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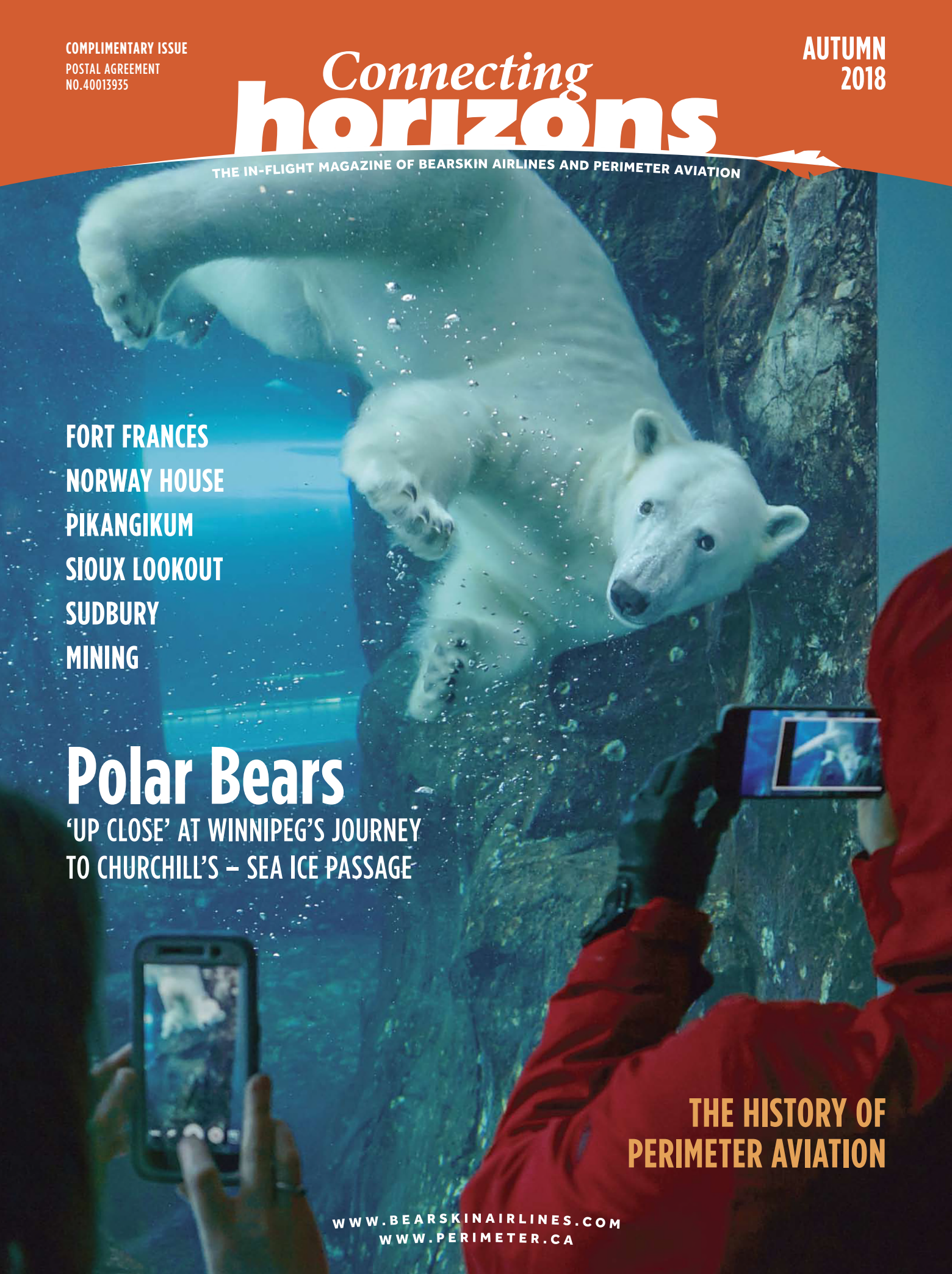

