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## Road condition concerns forwarded to Minister of Transportation

Concerns from citizens and the Municipality of Chapleau have been forwarded to the Minister of Transportation in the following letter.

Please feel free to contact your member of parliament or the Minister of Transportation to voice your opinion or concerns.

December 9, 2011

Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Transportation  
Ministry of Transportation Corporate Correspondence Unit  
3rd Floor, Ferguson

Block, 77 Wellesley Street West  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1Z8

Dear Sir:

The community of Chapleau is geographically placed about 2 hours from Timmins and 1.5 hours from Wawa. The citizens of Chapleau regularly travel the highway from Chapleau to Timmins and Wawa for medical, business and social reasons.

With the

coming of winter, it has become apparent that our roads have become slippery and treacherous and that our one and only link to medical services outside Chapleau is greatly challenged by winter conditions. We rely on the MTO to resolve these problems and keep our roads safe and clear of snow, ice and other obstacles.

The people of Chapleau have forwarded their concerns to me on many occa-

sions regarding the care extended to our section of Hwy 101 from Chapleau to Timmins. Citizens are unhappy that the quality of the work from Chapleau to the Shawmere River (halfway between Chapleau and Foleyet) is second to the quality of the work done from Foleyet to the Shawmere. As soon as the citizens of Chapleau have crossed over to the other side of the Shawmere, the quality of the maintenance is

superior and the roadway is clear of ice or snow.

Icy roads from Chapleau to Wawa on Hwy 101 and from Chapleau to Thessalon on Hwy 129 have also been noted. On occasion, only one centre lane is cleared after snow storms in our area between Chapleau and Wawa.

It is unacceptable that the roads in the Chapleau area are so neglected and that the safety of our citizens is

in jeopardy. The service providers have not fulfilled their obligations.

Honorable Minister, please look into this critical situation, as the safety and welfare of the people of the town I serve is my greatest concern.

Sincerely,  
André Byham  
Mayor, Township of Chapleau  
cc. Council  
cc. Mike Mantha, MPP, Algoma-Manitoulin

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By Monique Rancourt  
On the weekend of Dec 2nd, the Chapleau Senior Timbit Huskies travelled to Sudbury to attend the Lopes Tournament hosted by Coniston Minor

Hockey. They started off the weekend early with their first game being Friday at 10am in Garson against Walden's Batestelli's. The Huskies were playing 12 minute

periods, with a buzzer system every 2 minutes. The Huskies took over early in the first period with a goal by Riley Bernier (assisted by Madison Hamel and Alexander

Hastman) at 10:32. Second goal of the first period was again scored by Riley Bernier (assisted by Alexander Hastman and Lilianne Levesque) at 4:36. With a lead of 2-0 in the second period, Colten Lane (unassisted) took the game to 3-0 at 5:23. Walden finally got one past our goalie at 11:12 of the third period and broke Easton Rancourt's hope of a shutout. The Huskies added one more scored by Justin Martineau (assisted by Riley Bernier and Lilianne Levesque) at 3:58 and Walden snuck another one in

40 seconds later. Final score 4-2 Huskies. What a great way to start off the weekend!

Second game was played a few short hours later at 3:00pm in Coniston against the Onaping Falls Huskies. Only 10 seconds into the game, Lacey Pilon (assisted by Colten Lane and Annabelle Sylvestre) put Chapleau on the board. The first period saw 5 more goals scored. Second goal was scored by Lacey Pilon (assisted by Annabelle Sylvestre and Brooke Maxwell). Third goal by Dawson Fortin (assisted by

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# EDITOR'S POINT OF VIEW

Mario G. Lafrenière

## Slip Slidin' Away Our Highways and Byways

I had an interesting trip to Sudbury last Sunday. I opted to take the Sultan industrial road, as always, to save time and valuable gasoline. There was a bit of a snowfall on Saturday night. The weather warmed up enough Sunday that the light snow turned into rain, while I was in transit.

