

Ontario is strengthening the local community by helping Niska North establish a brand-new cedar sawmill and create up to 40 new jobs.

The new cedar sawmill, which is being supported by a \$320,000 grant from the province, would produce a range of specialty value-added wood products, such as siding, decking, door and window components, mouldings and logs for log home construction.

"Our government's support will help more hardworking people right here in Chapleau provide a higher quality of living for their families," said Mike Brown on behalf of Natural Resources Minister Donna Cansfield. "Niska North will also provide



First Nations' communities and that's a huge win for the entire region."

"Our new operation would provide good jobs in Chapleau, as well as opportunities for Aboriginal communities," said Wade Cachagee, President of Niska North and member of the Chapleau Cree First Nation. "We wouldn't be able to move forward if it wasn't for the Ontario government."

"Weare pleased to support this communities.

new opportunities for project and the benefits it will bring to the community," said Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Brown.

> "This is an important boost for an industry that is facing a very difficult market."

The investment comes from Ontario's Forest Sector Prosperity Fund. It and the Loan Guarantee Program are part of the McGuinty government's over \$1billion plan to help forest companies invest in the future of their business and the prosperity of local

From left to right: Paul Bernier, District Manager, Ministry of Natural Resources, Wade Cachagee, President of Niska North, Mike Brown, M.P.P. and Mayor Earle Freeborn.

Ontario government's secured 4,770 jobs and forest sector invest- leveraged \$376

To date, the ments have created or million in investments

province-wide.

### **SSCHS** welcomes new locum doctor



Services de santé de Chapleau Health Services welcomes new locum Dr. Luc Briere. Dr. Briere will be providing locum services at the Chapleau Medical Centre. Dr. Briere is from Ottawa and works as Emergency Room physician at the Cornwall Community Hospital. He also practices family medicine at Montford Hospital in Ottawa.

Dr. Briere will be providing bilingual locum services on a bimonthly basis. All community members are welcome to book an appointment with Dr. Briere by calling the Medical Centre at 864-0210 during regular office hours.

Services de santé de Chapleau Health Services ont le plaisir d'accueillir un nouveau médecin intérimaire, le Dr. Luc Brière. Dr. Brière offrira des services médicaux au centre Médical de Chapleau. Dr. Briere travaille comme médecin d'urgence à l'Hôpital communautaire de Cornwall. Il pratique aussi la médecine de famille à l'Hôpital de Montford à Ottawa.



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I am writing today to express my disappointment in the manner in which members and parents of skaters in the Chapleau Figure Skating Club (CFSC) were treated by Mayor and Council at a recent meeting held on February 11, 2008. Approximately 15 members of the club attended a meeting as the recommendation from the township's Recreation Committee was finally being tabled at the Council. The CFSC had approached the Township back in October 2007 requesting a meeting to discuss ice rental rates (our biggest cost) and our projected deficit of approx. \$12,000, even after a 25% increase in registration fees, a 50% decrease in coaching hours, \$8,000 of projected fundraising and a significant reduction in ice rental hours via the

combining of classes. After making all these internal changes, the club prepared a full financial proposal with projections and comparisons, then was directed by the Township to present to their Recreational Committee. CFSC Representatives attended several Recreational Committee meetings and the committee consulted with financial staff at the township in order to arrive at their recommendation to the Township. Prior to this recommendation reaching Council, Council met and discussed the issue and decided to grant the CFSC a onetime grant of \$4,000. The Recreational Committee then forwarded their recommendation that the CFSC be provided a one-time grant of \$7,500 vs. the \$4,000. At the meeting on the 11th the Mayor declined to discuss the recommendation during the Open Forum session of the council meeting and informed us it would be discussed at that agenda item. Once that agenda item was reached, members present were not invited to speak or discuss the item at any time, although after significant protest were granted a few words.

Many members, taxpayers, present still had questions and were ignored by the Mayor citing that this is a council meeting and the public is not permitted to speak. Members continued to attempt to ask questions and were ignored. At no time did the Chair of the Recreational Committee, who is also a councillor, advocate for the recommendation made by his sub-committee.

