

# The OLIVER PAIPOONGE News

Volume 28, Number 3

March 2024

## Budget 2024 Approved

### Tax Rates Increasing 3.55% After Growth

On January 31st Council approved Budget 2024. Total expenditures in 2024 are pegged at approximately \$19.6 million. Of that total approximately \$10.0 million is operating expenditures while approximately \$9.6 million is capital expenditures.

The 2024 tax levy is increasing 6.07%. Growth, which means the rise in property assessment from 2023 to 2024, accounts for 2.52% of the tax levy increase. Therefore, on average taxpayers will see a 3.55% increase, which is less than the increases many other Ontario municipalities including our neighbors are experiencing in 2024. In Oliver Paipoonge a resident with a property valued @ \$400,000 will see a \$139.00 increase.

Budget 2024 continues emphasis on maintaining the Municipality's capital assets to ensure service needs and expectations of the public can be met. Accordingly, the budget provides \$1.95 million for 3 major and 2 minor vehicles for the Fire Department. Debt will be used to finance \$1.25 million of these acquisitions. There are provisions totalling \$885,000 for a grader and plow truck, which will be purchased without incurring debt. Three major road projects totalling \$2.8 million are paving the Village of Kakabeka Falls road network and rehabilitating significant portions of Vibert and Rosslyn Roads. These three projects will be financed by reissuing debt incurred in 2019 to pave Oliver Road from Murillo to Kakabeka Falls that was paid off in 2023.

Based on record levels of building permits in recent years the Municipality expects growth in assessment to be a significant factor generating tax revenue in future years, which will help Council to moderate tax increases while continuing to meet cost pressures due to inflation and maintain our capital assets.

Wayne Hanchard, CAO/Clerk

Thanks to Mieke Bolt for the beautiful shot at the top of this page!



FireSmart  
Begins at Home  
MANUAL

NorWest Community Health Centres  
Centres de santé communautaire NorWest

## HISTOR-tea

The NorWest Community Health Centres is happy to host a Multigenerational History tea. This is an excellent opportunity for community members to get together to talk and reminisce about the history of Neebing. All ages are welcome to attend and there will be coffee, tea and light snacks provided as well as crafts for the kids to make and take.

**Dates:** March 15, 2024  
**Time:** 1:00pm-4:00pm  
**Location:** Blake Hall Community Hall

**For more information:**  
Contact Shaun at (807) 473-5528 ext.1



THE CORPORATION OF THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF OLIVER  
PAIPOONGE

## NOTICE OF LOAD RESTRICTION

Notice is hereby given that effective Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 12:01 a.m. load restrictions will apply on all municipal roads within the Municipality of Oliver Paipoonge and will continue until further notice.

Chris Bowles, Director of Operations



THE CORPORATION OF THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF OLIVER  
PAIPOONGE

## SUMMER STUDENT POSITION AVAILABLE

The Municipality is inviting students planning to return to school to apply for the following position:

- Junior Recreation Grounds Assistant
- The term of this position will begin in late June and end in late August. For further information including application deadlines and job descriptions please visit our website page:  
<https://oliverpaipoonge.ca/municipal-office/employment>



THE CORPORATION OF THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF OLIVER  
PAIPOONGE

## SUMMER STUDENT POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Municipality is inviting students planning to return to school to apply for the following positions:

- Engineering Student
- Fire Department Student
- Records Management Technician
- Senior Grounds Assistant

The term of these position will begin in early May and end in late August.

For further information including application deadlines and job descriptions please visit our website page:  
<https://oliverpaipoonge.ca/municipal-office/employment>

## MARCH PUBLIC SKATE SCHEDULE NORWEST ARENA

March 2, 2024	6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
March 3, 2024	5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
March 9, 2024	6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
March 10, 2024	5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
March 11, 2024	1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.
March 12, 2024	1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.
March 13, 2024	1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.
March 14, 2024	1:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.
March 16, 2024	6:00 P.M.- 7:00 P.M.
March 17, 2024	5:00 P.M - 6:00 P.M
March 23, 2024	6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
March 24, 2024	5:00 P.M - 6:00 P.M
March 30, 2024	<b>NO PUBLIC SKATE</b>
March 31, 2024	<b>NO PUBLIC SKATE</b>

**Hockey sticks and pucks are not permitted.**

## Pancakes for Pups !!

**In support of Want a pet? And Full Bowl Feeding Program.**  
**Come out and join us for a delicious pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday March 24th at the Murillo Hall from 10-1pm**

**We will have Regular as well as Finn pancakes, sausages, coffee, tea and juice. There will also be a baking table where you can buy wonderful desserts to take home and enjoy.**  
**Tickets will be sold in advance and are \$10 for adults and 7\$ for children 10 and under. You can also pay at the door but only those with tickets will be entered for the door prize so get your tickets in advance!**  
**Call or text Daniela after March 7 at 807 6275680 for tickets**  
**Thank you and we hope to see you there!**





COUNCIL MEETINGS

March 12th at 5 pm - March 27th at 9 am

The agenda will be posted by the Friday of the week before the week of the meeting. Council’s objective is to be open to our residents, hear their concerns, and use our time & your money constructively. Please pre-arrange your presentation with the C.A.O/Clerk or Deputy Clerk (935-2613) by the Tuesday prior to our council meetings.

BY-LAWS/ RESOLUTIONS PASSED

The use of single/sole sourcing with vendors listed in Report 2024.7; Expending up to \$75,000.00 to replace Unit #26, a 2007 International 5-tonne truck; The utilization of the Canoe Procurement Group of Canada for either multi-source and single source procurement; Granting a \$500 grant to St. James Anglican Church for the maintenance and preservation of its cemetery; Accepting the road allowance on Sideen Drive; Approval of the payment to Council and Committee members for attendance at meetings, mileage and expenses including mileage and expenses for Municipal employees; Supporting the Greater Sudbury resolution requesting the province amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act to clarify the definition of "employer" to exclude owners that have contracted with a contractor for a project; Supporting the Asphodel-Norwood resolution calling for actions to reduce insurance costs; Supporting the Rosslyn Winter Carnival in March deeming it an event of municipal significance and not charging the for use of the Community Centre; The agreement with LRCA to provide online mapping services for 2024; The agreement for the purchase of Two Fire Pumpers between the Municipality and Twin City Industrial Inc and Raymond Holland; the new rental rates at the NorWest Recreation Centre; The property tax rebate for the Kakabeka Falls Curling Club; The 2024 Operating and Capital Budget; Extending the agreement with E4M (the Integrity Commissioner and Closed Meeting Investigator) until March 31, 2027; the Policy 02-17-01 Driver Record Policy; The appointment of Peggy Brekveld to the Committee of Adjustment for the remainder of the term expiring November 14, 2026; Township of Clearview and Tay Township resolution in regards to financial, training and universal cemetery software for abandoned cemetery transfers; Supporting the Municipality of Neebing resolution to amend the eligibility for the Climate Action Incentive Payment supplement for small & rural communities; That the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with AMO a comprehensive social & economic prosperity review to promote the stability & sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario.

In the January Council News, there was an error stating that the Council Term Plan & Projects/Processes for the remainder of the term of Council was approved. That was incorrect - it was Deferred.

Submitted by Mayor Lucy

2024 Regular Council Meeting Schedule  
Subject to change

March 12, 2024	5:00 PM
March 27, 2024	9:00 AM
April 9, 2024	5:00 PM
April 24, 2024	9:00 AM
May 14, 2024	5:00 PM
May 29, 2024	9:00 AM
June 11, 2024	5:00 PM
June 26, 2024	9:00 AM
TBD - July 2024	
TBD - August 2024	
September 10, 2024	5:00 PM
September 25, 2024	9:00 AM
October 8, 2024	5:00 PM
October 30, 2024	9:00 AM
November 12, 2024	5:00 PM
November 27, 2024	9:00 AM
TBD - December 2024	



- WETT Inspections and Certified Chimney Sweeps
- Wood Burning Appliance Sales and Service
- Authorized Heatmaster SS Outdoor Wood Furnace Dealer
- Oil-Fired Appliance Service

PHONE: 767-3643

countryman@tbaytel.net



Murillo Hall

Wed Evenings 7pm

Mar 6 - Apr 24

( No class Mar 13th)

Drop in \$8 Punch Cards \$25

Contact Susie for more info

Call or text (807) 472-7980

HEATED WAREHOUSE FOR RENT

Heated, 2500sqft (25ft x 100ft), 14ft wide overhead door, exterior space included, 3031 Arthur Steet West, \$2500/month, minimum 1 year term.