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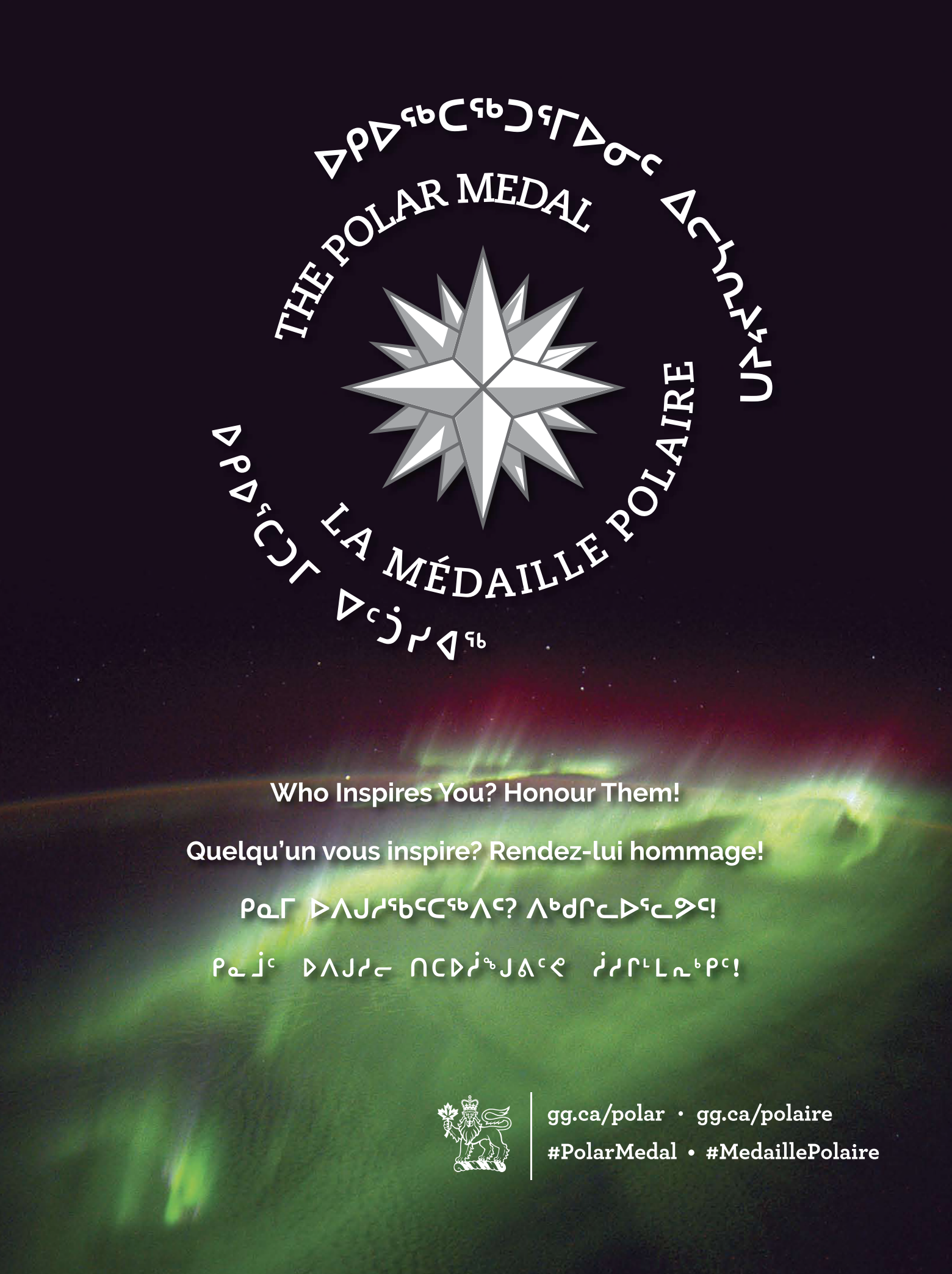
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BY NICK VODDEN, PRESIDENT OF PERIMETER AVIATION

Welcome aboard! I am pleased to provide you the following update on changes occurring within our airline.

As communicated with you in our inaugural issue of ***Connecting Horizons***, the joining of Perimeter Aviation and Bearskin Airlines has been underway for some time and is designed to strengthen both airlines and facilitate and encourage growth. This merger is on schedule and we expect to complete the process by the end of 2018.

