

Township Councillors to attend sessions on broad new powers

By Jim Prince

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For many first time municipal councillors, getting oneself elected to office was a huge challenge, but now the newly minted heads of the municipality are faced with the real complexities of local government.

The task is seemingly a daunting one as almost immediately, new councillors find themselves dealing with a myriad of issues and laws, some of which govern how they must act and carry out their responsibilities on behalf of those who elected them and the community at large.

Following each municipal election in the province, the powerful Association of Municipalities of Ontario, which represents most of the provinces five hundred municipalities, including Chapleau, stages a series of training sessions for new and repeat members of councils. One such session will be staged in Timmins at the end of this month and, at press time, at least three Township Councillors have indicated they will attend.

Swanson along with Deputy Mayor André Byham and Councillor Doug Greig, who is entering his first year as councillor will all make the trip to attend the two days of training and information sessions.

While this will not be the first session in municipal governance for Deputy Mayor Byham and councillor Swanson, wholesale changes to the Ontario Municipal Act have given renewed importance to their attendance this year.

Councillor Swanson, who noted he first attended a familiarization session as a rookie ten years ago said it is a really good program. "Absolutely. It was very helpful," stated Councillor Swanson. Councillor Greig said that he too, was looking forward to the sessions.

At the same time, Councillor Swanson said of particular interest to him this time are the many changes to the Municipal Act, which

interest to the new Chapleau Council, came in an announcement by the provincial government at the start of the new year.

"Today is a milestone for Ontario municipalities," said Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister John Gerretsen in announcing the changes January 1st. "Through this legislation, the McGuinty government and our municipal partners are beginning a new era in which local governments across Ontario have new powers and more autonomy reflective of their status as mature, responsible governments."

The Municipal Statute Law Amendment Act, 2006 recognizes municipalities as responsible, accountable governments. The broader powers enable municipalities to better determine the appropriate mechanisms for delivering municipal services to their communities.

"This is

that has hindered transparent. municipal governments in the past."

Municipal governments now have broader powers to pass bylaws ranging from local governance structure to the economic, social and environmental well being of their communities to the protection of persons and property, including consumer protection.

The act ensures that local councils are accountable to the public and that the processes for making decisions are

Municipalities

can now have a more effective accountability regime with the authority to establish an integrity commissioner, ombudsman, auditor general and lobbyist registrar.

"Today's proclamation of these amendments to the Municipal Act, 2001 allows local governments across the province to better respond to their citizens' needs," said Gerretsen. "The McGuinty government believes that by

strengthening our municipalities, we are making Ontario stronger."

The Municipal Statute Law Amendment Act, 2006, which was proclaimed in force January 1st, replaces prescribed or specific powers with broad permissive powers for municipalities. The intent is to provide m u n i c i p a l governments with more flexibility in meeting their communities' expectations and fulfilling their responsibilities.

OPP Black & White Cruisers on Patrol Again

(ST.THOMAS, ON) Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers will soon be patrolling Ontario roadways and communities in the traditional black and white police car, adding greater visibility and instant recognition to OPP general duty and traffic patrol. Community Safety and Correctional Services Minister Monte Kwinter joined OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino and Ford Motor Company of Canada St. Thomas Assembly Plant Manager Mark Boldin to unveil the new OPP black and white Crown Victoria cruiser being built in

St. Thomas.

"We welcome the return of the traditional black and white cruisers," said Minister Kwinter. "Their enhanced visibility on Ontario's major highways will add significantly to the safe driving message we want to reinforce with the bring traffic safety issues in line with other important public safety issues and concerns.

"Officer and public safety are the primary concerns," said Commissioner Fantino.

"The black and white patrol vehicle will be

Veteran councillor Keith "Bud"

has been the final word on how municipalities govern themselves.

Those changes which effectively provide local councils with broad new powers, affect everything from governance and accountability to the management of local boards and economic development, a prime

noteworthy and welcomed piece of legislation," said Doug Revcraft, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. " I t encompasses a new accountability framework that sees the end to the one-size-fits-all, over-legislating and over-regulating provincial approach

motoring public. We support the OPP and the important work police officers are doing to keep our communities safe," added Minister Kwinter.

The black and white cruisers will provide a distinctive presence to OPP stepped-up efforts to make Ontario highways safer and to

instantly recognizable as an OPP patrol car and, with the new LED high visibility roof lights and vehicle markings, will have a greater impact on the visibility of OPP vehicles patrolling our communities and our roadways,"added Commissioner Fantino.