Council stated that although they were sympathetic to the CFSC, they are approached by many organizations for money and cannot afford to provide for any further amount as they must be fiscally responsible. Later in

granted an unlimited (as no potential figure was provided) financial guarantee to the Fish Derby to provide for them to break even should they require it. This guarantee was provided after the total financial information of "tickets are selling well" was provided by one of the councillors and the direction of if you want a Fish Derby this has to be done, was stated by the Mayor. CFSC is not disagreeing that the Fish Derby is also important to this community.

that same meeting they

The CFSC had not requested funding from the Township previously, and in fact in the past has contributed financially in partnership with the Township with \$7,500 towards the Superbuild project and securing an approx. \$30,000 grant that allowed for the installation of a sound system in the arena that all are able to enjoy. We all understand that the Township is in serious financial condition and must be fiscally responsible. At the same time there is no overriding vision of where the best use of

### THE EDITOR ETTERS TO

On February 11, 2008, I attended an open forum meeting with our Mayor and councillors. The Chapleau Figure Skating Club was very well represented. Our serious concerns did not seem to be taken as seriously as we expected.

Maybe there is a lack of knowledge regarding how important this club is to our children and to this community. No misunderstanding, every club we have is important. I was disappointed when the chair of the recreation committee did not even speak. Not even a word of encouragement.

have to offer children, if anyone is considering moving here. Our skaters are proud and very vocal at our competitions."Go Chapleau Go" can sure be heard! Numerous gold, silver, bronze and ribbons are brought back here.

The Township has however given us some financial help, which we are truly thankful for, so now we need to get out there and raise funds. We don't want to see this club close, so please come out and support us and see what great talents we have. What a shame if this was gone! Thank you Mr. Editor for the space to let our community know about us.

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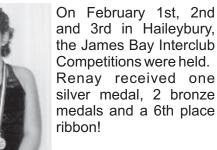
dollars can be made. We understand that the arena is heavily subsidized by taxpayer dollars; like in most communities, and that many of those who rent the ice on a regular basis are finding it difficult to afford. The direction we received from the Township that evening was that a further reduction in our hours would provide for them to turn off the lights and cut staffing to

All members of the CFSC will be working diligently over the next year to reach our new increased fundraising target and we ask the community for their support and donations to keep this valuable Youth activity present in the years to come.

save money.

Sincerely, Ann Morin President CFSC

### **CONGRATULATIONS** RENAY



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Proud grandparents Leo and Helen Santerre

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#### IN LOVING MEMORY OF Alexandre Babin 62 years



Who passed away after a long brave battle on Tuesday, February 12th, 2008 at Sudbury Regional Hospital-Memorial Site, with his family by his side. Beloved husband of Suzanne Babin (nee Chabot) of Sudbury). Loving father of Michel Babin of Sudbury.

Dearly missed by mother Veronica Babin (nee McCue) and of the late Donat Babin. Dear brother of Ollie Byce (Alvin) of Chapleau, Betty Wickenden (Richard) of Manitoulin Island, Edna Clouston (Bruce) of Bradford, Bonnie Desbois (Henry) of Chapleau, John Babin (Sue) of Bolton, Danny Babin (Sharon) of Caledon, Shirley Babin(Roger Chenier) of Arnprior, Joseph Babin (Linda) of Hillsburg, Peggy McKnight (John) of Chapleau, Allan Babin (Margaret) of Oshawa, Mary Catherine Johns (Tim) of Burlington and Troy Babin (Rina) of Mississauga. Survived by his sisters-in-law Colette Tourigny (Florent) of Ottawa, Lise Brisson and Tia Brisson both of Quebec.

Sadly missed by many nieces and nephews. Alex was a member of the Library and the Royal Canadian Legion in Chapleau. He also was a hockey coach for many years and played with the Friday Nighters in Chapleau, and was known as "The Fearless Leader". He lived for his family and all his previous students.

Rested at the Chapleau Civic Centre, Chapleau on Friday, February 15th from 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held in the Sacred Heart Church Chapleau Saturday, February 16th, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. Cremation at the Park Lawn Crematorium, Sudbury. Arrangements entrusted to the Lougheed Funeral Home, Sudbury and Gilmartin's Funeral Home in Chapleau. Flowers. donations or messages of condolence available online at www.lougheed.org

Our club goes out of Chapleau and represents us. What we

Helen Santerre

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# **Chapleau Figure Skaters** bring home 59 medals



Some of the Chapleau Figure Skating Club skaters posing with coach, Stephanie Lafleur-Morin, in between events in Haileybury.

hapleau was represented ✓ strongly at the James Bay Regional Nfigure Skating Inter club Competition held in Haileybury, Ontario. Sydney Bignucolo - 1 gold, 1 bronze, 3