The road was fine up to a certain point. I then observed from a distance that the road ahead seemed to have been paved. Had I sprung thru to another dimension in time where our governing bodies had somehow given up to our relentless demands to have the road paved? Or was this a mirage?

Unfortunately it wasn't to be. It was ice, black ice that is. At this moment in time the vehicle was actively pursuing another path and the GPS lady was having a nervous breakdown, demanding for an immediate 180, even raising her tone on a few occasions.

Feet off any available pedals,

gentle turn of the steering wheel to correct said path. Now the vehicle is facing the other side of the road defying all known laws, handling the ice about as well as Bambi, in a position that only a calculus, algebra or physics professor could calculate.

The brain reacts in strange ways in moments of high anxiety! The first symptom is the slow motion effect. Everything slows down. This gave me an opportunity to conclude that the size of the pine cones was directly proportional to the size of the trees. I deduced that trying to aim for the smaller cones was probably the right decision to make. My next thought was that the darn lumber companies had not cut down enough trees. As the slow motion effects wore off, my vehicle returned to its' proper path. Now I was desperately waiting for the forward momentum to quickly diminish as I was in dire need to touch solid ground. In the middle

of nowhere, I got out of the vehicle and after resisting the urge for a Papal-like ground kiss I took the proverbial "look around" to see if anyone had seen my antics. I attempted to take a short walk, to ease the stress level, but soon realized that my shoes were not any better than my tires. That was enough to get a smile back on my face. The rest of the trip was a slow ride with my hazard lights on and the occasional humming of "All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth".

Travelling the Sultan road was done at my own risk and it turned out to be the better part of the trip. The highway travel between Chapleau and Sultan was done in 3 to 4 inches of slush following a single vehicle track, smack in the middle of the road. Something is amiss when transport trucks are travelling at 30 km/h on a main highway. Our highways are not properly maintained.

In November during a trek to Timmins I encountered a stretch of

highway exceeding a distance of 20 kilometers that only a Zamboni driver could have appreciated. No sand, no salt! Another interesting moment in my life! I have never experienced this type of road condition in forty years of driving unless a major storm was involved.

As you know, our Provincial government has been shopping out of province and out of country lately, with the GoCar Transit Train repairs going to a Quebec based company instead of going to Northern Ontario's Ontario Northland. The company that was awarded the contract for highway maintenance in Ontario is called Transfield Services and is based out of Australia. While we're out on this shopping spree, maybe we should look into cheaper hydro from either Quebec or Manitoba and use the savings not to pay for OUR hydro debt but to properly maintain our highways.

According to the Ministry of Transportation's web site the Ministry is committed to creating a balanced and effective transportation system that supports strong communities that offer a high quality of life. To accomplish this, the ministry seeks to: Improve road safety and enhance customer service - by maintaining Ontario's road safety record among the top jurisdictions in North America as well as increasing access to, and developing new ministry products and services. One of its major responsibilities is using the latest technology to maintain safe roads in all weather conditions and provide driving condition information to the public. Aside from providing driving conditions by closing the highways

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nothing else is being done! Maybe we should declare a state of emergency. Now I understand why the studded tires are now legal. It was a plot!

If you experience poor road conditions you may want to contact Transfield services at 1-877-250-7575 or you can write to the Minister of Transportation to either complain or at least correct the information on their website. The address for the Minister is as follows: Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Transportation, Ministry of Transportation Corporate Correspondence Unit, 3rd Floor, Ferguson Block, 77 Wellesley Street West, Toronto, Ontario M7A 1Z8

If awarding highway maintenance contracts to foreign companies is a necessity, I am placing Norway, Finland and Sweden on my Christmas wish list.

Chapleau could gain financially from this situation with a TV reality show.

We would easily compete with "Ice Road Truckers"!

As compensation maybe Ontario Northland should be given a contract to link all of Northern Ontario communities with a rail system. We could then transfer our highway systems to the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs to use as their snowmobile trails. No cars, no gasoline cost, no need to plug in our vehicles, no insurance cost, no brushing cost for the snowmobile club. It's a win-win solution.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Drive sober, and if the highways are open, drive safely!

