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Run away prescribed burn becomes major fire

The feasibility of prescribed burns is once again put to question by most northerners. A prescribed burn which was planned by the Canadian Forest Service and conducted and monitored by the Ministry of Natural Resources while the general public was subject to a ban on open burning, went astray on Sunday May 13th, 80 km north of Thessalon.

the prescribed burn was to obtain information needed for the purpose of measuring forest fuel consumption, rate of spread of forest fires, and carbon emissions related to forest fires.

Due to strong winds and tinder-dry conditions the planned 2 hectare burn quickly became a 1500 hectare burn by late Monday evening and is now known as Sault#13.

"This mishap will not stop researchers from setting fires again" states Tim Lynham, a forest fire research officer with

the Canadian Forest Service

"Researchers requested these conditions" states Barry Radford, communications advisor with the Ministry of Natural Resources.

In the Sault Ste. Marie district, this fire has done more damage than all of the fires in 2006.

In 1995, a prescribed burn that jumped its boundaries northwest of Dubreuilville cost the taxpayers over \$6.5 million.

The Ministry of Natural Resources has implemented a

Restricted Fire Zone for the Northeast Region of Ontario, expanding on the Restricted Fire Zone already in place in the Northwest Region.

The Restricted Fire Zone means that no open burning is permitted. The Restricted Fire Zone affects those North of the French River, all the way north past the districts of Hearst, Kapuskasing and Cochrane, including everything in between.

The East Fire Region has had 2 confirmed lightning fires in the last 48

hours, one in the Pembroke district and one in Wawa district. 16 MNR FireRanger crews continue suppression efforts on Sault Ste. Marie fire #13 north of the town of Thessalon and it seems to have spread very little in the last 24 hours. An Emergency Area Order remains in place for the area surrounding the fire. New details will follow when they are made available.

As the May long weekend approaches, the public must keep in mind that fireworks are permitted, however, anyone

who lights fireworks is responsible, under the Forest Fires Prevention Act, to completely extinguish all left over material. Left over residue from fireworks can easily ignite a fire, especially in dry conditions.

An Emergency Area Order has been implemented due to the fire.

Under the Emergency Area Order, travel may be restricted on specific roads as required to ensure public safety and the safety of the fire suppression staff

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Long Term Forecast

Saturday
High 11
Low -2


Sunday
High 10
Low -2

Monday
High 11
Low -3

Tuesday
High 4
Low 2

Wednesday
High 15
Low 5

Thursday
High 9
Low 4



Government Supports the Centre culturel Louis-Hémond de Chapleau


CNW - On behalf of the Honourable Beverley J. Oda, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Status of Women, the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Health and Minister for the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario, today announced funding of up to \$10,000 for the Centre culturel Louis-Hémond de Chapleau Inc.'s 2007-2008 artistic programming.

"The Centre culturel Louis-Hémond de Chapleau, as the main Francophone cultural centre in this northern Ontario region, plays a vital role in bringing enriching artistic experiences to the Francophone community," said Minister Oda. "The Centre's activities are key to keeping Francophone culture an important part of the community. This is why our Government is proud to support le Centre culturel Louis-Hémond de Chapleau."

"Canada's New Government is pleased to provide support to this cultural centre," said Minister Clement. "We are committed to investing in organizations that make it possible for Canadians in all communities to participate in cultural activities."

"The Centre is the main Francophone representative and arts promoter in the area, and as such contributes to cultural vitality and community development in Chapleau," said Diane Jean,

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**REPORT from
OTTAWA
by
Brent St. Denis**

Federal member of Parliament
Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskinging



**Conservative Policy
May Cause Rural
Phone Bills to Rise**

New Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) guidelines will allow major phone companies to raise residential phone service rates in rural areas where lower population density makes the cost of providing services higher on a per-customer basis. This was prompted after Mr. Harper's Conservatives chose to ignore warnings from witnesses at the House of Commons Industry Committee.