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Je vous remercie de me laisser exprimer mon opinion concernant la décision du comité du Festival de la nature.

Plusieurs personnes croient que la raison majeure de ne pas avoir de festival est le fait que le Centre culturel Louis-Hémon ne sera pas un partenaire.

En tant que membre du comité du festival, je tiens à ce que les gens de la communauté se rendent compte que la décision de ne pas avoir de festival cette année est entièrement celle du comité du festival. Le conseil municipal a ensuite entériné cette décision.

Les raisons telles que mentionnées dans l'article de votre journal sont véritables. Le comité est épuisé et Pendant

l'année, le comité révisera et adaptera le festival selon la réalité économique actuel qui en passant a changé énormément depuis cinq ans.

Le Centre culturel Louis-Hémon a déménagé à l'école secondaire suite à un partenariat avec le Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario. Le dossier étant volumineux et pour bien mener à terme le projet, le Centre a donc décidé de ne pas renouveler son partenariat avec la municipalité pour la 6e édition du festival. Le Centre n'est pas responsable de la décision du comité.

Je voudrais remercier les bénévoles, les membres du comité, le personnel du festival et tous ceux qui ont

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you for allowing me to express my point of view on the decision of the Festival Steering Committee not to have a Nature Festival as mentioned in last week's edition of the Chapleau Express.

A s t h e coordinator of the Centre Culturel it was brought up to my attention that most people think that the major reason for not having the Chapleau Nature Festival was due to the Centre Culturel Louis-Hémon's decision not to be a partner in this years' event.

The Centre would not be a partner in the 2007 edition of the Chapleau Nature Festival because of our present situation requiring our outmost attention. Our move to the school will permit us to reach our goals and ensure the Centres' long and successful existence.

As a member of the Festival Steering Committee I would like the community to know that the Festival Steering Committee made the decision to cancel this years' Festival and that the Township Council approved it. The major reasons for the

burnt out committee and a lack of current big name Canadian performers.

The committee has, in the meantime, decided to revise and adjust the format to better reflect our local economic situation. Large companies such as Tembec and Canadian Pacific Railway, local business and even non profit organization have to make adjustment to this new reality.

To quote the newspaper article "Door left open for the future", let's wait and see.

I would like to personally thank all who have been a part of the Nature Festival over the last five years: volunteers, steering committee members, staff and to all of you who have attended the Festival year after year.

To the people of the community: We never realize we have a good thing until we loose it. Thank You

Diane Jean

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

was made in the

January 13 issue of the

Chapleau Express by

Mayor Earle Freeborn

regarding the Chapleau

Northern Pike Fishing

Derby and his concerns

with fishing on the

portion of the Chapleau

River upstream of the

CPR bridge around the

municipal water

treatment plant. "I am

against fishing up

there, stated Mayor

Earle Freeborn,

anything to do with the

water supply, I'm

said, it is hard to fathom

that a one day, 9 hour

fishing derby could be

potentially so

detrimental to the

town's water supply. If

the Mayor is so

concerned about a few

holes being cut in the

ice and people angling

affecting the town

water supply he should

take a trip upstream to

see the wood waste

decay bi-products and

who knows how many

other pollutants

leaching into the river

from the various mill

and co-generation

yards after a heavy

rainfall or during

With that being

against."

A comment spring run-off.

> The refuelling of motor boats, c o m m e r c i a l floatplanes, and the heavily used main snowmobile trail that crosses the Chapleau River only within metres of the water treatment plant must not be any concern to the quality of the drinking water.

After the Walkerton incident of May 2000, I can see the Mayors concern over water quality for the citizens of Chapleau but I find it hard to believe a 9 hour ice fishing derby would pose more of a threat to the township water supply than years of pollutants leaching and washing into the supply just upstream. Concern should be directed at making positive changes in slowing the pollution upstream and cleaning up what is already there.

Thank you Mr. Editor for this space to express my thoughts and concerns.