Although technically Bearskin Airlines (the legal business entity) no longer exists, the Bearskin Airlines brand of service will continue within our new larger (Perimeter Aviation) airline after the merger is complete.

Bringing Perimeter Aviation and Bearskin Airlines together allows for enhanced travel opportunities on both airlines throughout a much broader geographic region with just one reservation. This past summer, Perimeter Aviation completed their migration to a new reservation system called ameliaRes and this fall Bearskin Airlines joined us on this new reservation platform. Now it is possible to book systemwide travel on either airline brand via either call center or on our shared online booking site. This feature is particularly convenient when traveling between any airport served by Bearskin Airlines and the communities Perimeter Aviation serves in northwestern Ontario.

We are also pleased to announce that all Bearskin Airlines flights are now eligible for accrual and redemption of Connecting Rewards frequent flyer points. This enhanced program now allows our frequent flyers to earn points toward full and partial ticket redemptions with the airline brand of their choice. Now it is also possible to redeem 25%, 50% or 75% toward a flight and pay the balance in cash or with a credit card. When redeeming 100% toward a flight, all taxes, fees and surcharges are included in your redemption.

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In addition, Bearskin Airlines continues to offer interline E-ticketing (IET) with Air Canada for the issuance of electronic airline tickets for travel on Bearskin Airlines and Air Canada within the same ticketed itinerary, making it easier for passengers to change travel plans while enroute. When connections are jeopardized due any reason, IET's permit interline airlines involved in any part of the itinerary to easily reprotect passengers on each other's flights without penalty.

Our shared online booking engine now permits the booking of Air Canada between any Perimeter or Bearskin destination served in Ontario and any Air Canada destination when connecting via Winnipeg International Airport or Thunder Bay International Airport. We invite you to give it a try!

On behalf of everyone at Perimeter Aviation and Bearskin Airlines, I want to thank you for your patience as we work through any complications associated with this merger. I also want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the support that you continue to show us. We are committed to continue earning that support going forward.

When this merger is completed, our mandate is to keep the best of what we independently offer and together explore and develop new offerings and services for our customers.

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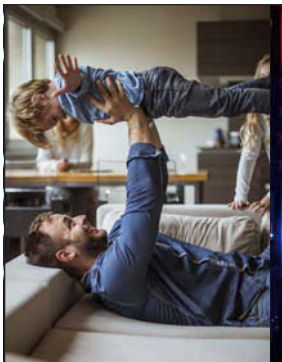

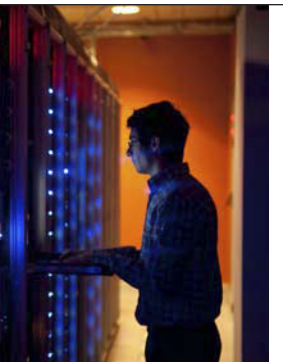

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On behalf of Bearskin Airlines, we would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to the Sioux Lookout Charity Golf Committee and a special thank you to all the sponsors, donors, volunteers and the golfers for helping to make this event a huge success.

This year **$48,078** was raised in support of the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre Foundation for equipment and programs.

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Founded by the late Harvey Friesen 20 years ago, this legacy event was established to benefit charities in Sioux Lookout, but mainly the Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre Foundation. This annual golf tournament has raised more than half a million dollars to support health care for community members and those from the north.

Foundation vice-president Anna Friesen stated that her late husband Harvey, as well as the late Marnie Hoey, worked tirelessly to ensure the hospital continued to survive.

The winner of this year's 18-hole tournament was **Gillons Insurance Brokers** with players Doug Pierce, Rob Lawrance, Myron Romaniuk and Andrew Hoch. Coming in second place was **Al's Sports Excellence** team of Allan Lago, Gib Ariano, Rob Favot and Joe Carbone. Third place was the **Madsen GM** team consisting of Matt Gain, Niels Madsen, Pat Spadoni and Bob David.

Held at the **Sioux Lookout Golf & Curling Club** the event hosted a barbeque. At the closing ceremonies, Mayor Lawrance commented on how the community always comes together for the efforts of the hospital.