The Committee was warned in February that deregulation of the telecommunications industry could result in higher phone rates for

rural and small-town Canadians. The Conservative Industry Minister disagreed, saying that "deregulation will benefit consumers and will result in better prices."

On the contrary, while phone service rates may drop in large urban areas like Toronto and Calgary where there is increased competition, rural Canada including Northern Ontario, may see phone service costs rise by as much as 5% per year. In ten years, basic phone service rates could increase by up to 50%.

There is no question that the telecom industry needs reform, but only reform that does not hurt rural Canada. It was the previous Liberal government

that created the Telecommunications Policy Review Panel to study how that reform should occur in an orderly manner.

Strangely, rather than adopting all of the Review Panel's recommendations, the Conservatives decided instead to adopt only those recommendations in line with their right wing agenda. It is important to remember that the Conservative Industry Minister, Maxime Bernier, worked with the Montreal Economic Institute, a right wing think tank that called for the dismantling of the CRTC and which has called for the CRTC to stop regulating the telecom industry.

Rather, the

government should be restoring the Community Access Program which connected rural and small town Canada to the world, ensure rural Canada does not pay more for phone service, and implement a national broadband strategy.

The Conservatives appear to not understand the needs of rural Canada. This policy is aimed at winning seats in urban areas like Toronto and completely ignores the needs of rural Canada. It took the intervention of Liberal members to ensure rural post offices would remain open. Liberal members will continue to oppose this ill-conceived policy direction.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mayor Freeborn and the Residents of Chapleau,

Recently the Chapleau Fire Department hosted the spring District of Algoma Mutual Aid Association meeting. These meetings are essential in providing the departments in the District of Algoma Mutual Aid Plan the opportunity to learn about up-to-date information and changes in vehicle technology, fire service equipment, guidelines, acts and codes as well as providing a forum for joint training in suppression, prevention and public education.

During our stay in Chapleau we had the opportunity to experience much of your home. The hotels were luxurious, the restaurants provided delectable choices for all, and the staff at every business we came across was friendly and welcoming. Running the meeting during the same weekend as your trade show was enjoyable added bonus to many of the delegates and their spouses. The banquet dinner prepared by the Legion exceeded our expectations and I was surprised that people could actually move after dining on the fine selection of meats, side dishes and desserts.

On a personal note, I would like to sing the praises on my experience of working

with Fire Chief Graham Bertrand and Rick Smith from Public Works. For a good four months I was in frequent contact with these two gentlemen, by email, by phone (some late evenings during their "off" time as it was often the only time I could be reached). When I requested something they tried to accommodate our needs, if they didn't have it, they made it! Then to arrive at the Meet and Greet only to discover that they had delegate welcome packages! The weekend was a complete success; the feedback from the delegates, including the guests from the Office of the Fire Marshal, was it was the most informative, smoothly run, and jam packed Mutual Aid Meeting they had ever attended!

The success of the meeting could not have been accomplished without the dedication of your Fire Department, the genuine hospitality of you community and of course, your support.

On behalf of the District of Algoma Mutual Aid Association, I would like to thank you for inviting us to Chapleau ~ Definitely the Friendliest Town in the North!

Yours in safety.

Laura Lee, President
District of Algoma
Mutual Aid Assoc.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What is happening to our safe northern community? I have lived in Chapleau for 28 years and raised my family in a very safe environment with little concerns. I know times are changing, and in lieu of, so should our plan of protection.

I do not believe the issue of increased crime is just the responsibility of the store owner who gets robbed repeatedly, or the owner of the stolen vehicle, or the home owner that is vandalized. You might say nothing like that has happened to you, it doesn't affect you. WRONG! This is a community problem and should be addressed as such.

I would like to commend our local police force for their

great effort in attempting to control crime, but obviously the problem is beyond that due to the obvious reoccurrences. The problem is getting worse not better. The bigger the bars the bigger the break in. A lock only keeps an honest man out. The laws are made to protect the criminal not the victim.