Thank You, Antony Jaworski





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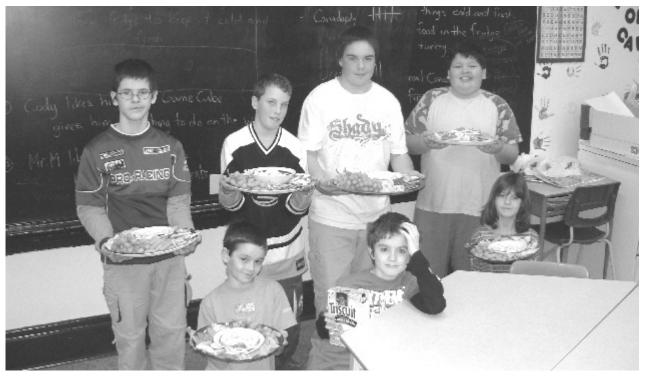
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Healthy Eating is important to people of all ages, but it is particularly important to the well-being of children and teens. Well nourished children and teens are more likely to be better prepared to learn, be active and maintain their health as adults.

With this in mind, Chapleau Public School and the Chapleau Northwood Heart Health Coalition are organizing a "Healthy Snack" Program. From January 15th to

February 9th all students are encouraged to bring healthy snacks to school. Throughout the month all students will have an opportunity to participate in various

nutrition activities. Robin Greer, Registered Dietician, and Mary Boucher, Public Health Nurse, will be assisting with the program.

The program started off with a

healthy snack for all students, provided by our School Council, and prepared by our LEAD Class. The month will end with with a "Fruity Friday" celebration.



day contest with over \$40,000.00 in prizes! Fishing 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. for great northern Pike and the buffet dinner we are famous for.

Gather you family and friends and pick up your tickets at one of these supporting

Pictured above, Ginger Forget, executive director of the Chapleau Child Care Center is receiving a donation of a case of coloring books and cravons from Chapleau Moose Lodge 2142.

businesses.

Pit's Place

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This year the derby is on the Chapleau River from the Civic Centre to and including Mulligan's Bay. It will not be on the Co-Gen side of the Bridge

Study concludes that bilingualism may delay onset of dementia

Lifelong bilingualism can help delay the onset of dementia symptoms by four years, Canadian researchers have found.

Patients who were fluent in two or more languages reported dementia symptoms on average about four years after people who spoke only one language, said principal investigator Ellen Bialystok.

Bialvstok. a psychology professor at York University, savs the researchers are "pretty dazzled" by the results.

Bilingualism may help to stave off cognitive decline because of the mental agility necessary to juggle them in day-today life,

researchers said.

The study, conducted by researchers with the Rotman Research Institute at the Baycrest Research the onset of dementia. Centre for Aging and the Brain in Toronto, is published in the February 2007 issue of Neuropsychologia.

"Our study found that speaking two languages throughout one's life appears to be associated with a delay in the onset of symptoms of dementia by four years compared to those who speak one language," said Bialystok, also an associate scientist at the Rotman Research Institute.

The study followed on the heels of previous reports from Bialystok and colleagues showing bilingualism enhances attention and cognitive control in both children and older adults.

Those results compelled Bialystok and her research team to wonder what

Researchers examined the diagnostic records of 184 Toronto-area

patients who came to Baycrest's Sam and Ida Ross Memory Clinic between 2002 and 2005 with cognitive complaints.

Of those patients, 91 were monolingual and 93 were bilingual.

The bilingual speakers spoke a combination of 25 different languages, the most prevalent being Polish, Yiddish, German, Romanian and Hungarian.

Researchers found 132 patients met criteria for probable Alzheimer's while the remaining 52 were diagnosed with other dementias.

The researchers determined that the mean age of onset of dementia symptoms in the monolingual this would mean for group was 71.4 years,

while the bilingual memory processes. group was 75.5 years.

This gap remained even after considering the possible effect of other lifestyle factors such as cultural differences, immigration, formal education, employment and gender.

"There are no pharmacological interventions that are this dramatic" in delaying symptoms, said neurologist Dr. Morris Freedman, who is head of the Division of Neurology, and director of the Memory Clinic at Baycrest.

"The data show a huge protective effect," adds coinvestigator and psychologist Fergus Craik, an expert on age-related changes in

Craik cautioned that this is a preliminary study but aligned with other recent findings about lifestyle effects on dementia. The team is

working on a followup study that will further examine bilingualism and dementia onset.

The study was funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.



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June 4th at an afternoon luncheon. From left to right, Commissioner Graham, Lucien Lafreniere, Rolande Lafreniere and OPP Superintendent Sam Whitehouse of

Sudbury. Mr Lafreniere assisted the OPP on his own time and using his own resources on a number **o f** investigations and searches.



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Ontario government raises minimum wage

Increase Helps Lowest-Paid And Most Vulnerable Workers

TORONTO, Jan. 3 /CNW/ - The Ontario government is raising the minimum wage on February 1, 2007, for the fourth time since taking office, Labour Minister Steve Peters announced today.