Cheque Presentation:
(l-r) Kyle Friesen, Marcus Friesen, Niels Madsen, Doug Pierce, Dennis Leney , Alex Friesen, Rita Demetzer, Anna Friesen and Barb Friesen.
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As the temperature outside begins to drop, Winnipeg's sports, arts, and culture scene really turns up the heat — making it the perfect time to visit Manitoba's vibrant capital city!

ARTS

For starters, music fans will relish every minute they spend in the city, as on any given night there are more live musical acts performing in Winnipeg's clubs than anywhere else in Canada (per capita).

To experience a live music atmosphere, look no further than **Festival du Voyageur** (FDV) (February 15-24), one of the world's greatest winter festivals where massive tents with straw floors provide the perfect party environment. Western Canada's largest winter festival (celebrating its 50TH anniversary in 2019!) brings in bands from across North America, while the overall theme celebrates both the region's fur-trading history and its Métis culture. At FDV, you can expect plenty of dancing, costumed interpreters who are living life inside Fort Gibraltar like it was the mid-1800s, and more French food than your appetite can handle — including everyone's favourite, maple taffy on a stick.

If you want to give your ears a real refined treat, you can't beat a night with the **Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra** (WSO), who are heading into their 71ST year in 2018/19 with a season of blockbuster classical masterworks, legendary pops artists, and the debut season of new Music Director Daniel Raiskin. On the classical side of things you have Tchaikovsky and Beethoven (September 17), featuring internationally renowned pianist Emanuel Ax; An Evening of Mozart (November 2-3), showcasing the great Manitoba soprano, Tracy Dahl C.M; Russian Matters, which brings the remarkable Venezuelan pianist Gabriela Montero to Winnipeg (April 26-27); while the wildly popular film score series (where the symphony accompanies movies on the big screen) will feature Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (December 1-2).

If you want to saturate your senses in an abundance of creativity, mark your calendars for the WSO's **New Music Festival** (Jan. 26 – Feb. 1). During this week, you can catch an incredible range of genre-defying concerts — past participants have included members of Arcade Fire and the Smashing Pumpkins — and events in unique settings that provide a real showcase of how creative this city is.

Above: Explore incredible exhibitions and galleries at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Credit: Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

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One particular group that always brings a bit of majesty is Canada's **Royal Winnipeg Ballet**, who have been sweeping audiences away for nearly 80 years. The theme for their 2018/19 season is "Fearless" and we guarantee it will transport audiences to another world through productions that include The Handmaid's Tale (Oct. 10-14), Nutcracker (Dec. 19-29), Romeo & Juliet (Feb. 13-17) and The Wizard of Oz (May 1-5).

It's also easy to lose yourself during plays by the **Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre** (RMTC), who stage works at both the John Hirsch Mainstage and the Tom Hendry Warehouse (where you can catch edgier, smaller productions). This season RMTC brings childhood favourites like Roald Dahl's Matilda (Jan. 10 – Feb. 2) and holiday classic It's a Wonderful Life (Nov. 22 – Dec. 15), as well as Jane Austen's Victorian masterpiece Sense and Sensibility (Oct. 18 – Nov. 10) and Robert Lepage's "touching, intimate, powerful" show 887, which comes to the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre for three performances only (Feb. 8-10).

Théâtre Cercle Molière is putting on a world premiere this fall with

Dancers perform onstage at the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, one of the world's premier dance companies. Credit: Daniel Crump.

Left: Local and international francophone artists take the stage at Festival du Voyageur, Western Canada's largest winter festival. Soldiers in traditional garb fire muskets during the Festival. Credits: Dan Harper.

Above: A seal swims through the Sea Ice Passage at Assiniboine Park Zoo, home to a variety of northern species. Credit: Mike Peters.

L'Armoire (Oct. 18 – Nov. 3), a truly international piece with cast members coming in from France and Morocco to share a story on human trafficking. The French theatre will also feature some performance art with Villes (Nov. 22 – Dec. 8), billed as "somewhere between a TED Talk and object theatre." As always, many Cercle Molière nights feature English subtitles, and the consistently great quality of these performances means English theatre-goers should absolutely partake.