I would say there is a major problem with the system. Maybe implementation of a 24 hour police patrol, considering the last incident of "Break & Enter" occurred at 3:02 A.M. Possibly an open forum meeting to see what we can do as a Community.

Concerned Mother & Grandmother
Rossie Dunker

THANK YOU

We, the Marsh family, would like to Thank the doctors, nurses and care staff at the Chapleau General Hospital for their excellent care given to our mother Marie. A very special Thank You to Trudy, Collette, Jane and Dr. Isenberg for easing the way. Thank You to all friends and family who made the terrific meals, sent food, drink and helpful stuff, and gave their immense support during our time of loss. Thank You to Sam, of the Gilmartin Funeral Home, for his excellent support. Thank You to Father Veilleux, the Catholic Women's League and choir for the beautiful mass. We are truly grateful and your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

The Marsh Family

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Feasibility of prescribed burns put to question

Cont'd from P.1 public safety, help fighting the fire. These restrictions will be managed by the Sault Ste Marie district. The order came into effect at 12:01 p.m., May 14, 2007, and will remain in effect until such time as conditions improve.

An Emergency Area Order is used when a forest fire situation warrants the use of special measures to ensure

public safety, help with an evacuation and to ensure effective forest fire management.

The Minister of Natural Resources has the authority to close roads or stop the movement of people into areas threatened by smoke or fire. In addition, people may be asked to leave an area if fire management staff feel public safety is at risk.

RESTRICTED FIRE ZONE LIFTED

Effective at 12:01 a.m., Thursday, May 17, 2007, the Ministry of Natural Resources has lifted the Restricted Fire Zone previously imposed in north-eastern Ontario.

Campfires for cooking and warmth are allowed now that the restrictions have been lifted. However, some municipalities may impose restrictions on burning. Forest

fire prevention is everyone's responsibility. If you light a campfire, keep it small and tend it with extreme care. Do not leave it unattended; ensure it is completely

extinguished before leaving. The Ministry of Natural Resources appreciates the public's cooperation during the recent Restricted Fire Zone.

LEVÉE DE L'INTERDICTION DE FAIRE DU FEU

Le jeudi 17 mai 2007, à 00 h 01, le ministère des Richesses naturelles a levé l'interdiction de faire du feu préalablement imposée dans le Nord-Est de l'Ontario. Les feux de camp pour la

cuisson ou comme source de chaleur sont autorisés dès la levée de l'interdiction. Toutefois, certaines municipalités pourraient imposer des restrictions au brûlage. La prévention des

incendies de forêt est l'affaire de tous. Si vous allumez un feu de camp, assurez-vous qu'il reste petit et alimentez-le avec une prudence extrême. Ne laissez pas le feu sans surveillance et vérifiez s'il est

complètement éteint avant de quitter les lieux. Le ministère des Richesses naturelles tient à vous remercier de votre collaboration durant cette récente période de restriction de faire du feu.

SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Chapleau Energy Services Corporation has the above position available beginning June 4, 2007 to August 31, 2007.

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Heritage Museum Committee volunteer for highway cleanup



Pictured are committee members Ludie O'Hearn, Councillor Bud Swanson, Dawn Morin, Councillor Doug Greig, and Mayor Earle Freeborn. The volunteers are Kevin Morin and Allan Morin.

The Chapleau Heritage Museum Committee has become involved in the Adopt-A-Highway program and on Saturday, May 12th,

101 West.

The Heritage Museum Committee is a proactive group working hard to enhance the image of our local museum.

Watch for their Special Event coming on July 1st commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Chapleau Museum.

Fishing regulation blitz across Northeastern Ontario

The walleye fishery will get special attention as the Ministry of Natural Resources conducts a fishing regulation blitz across northeastern Ontario to ensure that anglers know and follow the rules.