"We are providing Ontario's lowest-paid and most vulnerable workers with the fourth increase in

the minimum wage in four years," said Peters. "It is to Ontario's economic

advantage to see that our workers are paid a fair wage."

The general minimum wage will be raised to \$8.00 per hour on February 1, 2007. This is the final increase in a four-year initiative that began

February 1, 2004, at which time the government undertook to raise the minimum

\$6.95 per hour

- Hunting and fishing

guides currently paid a minimum of \$38.75

for less than five

consecutive hours in a

day and \$77.50 for

five or more hours in a

day (whether or not the

hours are consecutive)

will also increase to

\$40.00 and \$80.00

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government's

investment in people,"

phasing in the

minimum wage

increases, we can help

these workers benefit

from Ontario's

economic growth

while keeping Ontario

businesses

competitive."

"The increase

respectively.

wage for the first time since 1995. It was phased in over a fouryear period

to allow Ontario business time to adjust and remain competitive.

Other minimum wage rates will also increase on February 1, 2007. The minimum wage for:

- Students under 18 said Peters. "By years old and employed for not more than 28 hours a week during the school year or employed during a school holiday, will rise from \$7.25 to \$7.50 per hour - Liquor servers will

increase from \$6.75 to



Chapleau Ski Club News



The Chapleau Ski Club just completed a raffle to raise funds to train the ski lift mechanic. The winner of the chair and ottoman was Helen McWatch with ticket # 0864. Thank you to all who supported the ski club by selling and purchasing tickets. Hopefully the ski club will be able to open soon!

Employment Opportunity with Wawa and Area Victim Services

Program Coordinator Full Time Position (Salary to commensurate with experience and qualifications)

Wawa and Area Victim Services is a community based service organization funded by the Ministry of the Attorney General. Its mandate is to assist local Police, fire departments and hospitals in providing shortterm emotional support, practical assistance and referral service to victims of crime, sexual assault, tragic circumstance and disaster in the Wawa area.

Under the direction of the Board of Directors, the Program Coordinator is responsible for the coordination and administration of the Wawa and Area Victim Services programs.

Position Requirements:

- Thorough knowledge of social service and victim issues, acquired through post secondary education in social sciences /services, or related programs of study
- Excellent understanding and knowledge of community mobilization and community development process
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- Three to five years experience/education as a crisis intervention worker with supervisory experience
- Sound knowledge of the justice system and awareness around victimization issues
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- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to maintain good working relationships with police services, volunteers and a broad

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OPP Black & White Cruisers on Patrol Again

Con't from P.1

The first OPP black and white cruisers will be patrolling high traffic areas of the 400 series highways by the beginning of March 2007. The full roll out will follow the normal replacement schedule for general patrol vehicles, returning the OPP fleet of patrol vehicles to the traditional black and white configuration over the next two and a half years.

The reintroduction of the traditional look cruisers coincides with the renewed OPP focus on traffic safety, in

particular aggressive enforcement and targeting of the inappropriate actions of dangerous drivers who compromise public and officer safety.

"The distinctiveness of the black and white cruiser makes it a high visibility feature of the directed enforcement program that is part of our all-out focus on traffic safety," e x p l a i n e d Commissioner Fantino. Higher

visibility and public recognition of black and white police car markings are factors that contribute to improved officer and public safety in traffic

general patrol duties.

"We appreciate Ford of Canada's support for this initiative and are pleased that the first OPP black and whites are coming off the line here," said Commissioner Fantino.

Mark Boldin, plant manager, Ford St. Thomas Assembly Plant said, "It makes everyone at St. Thomas Assembly feel proud to k n o w that approximately 80 percent of police vehicles across North America are built right here in St. Thomas."

Over the years,



the OPP has used several variations of the black and white tradition. In 1989, the all-white cruisers with

blue and gold striping were initiated and by 1993, the black and white vehicles were completely phased out.

The OPP maintains a fleet of approximately 1,200 general patrol cars.