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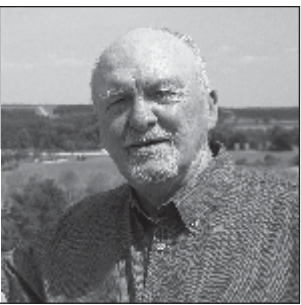
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# Churches quickly established after Chapleau founded in 1885 with services held in partially completed CPR station and tent during bitterly cold winter

Chapleau Moments

by Michael J. Morris



As Christmas approached for the residents of Chapleau in the Winter of 1885, from reports of the time, it was bitterly cold and disease was rampant.

The population of about 400, ninety-five percent of them men, had arrived earlier in the year after the Canadian Pacific Railway issued instructions to make Mileage 615.1 on its transcontinental line a divisional point, by placing a boxcar on the exact spot. The boxcar became the first station, office building, and train dispatcher's office but before the end of the year a roundhouse and water tower had been built.

A station and office building were under construction and Chapleau had become a community of surplus boxcars and tents.

As Ian Macdonald noted in his mono-

graph 'Mile 615.1: Building a Northern Community', the major churches of the day "quickly established themselves in the earliest stages of the community's development." Ian's monograph is included in 'Chapleau: Retrospective on an Isolated Northern Community' by William McLeod.

But the partially built station played another role than meet the needs of the CPR. In December 1885, it was used for meetings by members of the Church of England, later called the Anglican Church of Canada. to establish a presence in the fledgling community.

Archdeacon Gowan Gillmor fondly called 'The Tramp' who on one of his journeys to minister to the CPR construction crews walked from North Bay to Port Arthur, now Thunder Bay. Archdea-

con Gillmor was instrumental in the founding of St. John's Church, and it is quite possible he conducted Christmas service in 1885 in a partially completed railway station while attending meetings to plan the church building.

St. John's almost didn't happen as a motion was presented to drop the matter as it was impossible to raise the sum of \$500 needed to build the church. A grant of \$400 was available.

Mrs.R.V. Nicholson preserved an account of the meeting where it all changed when Annie Nicholson, just 17. and her friend Minnie Richardson, volunteered to go out and raise the funds. Off they went canvassing from Cartier to White River, and at the next meeting they said a "really strong box" would be needed as they had raised slightly more than one thousand dollars. The first St. John's Church was opened and dedicated on July 1, 1886, and Christmas services were held there in 1886.

Mrs. Nicholson's account was made



The CPR shops at Chapleau in 1886 with wood burning Engine 1886. Courtesy Dr Vince Crichton.

available to me when I wrote 'Sons of thunder ... Apostles of Love', marking the 100th anniversary of the parish.

As an aside, when St. John's celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1985 when Rev. Jerry Smith was rector, Linda Tebbutt and Sharon Henderson played the roles of Annie and Minnie in an historical re-enactment of the really strong box.

Meanwhile, in 1885, there was also a Roman Catholic presence in Chapleau which had been established by the Jesuits, according to an account by Father Albert Burns, s.j., of Chapleau.

Father Burns wrote that the Jesuits followed the CPR construction gangs and many of the order were dedicated to opening new parishes along the way. Once established, they would be turned over to the bishop and Chapleau benefited from the work of the "zealous missionaries" of the Jesuit order.

Father Edward Proulx s.j. was a most beloved priest in Chapleau and was responsible for a heating system in the church as well as the construction of the

rectory and establishment of a separate school.

In fact the Jesuits were in charge of the Roman Catholic presence in Chapleau from 1883 to 1911 when Father Romeo Gascon arrived. Father Burns noted that Father Louis Cote s.j conducted the first Roman Catholic baptism in Chapleau on April 12, 1883.

For Christmas services in 1885 it would appear that they would have been held in the first Roman Catholic Church in the community built that year where Collins store at the intersection of Birch and Lorne streets was later located.