The area of the blitz extends from Hudson Bay and James Bay in the north to the French and Mattawa rivers in the south, and from the Ontario-Quebec border in the east to Lake Superior and the Manitowadge

Area in the west. The blitz runs from May 19 to June 17. The walleye fishery generally opens May 19 across the northeast

Anglers are reminded of the following licensing requirements:

-Residents of Canada must have a fishing licence tag attached to a valid Outdoors Card. Non-residents of Canada must have a fishing licence tag attached to a signed basic licence form.

-Outdoors Cards and

non-resident licences are not transferable and they must be carried anytime you are fishing.

-Anglers must show their licence to a conservation officer if asked.

When transporting fish, anglers must ensure that fish length is readily measurable at all times for fish taken from waterbodies where size limits are in effect, unless the fish are:

-being prepared for immediate consump-

tion;

-prepared at an overnight accommodation for storage;

-being transported on the water from a temporary overnight accommodation to a person's primary residence and that person is NOT engaged in sport fishing; or

-being transported overland.

Conservation officers must also be able to determine the species and number of fish that are in the

anglers' possession.

For more information on fishing regulations, please continue to consult the 2005-2006 Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary before heading out to fish. It is available at ServiceOntario/Government Information Centres outlets and from most licence issuers, as well as on the ministry's website at www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/fishing/.

Some patrols

may be carried out jointly with the Ontario Provincial Police. The police may enforce other statutes, such as the Liquor Licence Act and Boating Restrictions Regulations.

Conservation officers may also enforce Small Vessel Regulations.

To report a natural resources violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours.

Une campagne éclair sur l'observation des règlements de la pêche dans le Nord-Est de l'Ontario

Le ministère des Richesses naturelles mènera une campagne éclair dans le Nord-Est de l'Ontario pour vérifier que les pêcheurs observent les règlements de la pêche au doré.

Le secteur ciblé s'étend des baies d'Hudson et James (au nord) aux rivières des Français et Mattawa (au sud), et de la frontière entre l'Ontario et le Québec (à l'est) au lac Supérieur et à la zone de Manitowadge (à l'ouest). La campagne s'étend du 19 mai au 17 juin. La pêche au doré débute généralement le 19 mai dans le Nord-Est.

Le ministère désire rappeler ce qui

suit aux pêcheurs :

Les résidents du Canada doivent avoir une Carte Plein air valide et une vignette de permis de pêche.

Les non-résidents doivent avoir une vignette de permis de pêche fixée à un formulaire signé.

La Carte Plein air et le permis pour les non-résidents ne peuvent pas être cédés à autrui. Il faut toujours les avoir avec soi lorsqu'on pêche. Les pêcheurs doivent montrer leur permis si un agent de protection de la nature leur demande.

Les poissons doivent être transportés de manière à être facilement mesurés en tout temps s'ils ont été

pêchés dans un lac où une taille légale est imposée, sauf si les poissons :

-sont préparés pour être consommés immédiatement;

-sont préparés dans un lieu d'hébergement en vue d'être entreposés;

-sont transportés sur l'eau d'un lieu d'hébergement temporaire à la résidence principale d'une personne, dans la mesure où cette personne NE pratique PAS le pêche sportive;

-sont transportés par voie terrestre.

Les agents de protection de la nature doivent pouvoir facilement identifier et compter les poissons que les pêcheurs ont en

leur possession.

Pour bien connaître les règlements avant d'aller pêcher, les pêcheurs doivent continuer de consulter le Résumé des règlements de la pêche sportive de 2005-2006, disponible dans les centres d'information ServiceOntario, la plupart des bureaux de délivrance des permis et le site du ministère à www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/peche/index.

Certaines patrouilles seront effectuées conjointement avec la Police provinciale de l'Ontario. Celle-ci contrôlera le respect d'autres lois et règlements, dont la Loi sur les permis d'alcool et les règlements sur la navigation. Les agents de protection de la nature contrôleront aussi le respect des règlements sur les

petites embarcations.