The following lists the numerous skaters that brought Gauthier gold;

gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze; Jasmine Burkholder - 1 bronze, 2 ribbons: back awards:Nia Breanna Morin - 1 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze; Katrina Keech gold; Brittaney Pilon - 1

ribbons; Emily Pilon -2 bronze, 1 ribbon; Maggie St Amand - 1 gold, 1 bronze, 2 ribbons; Madison Bignucolo - 2 bronze, 3 ribbons; Ali Ann MacDonald - 1 gold, 1 bronze, 3 ribbons; Renay Bernier - 1 silver, 2 bronze, 1 ribbon; Jessica Dionne - 2 gold, 1 silver, 2 ribbons; Sabrina Kanala - 1 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze, 2 ribbons; Tiffany Card -2 gold, 1 bronze, 2 ribbons; Josh LaRochelle - 1 gold; Melanie Dillon - 2 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze; Jade Goudreau - 2 gold, 1 bronze, 1 ribbon; Chantal Martel - 3 gold, 1 silver; Alicia Canning - 5



Katrina Keech, Canskater, Gold Medal winner on the podium.

Melissa Lafrance - 1 gold, 1 silver, 2 ribbons; Arlayna Morin - 1 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze, 2 ribbons

gold; Veronique Cloutier - 4 gold, 1 silver.

Great work ladies, you've made Chapleau proud.

### **Ontario Government is investing** \$607,778 in upgrades for local hospitals Funding will improve care for patients

The McGuinty government is investing \$607,778 in infrastructure upgrades at the Chapleau, Hornepayne, Manitouwadge and Wawa hospitals, as part of Health Infrastructure Week.

"This investment will ensure our

citizens are getting the care they deserve," said MPP Mike Brown, on behalf of George Smitherman, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. "Safe and efficient hospitals ultimately help to reduce wait times for patients and increase

care."

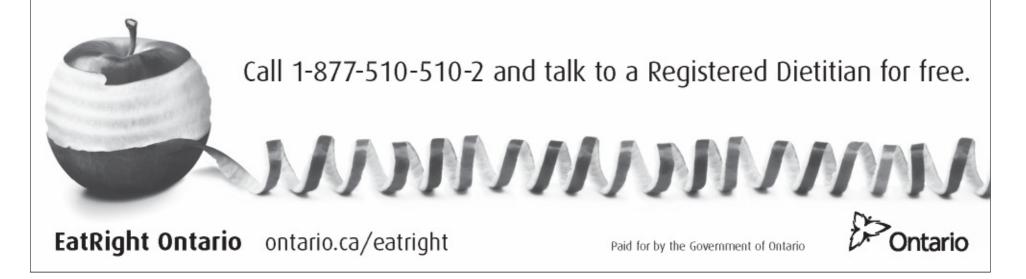
Today's announcement is part of our government's initiative to provide funding to all Ontario hospitals for infra-structure upgrades. The Chapleau Health Services will receive \$154,193, the Horne-

access to family health payne Community Hospital will receive \$153,217, Manitouwadge General Hospital will receive \$145,857, while the Lady Dunn Health Centre in Wawa will get \$154,511.

"Good patient care requires hospital facilities that are in

proper working condition," said tives are part of the George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. "The investment announced today will help hospitals with needed upgrades so health care providers are able to offer quality care to Ontarians."

These initiagovernment's plan for innovation in public health care, building a system that delivers on three priorities keeping Ontarians healthy, reducing wait times and providing better access to doctors and nurses.



REPORT FROM Queen's Park BY Mike Brown, Provicial Member of Parliament for Algoma-Manitoulin



**After High School** Choosing your future path is one of the most important decisions you have to

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make and education is a valuable companion throughout your journey. Good jobs, wages and careers are available to people with the right training and education. For those wanting to study in the province, Ontario offers a wide range of postsecondary options including 18 universities, 25 colleges of applied arts and technology, agricultural colleges, colleges of health science, a college of art and design, a military college, privately funded degree-

### Thank You

On Tuesday February 5th, after four long months of waiting, I have obtained from the Ontario Provincial Police the news that I, Kyle St.Amand, was not in possession of, nor involved in, any illegal matters. Although knowing this to be true from the beginning, I have waited for official word before writing this letter.