As another aside, it is quite possible that Patrick A. Mulligan, the first of my ancestors to arrive in Chapleau would have attended the Roman Catholic service at Christmas 1885. In a family history, my cousin Michael McMullen writes that Patrick was an early Chapleau pioneer arriving in late 1885. He built a store at the northwest corner of Birch and Young Streets and it opened for business in 1886 as Murrys and Mulligan, General Merchants.

Patrick was the uncle of Michael's grandmother, May (Mulligan) McMullen, who arrived in Chapleau about 1900, and mine Lil (Mulligan) Morris, about 1910.

However, by 1891, Sacred Heart Church was built on its present location and expanded in 1898. It was destroyed by fire just before Christmas in 1918, but the present church was built during the following year and Father Gascon celebrated mass in it on Christmas Eve, 1919. On Christmas Eve, 2011, the present church will celebrate its 92nd anniversary.

A history of Trinity United Church in Chapleau notes that "when construction was being pushed westward by the Canadian Pacific Railway in the early 1880s, the Methodists were not slow in sending their missionaries along to minister to the spiritual needs of the men engaged in the construction business".

The church history says that one of the first of these missionaries was Rev. Silas Huntingdon, who arrived in Chapleau in June 1886. It adds that his first services were

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The first CPR station at Chapleau 1886. Courtesy Dr Vince Crichton



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On Monday November 27th Liberal aboriginal affairs critic Carolyn Bennett called the Conservative government's proposed Bill C-27 racist and paternalistic. The bill is designed to make spending on Native reserves in Canada transparent. The long overdue legislation would provide some transparency as to where more than 11 Billion tax dollars a year are spent.

At the time the obvious political graft in the Native political system seemed enough

of a reason to justify the need for spending transparency. There is something drastically wrong with a system that allowed 47 chiefs and councilors in Canada to make more last year than the \$317,574 paid to Canada's Prime Minister. On the Glooscap First Nation reserve in Nova Scotia one Mi'kmaq politician pulled in almost \$1 million in pay in 2010, while band councilors each earned between \$ 2 1 0 , 0 0 0 and \$260,000. The population actually living on

the reserve was 87. In Attawapiskat some \$12 million was spend on salaries and benefits to oversee a reserve with a population of less than 2,000 that is half the \$34 million the reserve receives from the government.

Then Attawapiskat exploded under the media spotlight with Ms. Bennett and her Liberal crony Bob Rea blaming the Harper Conservatives. NDP MP Charlie Angus blamed "bureaucratic indifference" for the poor living conditions on the reserve. The media provided Chief Theresa Spence of Attawapiskat with the forum to parade sick children and squalid living conditions in front of TV cameras, build up public sympathy and then refuse any kind of government oversight in reserve spending while demanding 60 million more in funding to fix the problems.

The problems evident in Attawapiskat are not unique to Attawapiskat. They are prevalent in Native reserves in the far north all across Canada because there is no

economy and the time of "Hunters and Gatherers of Food" is long gone.

Attawapiskat, however, is not an example of such a reserve. There is the possibility of economy. The DeBeers Victor mine is 90 km west of Attawapiskat. Through something called an Impact Benefit Agreement DeBeers has provided 178 million to Aboriginal Partners. There was \$1,000,000 invested in the community high school to provide computers and training simulators. There were 587 construction jobs, and there are Joint Ventures partnerships. These

Joint Venture companies give priority to aboriginal businesses for contracts like supplying catering, transportation and camp services to the mine.

I am sure there is no one who does not want to see a quick resolution to the housing and public school problems in Attawapiskat. However, throwing more money without oversight is not the solution. It will take the Wisdom of Solomon to solve what is wrong on northern reserves and partisan politics does not help. Bill C-27 provides a first step towards a more equita-

ble and fair distribution of spending on Native reserves. As for a long-term solution? The kindest analogy I can think of is that of a family. No one expects to have to look after their children for the rest of their lives. As parents we do our best to help them mature, get an education, get a job and move into the world on their own.

When Prime Minister Harper and the Native Chiefs meet may they all be blessed with much wisdom.