Pour signaler une infraction liée aux ressources naturelles, appeler au 1 877 TIPS-MNR (847-7667) sans

frais et 24 heures sur 24, ou contacter le bureau du ministère de sa localité durant les heures normales de bureau.

Moving Towards Community Food Security

Community food security exists when everyone in the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts have access to healthy, safe and personally acceptable food through a sustainable food system that maximizes healthy choices, community self-reliance and equal access. (Adapted from Bellows and Hamm 2003)

The Sudbury & District Health Unit supports the City of Greater Sudbury Food Charter.

The Food Charter supports:

- Making healthy food choices available in schools, workplaces and community centres.
- Community-based food programs such as community gardens, good food box programs and community kitchens.
- Composting and recycling.

For more information, call the Sudbury & District Health Unit at (705) 522-9200, ext. 257 or toll-free at 1-866-522-9200.



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**By Joelle Martel,
Health Promotion
Worker**

Canada's new Food Guide has many additions. In the latest version, there is a stronger emphasis on active living. This component builds on Canada's Physical Activity Guide, which recommends 30 to 60 minutes of moderate physical activity for adults on most days and 90 minutes for children and youth every day. By using both guides together, everyone can get help to lead healthier lifestyles!

Healthy eating

and being active go hand in hand. Healthy eating gives you the essential nutrients and energy you need to keep your body moving. By eating well and being active, you can expect to:

- increase your overall health
- lower your risk of disease
- maintain a healthy body weight
- feel better
- increase your energy
- maintain strong muscles and bones
- decrease your stress

We live in a society where everything is at our convenience: using elevators and escalators, eating prepackaged foods and shopping online, for example. Physical inactivity is dangerous to our health. In 2000/01, 51 per cent of Sudbury residents were considered inactive. Our bodies are made to move, so make an investment in

your health and commit to leading an active lifestyle!

Physical activity doesn't have to be hard or take a lot of time to help your body stay healthy and reduce the risks of disease. You can achieve your daily physical activity goals by including various activities in your daily routine. This doesn't mean you have to run on the treadmill for an hour, unless that's what you enjoy doing. Simply choose to do something that you like. Remember to start slowly and build up. Start by doing three 10-minute sessions in your day and you will be off to a healthier you! If you are already doing some light activities, move up to more moderate ones.

Here are some ideas on how you can incorporate physical activity into your day:

- Do light stretches and bending at your desk to keep your muscles relaxed and joints mobile.
- Park further from the

Government Supports the Centre culturel Louis-Hémond de Chapleau

Cont'd from P.1
coordinator of the Centre culturel Louis-Hémond de Chapleau Inc. "Canadian Heritage's support will enable us to provide diverse, high-quality artistic experiences to the French-speaking community."

Located in a remote area of Northern Ontario, the Centre culturel Louis-Hémond de Chapleau Inc.'s cultural activities are designed to celebrate the French language and culture. Each year, the Centre presents a variety of musical, dance and theatre performances

entrance and walk.

- Take a brisk 10-minute walk on your lunch or after supper bring a colleague or a friend!

- Walk, cycle and rollerblade when doing quick errands.

- Get off the bus one stop earlier and walk the rest of the way.

- Take the stairs up and down! Every step counts towards the recommended 10,000 steps per day. Borrow a pedometer from your local library or the Sudbury & District Health Unit to track your steps.

Being active should come naturally. Find an activity that you enjoy. Doing an activity that you take pleasure in will keep you motivated, and you won't feel like you have to do it. Different people like different activities. Some people prefer organized activities such as a yoga class, group aerobics or organized sports. Others prefer a walk in the park, playing outdoors with the kids

or going for a bike ride. Find an activity that suits your needs and likes!

