the proponent of the Northern Gateway project) had run a "pig" (a robotic device run inside the pipe which seeks imperfections) to scope the pipe, but the weak spot that caused the leak was not detected. After the leak, the pig was re-calibrated and run through again and multiple weak spots were discovered. Those are now being dug up and repaired. The point is, pipeline materials have a limited life and will break down and leak eventually. Human error is possible during construction. Tens of thousands of kilometres of pipe in North America are aging, with an ever-increasing prospect of ruptures. The potential of costly, ongoing environmental tragedies from them is very real. Better materials for pipes, higher standards during construction and careful inspection are all required. Courageous initiatives by legislators and the awareness and engagement of the public to push and support them is needed - as much as with train and tanker car safety.



René Fumoleau (centre) is joined by Charlie Neyelle (left) and John Tutcho in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Deline's Great Bear Co-operative Association at the annual general meeting last Saturday. Fumoleau, who came to the Northwest Territories from France as a priest in the 1950s, was instrumental in starting the co-op. Tutcho was the co-op's first secretary when he was just 16 years-old. Neyelle was one of the original signatories and remains involved in the business.

15 Years Ago...

Dene meeting to fight pollution

Delegates from the Dene Nation met with representatives from more than a hundred other countries to combat Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPS). This, the first of five meetings with the United Nations Environment Program, reduced and eventually eliminated toxins, which have been shown to be a serious health concern to Arctic residents.

Issue: July 14, 1998

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20 Years Ago...

Forestry deputy ministers set agenda

The Northwest Territories representative at a national forestry meeting in Fort Smith said the NWT is in a position to be a leader in this field.

The agenda included Canada's international image, the North American Free Trade Agreement and Aboriginal forestry. The topic sparking the most discussion was forest management agreements between the federal government, the provinces and territories.

Issue: July 14, 1993

30 Years Ago...

PSA reacts to new budget

Wage restrictions announced by the federal government as part of the new budget would not affect the Northwest Territories Public Service Alliance, according to Ben McDonald, executive secretary-treasurer for the union.

Except for wage rates, most existing terms and conditions continued to apply without change for the two-year extension period.

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Thinking about getting pregnant?

Are you pregnant or thinking about becoming pregnant? Congratulations on this journey of becoming a parent!

When your health care provider confirms your pregnancy, you may have many questions and will seek out information from a variety of sources. What should I eat? How much weight should I gain? How can I prepare for labour? How am I going to feed my baby?

Having the right information is so important in helping you make your decisions about caring for yourself during and after pregnancy. Visit your doctor or midwife regularly so they can check on how the baby is growing and how you are doing.

Other ways to be healthy during your pregnancy include eating healthy, reducing stress and anxiety in your life, and exercising. Mental and physical health is very important in maintaining a healthy pregnancy.

Contact your local AHS public/community health Centre to inquire about prenatal classes. These classes will provide you with the most current information on pregnancy, child birth and newborn care. Please try and book before your third trimester, as classes can fill up quickly.

Topics covered in prenatal classes include Healthy Pregnancy, Labour and Delivery, Comfort Measures, Medical interventions, Cesarean Section, Postpartum Care, Newborn Care, and Breastfeeding. One of the healthiest decisions you can make for you and your baby is to breastfeed.

Talk to your doctor, midwife, or Public Health Nurse if you have any concerns or questions.

For more information about pregnancy, newborn care, safety and breastfeeding please refer to the resources listed below.

- Your local Public or Community Health Centre.
- Healthy Parents, Healthy Children: www.healthyp-arentshealthychildren.ca is a new resource in Alberta for all pregnant families and those with children up to 6 years old. Visit the website to get reliable information about pregnancy and how to help your children grow, learn and be healthy.
- Birth and Babies: http://online.birthandbabies.
 com is a free online prenatal course from AHS.
 Topics include Adjusting to Changes, Getting to Know Baby and Coping with Feeding Challenges.

- Immunize Canada: www. immunize.ca. This is an evidence-based information for parents on immunizations, diseases and vaccine safety.
- Alberta Quit Smoking Program: www.albertaquits.ca has free online, phone, texting and group tools for those thinking about or wanting to quit smoking.
- Safe Kids Canada: www. safekidscanada.ca provides programs, injury topics and resources on ways to reduce injury and promote safety in and outside of the home. Topics include Home Safety and Car Seats.
- Healthy Canadians: www. healthycanadaidans.gc.ca is a resource for families, kids and pregnant women. Sections include Healthy Pregnancy, Infant Care, and Safe Sleep.

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FACEBOOK FEEDBACK

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The "oily sheen" detected on the Athabasca River over the weekend that had the community of Fort Chipewyan concerned for its water supply is not petrochemical in nature, according to lab results from water samples taken by community-based water monitors.



'Oily sheen' on Athabasca not petrochemical: lab results



Patricia Wasiukow: Why won't you use an independent lab for the results..Better yet send to U of A University. I would trust them first rather than government testing.



Melissa Daniels: Algae blooms are a result of excessive nutrients in the water...During floods they're often caused by the run-off of nutrient rich fertilizers used by farmers - as seen in Lake Erie. Other types of flooding induced runoff that can cause this excess of nutrients includes untreated sewage and industrial waste water...it's not just algae it's water pollution

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Lac Mégantic - a small Quebec town

Lac Mégantic is located in the historic eastern townships of Quebec in the small portion of the province just south of the St. Lawrence River. The town is close to the US border.

Prior to contact with Europeans, the region was

inhabited by the Abenaki tribe. Archaeological digs found that the Amerindians had been in the region for over 12,000 years, making this the oldest known site of human occupation in Quebec.

The name of Mégantic comes from the Abenaki word "namesokanjik" for the large freshwater lake adjacent to the town, which translates to "place where the fish are held."

The first European settlers

there were of French and Scottish origins. The town was founded in 1884 after Canadian Pacific constructed its railway line through there connecting Montreal to the Atlantic with a connection to Maine.

Looking at the dark side of 'selfies'

If social media only caused narcissism, it wouldn't be the worst thing.

Instagram and Facebook are social networks that not only breed narcissistic tendencies but transform relations into a sexual rat race.