Contact 807-475-5951



44 RUBIN DRIVE, MURILLO, ON, POT 2G0

RPRA and E-Tracks Compliant

Free Pick Up / Drop Off of your Scrap Tires

Appliance Pick Up Services

loadqueenservices.ca 807-766-9776

- ✂ Computer Repairs
- ✂ Computer/Laptop Sales
- ✂ Software/Hardware Installations
- ✂ Wireless/Network Router Install
- ✂ Hardware/Memory Upgrades
- ✂ Virus/Windows Reload
- ✂ Data Transfer

995 Golf Links Rd. ✂ Thunder Bay ✂ Ph. 344-0200

www.dunrite.com





JACKPINE SALON

2112 OLIVER RD

jackpinesalon.com

Thunder Bay Community Pasture NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Monday, April 8th, 2024 8:00 p.m. Rural 60 Centre, 5 Pineview Road, Kakabeka Falls off Hwy. 11-17 For more information contact Diana Bockus Secretary/Treasurer dlbockus@tbaytel.net 475-871 Everyone is welcome to attend



# CHIEF'S CORNER

by Sean Horan, Fire Chief/CEMC

March's column of **BE PREPARED**, will focus on FireSmart. What is FireSmart you ask? It is a program that helps people increase neighbourhood resilience to wildfires, and minimizes the negative impacts associated with wildfires. With 2022 being the most severe wildfire season in Canadian history and throughout the world, coupled with the current low snow amounts, the threat of wildfire is a real danger for anybody living in a rural setting such as Oliver Paipoonge. The reality of wildfires is that they typically overwhelm emergency services. This can happen due to the speed of wildfires and the resources required to protect just one structure. The most effective means to deal with wildfires is through prevention efforts and pre-planned mitigation, at the individual property level, as opposed to large scale emergency response.

I'm in the final stages of writing a Community Wildland Fire Protection Plan (CWFP). Once completed it will provide some guidance with respect to reducing the negative impacts of wildfires. One of the main principals behind FireSmart is the concept of a defensible space around your home extending out through your property. Defendable



space is about reducing the amount of fuel available for a wildfire which results in a reduction in fire intensity along with a reduction in fire spread. For instance, you can trim trees to remove low branches, keep grass and shrubs cut back, clean up dead material such as leaves and fallen trees, planting fire-resistive trees and reducing the number conifer trees, which can be extremely volatile in wildfire conditions. If everybody does their part and makes their property a defensible space, the net result is a resilient community.

For more information please visit: <https://firesmartcanada.ca> and watch our web page as well roll out our CWFP Stay safe and be prepared!

**It is hard to believe March is already here! I really don't know where the time has gone.**

March is always the time to start thinking about spring fire hazards. Especially with the current conditions we are experiencing. With such low snowfall amounts this winter so far and well above normal temperatures, we are certainly setting up for a dangerous spring fire season. Spring fires are the most dangerous of all wildfires. Hot, dry, and windy conditions that are typical for springtime, coupled with cured fine fuels such as grass all come together for dangerous conditions. Please take extra care and caution this spring to help reduce the risk to yourself and our community from the threats of wildfires. For those that have burnt wood debris piles over the winter, please ensure that they are out before the snow is gone. With the dry winter conditions there is the risk of what's called a holdover fire. This is a fire that continues to burn long after it is ignited. Once spring conditions arrive, these holdover fires can cause wildfires. You must remember that you are responsible for any fire that you light. If there is a wildfire because of a wood debris pile you have burnt over the winter, you can be responsible for the cost of suppressing a wildfire. April 1st marks the beginning of the fire season, however, on a year such as this, we could be into fire hazards well before the normal April start.

The second big deal with March is Daylight Savings, which will occur on

March 10th this year. Why is that such an important day? It is the day that we should change the batteries in our smoke alarms and CO alarms. Locally we have experienced a couple of house fires with working smoke alarms providing early warning to alert people to get out of the house. Please change the batteries in both smoke and CO alarms and test them at least monthly to ensure that they are operating. Check the date on your alarms and if they are older than 10 years, replace them with new units. These two life safety tools are critical to you and your family's safety! Fires happen fast and can reach a non-survivable condition in minutes.

**Lastly we had our poster contest presentations in February. Congratulations to the following students for another year of great fire prevention posters!**

## Poster Contest Winners for 2023

Grade 1 – Nathaniel Uctenhagen – Valley Central School  
Grade 2 Brock Rodak – Crestview School  
Grade 3 Felicity Jeanine Ross – Crestview School  
Grade 5 – Sebastian Smith – Valley Central School  
Grade 7 Alexa Bindrup – Thunder Bay Christian School  
**Grand Prize** – Trophy Winner – Libby Bakker – Thunder Bay Christian School  
Best participations : Crestview School



## RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

*Neighbours Helping Neighbours*

**Conmee Municipal Complex**

19 Holland Rd, Kakabeka Falls P0T1W0

807-285-0836

***We sincerely thank all those that continue to support us.***

***Your donations enable the food bank to remain open***

***Next Food Bank***

***Wednesday, March 20th***

***Registration 9 am to 11 am***

***Drive-Thru Pick-up***



APEX REALTY SERVICES LTD.  
BROKERAGE

**THINKING OF BUYING OR SELLING?  
MESSAGE OR CALL TODAY**

**STEVE JAMES**

SALES REPRESENTATIVE  
STEVE.JAMES@SHAW.CA  
ONTARIO.LAND.NET  
+1(807)626-6775

**YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD REALTOR®**







# Chix in the Stix

## Rise & Shine

I'm currently getting up at 4:30AM a few times a week to get my daughter to the hospital for ongoing appointments. This is out of my comfort zone. I'm not a morning person. I'm a late afternoon person at best. Most days I hit my stride as the sun starts to go down. I'm the proverbial night owl. The good news is that 4:30am is basically night. The bad news is that it really isn't. But because I have no other choice, I'm determined to tackle this new challenge head on. To try to even like it a bit. You morning people already know all the tricks. One of them is of course knowing when to go to bed. My usual habit of my head hitting the pillow at or past midnight just won't cut it. So now we head to bed at 8pm with the hopes of falling asleep by 9. Late night movie binges and midnight snacks have been put on hold. I've bumped a number of other morning routines and absolutions to the night before so as not to delay our carefully timed morning departure. I don't want to get up a minute earlier than I have to. I'm also not allowed to hit the snooze button these days. Preparing items for departure is also now done the evening before with army-like precision. Sleeping in my clothes remains a viable and tempting option. Or choosing pajamas that can pass as clothes. Sleeping in the car is not an option but there is a lovely hotel right near the hospital that is in my head as a back-up plan and was discussed as an option during the winter months when being snowed-in was a possibility. Not to jinx it but we seem to have gotten a pass on that this year. Because of pre-procedure fasting there is no breakfast required in the mornings before we go, thank heavens. And the Robin's coffee shop at the hospital is open 24-7 so momma can still get a much needed coffee when we arrive. So thankfully the logistics are working themselves out. Daughter is a superstar and never once complains. I might survive, but that whole embracing it part is still a work in progress. I have to be at least slightly cheerful - because I have to set the tone for . So I HER. So I talk about it like it is an adventure. There is some award winning acting involved. Apparently there is a movement with people around the globe committing to getting up at 5:00AM to start their day - when they don't even have to. People rave about the benefits. How it gives them a better start to their day. How they are more productive. And how they are very tired come bed time. I'm not sold on it yet and don't think this new early morning routine is likely to become an ingrained habit for me and really have no desire to make it one. But I am still okay with trying to see the bright side of these dark mornings. It really does feel like a different world. Like we are sneaking around with the possibility of seeing and hearing things that would otherwise be 'secret'. There is a moment of excitement when we round the corner on top of the hill and see a glimpse of the city lights in the distance. It reminds us that we aren't the only ones up, and that the world never really sleeps. My daughter is pretty fascinated with that notion. So as we drive to town we look for all the signs of people being 'up'. Naturally the farmers are early risers and we applaud them for their dedication. We acknowledge that we could NEVER be farmers. We drive by houses with the kitchen lights on and know there are moms prepping breakfast and making lunches and will shortly be getting kids up and off to school. We applaud them too, and are thankful we were homeschoolers. We note that the airport never closes. That some stores never close. That the hospital never closes. That there are announcers on the radio. By the time we get to town there is more traffic and that leads to conversations about where people are coming from or going to and what jobs or occupations require these crazy hours. We drive by the fire station and acknowledge the dedicated firefighters on the night shift. We talk to stay awake but also to let this new look at the world sink in so we don't forget it. We are making memories. And while I'm not promising I'll get up at 4:30AM unnecessarily down the line, there is definitely something to be said for stepping out of your comfort zone every now and then and trying new things. As spring approaches and with it feelings of growth and rebirth I hope you'll look for your own opportunity to stretch yourself in new directions too. Right now I need a nap.