Increase the fun factor in your activities by inviting your family, friends or colleagues to join in! Together, you can:

- Plan an active outing: hiking, mountain biking, sliding or skating!

- Have everyone's kids over for a game of ball hockey or basketball and take part in the fun!

- Explore your neighbourhood: take a walk to a nearby park or outdoor rink.

- Pick up a map book from Rainbow Routes and explore a different trail every month bring a picnic and make a day of it!

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North East
LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORK

Notice of Public Meetings Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the **North East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)** welcomes members of the public to attend its **Board of Directors Meetings**.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on **Friday, May 25, 2007** at the Older Adult Centre, Kinsman "C" Boardroom, 140 Durham Street, **Sudbury, ON**. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m.

For more information, please visit our website at www.nelhin.on.ca or contact **Lianne Bettiol, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer**, at 1-866-906-5446, ext. 213 or by e-mail at Lianne.Bettiol@lhins.on.ca.

Audit Committee Meeting

The **North East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)** welcomes members of the public to attend its **Audit Committee Meeting**.

This meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 24, 2007** at the Older Adult Centre, Kinsman "C" Boardroom, 40 Durham Street, **Sudbury, ON**. The meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.

For more information, please visit our website at www.nelhin.on.ca or contact **Roch Legros, Administrative Assistant**, at 1-866-906-5446, ext. 211 or by e-mail at Roch.Legros@lhins.on.ca.



The Algoma District School Board invites applications for the following position:

AREA COORDINATOR (located in Wawa, ON)

The Area Coordinator is responsible for the coordination and supervision of maintenance, buildings and grounds, repairs and construction, transportation and community use of schools in the assigned area of the Algoma District School Board. He/she is also the first contact for issues in the area involving some human resource and business functions. The Area Coordinator also has responsibilities for developing and maintaining board-wide building and grounds inventories and equipment and supplies standards.

The Algoma District School Board encompasses a large area of mid-northern Ontario from Wawa and Hornepayne in the north to Elliot Lake and Spanish in the east. The Area Coordinator will be based in the north area of the Board with occasional travel to main offices in Sault Ste. Marie and other areas of the Board.

The successful candidate will hold, at minimum, a three-year community college diploma in a technical field related to building construction and maintenance, along with a minimum of five years of related experience.

The position requires excellent interpersonal skills to be able to work effectively with principals, teachers, other staff and contractors. Strong oral and written communication skills are vital for day-to-day client service and interaction with staff. Strong computer skills using word processing, spreadsheet, database, and communications software are required.

Only those candidates chosen for interviews will be contacted. For further information, candidates may contact Chris Deller, Manager of Plant at 705-945-7313.

The Board offers a comprehensive benefit package and a salary range that is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Applications including three references will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. **Friday, June 1, 2007** and should be forwarded to:

Human Resources Department
Algoma District School Board
644 Albert Street East
Sault Ste. Marie ON P6A 2K7
Re: Area Coordinator Posting
Fax: 705-945-7224

Note: A disclosure/security check procedure will be required as part of the recruitment process.

Mario Turco **Wanda McQueen**
Director of Education **Chair**
www.adsb.on.ca

Is your grill ready for summer?

REPORT FROM Queen's Park BY

Mike Brown,
Provincial Member of Parliament for Algoma-Manitoulin



With spring in full bloom and the summer season approaching, many residents of Algoma-Manitoulin are pulling the barbecue out of the shed for another season of grilled delight. Before you light the burner, however, there are a few simple steps you should take to ensure that your barbecue is in proper working order. It is a good idea to inspect and clean your

gas barbecue before you fire it up for the season. Also, if the fittings, flex hose or burners are worn, they should be replaced. Find yourself a flexible barbecue brush for cleaning the tubes between the gas valve and the burner, as blockages can occur due to spiders or insect nests. If any of the "O" rings have become worn or are missing, they should also be replaced.