(Ed. note: The latest one that is trending for young girls, and worrying parents, is ask.fm)

On these ubiquitous portals, the popularity of girls is hotly contested over one big deal: how sexy can I appear and bring it off with everyone's admiration?

That's the reason we see mirror shots, pouting self-portraits of teenagers (typically female) and sexually suggestive poses in a mini-dress "before a party last night." They're showing how much they like themselves and hoping that you'll hit "like" to reinforce the claim.

This isn't just an interest in vanity but vainglory, being high up on a scale of "likes."

There isn't anything inherently wrong with uploading self-portraits.

Everyone likes receiving compliments and it makes us feel awesome that our own appearance can provide us with an ego boost. But what kind of photos produce an epidemic of "likes?" Nothing with too much creativity but hips and kiss. It's the true scourge of the selfie.

Why are girls competing to be the Queen of Pouts? Why do we scour through photos of celebrities and all our ambitious friends to find out who is the new princess of prurient poses? Even demure girls are tempted to strike sexually suggestive poses. But they must be careful, not because parents are looking but because they might not score any "likes" and might

then feel like a failure, unworthy among their peers.

How confident can you appear at being lascivious? How credible is your air of lewdness? A girl who is just a try-hard will lose credibility and become an outcast. So a lot depends on how much support you can get from other girls.

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In last week's article, "NWT grid expansion to cost over half-billion," it was incorrectly stated that NT Energy was to put out RFTs (requests for tender) within the next few weeks when in fact they are issuing RFPs (requests for proposal). *The Journal* apologizes for the error.

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North Slave Métis sign IBA with De Beers for Gahcho Kué

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

The North Slave Metis Alliance (NSMA) became the first Aboriginal group to sign an impact benefit agreement (IBA) for the proposed Gahcho Kué diamond mine, still awaiting review board approval.

Co-owners of the mine De Beers and Mountain Province Diamonds announced the finalization of IBA negotiations last Wednesday.

The agreement establishes a framework to optimize employment, business opportunities, training and development, and financial benefits for alliance members.

"The North Slave Métis Alliance will be in receipt of an annual payment, as well as given priority hire when it comes to positions at the mine," NSMA president Bill Enge told *The Journal*.

Though Enge could not disclose the annual monetary



Glen Koropchuk (right) of De Beers and Bill Enge, president of the North Slave Métis Alliance sign an impact benefit agreement for the Gaucho Kué mine.

amount to be received from the company, he said he felt the agreement was "very satisfactory." "Rest assured, we're comfortable with the amount De Beers agreed to provide us with," he said.

In the agreement, De Beers commits to providing NSMA members with training opportunities in the form of

apprenticeships, as well as scholarship money for continuing education.

As well, NSMA will be given preferential treatment when it comes to awarding contracts.

"De Beers will provide NSMA with a list of business opportunities and afford us every opportunity to apply for those...We'll be given prior notice before they put anything up for tender," Enge said. "It's an opportunity for us to secure some business and grow the businesses that we already have in place."

Beyond that, the agreement also considers financial assistance from De Beers for NSMA events, such as the national Aboriginal Day celebrations in Yellowknife, which were sponsored by the company.

"De Beers is being a good corporate citizen and will be looking at NSMA events and possibly providing us with funding support," Enge said.

The agreement is the second to be signed for the mine in the last month. The company and territorial government penned a socio-economic agreement on June 8 in Yellowknife.

Mountain Province holds a 49 per cent stake in the project along with venture partner De Beers, which owns 51 per cent.

The Gahcho Kué mine site is located at Kennady Lake, approximately 280 km northeast of Yellowknife.

The diamond mine is estimated to have a mine life of 11 years, will employ up to 700 people during construction and approximately 400 people during operations, and will produce an average of 4.5 million carats per year over its mine life.

Politics First Nations

Liidlii Kue leaves Dehcho claims process Largest First Nation in region is fourth to abandon negotiations

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

And then there were seven. Liidlii Kue First Nation (LKFN) announced last week it is leaving the Dehcho process via letter to Dehcho First Nations (DFN) Grand Chief Herb Norwegian, making it the fourth and largest community in the region to abandon the comprehensive claim negotiations in recent history.

LKFN Chief Minnie Letcher informed Norwegian in a letter

dated July 4 that chief and council were unhappy with the organizational structure of DFN and perceived lack of support given at the recent Dehcho Assembly meetings, June 25-27 in Fort Providence.

"Attempts made by previous LKFN chiefs to seek changes to the DFN organization were not met with support by the chiefs of the day" and "the organizational structure has remained unchanged for the past

eighteen (18) years, thus leading us to believe that there is not a willingness to rise above mediocrity," Letcher wrote.

She said LKFN lacks confidence that DFN can represent them "in all political activities related to lands and rights."

The decision has raised controversy among some members of LKFN council, who say the decision was made without their input.

"I have not seen the letter," councillor Jonathan Tsetso wrote on the online Dehcho Process facebook group. "The proper process for these decisions has not been followed. As a councillor, I learned of this through facebook and that is not appropriate protocol for correspondence from chief and council. It is my view that a decision of this magnitude requires strong support from membership at large. This should not have been done the way it was done.

"This letter was not discussed by council quorum, no motion or BCR supports this. It is null and void, everyone," he added.

Councillor Cindy Browning said she also could not remember that decision being made at the last council meeting.

Attempts to reach Letcher for comment on the letter were unsuccessful.

Members also complain they were not properly consulted on the matter.

"As a member of this community I don't believe I was consulted - and this form of leadership I disagree with. Consult

your members first before you make such hasty decisions, then if it's unanimous then go forth. This is not transparency or accountability," LKFN member Sharon Nahanni-Allen said.

Other members questioned the validity of the claims process as it currently stands, saying the comprehensive claim being worked towards is a far cry from the original "Dehcho Process," originally based on the Dehcho Declaration, which was intended to establish a Dene government founded upon the treaty.

The comprehensive claims process requires that Aboriginal governments extinguish title over their lands, which are handed over to Canada, and sees First Nations effectively become municipalities in the territory.

"The first and consistent lie perpetrated by DFN is to call negotiations, based on the Comprehensive Claims Policy, the Dehcho Process," said Rene Lamothe, a former contractor for DFN. "There hasn't been a Dehcho Process in its original intent for several years now."