## MURILLO MINOR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2024 SPRING SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Hello Everyone! Preparations for the 2024 Murillo Minor Athletic Association (MMAA) spring softball league are well underway! We have hundreds of local youth registered to play in our T-Ball, 3-Pitch, Atom, PeeWee and Bantam divisions. Check out our website to see if spaces are still available.

The MMAA softball league is all about FUN, FRIENDSHIP and FITNESS! A softball glove is all a player needs – we supply all other equipment. Games are played at the five ball diamonds behind the Murillo Community Centre. The 2024 season starts Monday April 29th ends Saturday June 22nd with our annual Tournament and BBQ Day event.

### THANK YOU TO THE 2024 LEAGUE SPONSORS, SUPPORTERS & VOLUNTEERS

*In addition to the numerous volunteers, we would like to recognize our local businesses for their support:*

All-In-Bloom  
Art's Auto  
Brule Creek Farms  
BTG Contracting  
Chaschuk Enterprises  
Crystal Beach Resort  
Daniel Vanlenthe Mechanical  
dp Diamond Blades  
Greenmantle Forest Inc.  
Haveman Brothers Forestry Services  
Horizon Northwest Financial  
Impact Promotions  
LH North  
Maw 'n' Paws

Melissa Thompson & Johnny Avella –  
Royal Lepage  
North Winds Farm  
Northern Custom Contracting  
Per Hol Construction  
Silvaggio Fine Homes Construction  
Silver Foam Consulting  
Stakd Birch  
Stanley Hill Bison  
Superior Consulting Team  
The Refill Co.  
Thunder Bay Feeds  
Uniform Pros  
Wieringa Bros.

Thank you to the Municipality of Oliver-Paipoonge for the ongoing support to the MMAA League and maintenance of recreation facilities. With all these kids, we couldn't possibly manage without the dozens of volunteer coaches!

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Please contact us by email at: [mmaal@tbaytel.net](mailto:mmaal@tbaytel.net), or visit our website: <http://mmaa.tbay.me/>



THE CORPORATION  
OF THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF OLIVER PAIPOONGE

### LANDFILL SITES - WINTER HOURS

**From October 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024**

#### NORTH LANDFILL SITE

*Located at 1 Spence Road*

**Tuesday – 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.**

**Saturday – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

#### SOUTH LANDFILL SITE

*Located at 154 Barrie Drive*

**Wednesday – 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.**

**Saturday – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Landfill Sites are CLOSED on all Statutory Holidays**

### LANDFILL SITES - SUMMER HOURS

**STARTING APRIL 1!!!!**

**April 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024**

Landfill Sites are CLOSED on all Statutory Holidays

#### NORTH LANDFILL SITE (1 Spence Road)

**Tuesday: 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

#### SOUTH LANDFILL SITE (154 Barrie Drive)

**Wednesday 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m.**

**Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

### Kershaw Well Services

MOE Contractor Licence #6941 MOE Well Tech. Licence #T2262

**Drilling with a Difference**

Rotary & Cable Tool Drilling  
Well Tests, Well Upgrades  
Pump Systems & Accessories

**www.kershawwellservices.ca**

**Phone: 939-2166**

EST. 70 1954

**LAKEHEAD REGION**  
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

**WWW.LAKEHEADCA.COM**

@lakeheadregion









## Kakabeka Falls Generating Station *Life Extension Project*

Kakabeka Falls Generating Station (GS) is one of 11 hydroelectric generating facilities owned and operated by Ontario Power Generation (OPG) in northwestern Ontario. The station is currently 117 years old, (2nd oldest station in OPG’s hydro-electric fleet across Ontario) and much of its original equipment from 1906 is still in operation. The station generates clean, reliable power at a peak output of about 24 megawatts (MW) – enough to power about 25,000 homes.

Like all hydro stations, Kakabeka Falls GS has a life expectancy, and it is expected to reach its end of life in the next few years. In preparation, OPG has committed to redeveloping the station to ensure it can continue to reliably generate sustainable energy, while improving public safety, optimizing power generation, and more efficiently use the available river flows.

The engineering design phase for the station’s redevelopment will continue until the end of 2024, with the anticipated construction phase to begin in 2025 and be completed in 2027. The proposed redevelopment of the Kakabeka Falls GS will consist of the following upgrades to the station:

- ▶ The four existing generators in the original powerhouse will be removed. The original powerhouse will remain as a local heritage building to house equipment.
- ▶ An additional structure, behind the old powerhouse, will be built to house two new Francis type turbines and generators.
- ▶ Replace existing surge building – used to absorb water pressure changes when line interruptions occur.
- ▶ Remove the four existing penstocks and replace them with two new penstocks.

These upgrades will increase the stations output by about 3 MW, or approximately a 13% increase from its current capacity. In addition, the life of the station is expected to be extended by another 90 years. Kakabeka Falls Generating Station has been part of the community of Kakabeka Falls for over a century, and these improvements will position the station to be part of the community for the next generation.

Between now and the project’s end, a substantial amount of work must be completed. You will start to see activity on the site with contractors coming and going throughout 2024 performing engineering design work. In early 2025, the 2-year construction phase will start which will further increase the amount of work on site. OPG is committed to providing updates and will continue to share information throughout the project.

If you have questions or want more details on the project, OPG has created a project website that is accessible to the public – [www.kakabekags.com](http://www.kakabekags.com). This website will provide more details on the project, a FAQ section, project notices, and an avenue for you to ask questions.

OPG thanks you for your patience and understanding as we navigate our way through this exciting opportunity. If you have any questions or comments, please visit the website above and use the ‘Contact Us’ feature to share your feedback.

Stay tuned...more to come!



# Spring Into Action: Start planning YOUR 2024 metal roofing project

It starts with a Quote: 475-5190

Proud to be the largest distributor for Ideal Roofing in Northwestern Ontario!