At this time, I would like to sincerely thank my family, friends and co-workers for all of the support and kind and positive words during this difficult time. I would also like to thank the officers at the Chapleau Detachment of the O.P.P. for the professional manner with which they dealt with this unbelievable situation.

It was unfortunate that I had to deal with this situation, but even worse was the fact that those closest to me were affected as well. It should be noted that there is a huge difference between rumour and fact. Unfortunately, my good friend Juhani Paulaharju had to suffer negative and false rumours simply because of his association with me.

I have lived in Chapleau my whole life and it is at times like these that we come to know all of the great people that surround us in a small northern community. It is unfortunate though, that every once in a while we associate with a small minority of people who make us realize that we should always remember the difference between fact and rumour.

granting institutions and registered private career colleges. It is always important to know what the admission requirements are, as well as what costs accompany a postsecondary education in order to plan ahead to meet them.

Colleges offer a variety of full and part-time careeroriented programs which are either 2 or 3 year diploma programs or, 1 year or less certificate programs. Universities offer undergraduate (bachelor's) degrees, and most offer (master's and doctorate) graduate degrees. You can find information on program and a d m i s s i o n requirements in the institution calendars available from your school's guidance office, public libraries, directly from the institutions, as well as online.

To ensure your children will be able to access a postsecondary education when the time is right, it is important to start thinking now about how to do it. There are many education savings plans and resources available to help you start putting money away for future education needs. Local secondary schools offer scholarships and bursaries to their graduating students, but additional financial assistance is also available from a number of sources, including bursaries, scholarships, grants, bank loans, and publicly subsidized student loans. The assistance may consist of either nonrepayable bursaries or loans that you pay back at the end of your

studies. Applications for most of these programs are available from your secondary school guidance office or from the financial aid office from any post secondary institution.

Many institutions offer their programs through distance learning to accommodate students unable to relocate for various reasons. These students learn from study guides, textbooks, CD-ROMS, videos and web pages rather than from a teacher in a classroom. In most of the courses you

communicate with the teacher and other students using the telephone, fax or internet.

For more information to the many postsecondary education options in Ontario including financial assistance options from government and nongovernment sources, application procedures and contact information for various institutions, please call 1-800-387-5514 or visit our website at www.edu.gov.on.ca and follow the link for Life Events.



## **Chapleau celebrates our** phenomenal women

March 2nd to 8th is International Women's Week and Chapleau will be recognizing and celebrating the accomplishments of local women who have had positive impacts in our community. In order for us to successfully recognize these Phenomenal Women we need your help!

We're asking the community young and old, male or female, to tell us about the local Phenomenal Women you've encountered on your journey. Who are these women that have made a difference in our community or have inspired you personally? How did

they do that? What makes them so special to you and ultimately to us as a community? Help us to embrace their valuable contributions by filling out an acknowledgement form recognizing them as Phenomenal Women.

Acknowledge ments will be accepted until noon February 27, 2007. The acknowledgement forms and boxes for your completed forms are located at various locations throughout town including the Valu-Mart and Village Shop, Home Furniture Ecole Trillium, Chapleau High School, Chapleau Cree First Nation, Aux Trois

Moulins, Brunswick House, CAPA, DSSAB, and at the Northern Credit Chapleau, tell your Union.

Between February 28 - March 4th, all of the women acknowledged will be invited to attend an evening social at the Trinity United Church on March 5th. Family and friends are invited to attend the social recognizing the accomplishments of these Phenomenal Women. We also invite you to come and share your favourite poetry, readings or other words of wisdom that have inspired you. Admission is by donation of food items for Chapleau's Food Bank for those who wish.

Come on family, tell your friends - join us at this powerful time where the world will be acknowledging and celebrating the positive contributions of Phenomenal Women during International Women's Week!

This initiative is being lead by APANO's Community Wellness Program and supported by Chadwic Home and our group of local volunteers. For further information please contact Pat Tangie at 864-0208.

In closing, I believe that the most important thing I have taken from this situation is the following: no matter what the talk is around town (and there is always talk around town), a person is innocent until proven guilty.