CULTURE

Of course, new visitors to the city will naturally be drawn to our most spectacular building, the **Canadian Museum for Human Rights** (CMHR), where a lengthy visit is a must. Whether you take a guided or self-guided tour, the CMHR will draw you through a journey that literally ascends from darkness to light, with ten awe-inspiring, sometimes harrowing, and always-interactive galleries presenting human rights issues from across the globe and through the ages. Currently, the awe-inspiring Mandela: Struggle for Freedom exhibit is on until January 2019, and in March, you can discover how rock music can be a loud and powerful force for human rights with the Louder than Words: Rock, Power, Politics exhibit.

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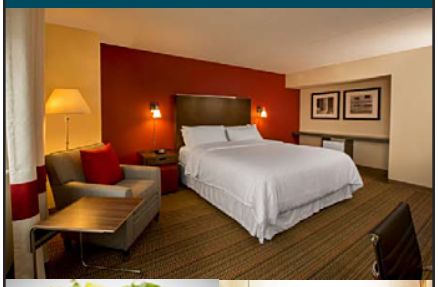

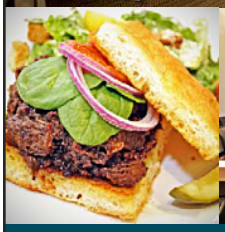

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FOUR POINTS
BY SHERATON

The Winnipeg Jets are back for more action at Bell MTS Place after a historic play-off run last season. Credit: Winnipeg Jets Hockey Club.

For a slightly more localized trip through time, make your way to the **Manitoba Museum** for an immersive experience, featuring breath-taking world-class dioramas, a digital recreation of an ancient sea, and a vibrant reproduction of 1920s Winnipeg including a black and white cinema playing Charlie Chaplin films. With nine galleries to enjoy, an adventure awaits around every corner!

With many animals that thrive in colder weather, plus many indoor exhibits with exotic species to explore, **Assiniboine Park Zoo** is an incredible place to visit all year round. The award-winning Journey to Churchill exhibit is home to nine polar bears, and its showpiece Sea Ice Passage allows visitors to watch polar bears frolic in the water "up close" from the plexiglass tunnel in the bears' swimming pool.