**THUNDER BAY CO-OP FARM SUPPLIES**

Fencing & Gating • Seed • Fertilizers  
Pet & Livestock Supplies • Water Supplies

Located just off Hwy 61  
560 Boundary Drive,  
Slate River, ON P7J 0A5  
tbcoop@tbaytel.net  
www.tbco-op.com

CONNECT WITH US:

**(807) 475-5190**

<b>Murillo Library</b> Monday 10 – 8:00 pm Wednesday 10 – 8:00 pm Saturday 9 – 12 pm 935-2729	Email: <a href="mailto:oplibrary@tbaytel.net">oplibrary@tbaytel.net</a> Website: <a href="http://oliverpaipoongr.olin.ca">http://oliverpaipoongr.olin.ca</a>	<b>Rosslyn Library</b> Tuesday 10 – 8:00 pm Thursday 10 to 8:00 pm Saturday 11 – 4:00 pm 939-2312
	Murillo Library Will be closed on Saturday March 9 <sup>th</sup> as Staff will be at the Rosslyn Winter Carnival	
Rosslyn Library will be open from 9 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday March 9 <sup>th</sup> for the participants of the Rosslyn Winter Carnival!	Looking for used books? Both Rosslyn and Murillo Library have a large selection of used books for sale for 50 cents each.	A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO Tammy McKinnon and Rob Richardson for sponsoring our March Break event: <b>Animal Extravaganza with Science North!</b>

**AVISTA REALTY GROUP LTD.**  
*brokerage*

640 Beverly Street  
(807) 344-3232 Office  
(807) 344-5400 Fax  
1-888-837-6926 Toll Free  
bmcewen@avistarealty.ca  
www.avistarealty.ca

**Barb McEwen**  
Salesperson  
(807) 626-3860 CELL

TOP TEN  
MLS® AWARD  
WINNER  
For 30 Consecutive  
Years!

**Evergreen PHARMACY**

TWO CONVENIENT LOCATIONS:

**Rosslyn**

202 Highway 130  
(807) 939-2007

Mon-Fri 9am-6pm  
Sat 10am-2pm

**Kakabeka Falls**

B-4785 Hwy 11/17  
(807) 577-2435

Mon-Fri 9am-6pm  
Sat 10am-4pm

New Location in Kakabeka  
**NOW OPEN**

[evergreenrx.ca](http://evergreenrx.ca)



## Safe and seamless septic service

GFL has the expertise and custom solutions to manage your individual septic service needs.

We offer:

- Portable toilets delivered clean and on time to your specific schedule
- Specialized vacuum truck service for septic tank pumping and maintenance
- Septic line jetting and flushing

Discover the GFL advantage today – contact us at **807.939.2994** for more information.

Green Today. Green For Life. | [gflenvironmental.com](http://gflenvironmental.com)







**Kaylyn LeMarquand**  
REALTOR®  
Royal LePage Lannon Realty  
C:(807) 629.7989  
E:kaylyn@royallepage.ca  
#EveryHomeBeginsWithKay



**SLATE RIVER  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
80 McCluskey Drive  
475-5140

**FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
Sundays @ 11am

ALL ARE WELCOME  
Contact us re prayer requests, visits, questions etc.  
Follow us on Facebook or visit our website



For all your  
**Bulk Water Needs**  
Residential or Commercial  
City Water delivered  
in stainless steel tanks

- Wells Holding Tanks
- Swimming Pools
- Skating Rinks
- Monday - Friday

Providing Reliable Service  
Since 1987

[www.tempelman.ca](http://www.tempelman.ca)

**807-767-9173**



Sand - Gravel - Topsoil - Crushing - Screening  
Septic - Snow Removal - Property Maintenance

OFFICE 807.357.7237

JESSE ASUNMAA  
807.355.4409

JARASUNMAA  
807.631.4709

788 Silvertails Rd., Kamistiquia, ON P0T 1X0 [kamcrush@gmail.com](mailto:kamcrush@gmail.com)



**RBC  
Royal Bank**

**Jessica Coley**  
Mortgage Specialist

(807) 476-4867  
[jessica.coley@rbc.com](mailto:jessica.coley@rbc.com)



**March  
Events**

March 8th - FREE Playgroup

March 16/17 - Book Swap 12pm - 4pm

March 24th Easter Event \*more details coming\*

March 29th Waldorf Parent & Child Gathering

Thursday Weekly Cornhole Tournaments 7pm

Be sure to follow along on the Gillies Community Centre Facebook page for ALL the events happening this month!

NEW ONTARIO SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION INC.

PRESENTS

**2024 SPRING  
GUN SHOW**

Saturday, March 9th • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Sunday, March 10th • 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**SLOVAK LEGION**

801 Atlantic Avenue, Thunder Bay, ON

**\$5 Admission**

Children 12 & under FREE with paid adult admission

**DOOR PRIZES**

**FOOD & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

**BUY • SELL • TRADE • DISPLAY**

Guns • Knives • Reloading Supplies • Optics  
Ammunition • Cartridges • Club Displays • Accessories • Literature

This show is a fundraiser for the Junior Shooters Program

[www.new-ontarioshooters.org](http://www.new-ontarioshooters.org) | Facebook: New Ontario Shooters Association Inc. - NOSA

For more information call Samantha 807-626-4003



**CRIBBAGE**

BEGINNERS WELCOME!  
EVERY TUESDAY 1 P.M.  
ROSSLYN COMMUNITY CENTER  
3405 ROSSLYN ROAD



*Thank you!*

Roslyn Cribbage Club just celebrated their 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. Over the year we grew from 9 to 34 players with room for many more. So come and join the fun and friendship!

*Happy  
Easter!*

**RURAL 60 PLUS!**

5 Pineview Road, Kakabeka Falls 475-5779,  
email [rural60@tbaytel.net](mailto:rural60@tbaytel.net) Website: [www.rural60plus.ca](http://www.rural60plus.ca)

- |           |                      |            |
|-----------|----------------------|------------|
| Monday    | - Carving            | - 10 to 3  |
|           | - Disking            | - 1 to 3   |
| Tuesday   | - Weaving            | - 10 to 3  |
|           | - Knitting           | - 10 to 3  |
|           | - Good Company Choir | - 1 to 3   |
| Wednesday | - Beginners Carving  | - 10 to 3  |
|           | - Quilting           | - 10 to 3  |
|           | - Cribbage           | - 1 to 3   |
| Thursday  | - Weaving            | - 10 to 3  |
|           | - Knitting           | - 10 to 3  |
|           | - Yoga               | - 10 to 11 |

*Craft Room open Monday to Friday 10 to 3*

We have a luncheon coming up on Friday March 15th at the Kakabeka Legion from 12 to 1. Cost is \$5 for members and \$15 for guests, please sign up before Friday March 8 th.

We have our Annual General Meeting coming up in May and if any members are interested in running for a position on the Board of Directors please submit your name and phone number to the current Board.



**We sell  
EVERYTHING YOU NEED  
to work on your own  
pump, waterline, and filters!**

- filters
- softeners
- UV sterilizers
- media
- uv bulbs
- cartridges
- salt
- submersible pumps
- jet pumps
- sump pumps
- effluent pumps
- fittings
- pipe
- wire
- ...and more!

**MAD JACK'S  
WELL  
SHACK**

8am-5pm Weekdays  
707-7000

176 Clavet Street  
[www.mjws.ca](http://www.mjws.ca)

**Rural  
Family  
Centre**



Child and Family Centre

**"Learning Through Play,  
Exploration & Inquiry"  
Connect with other Families!**  
(for children 0-6 years)

Our Calendar of events can be viewed at:  
<https://www.keyon.ca/en/Events/ViewEvents>

\* EarlyON Child and Family Centre -  
Murillo

(Pre-registration on KeyON is required)

For more info. please:

Email: [ruralfrcc@tbaytel.net](mailto:ruralfrcc@tbaytel.net) or  
Private FB message us or  
Call: 935-3009

**Play, sing, laugh and we will  
SEE YOU SOON!**



# Kakabeka Legion Events



## March 2024

March 2024

9	Exec/General Mtg	2:30-3:00
10	Breakfast	8:30-12:00
15	Rural 60+ Lunch	12:00-1:00
16	Dance with Quest	7:00-10:00
17	Jam Session	2:00-4:00
24	Music	1:00-3:00
30	Dance with Quest	7:00-10:00



Please come out and join us at Pinegrove United Church

100 - Hwy 130

Admission is free and all are welcome!