Fort Liard's Acho Dene Koe band was the first to leave the process in 2008. Last year, it was joined by Pehdzeh Ki First Nation out of Wrigley, followed by the K'atl'odeeche First Nation from Hay River.

Remaining communities include Fort Providence, the West Point First Nation of Hay River, Jean Marie River, Kakisa, Nahanni Butte, Trout Lake and Tulita's Begaa Deh Shuh Tah Got'ie band.



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Jackpine mine expansion approved despite 'significant' environmental impacts

By MEAGAN WOHLBERG

Shell's proposed Jackpine oilsands mine expansion project got the greenlight from the joint review panel last week, whose report claims the development is in the public interest despite significant adverse effects it will have on the environment.

"The project would provide significant economic benefits for the region, Alberta and Canada. Although the panel finds that there would be significant adverse project effects on certain wildlife and vegetation, under its authority as the AER (Alberta Energy Regulator), the panel considers these effects to be justified and that the project is in the public interest," states the report, released last Tuesday.

With its recommendation for approval, the panel, composed of members from the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the AER, imposed 22 conditions on Shell along with 88 non-binding recommendations aimed at improving government oversight.

Conditions include technical requirements for water treatment, geotechnical planning, tailings management and reclamation, among others, while the recommendations focus more strongly on environmental monitoring on the part of the federal and provincial governments.

Based on evidence submitted and heard during last fall's hearings in Fort McMurray, the panel found the project would have significant adverse effects and cumulative impacts on wetlands, species-at-risk, migratory birds, traditional plants, old growth forest, caribou, biodiversity and Aboriginal traditional land use rights and culture.

Though the panel acknowledged the likelihood of long-term, negative cumulative impacts on the environment and traditional land use in the region, it warned against "sterilizing" the development of bitumen resources in an area already surrounded by other oilsands mines and designated for bitumen extraction by the Alberta government.

"Shell stated that the project will result in the recovery of about 325 million cubic metres of dry bitumen over its approximately 40-year life. The municipal, provincial, and federal governments will all receive significant financial benefits as a result of the project. The project will provide major and long-term economic opportunities



Shell Canada's proposed open pit Jackpine mine has been given the green-light from a joint review panel.

to individuals in Alberta and throughout Canada, and will generate a large number of construction and operational jobs," the panel determined. Environmental groups and First Nations alike expressed disappointment at the decision. The Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation (ACFN) from Fort ACFN Chief Allan Adam said while the First Nation appreciates the 88 non-binding recommendations made to government, he said he has little faith they will be listened to.

"The Crown's lawyers have already demonstrated their indifference for our rights during their presentations to the panel and the court during our constitutional challenge. We can only hope that this time will be different," he said. "This is an opportunity for the Crown to adequately work with us to translate the panel's recommendations into meaningful and enforceable protections for our rights and culture. We are going to the table in good faith and we expect the same from the Crown. We will be holding them to our Treaty."

Pembina Institute's Simon Dyer said the panel wasted an opportunity to send a message to industry about compliance to environmental standards.

"The joint review panel heard from Shell's own analvsis that this project, when added to other planned oilsands projects, will exceed science-based environmental limits for impacts to air quality, wildlife habitat and the Athabasca River — yet the panel recommended approval of the project anyway," Dyer said. "Until oilsands projects are required to meet the environmental standards that are meant to govern this sector, responsible oilsands development will be little more than a slogan."

We see from this approval that the JRP (joint review panel) has prioritized oil industry profits before the health and well-being of our community and the environment. It's truly appalling

Eriel Deranger Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation

While the panel identified a lack of proposed mitigation measures for cumulative environmental impacts - the main point of concern raised by project opponents - it did not provide a basis for addressing those, but instead deferred to the province's recentlyinitiated Lower Athabasca Regional Plan (LARP), which it recommended be put in place as quickly as possible, and focused on the impact of the project in isolation.

"With regard to the prediction of significant cumulative effects for several key indicator resources and species at risk, the panel has determined that the project itself only contributes incrementally to some of these effects and that most of these effects result from projects and disturbances that either currently exist or have already been approved," it said.

Chipewyan, who opposed the project set to disturb over 12,000 hectares of its traditional territory, including 21 km of the culturally significant Muskeg River, denounced the decision.

"We see from this approval that the JRP (joint review panel) has prioritized oil industry profits before the health and well-being of our community and the environment. It's truly appalling," said Eriel Deranger, communications coordinator for ACFN. "First Nation and environmental rights shouldn't take a backseat as the destruction of our homelands continues."

ACFN brought forth a constitutional challenge to the project during last October's hearings in Fort McMurray, claiming the First Nation was not adequately consulted. Their challenge was dismissed, along with their appeal.





No winter of discontent at Yellowknife's 'Ykea'

By JACK DANYLCHUK

Given a choice between saving \$48,000 and cutting browsing time in winter at "Ykea" - a term of endearment for the Yellowknife dump - city councillors took a pass.

Running the city's storied waste facility is "not about making money," councillor Bob Brooks said after hearing a presentation to the municipal services committee on Monday last week. "It's about service to the public."

The salvage area of Yellowknife's dump is where departing people cast off belongings, some of them originally scrounged there, and newcomers find what they need to nest in the territory's most transient community.

A review of operating hours in 2012 suggested closing the dump on Sundays from September to May and on statutory holidays in winter could save the city \$48,000, but past efforts to



Yellowknife's dump is also known as Ykea because of its popular salvage area where departing residents drop off belongings.

reduce public access have drawn vigorous protests.

Peter Houweling, assistant superintendent of the facility, also suggested opening the dump a half-hour earlier

in winter to synchronize schedules with Kavanaugh Brothers, the company that collects refuse, and make the most efficient use of manpower.

The Sunday closure was recommended because it is a low revenue-generating day in winter, and its elimination would reduce staffing and overtime costs, Houweling said.

He presented a chart that "clearly shows that the typical Sunday ends in a loss" because commercial users, the facility's main revenue source, are more likely to drop off loads during the week or on Saturdays.