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Position Requirements:

- Thorough knowledge of social services and victim issues, acquired through post-secondary education in the field of social science/services, psychology, or related programs of study
- Three to five years experience/education as a crisis intervention worker
- Good grasp and application of crisis intervention and counselling techniques
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in both official languages and ability to present information to large and small groups
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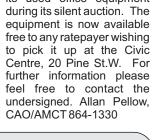
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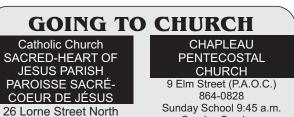


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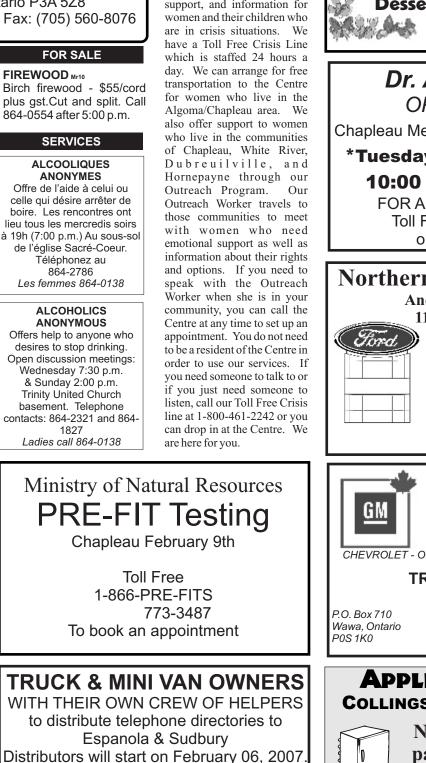
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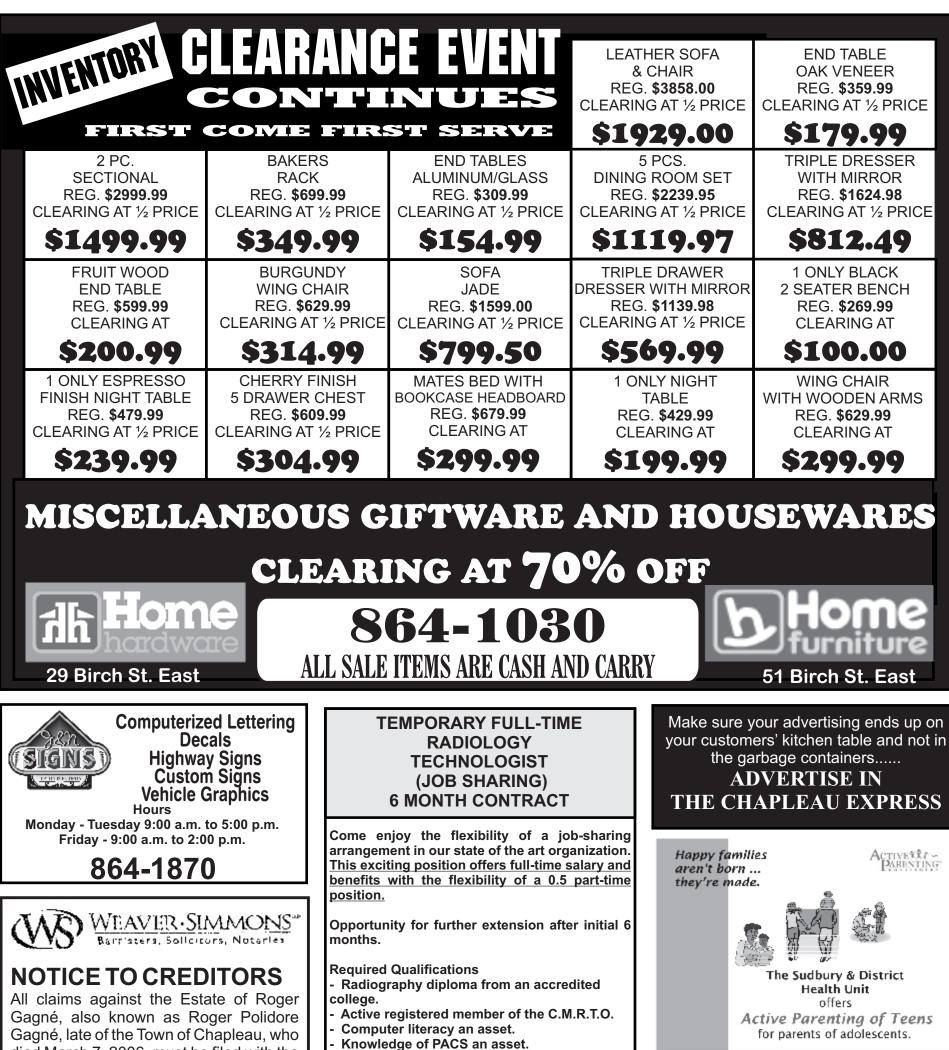
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