**March 7 coffee and persians 10 AM**

**March 21 Lasagna lunch 11:30 A.M.**

*Hope to see you there!*

*Volunteers are also welcome (and needed)*

*For more information about Cafe del Soul, please visit [www.pinegroveuc.org/cafe-del-soul/](http://www.pinegroveuc.org/cafe-del-soul/)*



## A Year in Review, By Emma Reid

This past year the Thunder Bay 4-H Beef Club had 4-H meetings about once a month since Sunday, March 12/2023. We had meetings at the Dell, Hymers Fairgrounds, O'Connor Hall, Dr. Dan's Farm and Raven Song Farm. During these meetings we taught each other about all the different things we needed to know about showing beef cattle. For example, where to look when you're in the ring, how to position your cows feet, how to use a show stick, etc. One of our meetings was done on zoom with Trouw Nutrition. Emily Seed, a former 4-Her from North Eastern Ontario came to Thunder Bay to give us showmanship pointers in August. After working so hard this past summer we showed our beef project animals at Dryden Fair, Hymers Fair, along with Rural Heritage Days. Our achievement day was held at the Hymers Fairgrounds. Our awards dinner was held January 27, 2024 at Murillo Hall. It was a night to relax and see the friends we made over the past season. Thank you to our 4-H club leaders for another successful year. Stay tuned the 4-H Beef Club will be starting up again in the spring. **4-H Motto: Learn by doing**



### Seniors Carpet Bowling

Rosslyn Community Centre  
Sponsored by Rosslyn Library

every  
Thursday  
1:30 -4:00 pm

Call the library at 939-2312 for more information.  
Please bring indoor shoes!

**Seniors!**  
Enjoy a fun game of carpet bowling!  
Relaxed & gentle pace of exercise  
Free Socializing & Fun times  
Refreshments  
Special days with prizes and snacks  
**Beginners welcome!!**



LRCA staff have continued to conduct bi-monthly snow surveys at the three historical snow survey locations (Hazelwood Lake, Vibert Road and Madeline Street). As of February 15th, snow depth and water content continued to be well below average for that time of year with depth ranging from 14.6-15.8 centimetres (65 % below average) and water content ranging from 44.8-46.6 millimetres (50% below average). Lake Superior's beginning of February level was 2 centimetres below the beginning of February average and 21 centimetres lower than the level last year. The Level II Low Water Condition remains in effect for the LRCA Area of Jurisdiction.

MNRF's snow monitoring data is now available to the public through the Ontario GeoHub. The site contains information including a list of all active and historical snow survey locations, mapping of snow survey locations as well as historic and current snow survey data (1933 – 2023).

Be sure to Follow, Like and Share the LRCA on social media. Our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

## Lakehead Region Conservation Authority

*submitted by LRCA Staff*

pages endeavor to effectively communicate with residents of the Lakehead Watershed. We share flood messages, up-to-date events information, interesting facts and gorgeous photography with our followers, and we would love it if you would join in on the conversation. We will also be posting information regarding upcoming workshops and events.

The 2024 Explore Card Parking Pass is now on-sale! Explore Card Parking Passes permit day-use/parking at our ten Conservation Areas for one calendar year. Visit as often as you like. Enjoy one calendar year of recreation activities! For the low price of \$40.00 +HST, it's convenient for frequent users. All Explore Card revenue goes directly towards the upkeep and maintenance of our Conservation Areas.

Get out and Explore!

### Free exercise class for all ages and abilities.



Every Tuesday: Bands and Balls } At Rosslyn Hall from  
Every Thursday Weights } 11:30 to 12:00

*No Registration necessary.*

*We still have room for anyone wishing to keep active and join others in fun, laughter and conversation.*

*These activities are open to anyone interested in getting out of the house and meeting new people.*

*Call Rosslyn Library for more information 807-939-2312*

### TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY

TOPS can help you reach your weight-loss goals by providing you the support, tools, and accountability needed to be successful.  
**First meeting is FREE.**

<b>TUESDAY 5</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Baptist Community Church Corner Mudlake & Oliver Rds. Murillo CONTACT 807-577-5924	<b>TUESDAY 5</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Blake Community Hall 71 Blake Hall Road Neening CONTACT 807-577-5924
<b>WEDNESDAY 5</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> O'Connor Community Center 330 Hwy 595 O'Connor CONTACT 807-577-5924	<b>TUESDAY 5</b> <b>10:15 AM</b> Hope Christian Reform Church 1315 Crawford Ave. Thunder Bay CONTACT 807-577-5924

## The Ultimate Wood Heat.

### CLASSIC EDGE

TITANIUM HDX  
Outdoor Wood Furnace

**939-1152**  
3879 Hwy 11/17 [hhimporters.ca](http://hhimporters.ca)



# RURAL BUSINESS SERVICES DIRECTORY

ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES  
**Rosslyn Service Home Hardware**  
Repairs to all makes: ATV, Snowmobiles, Tractors & equipment  
3404 W. Rosslyn Rd., Rosslyn Village 939-2521  
AUTO REPAIR

**Art's Auto**  
Automotive repair and diagnostics  
All makes and models; Art Blekkenhorst  
935-2835; 4582 Oliver Road, Murillo  
**Charlie's Auto**  
Automotive Service Technician, Charles Clair  
953 Candy Mountain Dr., 473-5456 708-5536  
**Mirabellis Garage**  
Automotive repairs and tire sales  
475 East Oliver Lake Road  
call or text John Mirabelli at 807-627-0784

**Rick's Auto Repair**  
Up-to-date fuel injection diagnostic & repairs & repairs to all makes & models  
20 Berini Drive, 473-4501

BIRTHDAY PARTIES  
**Laugh Out Loud with BoBo**  
BoBo the Clown! Fabulous entertainment for birthday parties!  
628 7271  
CATERING, HALL RENTALS & MEETINGS

**Royal Canadian Legion Hall**  
Kakabeka, 473-9122  
kakabekalegion@tbaytel.net  
CHEESE FARM

**Thunder Oak Cheese Farm**  
611 Boundary Drive West  
Neebing, Ontario P7L 0C2 628-0175  
CHURCHES/ RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

**Anglican Parish of West Thunder Bay Country Warmth in Christ!** Incumbent: Rev. Jonathon Blanchard 939-1103  
**St. James' Anglican Church**  
(corner of John St. Rd. at Calvert Rd. in Murillo)  
Sunday Service at 11:00 am  
**St. Mark's Anglican Church**  
(5 St. Mark's Street, Rosslyn Village)  
Sunday Service & Sunday School at 9:30 am  
Facebook "Parish of West Thunder Bay"

**Community Baptist Church**  
Cnr. of Oliver & Mud Lake Rds., Murillo  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m.  
Pastor Anthony Fiorito  
935-2514 (office) or 935-2563 (church ph. & fax)  
www.murillobaptist.blogspot.com

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Hwy 130 North at Cooper Rd.  
Church 939-1207  
Pastor – Matthew Guichelaar 905-518-4526

Chair – Dan Breukelman 624-8052  
Clerk – Joyce Vis 630-4632  
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

**The Village Church**  
Available to rent for your special occasions  
Phone 807-475-7424 or email  
opmuse2@tbaytel.net  
3190 Hwy. 61S @ Gillespie Rd.  
Slate River, Ont.