Leaks in the cylinder connections may have occurred while the barbecue was in storage and out of sight, so be sure to examine your barbecue the first time you intend to use it in the spring, and any time you replace the tank. If you do find a leak, be sure to repair it. Most importantly, remember to never, ever use a lighter or match to check for leaks.

Barbecues are meant to be operated in the outdoors, in an open and well-ventilated environment. When cooking on your grill, be sure it is at least three metres (10 feet) away from any doors or windows, and away from anything that might obstruct the flow of air around the grill. Also, be sure to keep the area clear of leaves,

branches or any other combustibles. And as with cooking on a stove, remember to never leave your food unattended.

If you live in an apartment, it is also important to be aware of the rules of the building. Check to ensure that you have authorization to store or use a barbecue on your balcony.

One of the most important safety tips to remember when barbecuing is to keep the lid open when you light it. Then, turn on the propane cylinder, followed by the burner. Only then is it safe to ignite your barbecue.

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Growth plan announced for the North

CNW - A new growth plan for Northern Ontario will lead to a stronger, more prosperous North. "Keeping Northern Ontario strong and prosperous today and in the future is important to all of us," Minister of Northern Development and Mines Rick Bartolucci said from Sudbury. "For our communities to prosper, we need a plan to address regional challenges such as youth retention and the need for improved infrastructure networks."

A Growth Plan for Northern Ontario, to be developed under the Places to Grow Act, will build on the Northern Prosperity Plan, the good work of the Northern Development Councils, as well as the recommendations from northern mayors.

"We need the North to be able to compete globally by directing investments, planning and development to encourage and support viable long-term growth of northern communities," added Minister of Natural Resources and Minister Responsible for Aboriginal Affairs, David Ramsay from Thunder Bay. "This plan is consistent with the government's Forest Sector Competitiveness Strategy and will aim to ensure a balance between economic and environmental concerns."

Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal, David Caplan, and Ministers Bartolucci and Ramsay, will be consulting with Aboriginal and municipal leaders, business, industry and environmental groups, over the coming months to develop a Growth Plan for Northern Ontario that represents northern

priorities.

"We have learned that for such a comprehensive plan to be successful, the approach must be consultative and engage key leaders," said Caplan. "With their valuable input, we will have a Growth Plan for Northern Ontario that will revitalize communities to be even more prosperous places to live, work and play."

The act enables the province to designate areas for growth plans. Once developed, these plans align provincial planning and investments to achieve the growth goals of the plans. The first plan developed under the act was the award-winning Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Toronto-centred area stretching around Lake Ontario.

This is just one more example of how, working together, Ontarians have achieved results in the North. Other examples include:

- Improving Northern highways by investing more than \$1.8 billion over five years in highway expansions and improvements through the Northern Ontario Highways Strategy
- Investing over \$224 million since October 2003 through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, to create or sustain 7,800 jobs
- Making more than \$1 billion in assistance available over five years for the forest industry
- Committing more than \$124 million in 2005-06 to 120 communities through the first intake of the Canada-Ontario Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund.

Northern Ontario is the next region in the province to have a growth plan

developed under the Places to Grow Act, to ensure Northern Ontarians enjoy greater growth in an economically and environmentally sustainable manner.

The Places to Grow Act is provincial legislation that enables a coordinated approach to growth planning across Ontario. Under the act, the province developed the award-winning Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, the Toronto-centred region that stretches around Lake Ontario.

While growth planning in the Greater Golden Horseshoe is

focused on growth management in areas with high population, a Growth Plan for Northern Ontario would focus on achieving a more sustained pattern of growth, recognizing regional challenges like stemming youth out-migration, creating sustainable regions and improving infrastructure networks.

Development of a Growth Plan for Northern Ontario builds on the Northern Prosperity Plan, the Forest Sector Competitiveness Strategy and on good works

already done by Northern residents and the Northern Development Councils in identifying regional challenges and potential solutions.