According to the chart and facility records, Saturdays are profitable, to the tune of about \$35,000 - except in December and January - while Sundays are profitable only in November and last year rang up losses of more than \$20,000.

Eliminating access on Sunday in winter is the easiest way to shave expenses, he said, and if operational costs are cut, "we have a better chance of maintaining our current tipping fees."

But the weekend is when Yellowknife's salvagers search for treasure in their neighbours' cast-offs, Brooks said, and other councillors

"We are government, here to provide service," Dan Wong said. "We should not try to behave like a business."

Environment Watersheds

Geology professor to talk about downside of dams

By RENÉE FRANCOEUR

A distinguished American geology professor is scouring the waters around Fort Resolution this week for field research and plans to make a presentation on all things dam related to the public in Fort Smith on Thursday evening.

Hydro dams have been a hot-button topic for years in the town beside the Alberta border, with talk by energy companies TransCanada and ATCO resurfacing about

damming the Slave River for industrial development, which would wipe out three sets of rapids.

Ellen Wohl, who has written numerous books on rivers across the globe since completing her PhD in 1989, has been specifically researching environmental changes on rivers since 2001.

Her presentation, "The Downside of Dams," narrows in on what can happen to a river, its banks and the

plants and wildlife downstream after the implementation of a dam.

"I plan to talk about various case studies I've done, such as the Colorado River and the Grand Canyon. I'll probably mention the Mississippi, as well, and the Ob River in Russia," Wohl, an award-winning professor at Colorado State University, said. "The Ob has had a bad time with humans. It's badly polluted, there's a huge dam

- a lot has happened in that catchment. I'd like to show the contrast between the Ob and the Mackenzie, showing everyone a worst case scenario."

Wohl studied 10 different rivers, including the Mackenzie, for her 2010 book, A World of Rivers.

"I took a trip down the Mackenzie in 2005 from Hay River to Inuvik...It was a river of interest because it's largely a river not as impacted by humans as compared to others," she said. "It's also unique because it's in an area that presently has a lot of permafrost and there's potential for fairly substantial hydrological change as the climate warms and some of the permafrost melts."

Wohl is journeying North once again to work alongside one of her students, Natalie Kramer Anderson, a PhD candidate from Colorado State University researching the movement of driftwood downstream throughout the Mackenzie Basin and a professional kayaker.

"Natalie was mentioning how she and her husband go up to Fort Smith every year to paddle on the Slave River rapids, and her work deals with the wood dynamics on the Mackenzie, so it's a nice meeting point of interest. I'm coming up to work with her and check in with her progress and she suggested I give this presentation," Wohl said.

"There is one large dam in the headwaters of the Mackenzie and there are some other developments proposed in

the area, and so I'm hoping I can answer questions people might have, maybe make them more aware of what we know has changed in other rivers when large dams have been built."

Wohl said she's also happy to broaden the community discussion beyond hydro.

"I want the public to know I will answer any type of questions about human impacts on the environment they have - it doesn't have to be limited to dams. When I was researching the Mackenzie, I know there was a lot of focus on the natural gas pipeline that was replaced back in the '70s and the Ob itself had a lot hydrocarbon development and oil and gas, so I'm open to talking about other issues."

It's important to talk about the effects of development because industry like a dam "fundamentally changes a river," Wohl said.

"It changes the physical characteristics, the organisms that are able to survive there and the biological communities, and inevitably it changes the human communities from how they use that river for resources such as fisheries or drinking water or recreation to how they think of rivers."

For example, she said, in the States, the issue of hydro has caused a number of divisions in impacted communities.

"The removal of smaller dams has seen one group saying, 'Yes, we want the dams out. We want free flowing rivers and fish migration.' And then there's another group of

people who note the dams have been in place for over a century and they want that flatwater recreation. They want to be able to fish and boat in a reservoir," she said. "So you can see how development changes not only the ecosystem, but also our perceptions and expectations of rivers as people, and I think we need to be thinking about things like this up front, before the changes happen."

Wohl said every situation is unique and the degree of impact depends on location, what type of dam is built and how the distribution of water is affected over time.

"Overall, you are still simplifying a diverse environment when it comes to building a dam," she said. "If you look at rivers across North America, the ones with dams are very similar. They've lost their natural flow and are much less diverse when it comes to the fish community."

The more diverse an ecosystem is, the more resilient it is, she noted.

Wohl also plans to look at some of the islands in Great Slave Lake with Anderson while in the NWT.

"It's where she thinks the wood coming into the lake comes to rest on the edge of the island and helps to trap sediment, allowing the island to grow over time. That's another area of emphasis for her project, so we'll be doing that together, I believe," Wohl said.

"Natalie's also made threats that she'll get me out on the raft in the rapids, but I don't know about that."

Call for Nominations

The Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE) is now accepting nominations for the Minister's Culture and Heritage Circle.

The Minister's Culture and Heritage Circle recognizes youth, individuals, Elders and groups in the Northwest Territories who exemplify excellence and dedication to the promotion and preservation of the arts, culture and heritage in their community or region.

Nomination forms are available at:

- · www.ece.gov.nt.ca
- the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre website (www.pwnhc.ca);
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Deadline for nominations is August 30, 2013.

For more information, please contact ECE Public Affairs at (867) 920-3059 or ECEPublicAffairs@gov.nt.ca.









William S. Greenland plays the flute on the first day of the Great Northern Arts Festival on July 13.



Eli Nasogaluak, originally from Tuktoyaktuk, displays his work, made of chlorite. The work in progress may be called So what if it's -40?

Arts & Culture Festivals

Great Northern Arts Festival celebrates 25 years

By RENÉE FRANCOEUR

The most prolific arts festival in the North turns a milestone this week as it blows out the candles on its 25th birthday cake.

The Great Northern Arts Festival (GNAF) kicked off its annual 10-day celebration of Inuit, Inuvialuit, Gwich'in, Dene, Métis as well as many non-Aboriginal artists and artisans on Friday in the decked-out community hall at the Midnight Sun Complex in Inuvik.

Drumming groups from Inuvik and Fort Good Hope ushered in the opening ceremonies with steady beats and dancing.

Due to extremely high winds last week, which washed out ferry transportation along the Dempster, the Aklavik drumming group was unable to join the festivities.