Gaye Smith  
R.R.#3,  
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# Gold In Coniston!

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Easton Rancourt and Halle Moreau). Fourth goal by Mason Cyr (assisted by Easton Rancourt and Madison Guitard), fifth goal by Riley Bernier (assisted by Lilliane Lesvesque and Colten Lane. The sixth and final goal of the period happened with 8 seconds left on the clock and was scored by Annabelly Sylvestre (assisted by Brooke Maxwell and Jaxon Cachagee). The second period again was dominated by the Chapleau Huskies. Two more goals were added by Riley Bernier (assisted by Colten Lane and Lilliane Levesque on the first goal and assisted by Justin Martineau on the second.) It's 8-0 going into the third period, at the 8 minute mark, the Onaping Huskies took the shutout away from Jacob Barlow and scored their one and only goal of the game. Chapleau continued to score 4 more goals after the seven minute mark. The were scored by Riley Bernier (assisted by Jacob Barlow – our goalie!), Lacey Pilon (assisted by Jaxon Cachagee and Brooke Maxwell), Easton Rancourt (assisted by Halle Moreau and Dawson Fortin) and Colten Lane (assisted by Lilliane Levesque and Justin Martineau). The Huskies win the game 12-1. This game came back to help us take first place in the round robin when it came

down to goals for and against for the championship game.

Huskies third game was played at noon on Saturday in Coniston against the home team – Coniston Tim Horton's. And what a game it was! Parents from both teams were on the edge of their seats to the very last second. It is definitely my opinion that we outplayed them, and we definitely outshot them. I wish someone was tracking shots on net, because our Huskies didn't stop, but their goalie was on fire, stopping all but 3 shots. Chapleau dominated the first period scoring at 9:45, goal by Riley Bernier (assisted by Alexander Hastman and Colten Lane) and less than a minute later added another by Riley Bernier (assisted by Lilliane Levesque and Colten Lane). The second period saw Coniston not only tie us at 2, but they also took the lead when they scored with 12.5 seconds left! The Huskies, continued to play their hardest to tie the game again. However, Coniston added a fourth goal at the 7 minute mark. With a score of 4-2, the Huskies still hadn't given up, at 3:41 Riley Bernier (assisted by Brooke Maxwell and Jaxon Cachagee) scored to give him a “natural” hat trick!!! Way to go Riley! Still down by one, every Husky player on the ice was shooting on the goalie, over and over and over. However, like I said, he was on fire and managed to keep the win. Coniston takes the game 4-3. Our goalie Jacob Barlow also stopped a lot of shots, only giving up four of the many shots on net.