The convening of a dedicated Ministers' table will ensure the coordination of provincial government policies and investments in the development and implementation of a growth plan that reflect Northern priorities in such areas as education, housing, recreation and transportation. The result of the plan would be a co-

ordinated approach at the provincial and municipal levels to ensure that investments, planning and development will encourage and support economically and environmentally sustainable growth in northern communities.

Over the next few months, Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal David Caplan, whose ministry is responsible for growth planning, will work with Aboriginal leaders, municipal leaders, business, industry and environmental groups and others to develop

Lancement de la première campagne provinciale de mise en valeur des écoles Catholiques de langue française en Ontario

L'Association franco-ontarienne des conseils scolaires catholiques (AFOCSC) et le Conseil ontarien des directions de l'éducation catholique (CODEC) ont uni leurs efforts pour lancer une première campagne concertée de mise en valeur de l'école catholique de langue française en Ontario. Le coup d'envoi a été donné le lundi 30 avril 2007 à Ottawa à l'occasion de la Semaine de l'éducation catholique.

« Nous travaillons ensemble pour le recrutement des élèves et à la sensibilisation des parents qui ne se prévalent toujours pas de leur droit de fréquenter nos écoles, d'affirmer Robert Tremblay, président de l'AFOCSC et conseiller scolaire au CECLFCE. Nous ciblons un bassin comptant environ 38 % de la population franco-ontarienne qui opte pour l'école de langue anglaise. Les conseils catholiques de langue française

offrent une éducation de qualité et les résultats de nos élèves en font foi. La province soutient notre développement et nous permet de construire de nouvelles écoles pour améliorer l'accès partout en Ontario; tous les services sont offerts. Nous sommes prêts à accueillir ces nouveaux élèves chez nous! »

Cette campagne vient appuyer une autre initiative importante de démarchage politique menée par les conseillères et les conseillers des écoles catholiques de langue française de l'Ontario. Il est question ici de se faire connaître auprès des décideurs - les politiciens des paliers provincial et fédéral doivent être conscients, à l'approche des élections, que 80 % des parents qui ont choisi d'éduquer leur enfant en français ont choisi l'école catholique. L'Association franco-ontarienne des conseils scolaires catholiques prône le maintien des quatre systèmes scolaires en Ontario.

« Les valeurs véhiculées dans nos écoles répondent aux besoins des familles francophones et catholiques, de dire Robert Tremblay. Voilà pourquoi l'école catholique est le choix d'une grande majorité de parents francophones. En effet, 8 élèves sur 10 fréquentent une école catholique en Ontario. Nous avons donc raison de le dire haut et fort : L'éducation catholique de langue française en Ontario, C1+.»

Lors du lancement, la représentation visuelle du thème de la campagne - L'école catholique de langue française C1+(c'est un plus) - a été dévoilée, ainsi qu'un site Internet, www.c1plus.ca, outil virtuel par excellence pour en savoir plus sur les avantages d'une éducation catholique de langue française.

Chacun des huit conseils scolaires catholiques a prévu des activités scolaires et médiatiques pour sensibiliser les citoyens de chacune

des régions de l'Ontario. Des annonces dans les journaux, des panneaux publicitaires et des affiches dans les écoles s'ajoutent cette année à la panoplie d'activités. Dans la région de Sudbury, une personnalité de la francophonie s'est joint à cette campagne, Me Ronald F. Caza, avocat et associé du cabinet Heenan Blaikie, qui a été très impliqué dans la cause de l'Hôpital Montfort et ardent défenseur des droits des minorités francophones en Ontario.

« Je tiens d'abord à remercier tous les parents et membres de la communauté qui nous témoignent leur confiance. En choisissant l'école catholique de langue française, les parents nous disent clairement qu'ils souhaitent que soient transmises à leurs enfants la langue, la foi et la culture qui reflètent bien leurs valeurs » a indiqué Hélène Chayer, directrice de l'éducation du CSCNO.