Following the drumming performances, the Fort Good Hope group ceremonially drummed the festival's iconic whalebone, the "symbol representing the gallery and spirit of sharing," said Marnie Hilash, GNA E's executive director.

GNAF's executive director.

The drummers then led the audience out of the

community hall and into the curling rink where the gallery is set up, featuring work from over 50 artists from across the NWT, Yukon and Nunavut.

The whalebone was placed on its stand and Charlene Alexander and Sue Rose, who founded GNAF in 1989, declared the festival officially open.

"It's an amazing achievement to have this continuity in a festival, especially with so many changes in the North since it began," Hilash said. "It was started just as an effort to do something more for Northern artists and it expanded infinitely because of the type of funding that was available if they made it a bigger event."

Standout events during the festival include a traditional Inuit Northern games demonstration, an "old tyme" dance and jigging contest with James Rogers and the Delta Goodtimes Band on Friday, and an Arctic fashion show on Saturday.

Throughout the week, dozens of workshops with Northern artists will also be held, including beginner's printmaking, sealskin mitt making, soapstone carving, drop spinning and jewellery making, among others.

Hilash said she especially looks forward to Inuk throat singer Tanya Tagaq's performance on the evening of July 16.

"I was there for her very first appearance at GNAF, which was kind of like her debut and part of the way she was discovered," Hilash said. "It was an open jam session and it was just electrifying, one of the most amazing things I've ever seen. I'm hoping some of that magic is there again and I'm sure it will be."

As a solo artist originally from Cambridge Bay, Tagaq has released two critically-acclaimed albums with her band Sinaa and Auk/Blood. Both were nominated for Juno Awards - Best Aboriginal Recording and Best Instrumental Recording.

The energy that wafts through the gallery during the 10 days is invigorating, Hilash said.

"You can feel it. There is so much to learn and so many people to meet. Your tongue gets sore from talking."







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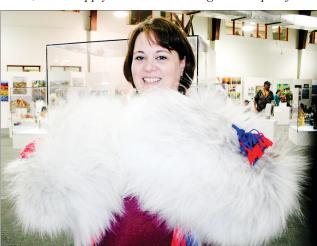
Kevin Floyd irons the kevlar fabric on his kayak. Once the material is ironed and tightened, he will apply a urethane coating to waterproof it.



A doll, made by Dolores Anderson of Dawson City, Yukon, shows traditional Han regalia and is decorated with hide, beads, rabbit, yarn and cotton.



Jay Gilday (left) and Jason Nasogaluak pluck geese in a competition at the festival on July 13. The geese were served for dinner the next day.



Inuvik resident Carole Charlton shows off some extra large wolf mitts made by Lena Wolki of Sachs Harbour.



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Royal Alberta Museum staff collect Northern research

By RENÉE FRANCOEUR

A team from the Royal Alberta Museum in Edmonton jumped headfirst into the Slave River and Wood Buffalo National Park last week to explore everything the Fort Smith area has to offer in terms of natural history.

The group of eight traveled to the town just north of the provincial border on July 5 to collect and update research for the museum, which is currently undergoing major changes as it prepares to move into its new, \$340-million location in downtown Edmonton.

"We're moving over some of the natural history dioramas and we have one of pelicans - which to the best of my knowledge has not been touched since it was created in the 1970s - and it's very simple with a pelican and a gull. So we wanted to augment it and rebuild it," Mark Steinhilber, the museum's head of life sciences, said.

According to Steinhilber, many of the current museum staff were not around when the diorama was created and have never even seen the pelican colony. That was something they wanted to change in order to give the public the best, most enlightening and up-to-date museum experience possible.



A group from the Royal Alberta Museum tour the Northern Life Museum in Fort Smith during their research trip to Wood Buffalo National Park. Left to right, Melissa Bowerman, Mark Steinhilber, Sean McFadden, Rio Hanlan, Alannah Grande, Jocelyn Hudon, Ian Kriston and Garrett Gilmour.

"This pelican colony is really unique, being on granite and with so much vegetation around. We'll incorporate that into the new diorama, talk more about geology and the exposed precambrian rock," he said. "We thought it was important to come up here and get as many photographs and information and rock samples as possible...Like we now know

there is juniper and spruce in the colony and what type of fish pelicans feed on. We did some electrolyte fishing of our own, too."

The group also went out in an inflatable raft with the local paddling club to get a bird's eye view of the large pelican nesting grounds, hosting an estimated 500 nests.

"Well, let's just say it's a good thing the club took us out or we'd have been upside down in Fort Resolution otherwise," Steinhilber said with a laugh. "It was incredible to get that close."

For many of the staff, including Melissa Bowerman, a geologist with the museum, it was their first time in Fort Smith and the park.

"The experience here has just been mind-blowing. With the raft and the pelicans, it Right now the stories we tell about northern Alberta are more focused on the biology, but there's a whole geological story here and many human stories as well.

> Melissa Bowerman Royal Alberta Museum

was like looking into their bedroom window, like one of the Parks employees told me," she said. "It's an important place; this is the only spot in Alberta where you can see the Canadian Shield and then you have these amazing salt and limestone deposits in the park which are in contact with the Shield, so you have a huge difference in rock types and it's incredible to have that side by side."

Bowerman said there are many other northern Alberta stories they hope to weave into the diorama.

"This isn't just going to be about pelicans and that's another reason we came up here. There will be more space for expanded stories," she said. "Right now the stories we tell about northern Alberta are more focused on the biology, but there's a whole geological

story here and many human stories as well. Our work is a balance between research, gallery work and outreach, so this trip is about all three of those."

The journey to the far reaches of the province is only the beginning of a more tight knit connection to northern Alberta for the museum, Bowerman said.

"We're trying to be a truly provincial museum," she said. "There are many places you can go and see evidence of events that have happened in the past geologically, but here you can see geology happening on a short timescale. It's so dynamic. You have salt crystals growing and sinkholes forming, moving. It's fascinating."

Bowerman said it's estimated the new galleries and dioramas will be ready sometime over the next few years.

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Pioneer Day whisks Fort Smith back in time

By RENÉE FRANCOEUR

Families in Fort Smith were able to catch a glimpse of what life was like almost 200 years ago last Tuesday in Mission Heritage Park.