Kyle St. Amand

### **NEW DROP OFF LOCATION FOR CHAPLEAU EXPRESS ADS** The Chapleau Innovation Centre (formerly the Bank of Montreal building)



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Today's clean, advanced technology snowmobiles are as reliable and state of the art as automobiles. And like autos, new sleds offer many features and benefits to make your riding as comfortable and enjoyable as possible. Typically, new participants should look at a "touring" model in the popular 500 to 600cc range. Most of them come with electric start, reverse, thumb and hand warmers, high windshield, and mirrors as standard equipment, plus many bells and whistles. Touring sleds normally come in one-up or twoup configurations, each respectively designed for carrying a solo rider or a rider and passenger (two-up sleds can be used by one or two persons, while two should never ride on a sled only built to handle one).

Regardless of the make or model, the snowmobiles from the four manufacturers Arctic Cat, Polaris, Ski-Doo (BRP) and Yamaha have the same basic characteristics: two skis with front suspension up front, a front mounted engine to power the rotating rubber track underneath the seat, a rear suspension system under the seat and stiffer suspension, and aggressive features like a sports car...while a touring model will have more middle of the road power, a cushier suspension set up and a more comfortable seat, similar to a family sedan.

Either way, you'll have to decide between a 4-stroke or 2-stroke engine. Be sure to choose a clean, quiet one that meets or exceeds current EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) low emission guidelines and has the advanced technology to deliver low fuel consumption, too. There are both 4stroke and 2-stroke engines that fit the bill. As with buying a car, shop within your budget range for the features best suited to your riding style and experience level.

So if you're a novice, maybe you're wondering...where can I buy my own snowmobile? The best

place to start is with the manufacturer's websites or the Spring Preview (February) and Buyer's Guide (September) issues of Snow Goer Canada magazine. Their pages will help familiarize you with the new snowmobiles available through the dealer networks of the four sled manufacturers. Just as with buying an automobile, these dealerships are conveniently located around Ontario and also offer service, parts, accessories and clothing. Dealers are also a good source of s n o w m o b i l i n g information about snowmobiling and how to contact your local snowmobile club.

Typically, the four manufacturers introduce their new model line-ups each spring with special offers and packages, and showcase them during a spring tour that visits several key markets...vour dealer will know the locations. The main selling season is the fall of each year and the 2008 line-ups are on display exclusively at the OFSC GO Snowmobiling Show, September 26 28, 2008 at the Toronto Congress Centre.

Buying brand new may not be within your starting budget. If not, dealers often have new non-current and used sleds for sale. Many used sleds are also for sale privately in newspapers and buy and sell publications. But the most convenient way to buy a used snowmobile is to visit SLEDS 2BUY.COM, Canada's classified powersports web site for a noncurrent or used snowmobiles. It's a user friendly way for you to shop, compare and buy online from an affordable selection that otherwise might not be accessible or available to you. SLEDS2BUY.COM comes from the Canadian Council of S n o w m o b i l e Organizations (CCSO) and the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC), the people that build and maintain snowmobile trails. All net proceeds from SLEDS2BUY.COM go directly to supporting the trails you ride.

Buying a sled can be confusing if you're unfamiliar with the snowmobiling. Do your homework, ask around and make a list of the features that are important to you, then



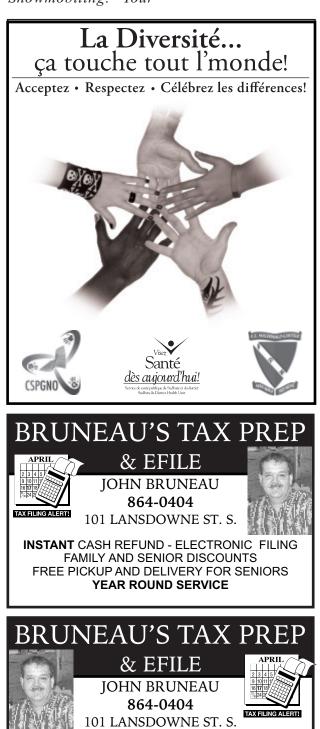
We also carry road trip snacks, which includes Subs

if possible take an experienced friend with you to shop. Getting the right sled for your style and usage will go a long way in determining how much you will enjoy snowmobiling. Until next time, the

Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs invites you to Go Snowmobiling this winter. Check out trail status reports at ofsc.on.ca

Craig Nicholson is the author of "Canada's Best Snowmobiling: Your

Ultimate Ride Guide" (order at: www.snow goercanada.com) and the National Touring Editor for Snow Goer Canada Magazine. As "The Intrepid Snowmobiler", he also pens a syndicated newspaper column and hosts a radio program, while appearing regularly on Snowmobiler Television. The opinions expressed are solely those of the author. For more info, click on www.intrepid snowmobiler.com



within the track, handlebars for steering, and a fuel tank.