**Pinegrove United Church**  
Hwy. 130 (between Arthur St. & Rosslyn Rd.)  
Sunday Service - 10:30 a.m. in-person or watch the livestream - Sundays at 10:30 am.  
Visit www.trinityunited.church/livestream/  
Phone/Fax-939-1364 pinegrove@tbaytel.net  
www.pinegroveUC.org

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
P.O.Box 179 Kakabeka Falls, on. P0T 1W0  
WORSHIP; 11:00am  
Pastor Dan Barr Ph. 473-9164  
email: redeemer@tbaytel.net

**Roman Catholic Churches**  
St. Augustine\* & St. Theresa+  
c/o 5045 Townline Rd. Murillo Tel. 935-2898  
Mass Schedule: \*Tues-Fri. 6.00pm, \*Sat. 5.00pm (winter), \*Sun. 9.00am, +Sun. 11.00am

**Slate River Baptist Church**  
Hwy. 130, 80 McCluskey Drive P7J 0A8  
10:00am Adult Bible Study  
11:00am Morning Family Worship  
11:30am Jr. & Sr. Children's Church  
Pastor Rob Cain, 475-5140  
**United Reformed Church of Thunder Bay**  
#23 Hwy 130, Thunder Bay 939-1916  
Pastor: Rev. John Ysinga 623-4241  
Sun. Worship Times: 10:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.  
www.thunderbayurc.com

COMPUTER REPAIRS  
SALES & SERVICE

**Bagdonas Consulting Service**  
Computer service, setup, backup, restore  
tanاسب@gmail.com 627-6656  
**Dunrite! Services**  
Leo Blekkenhorst 995 Golf Links Rd.Ph. 344-0200  
Fax 344-1156 www.dunrite.com sales@dunrite.com  
http://fb.me/DunriteServicesThunderBay  
See us for your all your computer needs  
CONCRETE PRODUCTS

**Miller Precast Limited**  
58 Cooper Rd., Rosslyn  
Ph. 939-2655 Fax 939-1788  
CREDIT UNION  
**Rapport Credit Union**  
Full Financial Services – 2 local branches  
4785 Highway 11/17, Unit C  
Kakabeka Falls, ON P0T 1W0 Ph 475-4276  
James St, 405 James St. S.  
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 2V6 Ph 626-5666

www.rapportcu.ca toll free 1-888-516-6664  
Hours of operation Mon-Fri- 9am - 5pm  
DOG GROOMER  
**Slate River Dog Grooming**  
All breeds and sizes.  
HWY 61, Neebing.  
Find us on Facebook. 475-9629.  
ELECTRICAL  
**5 Star Electric (Thunder Bay) Inc.**  
Residential, Commercial & Industrial.  
New Builds, Upgrades to Existing.  
EV Chargers. Solar Systems & Generlinks.  
807-475-7827  
Email: inquiries@fivestarelectric.ca  
Message us on Facebook  
EXCAVATING & EQUIPMENT RENTALS

**Allens Enterprises Services Inc.**  
PH: 626-6267  
dig1@tbaytel.net  
**Pete's Backhoe Service Ltd.**  
52 Haniak Rd, Rosslyn  
Ph 939-1014, Email office@petesbackhoe.com  
Dump Trucks, Excavation, Lot Development  
FARMS

**Belluz Farms**  
R.R.#6, Thunder Bay P7C 5N5  
475-5181 Farm fresh fruits & vegetables  
website: www.belluzfarms.on.ca  
FARMS & HAY/SLEIGH RIDES & PARTIES

**Gammondale Farm**  
Gerry and Sue Gammond  
R.R.#3, McCluskey Dr., Thunder Bay  
475-5615 Farm 475-9609 Home  
farmfun@tbaytel.net www.gammondalefarm.com  
FEED & FERTILIZER

**Thunder Bay Co-op Farm Supplies**  
Highway 61 & Boundary Dr. Phone 475-5190  
Fax 475-7420 www.tbcoop.com  
Fertilizers, chemicals, building supplies, hardware, feed, poultry chicks, garden products  
**Thunder Bay Feeds**  
R.R.#11, Townline Road  
Phone 935-2921, Fax 935-2337  
Monday-Friday 9-6, Saturday 9-3  
FIREWOOD

**H&H Importers and Sales**  
Firewood – dry birch cut and split  
3879 Hwy 11/17 939-1152  
hhimp@tbaytel.net

FLOORING  
**Kam Ridge Manufacturing**  
Now selling hardwood, engineered, and vinyl laminate tile.  
New showroom-3933 Highway 11-17  
(807) 939-2524 sales@kamridge.ca  
GENERAL CONTRACTORS

**Allens Enterprises Services Inc.**  
Excavating, Landscaping, Driveways, Dug Wells, Septic Systems  
dig1@tbaytel.net / Conventional/Waterloo  
PH: 626-6267  
**BJ Halow & Sons Contractors**  
22 Wing Road, Rosslyn  
939-2533/473-9021/  
Bruce D. Halow 935-2730  
**Dave Buob Trucking Ltd.**  
Lot Development, Septic Systems and Sand & Gravel  
577-1988 or davebuobtrucking@live.ca  
**Pete's Backhoe Service Ltd.**  
52 Haniak Rd, Rosslyn  
Ph 939-1014, Email office@petesbackhoe.com  
Driveways, Lot Development, Gravel/Sand  
**Makkinga Contractors**  
570 Squier Place, Thunder Bay P7B 6M2  
Ph. 935-2792 Fax 935-2731  
GRAPHIC DESIGN

**Design House Publications**  
Producing Quality Publications since 1988  
Chris Vaclav 628-7271  
designhouse@tbaytel.net  
GREENHOUSES/NURSERIES  
**My Blooming Business Greenhouse and Pottery** - mbbgreenhouse.com  
341 Hanna Rd, Phone: 474-3235  
Open Early May - June Call or check website for current hours and info.

HARDWARE  
**Rosslyn Service Home Hardware**  
3404 W. Rosslyn Rd., Rosslyn Village 939-2521  
KITCHEN CABINETS

**Kam Ridge Manufacturing**  
Now selling kitchen and vanity cabinets from Urban Effects and Cabinetsmith  
New showroom-3933 Highway 11-17  
(807) 939-2524 sales@kamridge.ca

LAWN & GARDEN EQUIP.  
SALES & SERVICE

**Rosslyn Service Home Hardware**  
Cub Cadet, TroyBilt, Mantis tillers, Echo  
3404 W. Rosslyn Rd., Rosslyn Village 939-2521  
METAL ROOFING

**Kam Ridge Manufacturing**  
Selling Ideal Roofing's full line of sheet metal, steel shingles, and accessories  
New showroom-3933 Highway 11-17  
(807) 939-2524 sales@kamridge.ca  
**Thunder Bay Co-op Farm Supplies**  
Highway 61 & Boundary Dr. Phone 475-5190 Fax 475-7420 www.tbcoop.com  
Largest stock of Ideal metal roofing & siding in Northern Ontario  
REAL ESTATE SALES

**Avista Realty Group Ltd.**  
640 Beverly St. Thunder Bay  
Barb McEwen, Sales Rep.  
Cell 807-626-3860 Ph. 344-3232  
Fax 344-5400  
**Kelsey Belluz, Broker at Re/Max Generations**  
Fourteen years helping clients buy & sell rural properties! Call or email me at 807.472.9292 or kelsey@belluz.com  
**Re/Max First Choice Realty**  
George Hanna, Broker  
846 McDonnell St., 344-5700  
Cell 473-7350, Home 475-5122  
REGISTERED ACUPUNCTURIST  
**Neebing Acupuncture**  
For pain relief and to restore mobility.  
Electro-acupuncture, fire cupping, direct billing and online booking available.  
www.neebingacupuncture.com  
ROOFING & RENOVATIONS

**Dykstra Knight Roofing & Renovations**  
Box 86, Kakabeka Falls Ph. 577-3597  
Asphalt & wood shingles, cedar shakes, metal roofs, flat roofs, siding, soffit, fascia & eavestrough  
SEPTIC SYSTEMS INSTALLS

**Allens Enterprises Services Inc.**  
Licensed Septic Systems Installer  
dig1@tbaytel.net / Conventional/Waterloo  
PH: 626-6267  
**Dave Buob Trucking Ltd.**  
Licensed designers and installers of conventional & advanced treatment septic systems  
577-1988 or davebuobtrucking@live.ca  
**Pete's Backhoe Service Ltd.**  
52 Haniak Rd, Rosslyn  
Ph 939-1014, Email office@petesbackhoe.com  
Licensed Installers  
SMALL ENGINE REPAIR