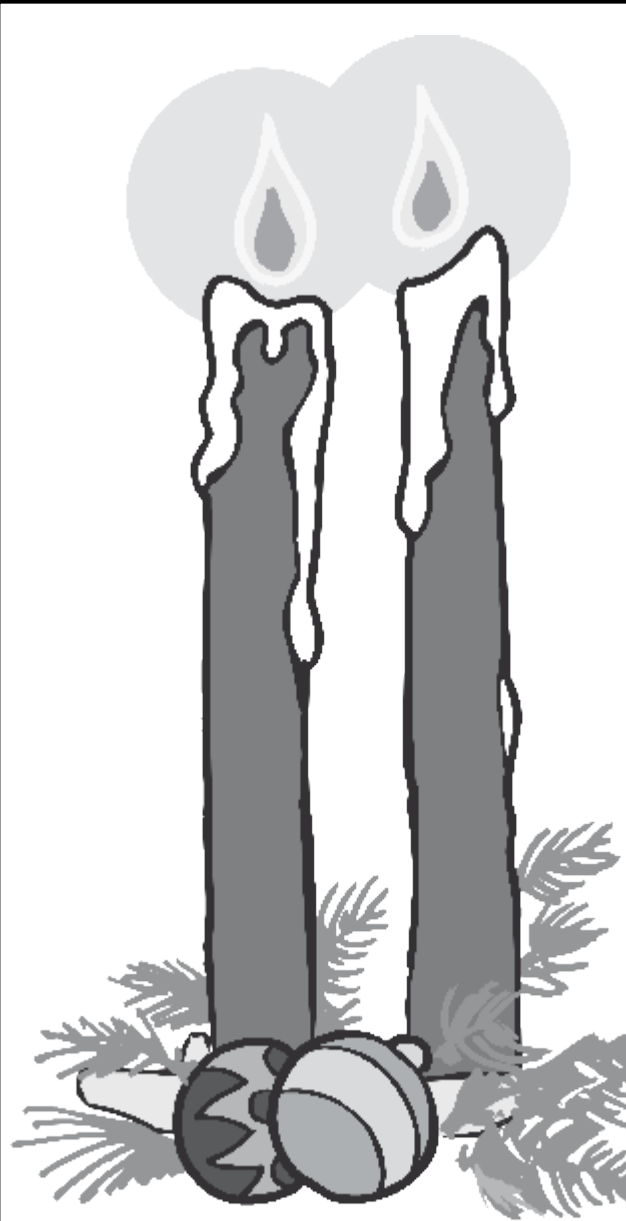
Championship game was at 1pm on Sunday in Coniston, where we would play Walden Batistelli's again. Riley Bernier (assisted by Colten Lane) started off the scoring at 10:28 of the first period. Two minutes later Dawson Fortin (assisted by Mason Cyr) had us ahead by two. Just to make sure Riley Bernier (assisted by Colten Lane and Lilliane Levesque) adds another! Second period only sees one goal scored 51 seconds

in. It was scored by Riley Bernier (assisted by Colten Lane). We are going in to third period ahead by 4 goals, thoughts of a shutout in a championship game come to mind as goalie Easton Rancourt is making some great saves. However, at the 5:04 mark, Walden gets their first goal, and adds another with 2:01 left in the game. In all fairness, the second goal should not count as the buzzer went off while our goalie had the puck covered. So

our goalie takes his hand off the puck, and a Coniston player puts it in the net – the refs count it as a goal....Just to ensure they stay ahead Huskies are taking any shot on net when they have the opportunity. Lacey Pilon (assited by Jacob Barlow) scores our final goal of the weekend. Huskies win GOLD!


This year's Chapleau Senior Timbit Huskies consists of: Lilliane Levesque, Lacey Pilon, Madison

Hamel, Jacob Barlow, Mason Cyr, Ayden Porter, Jaxon Cachagee, Riley Bernier, Halle Moreau, Justin Martineau, Dawson Fortin, Easton Rancourt, Colten Lane, Brooke Maxwell, Ethan Guertin, Annabelle Sylvestre, Madison Guitard, Alexander Hastman. Head coach Allen Cyr, Assistant Coaches Robert Moreau and Clay Lane, Trainer Jon McEachren and Manager Jennifer Cyr.



May every happiness be yours this holiday season & throughout the year.

Happy Holidays!



Algoma District School Board

Next Publication of the Chapleau Express will be on January 7th, 2012

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Turning Point is looking for your ideas for the New Year for its Wellness à la carte program to promote physical activity, sport and/or recreation, as well as healthy eating. What would you like to see offered in Chapleau? Please complete our online survey by January 9th. The survey can be found on the home page of [www.sschs.ca](http://www.sschs.ca) under “Wellness Survey/Sondage bien-être”.

Point décisif cherche des suggestions pour la Nouvelle Année pour son programme Bien-être à la carte. Quelles activités récréatives axées sur la promotion d'une vie et une alimentation saine aimeraient vous voir à Chapleau ? Veuillez compléter notre sondage en ligne par le 9 janvier 2012. Le sondage se trouve sur la page d'accueil au site web [www.sschs.ca](http://www.sschs.ca) sous le titre « Wellness Survey/Sondage bien-être ».



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# Lady of Fatima donates to food bank      Donation to Long Term Residence



The Social Justice Rep. Mlle. Morin organized a Food Drive to support Sacred Heart Parish's cupboards. To add a healthy-teaching component, each class was asked to donate one item following the Canadian Food Guide. Big thanks to all staff and students' families for their support!