The Northern Life Museum and Cultural Centre hosted its first Pioneer Parks Day, jam-packed with traditional games and activities for children in the park where the Oblate Catholic Mission once thrived.

Activities included candle making, potato sack racing and a handful of historic pioneer games such as blind man's bluff. How to create



Children in Fort Smith's summer day camp take a break in the shade from Pioneer Day games. Left to right, Simone Parisien, 6, Cyrus Dillon, 8, Caydyn Bennett, 9, and Jacob Steed, 8.

rag rugs and yarn dolls were also featured workshops, along with a session

cream from scratch.

"I'm having a lot of fun. I

on making homemade ice liked playing with the wax and all the games," Caydyn Bennett, 9, said.

Chevonne Cardinal, who helps run the summer day camp, brought 13 of her young campers to Mission Park for the afternoon.

"We knew it'd be something fun to do and they've really enjoyed it," Cardinal said. "I think the ice cream making was the most popular event."

Around 80 youngsters showed up during the afternoon for the children's events and 40 members of the public participated in the family barbecue from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

"We wanted the

community to engage in early traditions and practices, to give them an idea of what it was like to be alive in those pioneer days, when the nuns and priests resided here," Diane Seals, administration and event coordinator for the museum, said.

The museum hopes to make the celebration of times bygone an annual

"We received a lot of positive feedback. One mother said to me she'd like to see pioneer day happen every week," Seals said.

Environment Wildlife

Float plane fly-in draws audience, but few planes

By JACK DANYLCHUK

After days of wind and rain, the clouds parted Sunday and the sun beamed down on Yellowknife's 10th biennial float plane-fly-in, drawing scores of spectators to a memorial on Pilot's Monument and the unveiling of a commemorative plaque.

"We finally got a beautiful day for fly-in weekend," Mayor Mark Heyck told the crowd

gathered to watch him unveil a plaque commemorating Back Bay as the historic centre of aviation in the city.

"It was 84 years ago this month that the first recorded flight by Stan MacMillan flying for Dominion Explorers flew into what is now Yellowknife." Heyck noted. "Since then, aviation has been a central part of our history and our growth as a community."

The plaque names some of the legendary aircraft - Bellanca, Curtis, de Haviland, Junkers. Noorduvn and longvanished companies that used the Back Bay Aerodrome - Canadian Airways, Mackenzie Air Services and Dominion Explorers.

The fair weather came as a reprieve for the fly-in. Only five planes made it to Yellowknife for the weekend event this

vear, down from 17 in 2011: 22 in 2009 and 30 in 2007.

Looking to the western horizon Saturday morning where a bank of dark clouds massed for another storm, Hal Logsdon, president of the NWT Floatplane Association, couldn't account for the event's declining popularity.

"Weather played a part, but it's also becoming more difficult to fly a piston aircraft for long distances," said Logsdon, who dismissed the increasing cost of fuel as a significant factor. "People who fly tend not to keep track of how much their hobby costs."

But a long flight does require planning ahead to locate fuel supplies, he said.

"Commercial fleets have switched to turboprop aircraft that use Jet B fuel. Small planes use aviation gas and it's

becoming scarce. Not every airport has it. Flyers must call ahead to make sure fuel is available at the places where they plan to land."

Despite the dismal weather, the Saturday breakfast on the former Wardair dock drew about 100 people for pancakes, coffee and a chance to mingle with Yellowknife reality television celebrities Buffalo Joe McBryan and Alex Debogorski.





Fort Smith wins \$25,000 for arena

NWT town beats out Whitehorse for first stop on Kraft Celebration Tour

By RENÉE FRANCOEUR It's a story of a little town that could.

The Fort Smith Royal Canadian Legion erupted with overjoyed screams and whooping cheers as fists thrust into the air and bodies jumped up and down last Tuesday when TSN's Sportscentre announced the town had won \$25,000 as a finalist for the national Kraft Celebration Tour.

Fort Smith - with a population of about 2,500 - beat out Whitehorse's bid for the prize thanks to a landslide of 253,022 public votes placed online over a 24-hour period, beginning on July 8 at 10 a.m.

The money will go toward efforts to build temporary ice surfaces to get Fort Smith athletes on the ice this winter after a fire damaged the local arena in May.

Whitehorse, home to approximately 27,000 people, gathered 35,566 votes on its quest to replace the Yukon Curling Association's aging facilities.

Fort Smith volunteer Pam Walsh was a major player in applying for the tour, which has handed out over \$1,000,000 to Canadian communities in need of funds over the past four years, and in keeping the momentum going.

Town councillor Kevin Smith presented Walsh with flowers after the announcement, in honour of all her hard work.



The crowd gathered at the Fort Smith Royal Canadian Legion go wild when TSN announces the community won \$25,000 as a finalist in the Kraft Celebration Tour.

Walsh was up bright and early on July 8 and standing at the Fort Smith fourway stop handing out flyers reminding people to vote. She said many community members stayed up all night on their computers, voting over and over again.

"It was intense. Many of us were at the college all day, just clicking and clicking," an out-of-breath and beaming Walsh said moments after receiving the good news. "But you know, I had a sixth sense that we would win; but you can never be sure and I didn't want to get my hopes up...I'm just so happy.

This is wonderful. I want to thank all of Fort Smith and everyone else - I know we had friends and family across the country voting for us, too."

Yellowknife Mayor Mark Heyck tweeted his congratulations to the Northern town minutes after TSN broke the news.

"Way to go Fort Smith," he wrote. "Take that Whitehorse."

Luke James, 16, of Fort Smith walked into the Legion where over 70 people had gathered to hear the live broadcasted results just as the cheers were starting. "I knew it was good news then," he said. "We had the whole community behind us, though, so I had a good feeling we'd get it. Everyone I knew was voting and voting and telling everyone they knew to vote. I'm proud of our town."

TSN announced Fort Smith's win marks the first time the tour will travel to a territory.

"We were moved by Fort Smith's nomination and their resolve to rally together and rebuild the Fort Smith Centennial Arena. This is a fantastic example of what the Kraft Celebration Tour is all about," Jack Hewitt, vice-president of Marketing Insights and Services for Kraft Canada, said in a press release. "We're proud to help Fort Smith move forward and get their community back on the ice so that they can continue to be active in the sports they love."