What's different from brand to brand and model-tomodel is how each of the major components is packaged to accomplish its specific task. So a "performance" or "muscle" sled will usually have more finely-tuned power, Chips, Pop, plus a whole lot more.

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### **Hydro One Releases 2007 Year-End Financial Results**

CNW-Hydro One Inc. today released its 2007 year-endresults with net income for the year of \$399 million and revenues of \$4,655 million.

"We are working cooperatively with communities and key stakeholders to build powerful Ontario communities by making a number of critical system investments," said Laura Formusa, President and CEO of Hydro One. "Through our cost effective and productive work programs, this necessary infrastructure renewal will ensure the people of this province can enjoy a reliable. safe and efficient supply of electricity."

The following are some of our key achievements in 2007:

- We were selected as the winner of a number of awards in the year, including the Edison Electric Institute's "Emergency Recovery Award" and a Utility Planning Networks Metering Award. We were also recognized by Corporate Knights Magazine as one of the top 50 corporate citizens in Canada and as Canada's most diverse utility. In addition to receiving the metering award, we exceeded our 2007 install-ation target by installing over 260,000 smart meters.

We achieved our 2007 customer service goals. Our focus on customer-based initiatives saw our

between Ontario and Québec is progressing well. In downtown Toronto, we have completed our underground cable project connecting our John and Esplanade transformer stations. thereby enhancing reliability in the Toronto area. We continue to seek necessary approvals to construct a 180kilometre high-voltage line from the Bruce Power Complex to our Milton Switching Station that will bring clean and renewable power to Southern Ontario. In August, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) granted us early access to the lands proposed for this proposed new line to conduct engineering and environ-mental assessments.

In November we \_ entered into a partnership with four Ontario community colleges to educate and attract future employees necessary to respond to the upcoming staff retirements in our company and across our industry. We will contribute up to \$3 million for scholarships, curriculum development and equipment over four years for programs that will train students in technical, technology and trade positions, readying them to work in the electricity sector.

In its August 2007 decision, the OEB approved all of our transmission operating and capital programs genuinely formed the judgment, based on its engineering expertise and its enhanced analytical capability, that increases of the nature applied for are needed to maintain a robust, safe, and reliable transmission system."

Net income of \$399 million was lower by \$56 million, or 12%, compared to 2006 results. Net income for the year was impacted by the OEB's August 16, 2007 trans-mission rate decision.

While the OEB approved all of our work program requirements for 2007 and 2008, our return on equity was reduced from 9.88% to 8.35%, effective January 1, 2007. Our net income also reflects higher requirements to operate and safely maintain our transmission and distribution systems, including enhanced transmission station maintenance and forestry programs. Our net income was further impacted by OEB decisions, including a 2006 decision affecting our distribution-related pension expenditures, last year's property tax settlement and a higher effective tax rate. These impacts were partially offset by an increase in our distribution revenues resulting from OEBapproved increases to our distribution tariff rates, as well as increased tariff revenue in our Trans-mission and Distribution

as the elimination of last year's transmission earning sharing mechanism.

Capital expenditures of \$1,091 million were higher than in 2006 by \$268 million, or 33%. Expenditures made to expand our transmission system increased primarily as a result of three major lines and stations development projects: our new inter-connection with Québec, construction of our Essa to Stayner line which will improve the adequacy and reliability of supply to the Southern Georgian Bay region in recognition of the growing needs of our customers and the completion of our Downtown Toronto Cable Project. These projects will allow us to further increase the reliability and flexibility of our system, and the ability to import clean power. Expenditures on our

load and generation connections work have also increased primarily as a result of reconfiguration work at our Lambton Transformer Station and work at our London Talbot, Pleasant, and Holland transformer stations. The impact of these increases was partially offset by last year's substantial completion of our Niagara Reinforcement Project. Within our Distribution business, significant capital investments were made to install 260,000 smart meters in 2007.

Total revenues for 2007 were \$110 million, or 2%, higher than last year.

This increase reflects a number of factors within our Distribution business.

We experienced increased distribution tariff revenues due to higher demand, OEB approval of new distribution

rates effective May 1, 2006 and 2007, the OEB's decision on August 8, 2007 regarding the recovery of certain expenditures to install smart meters and recovery for increased purchased power costs.