Advent and Christmas are seasons of joy, love and understanding. Staff members from Our Lady of Fatima School donated their Dress down monies to the Long Term Residence at the hospital. Teacher Mrs. DiPasquale handed the cheque to CEO Mrs. Gail Bignucolo on their behalf.

# Small towns not so important to Bay Street Conservatives

By Carol Hughes M.P.

It is difficult to come up with positive spin on what is happening in parliament. This past week we heard excuses as Canada ran far from the pack at the international climate change talks; received a court ruling that explicitly stated the Conservatives broke the law when they killed the wheat board; and to top it off, we learned that Transport Canada will divest itself of properties that include many smaller airports.

The government's plan will make rural towns less accessible and hurt families' pocketbooks. Smaller communities rely on having transportation options available to connect them—and their economies—to the rest of Canada. This plan to sell off the airports ignores this reality and will only make communities more isolated.

The level of ground services in parts of the country have already declined dramatically, largely because of the privatization of CN Railways and the reduction in Greyhound bus connections. This development will only compound the problem and increase our reliance on cars while further limiting the options of

many who do not have a vehicle.

The policy will not just affect smaller communities. Airports like Toronto's Pearson International are currently run by government appointed arm's-length agencies. Privatization will make them less responsive to both travelers and their local community. It will certainly increase the fees that are paid in addition to ticket prices.

To hear the Conservatives talk about it, they are just 'managing corporate assets' and 'saving the tax-payer dollars.' These are weasel words that don't sound much like the reality of the situation, which is they are further eroding the viability of smaller communities.

In question period the Parliamentary Secretary for the Minister of Transport said that supporting small-town airports was, "not in the benefit of Canada." The implication for the people and businesses affected will be significant and that is how they speak about it. Either costs will rise dramatically or airports will disappear. Budgets are tight all over, but this threatens to reduce some to ashes.

To give an example of how political these choices are; this is the same

government that refuses to save taxpayers money by chasing down offshore tax-cheats. They even cut the number of inspectors that return five dollars for every dollar spent. Pursuing the

cheaters actually does save honest taxpayers a lot of money. Instead, the government sticks its head in the sand and does a big favour to their wealthy friends who have enough money to hide offshore.

Instead they choose to save money by dramatically challenging the well-being of rural Canada. We cannot all live in and around major cities. For that reason alone, the government should

take a long hard look at their fire-sale plans. Too much is at stake and they need to listen to other voices and opinions before proceeding. If not, we will be picking up the pieces for a long while



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# Chapleau Moments

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conducted in a partially finished store on Birch Street.

Mr.Huntingdon returned to Chapleau bringing with him a young student minister who conducted services for a time in a large tent near the corner of Lorne and Birch Streets. He began the erection of the first Methodist church on the site of the present

Trinity United Church at Lorne and Beech Streets. He organized the first Methodist congregation in Chapleau.

However, the history also mentions that Rev. Ralph Homer also came to Chapleau and during the winter of 1885-86 held services in a tent approximately where the Boston Café/ Redwood Restaurant

was located. Possibly the Methodist congregation held its Christmas service in a tent.

Life was tough for the founders of Chapleau, as they had left their homes to make a new life for themselves and their families in the bush of Northern Ontario, and by 1886, the tents, boxcars and shacks were being replaced with perma-

nent structures, and this included their churches.

I started thinking about the establishment of the respective churches in Chapleau in the 1880s while in Florida a couple of weeks ago while out for a walk in beautiful sunny weather, and decided to share a glimpse at those moments in the history of Chapleau at this Christmas time. I know. I know. Only someone raised in Chapleau would think about bitterly cold winters while in Florida!

My very best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. My email is [mj.morris@live.ca](mailto:mj.morris@live.ca)



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# The Real Meaning of Christmas



On December 13, the cheerful students from Our Lady of Fatima School visited the residents at the Long Term Facility in the local hospital.