The town is the first stop on the Celebration Tour and will host a special edition of Sportscentre, featuring anchors Darren Dutchyshen and Jennifer Hedger, which will be live broadcast on Aug. 16 at 6:00 p.m. Eastern time.

"Dutchy and I are so pumped to visit the Northwest Territories this summer and meet the good people of Fort Smith," Hedger said in the release. "We can't wait to roll into town and host Sportscentre against the beautiful backdrop of Fort Smith – it'll be a great time and an unforgettable experience."

Voting for the tour continues this week with Quebec, Saskatchewan and Ontario communities going head to head in online match ups of their own for a chance to win \$25,000.

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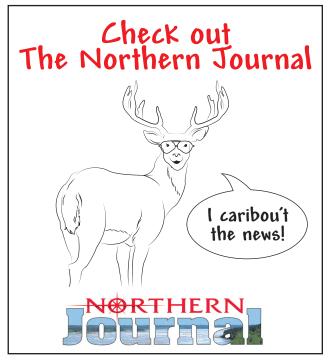
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Comments due by August 14, 2013.







Thebacha Chamber of Commerce calls for new arena

By RENÉE FRANCOEUR

The Thebacha Chamber of Commerce in Fort Smith is requesting that town council actively start pursuing plans to build a new arena in the wake of the May 13 fire that damaged the current facility.

The town has been engaging with ice user groups about what to do for the coming 2013-2014 ice season and formed the Ice Surface Strategy Committee to chart a course on decisions for alternate ice surfaces this winter.

But the Chamber wants them to look further into the future.

Repairs to the arena - including fixing the glue-laminated truss beams and reshingling the entire roof have been roughly estimated to cost over \$1.6 million.

Council still has not heard from the insurance company how much money will be available to cover the damages.

"While we applaud the establishing of the ice users committee to manage activities for user groups, we are very concerned about the lack of discussion on the future of the arena itself. As one resident said, you cannot have one discussion in isolation of the other," Chamber president Janie Hobart told council members last Tuesday



Janie Hobart is the president of the Thebacha Chamber of Commerce. She recently made a presentation to Fort Smith town council requesting the immediate planning of a new arena.

at the Community Services Standing Committee meeting.

Many residents and business owners have expressed their feelings to the Chamber that repairing the aging arena is a waste of money. The funds from insurance should go towards a "much-needed, new facility," Hobart continued.

The arena, over 45 years old, has numerous downfalls, which Hobart listed, including many building code issues, poor and non energyefficient lighting, cramped and below-par dressing rooms and washroom facilities, a leaking roof, limited space

when it comes to public

gatherings and storage, and unsafe bleachers.

Simply put, the current arena does not meet users' needs and limits the potential of off-season events and Fort Smith sports tourism opportunities, Hobart said.

"To use the insurance funding to patch up the arena will mean we just end up with a 1976 arena with a few improvements and a new coat of paint," she said.

Meanwhile, the Town of Fort Smith Community Services Master Plan already includes plans for the construction of a new arena once the pool debenture is wrapped up in 2015.

Hobart said the Chamber wants to see the process for that plan started now.

"Due to the length of the process, we believe it's imperative to start the planning now so we are ready to move forward with the new arena immediately following the retirement of the pool debenture," she stated. "While the fire has had dire effects on our community, there is a silver lining that the funds from the insurance can potentially expedite the process of a new facility by providing a good financial foundation for the construction."

The long-term benefits would be substantial, she said. Councillor Don Webb responded to Hobart's presentation, reminding her they have

"The arena is just one part of the puzzle. The library is just as old. The animal shelter is getting up there. The firehall

to look at the wider picture.

is 25 years old, too," he said, though noting he didn't disagree with her.

"But this aging facility has been damaged, which moves it up the list," Hobart answered.

Councillor Bob McArthur mentioned council has been thinking for the long term as is shown in their discussions about a new ice plant.

"When we talked about a new ice plant, we agreed it would be one that you can disassemble and reassemble at the new facility," he said.

Committee chair Kevin Smith said council will hopefully have more information from the insurance company within the coming weeks and then they will be able to begin a public engagement process.

Hobart said she hopes the town will follow a process similar to the one used when planning the Recreation and Community Centre, where there was "extensive" community input.

In conclusion, Hobart called for planning to begin this winter and that "only absolute repairs be completed until this discussion has occurred. As one councillor noted, this is a political debate and we ask that the residents be included."





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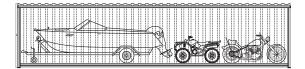
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By RENÉE FRANCOEUR

Beach volleyball enthusiasts in the Northwest Territories are setting, serving and moving across the sand better after intensive workshops with an Olympic coach in Yellowknife and Fort Smith last week.

Joe Body, who coached the Canadian Olympic men's team for the games in London last summer, taught volleyball 101 to players young and old from July 5-9 after being invited to the North by the NWT Volleyball Association.

It was Body's first time across the 60th parallel.

"He was surprised there was as much interest in beach volleyball as there is up here," said Cynthia White, Community Services program coordinator for the Town of Fort Smith. "He was also impressed by the effort of the younger kids."

Body spent hours on the courts, doing sessions for each age group. He talked about the proper position of players' arms and legs to optimize their game, as well as serving and passing.

"When you're setting, you want your arm at a 45 degree angle," he told a group of adults in Fort Smith last



Olympic coach Joe Body, in green, gives interested beach volleyball players in Fort Smith a demonstration in proper setting.

Tuesday night. "Hold your hands above your forehead like you're about to take a drink from those big Coke bottles right out of the fridge."

He cautioned athletes to use their finger pads - not

the tips - when setting up the ball high into the air, giving each individual who needed it extra one-on-one time.

Taylor Phillips, a dedicated beach volleyball player out of Fort Smith, said the clinics with Body

were informative, fun and a great way to draw more interest to the sport.

"He is a motivational coach. He didn't make anyone feel like they were inadequate and he lets everyone be their own distinct player,"

Phillips, 19, said. "Everyone had so much fun with him. I saw a lot of newcomers come out and try it too, which is encouraging...We were out there for at least three hours both days he was here."