Our transmission revenues decreased marginally, primarily due to the impact of the recent OEB transmission rate decision which reduced revenues by about \$53 million. This decrease was partially offset by the impact of a previous OEB decision regarding an earnings sharing mechanism that ceased effective December 31, 2006, as well as increased tariff revenues due to higher peak demands. Net cash from operating activities was \$1,141 million in 2007. During the year, the Company paid \$325 million in dividends to the Province of Ontario.



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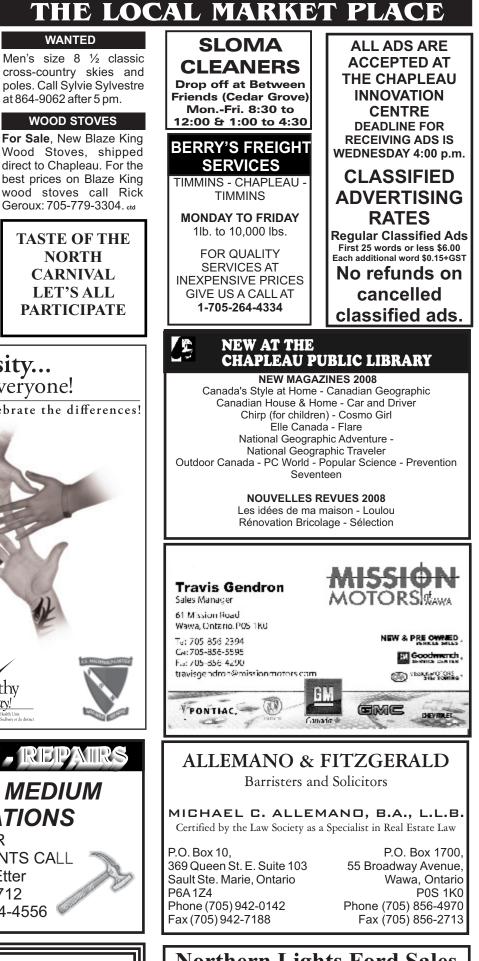




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# **Chapleau organizations benefit from the Trillium Foundation**



**CETC President Lilianne St.Martin alongside Mike Brown, M.P.P.** 

On Thursday, February 14, 2008 in conjunction with his regular visits to Chapleau, Mike Brown, M.P.P. presented local organizations with grants on behalf of the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

The Chapleau Education and Training Coalition will receive \$103,000 over three years to assist with the operation of an innovation centre in the Chapleau area. It will continue to provide access to job-related training, career counselling, job-search support and entrepreneurship opportunities for residents five days a week, from nine to four. "For quite some time, the CETC has had a vision of having the coordination of training and employment services under one roof' says Lilianne St. Martin, president of the CETC "and now this is possible" she ads.

The Chapleau

Gymnastics Club received \$14,400.00 from the foundation. On behalf of the Gymnastics Club, Gail Bignucolo, President, thanked the Ontario Trillium Foundation and Mike Brown and his staff for their support of their application.

"Presently in our club, many of the coaches are teaching new students on the same equipment they themselves learnt on many, many years ago. This grant is allowing us to purchase \$14K worth of replacement equipment that would have otherwise taken years and years to replace if we had been restricted to local fundraising only".says Bignucolo. "With this new equipment we will have a safer environment for our gymnasts and coaches. Gymnasts are not only excited by the prospect of using brand new equipment - but will have a heighten level of pride with the club they



Chapleau Gymnastics Club Head Coach Tara O'Hearn-St.Amand, Gail Bignucolo, President and Mike Brown M.P.P

are a member of" she ads.

On behalf of the Chapleau Figure Skating Club, Ann Morin, President thanked the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Government of Ontario along with Mike Brown and his staff for the grant of \$5,600.

"This grant has allowed us to purchase an on-ice jump training harness, as well as a new stereo system. The on-ice jump training harness will significantly improve the learning curve for skaters learning new jumps - it will also reduce injuries to our skaters, which is the biggest obstacle for our skaters to learning new skills" says Morin adding "Recently, at a regional event our skaters brought home to Chapleau 59 medals and dozens of ribbons I can only imagine what we will be able to accomplish now!" she added.



Representing the Chapleau Figure Skating Club Gail Bignucolo, Anne Morin, President and Mike Brown, M.P.P.