**Ryans' Small Engine Service**  
The One Stop Repair Shop; all makes & models; better prices, better service; pick-up & delivery. Phone 472-4201  
TACK SHOP

**Thunder Bay Feeds**  
R.R.#11, Townline Road  
Phone 935-2921, Fax 935-2337  
Monday-Friday 9-6, Saturday 9-3  
TANKS

**Miller Precast Limited**  
58 Cooper Rd., Rosslyn  
Ph. 939-2655 Fax 939-1788  
**Rosslyn Service Home Hardware**  
Equinox Polyethelene Septic Tanks & Water Tanks  
3404 W. Rosslyn Rd., Rosslyn Village 939-2521  
TEA

**Your Tea Needs**  
Loose leaf tea, tea products, spices, gift certificates plus more. Product not listed, please ask. Visit www.yourteaneeds.com  
Contact: Eugema lngs 768-0999  
TIRE SHOP

**Pro-Tec Tire Centre**  
3129 West Arthur Street  
Husky Truck Stop Tire Shop: 939-2581  
Office: 939-2572 Fax 939-1171

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS  
**Oliver Paipoonge Heritage Park RUSS'S GARAGE** - A vast collection of vintage cars, race cars, pedal cars and memorabilia) and:  
**THE DUKE HUNT MUSEUM** (a collection of the history of Oliver Paipoonge residents, farming and businesses) and  
**THE VILLAGE**  
Phone 807-475-7424 or email opmuse2@tbaytel.net  
3190 Hwy. 61S @ Gillespie Rd.  
Slate River, Ont.  
TRACTORS

**Afortek Inc.**  
Tractor Implements and Attachments  
100 McCluskey Drive Tel: 807-475-5171  
Email: re@afortek.com  
www.afortektractors.com  
**Rosslyn Service Home Hardware**  
Yanmar tractors, loaders, backhoes & implements 21 to 45 HP, 807-939-2521 rosslyn@tbaytel.net  
TRUCK CAR STOP & RESTAURANT  
**Santorelli's 24 Hr. Husky Truck Stop**  
3131 West Arthur Street  
(near Twin City Crossroads)  
Gas Bar:939-2619/Fax:939-2060/Office:939-2572

TRUSSES  
**Kam Ridge Manufacturing**  
Commercial & Residential trusses, floor joists & LVL beams, prefab walls  
3933 Hwy. 11/17 W 939-2524  
sales@kamridge.ca  
WATER HAULING

**Tempelman Water Haulage**  
Bulk water in stainless steel tanks for wells, holding tanks, swimming pools, skating rinks, residential & commercial.  
767-9173, Mon.-Fri.  
WATER TREATMENT

**Brad's Water Treatment**  
Authorized Purifier dealer for N.W.O.,  
Water treatment specialists 577-0462  
WELL SERVICES/PUMPS  
**Allens Enterprises Services Inc.**  
Dug Well Tech / Installation / Pumps Septic / Well  
dig1@tbaytel.net  
PH: 626-6267  
**Kershaw Well Services**  
www.kershawwellservices.ca  
Phone 939-2166 Fax 939-2167  
WINDOWS/DOORS

**Kam Ridge Manufacturing**  
Now selling North Star Windows and Doors  
New showroom-3933 Highway 11-17  
(807) 939-2524 sales@kamridge.ca  
WOOD PELLETS  
**H&H Importers and Sales**  
Hardwood & Softwood Pellets  
3879 Hwy 11/17 939-1152  
hhimp@tbaytel.net

**DOG TAGS FOR 2024**  
Residents can purchase dog tags for \$15 at the following locations:  
**Oliver Paipoonge Municipal Office, 3250 Hwy 130, Rosslyn ON P7K 0B1**  
OR click and print the form at:  
https://oliverpaipoonge.ca/application/files/7015/7866/7828/Dog\_License\_Registration\_Fillable\_Form.pdf  
Fill out the form and mail it with payment by cheque; or bring it in person if paying by cash or debit to any of the above locations.

**Deadline for APRIL'S Oliver Paipoonge News is MARCH 20!**  
designhouse@tbaytel.net 628-7271

**REMINDER: Burning permits are required all year. Charges will be laid if you burn without a permit. Daytime burning is allowed from Nov 1 to March 31. Burning Permits available at: both libraries, LULUS, Rosslyn Service, Wildwoode Variety, Valley Store in Murillo and also online at www.oliverpaipoonge.ca.**

You are not allowed to dispose of used oil, paint at our landfill site. The Municipality is no longer accepting appliances that contain Freon. In order for these appliances to be accepted at the Landfill Sites, they must have the Freon removed by a Certified Refrigeration Specialist and tagged to indicate that they are Freon-free. Once the Freon is removed and the appliance is tagged, it can then be disposed of in the designated area at either Landfill Site without charge. You must present both your Landfill Access Card and Photo ID (driver's license) to the Landfill Site Attendant upon arrival effective July 11, 2015. ...landfill sites are for residents only. Non profit event planners can submit an online request to have their event placed on our municipal calendar located on the website. Go to our website www.oliverpaipoonge.ca and click on the events calendar icon on the home page and from there click on the link "submit an event" for free advertising. Remember to RECYCLE – our sites are filling up with recyclable items. The Municipality is legislated to recycle, so please do your part!! We remind residents that charges can be laid in regards to insecure loads and garbage flying onto the roads. Please ensure your garbage is secured in your vehicle or trailer!  
**Remember: You must have your pet under your control at all times. DOG TAGS are av available at Municipal Office, Wildwoode Variety on Hwy 102**

## COUNCIL & STAFF

**Contact Information**  
**Office Located at 3250 Hwy 130, Rosslyn ON P7K 0B1**

### COUNCIL

**Lucy Kloosterhuis, Mayor**  
mayor@oliverpaipoonge.on.ca  
807-473-5658 (office)

**Bernie Kamphof, Councillor**  
councillorkamphof@oliverpaipoonge.on.ca  
807-935-3344

**Dan Calvert, Councillor**  
councillorcalvert@oliverpaipoonge.on.ca  
807-620-7777

**Donna Peacock, Councillor**  
councillorpeacock@oliverpaipoonge.on.ca  
807-627-7016

**Allan Vis, Councillor**  
councillorvis@oliverpaipoonge.on.ca  
807-935-2200

### HALL RENTALS

Call the Municipal Office 807-935-2613

## ADMINISTRATION

**Wayne Hanchard, CAO/Clerk**  
cao-clerk@oliverpaipoonge.on.ca  
807-935-2614

**John MacGillivray, Treasurer/Deputy CAO**  
treasurer@oliverpaipoonge.on.ca  
807-935-0258

**Chris Bowles, Director of Operations**  
directorofoperations@oliverpaipoonge.on.ca  
807-935-8670

**Kerri Reid, Manager of Planning**  
planning@oliverpaipoonge.on.ca  
807-935-3300

**Sean Horan, Fire Chief**  
fire.chief@oliverpaipoonge.on.ca  
807-935-8674 Cell 807-628-4867



Items from the 1972 Thesis written by Fred Goodfellow, founder of the OP Heritage Park, (formerly Founders Museum)

"Museums ...Their Operation and Educational Values"

(continued from previous issue)

Such changing activities, problems and purposes, may well prevent museums from ever again stagnating as they did around the year 1900 when they were referred to as mausoleums and morgues, and held in low esteem by the public. During both world wars and the interval between-a scant 20 years scientific know-how was accelerated greatly due to the national emergency. This created a great contrast, in weaponry, transportation, communication, etc. From the simple machine age of the 'teens', we had reached the atomic age of 'the forties'. At no time in history had such an advance taken place in so short a time. Museums received an upsurge in popularity by young and old. As the years rolled by, 'antiques' became collector's items because of their increased scarcity, their expert craftsmanship, and their personal identity with another age. Museums became reference areas where one could see, compare, and ascertain information and background on any item-they became status symbols. Museums were now able to give the public tangible services rather than the more passive viewing of earlier days. This was a most important development for increased public awareness. Recognition of the museum as an active educational institution began in a small way when John Ruskin stated that a museum should not only exhibit objects but should make some effort to interpret them to the public.