Body taught Phillips, who

has been playing the sport for years, a few new tricks she's keen to use.

"I improved on tracking the ball, learned how to better move across the sand," she said. "In indoor volleyball, there's lots of shuffling and reaching. Joe showed us how to get to a spot on the court without expelling an excess of energy."

Phillips plans to start offering beach volleyball lessons for beginners every Saturday for the rest of the summer, starting at 2:00 p.m. Those interested can register at the Fort Smith Recreation Centre.

"The interest is there. I hope these sessions with Joe will encourage the kids to attend," she said.

Eleven children under the age of 12 came out to see what Body had in store for them in Fort Smith, with the youngest player being 8 years-old, White said.

"They were smitten by him...It was a great opportunity. When is the next time we're going to get an Olympic coach here?" she said. "There's plenty of different sports to choose from but this is a low cost one you don't even need shoes! It'd be great to see it grow."



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Yervand Hovannisyan (right) gets ready to block a shot from John Dewar during a practice for the NWT soccer team.

Sports & Recreation Industry

Men's soccer kicking up a storm to prep for Summer Games

By RENÉE FRANCOEUR

The NWT men's soccer team has been kicking it into high gear in preparation for the fast-approaching biannual Canada Summer Games in Sherbrooke, Que. from Aug 2-17.

"We're doing technical drill after technical drill and have been practicing twice a week at a high pace since June 2," Ryan Fequet, the team's manager, said. "On top of that, the guys do their own fitness training multiple times a week, sometimes every day."

Fequet, president of the NWT Soccer Association, said he's impressed with the roster for the games.

"I have a good feeling about the team. The guys are working pretty hard and we have some young players with incredible drive," Fequet said. "Emil Balasanyan is 14...Jesse McNiven is 17.

McNiven said he's been playing soccer since he could walk.

"It's my life. I absolutely love it," he said. "I guess I've been playing organized soccer since I was eight and I don't plan on stopping."

McNiven was selected to compete for the NWT during the Western Summer Games in 2011, but after an injury he was unable to play for the territory.

"That was disappointing, so I'm pumped and ready to give it my all for these games," he told The Journal. "I train every day of the week."

According to McNiven, the team has been honing in on how to "exploit" the most space on the field.

"We've been training a lot in shape - like, team shape and position. So we'll do a number of training matches and stop the play in the middle to look at what we're doing wrong, what we're doing right, how we could position ourselves better, things like that."

McNiven is a central midfielder for the team, the position he's the most comfortable with.

"I've played all over the field and this is where I love to play - my job is to hit the ball to the flankers," he said.

The NWT soccer team for the upcoming games is the strongest team he's ever played on, said McNiven, who also coaches summer soccer camps for 9-12 year-olds.

"I'm real happy with this bunch of guys and confident about our ability," he said. "For my Western Summer Games team, we seemed more divided... playing more as individuals. This team is a lot more cohesive. We're focused on working together. The dynamic is awesome."

2013 NWT Men's Soccer Team Roster

Leroy Andre Simon Arlooktoo Emil Balasanyan **Edward Coad** John Dewar Eric Harvey Yervand Hovannisyan Kenny Kenny Aaron McDonald

Jesse McNiven Keegen Payne Kyle Payne Cameron Robb Thomas Rohne Jordan Ross (Alternate) Calvin Rossouw Levi Rossouw Andrew Speakman

That being said, it will be no walk in the park in Quebec, he added.

"It'll be a challenging event. We're up against some of the best Canadian teams and we know that," he said. "We'll bring our game, though. We're not going there to lose, I'll tell you that."

Yellowknife could do more to help their soccer team out when it comes to the field, McNiven said.

"We've been lobbying the city for a while now for a full-sized artificial turf field up to professional codes and standards," he said. "That would be a huge help to our conditioning and practice... If we had a good field, I feel it would do so much for us and the next generation of

Looking beyond the Canada Summer Games, McNiven plans to make a career out of his love for soccer, after finishing high school next year.

"I want to go to England and attend the University of Southampton for their BA program in football studies and business," he said. "And I want to coach more."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Annual charity golf classic sets new fundraising record

The sixth annual De Beers Charity Classic Golf Tournament at the Hay River Golf Club collected a record total of \$67,195 to go towards the local Health and Wellness Foundation and junior golf in the community. The tournament featured 22 teams from De Beers as well as business and community partners. This brings the total raised between 2007 and 2013 to more than \$267,000. The low score posted in this year's tournament was by the team from Det'on Cho Corp. The team from Acklands Grainger finished second. Two teams tied for the "Most Honest" title: Tli Cho LandTran and Sysco. Hay River resident Jason Coakwell won the .744 carat De Beers diamond by putting his shot 4'6" from the hole during the Snap Lake Mine Diamond Shootout.

NWT softball team roughed up at international championships

The NWT men's softball team competed at the Under-21 Men's International Softball Championships in Saskatoon last week. The 11 players from Yellowknife, Dettah, Hay River and Inuvik started off strong, defeating the Quebec team 5-3, but couldn't hold off BC, falling 5-4 in extra innings. Argentina took a strip off NWT 9-0 last Wednesday followed by a loss to Saskatchewan 15-8 the next day. This was the second time an NWT team competed at the championships, following up on their appearance at the inaugural tournament in Charlottetown in 2009, where the boys came home with the City of Charlottetown Championship and the title of consolation champions.

Aboriginal Sport Circle raises \$10,000

The Aboriginal Sport Circle hosted its fourth annual charity golf tournament last Friday at the Yellowknife Golf Club. The shotgun start began at noon followed by a Texas scramble, 18 holes, a hole-in-one contest, dinner and live as well as silent auctions. The event raised \$10,766 with all funds going towards KidSport NWT, an organization that helps children from families with financial challenges participate in sports. It was a smaller than usual turnout due to bad weather. Last year the event raised over \$18,000. Twenty teams and 80 people participated in the tournament. There were also two contests for players with the shot closest to the pin and for the longest drive. Shannon Warner and Kelly Noseworthy were the winners, each taking home a round trip to Edmonton, courtesy of First Air.

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