What a joyful afternoon! The smiles,

the children's voices mixed with so many seniors....all visiting, and having a good time.

Staff members: Mlle. Morin, Mrs. DiPasquale, and Mr. LaFleur (guitar)

accompanied their groups. Everyone was involved in a fun bingo game and students' hand-made decorations were brought in as prizes. It was incredible to see the connection between

students and seniors; all working, chatting together, sharing and even arguing for some treats.

The group finished the visit with a lovely sing along that warmed up the room. Students had been practicing with their teachers all week to sing well known carols from Christmas past. Angelical, powerful voices filled the hallways sharing the joy of the season.

This is the real spirit of Christmas: sharing good times, bringing joy to someone to put in practice our Catholic values; instead of thinking in buying or receiving material presents, and getting involved in the rush of the commercial season.

We would like to thank the hospital, and our contacts Ms. Arlayna and Amanda Morin, for arranging our visit and helping us to teach students the real value of Christmas!

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# Keeping Chicks On The Ice \$500.00 dollar winner



Thanks to Bignucolo Inc. for generously supporting the Chapleau Pee wee Chicks with a \$1000 donation towards a team sponsorship. Pictured left to right is Lucy Bignucolo, Bignucolo Inc., Tammy Lefebvre, Pee wee Captain, Sydney Bignucolo, Pee wee Goalie, Lynn Bignucolo, Bignucolo Inc., Mark DiPasquale, Pee wee Coach.



Félicitation à Mme Marilyn Moreau, l'heureuse gagnante du tirage de \$500.00 des Chevaliers de Colomb qui a eu lieu le 11 décembre, 2011. Congratulations to Mrs. Marilyn Moreau, the lucky winner of the \$500.00 draw held on December 11, 2011 by the Knights of Columbus.

## Ice Hut Registration Required On Area Lakes

### Registration and Removal Of Ice Huts

To protect the environment and ensure safety, anglers must register new or previously unregistered ice fishing huts on area lakes.

Registration is free and helps prevent anglers from abandoning their huts, which can end up in waterways when the ice thaws.

- Huts must be

registered in Fisheries Management Zones 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Sault Ste Marie, North Bay, Sudbury, Timmins, Wawa and Chapleau districts. To register your ice hut in Zones 10 and 11, call your local ministry office at 705-564-7823 for Sudbury or North Bay at 705-475-5550 or any local ministry office for other zones. Generally, this may be done over the telephone. Once registered, an ice fishing hut can be used anywhere in Ontario.

- Registration numbers on ice huts must be at least 6.3 centimetres (2.5 inches) in height and clearly displayed on the outside of the hut.
- Tent-style ice huts made of cloth or synthetic fabric that have a base area of seven square metres

(75.4 square feet) or less when erected do not need to be registered.

- It's a good idea to place huts on 15 cm (six-inch) high wooden blocks to make it easier to remove them at the end of the season. Ice hut owners must keep the area around their huts clear of garbage.

- Anglers must remove ice huts from the waters of Zone 9,10 and 11 by March 31st. Huts in Zone 12 above Lake Timiskaming Dam must be removed by March 31 Below Lake Timiskaming Dam they must be removed by March 15th
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Registration packets are available at the Chapleau General Hospital, Chapleau Medical Clinic, Chapleau Valu-Mart, Chapleau Village Shops and Collins Home Hardware.

First 50 registrants will receive free "Together We Run" mitts so don't delay. Register now!



### L'année 2012 part du bon pied!

En partenariat avec le Centre de garde de Chapleau, l'Hôpital Général de Chapleau présente la troisième édition annuelle de la course et du marathon de marche « Together We Run », qui aura lieu le 7 janvier 2012. Les gens de tout âge peuvent y participer, peu importe leur niveau de forme physique. Les fonds recueillis dans le cadre de l'activité seront versés à la campagne « Ensemble pour un avenir prometteur! ». Celle-ci sert à l'achat d'équipement médical pour l'hôpital.

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