(to be continued in the next issue)  
Written by Fred Goodfellow 1972                      Submitted by Lois Garrity

**Check out our new web site at [ophp.ca](http://ophp.ca). Although it is in the beginning stages, this is where you will find our list of upcoming events, blogs, admission sales and more. There is also a link to the Oliver Paipoonge Heritage Park Facebook page on it. For more info contact Jean Mayo, Curator 807 620 3636 or [mayojeanp@gmail.com](mailto:mayojeanp@gmail.com)**

Slate River W.I. Submitted by Dodie Legassick

**This month Marie Hamilton of the Slate River Women's Institute has prepared two of her favourite recipes for you.**

The first is a robust, hearty casserole dish that is delicious as is but it also lends itself to the addition of other seasonings as well such as chili powder, or a red chili for extra heat if your palate likes it spicier.

**CROCKPOT CALICO BEANS**

4 slices of bacon	1 lb. of ground beef
1/2 cup chopped onion	1 can molasses pork and beans
1 can kidney beans rinsed and drained	1 can lima beans rinsed and drained
1/2 cup brown sugar	1/2 cup ketchup
1 tablespoon vinegar	1 teaspoon mustard
1 teaspoon salt	

Cook the bacon and cut into pieces. Add the ground beef and onion. Cook on medium heat. Put bacon, onion and ground beef into a crock pot. Add the remaining ingredients. Put into a crockpot. Put the crockpot on high 3 to 4 hours or on low from 6 to 8 hours OR put into a casserole dish and into the oven for 45 to 60 minutes. Bake at 325 degrees.

Marie's second recipe is great for those people who cannot consume refined white or brown sugar .The sweetener substitute is called Splenda. However, if you don't mind white sugar the Splenda can be substituted using a one to one ratio. In other words,one cup of Splenda can be substituted using one cup of white sugar. These cookies really are delicious especially with a hot cup of coffee or tea.

**PEANUT BUTTER WHOLE WHEAT SPLEND A COOKIES**

1 and 1/4 cups of whole wheat flour  
1/2 tsp.salt  
1 tsp.baking powder  
1/2 cup shortening or butter  
1/2 cup peanut butter smooth or crunchy  
1 cup packed Splenda  
1/2 tsp. vanilla  
1 egg  
White sugar/Splenda for fork pressing  
Optional: Add 1 cup chocolate chips  
Sift together the flour, salt and baking powder.  
Cream shortening with the peanut butter and sugar. Beat in the vanilla and egg.  
Stir in the flour mixture, blending well.  
Shape into 1 inch balls.Place them onto parchment paper or place on greased baking sheets.  
Dip a fork into sugar before flattening the cookies.  
Bake at 325 degrees for about 10 to 12 minutes.

**Remember that new members are always welcome into the Slate River Women's Institute. Happy March! Dodie LeGassick**

Friends of Oliver Paipoonge Heritage Park

by Rod Spicer

*Our history, your history, my family's history and my history.*

Our history, some would call our heritage, in and around the territory of Thunder Bay, extends back generations, to when the first European settlers, and others arrived and interacted with the Indigenous people of this area. As more immigrants settled and prospered through hard work and determination, the communities grew and the Thunder Bay District, including Oliver, Paipoonge, Neebing, Shuniah, and others, became a vibrant and growing populace of a wonderful and varied group of peoples, who brought their own intelligence, beliefs, ambitions, and passions to the area over the past 200 – 300 years. They, as individuals, and along with family members, who are descendants of this group of intrepid immigrants, who left their families, their homelands, their language and their culture, for the great unknown of Canada, on a “wing and a prayer “, and, with hopefully a name and an address of some unknown relative, who may welcome them and support them on their arrival in the “Great White North.” Their arrivals here were with an expectation by their sponsors / relations that they “get down to task” to support themselves and secure employment. The great majority were up to the challenge, and through their endeavours created the communities that we live in today; albeit, there were many rough times for all involved along this path. Recognition of the history of our forebears who have provided for the life and times that we thrive in today, is part of what Oliver Paipoonge Heritage Park, (OPHP) represents. The OPHP, in its origin, was established by Fred Goodfellow. He had a passion for history and heritage, and most significantly for the Oliver Paipoonge and surrounding areas. He started his collecting and historical vision early in his life and amassed an amazing collection at the Hwy 61 / Gillespie Road property, which he continued to build on throughout his life. With the addition of the Duke Hunt Museum Collection and more recently with the Russ Wanzuk Automotive / Racing Heritage, and the Brill buses collection, there is at this site the most significant, if not the “finest” heritage collection of memorabilia representing primarily the rural activities of the areas, in and around Thunder Bay. The **Oliver Paipoonge Heritage Park will re-open on Saturday, May 18.** It would be tremendous to see enthusiastic support of OPHP by its neighbours / supporters / friends who can show their support by visiting, volunteering and by donating their time and resources to the park itself. A new volunteer group in development - Friends of Oliver Paipoonge Heritage Park, aims, in the immediate term, to engage individuals to join the board of directors to help plan to preserve the past while shaping the future of the park as we enter a new summer season of 2024.

RUSSELL PETER WANZUK

October 31, 1944 – January 29, 2024

Russ was a very special person; a thinker, a doer, and a one who enjoyed life. He was most notably known for his love of everything relating to cars. He told me once that he started rebuilding cars when he was sixteen and he probably kept most of them. If you ever had the pleasure of visiting his home, it was most evident where his passion was. There are at least 3 garages plus sheds, and they were always full of cars, trucks, race cars, soap box cars, bumper cars, and toy cars. And don't forget to check out the areas beside the garages. But it didn't stop with the cars. If you looked up a little there was the memorabilia on the walls. T-shirts, jackets, hats, posters, pictures, and on and on. And each item had a history which he was more than willing to share. For many years, his dream was to have a facility to display his collection in. Since he was on the Oliver Paipoonge Museum board, now called the Oliver Paipoonge Heritage Park, it only made sense that his dream be built on that site. In July of 2022, ‘Russ's Garage’ was unveiled to the public. His enthusiasm was overwhelming. He would talk about how he could move things around, add a little something here or there, and it would always be a fresh view for the people coming to visit. This was the Russ that I knew.

Russ had other sides as well. He was a teacher for 32 years and he kept his connections with some of the schools who would call on him for assistance on projects. An example was a small bulldozer that he guided students to build in their shop class and it now sits in Russ's Garage.

Russ loved car races and he was a fixture at the new Thunder Bay Speedway on race days. As expected, he supported the event by bringing display race cars that had some history with the racers and fans.

At most events that Russ attended you would probably see Elaine at his side. For 47 years they enjoyed life together.

We will miss you, Russ! What a special collection that you have left for everyone to enjoy.

By Jean Mayo, Curator  
Oliver Paipoonge Heritage Park





# It's chick season!

DAY OLD CHICKS FROM FREY'S, PERFORMANCE POULTRY,  
BERG'S & FEATHERED ACRES HATCHERIES

LAYERS, EXOTIC & RARE BREEDS,  
MEAT BIRDS, WATERFOWL,  
TURKEYS & GUINEA FOWL

**available April to September**



ORDER IN STORE OR CALL (807) 935-2921

**all orders require a \$25 deposit**



**THUNDER BAY**



MODEL:  
BX2380



KUBOTA THUNDER BAY  
635 HEWITSON ST. THUNDER BAY, ON. P7B5V5  
807-344-8901 | WWW.KUBOTATHUNDERBAY.COM