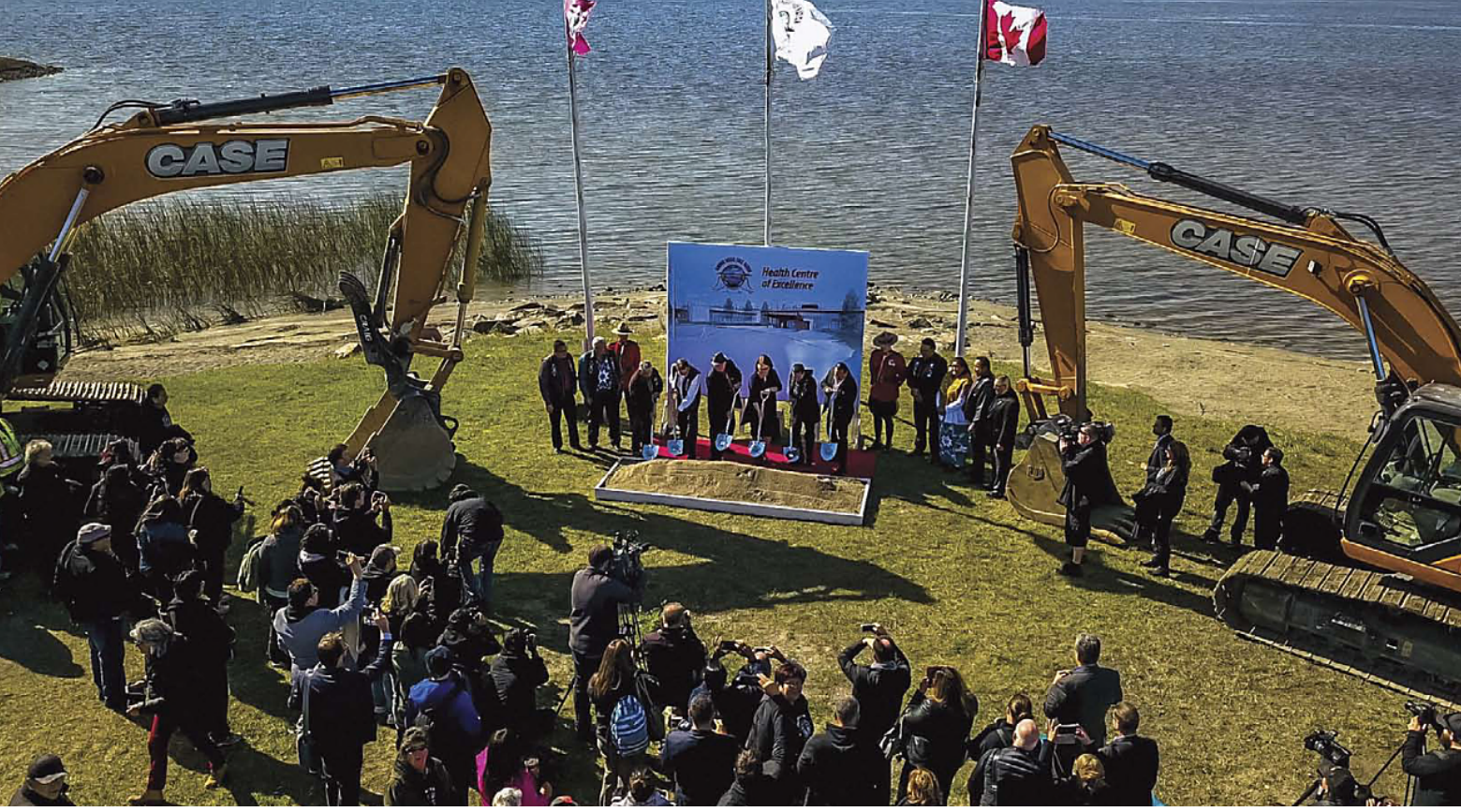
The sun shines on ice skaters as they coast along more than 10 kilometers of groomed trails atop the frozen Assiniboine River. Credit: Mike Peters.

SPORTS

After a historic playoff run in 2017, the **Winnipeg Jets** are back for another exciting season at Bell MTS Place with their first preseason game against the Minnesota Wild on September 17. The first official home game is October 9 as they take on the L.A. Kings.

With some powerhouse new additions to the roster, the **Winnipeg Blue Bombers** are halfway through the season and hoping to wreak havoc on the Canadian Football League once again. Investors Group Field, which is one peach of a venue and the envy of all other CFL teams, will be bumping until the season ends in November as tens of thousands of diehard Blue and Gold fans cheer our team to victory. CFL games are tailored for excitement, featuring three-downs and massive end zones that promote a passing game.

If you prefer to be a part of the action instead of watching it, grab your skates and head down to the **Red River Mutual Trail** at The Forks where you can skate, walk, run, or sled along 10 km of groomed trails as soon as the river freezes over (usually in January). If you get tired, take a break in one of many internationally designed warming huts which run all along the trails.



Norway House Cree Nation Treaty and York Boat Days Marks 45th Year

By Margaret Anne Fehr

For the past 45 years, Norway House Cree Nation (NHCN) has hosted its Treaty and York Boat Days (TYBD), a full week's extravaganza filled with cultural, recreational, social, and educational activities for participants, both near and far, through the delivery of physical, mental, spiritual and social events.

NHCN is one of the largest First Nation Communities in Manitoba with a population consists of 7,031 and off-reserve population of 600. Situated on the confluence of the Nelson River and Lake Winnipeg, NHCN is 456 kilometers North of Winnipeg by air and about 800 kilometers by road; 208 km East of The Pas and 190 km South of Thompson and approximately 29 km North of Lake Winnipeg. PR #373 serves as an all-weather road connecting Norway House to Jenpeg and then onto PR #6.

Above: The ceremonial sod-turning on September 7, 2018 for Norway House Cree Nation's new hospital. Photo courtesy of Janice Muswagon.

An important aspect of the TYBD festival is the recognition that almost 70 years before Canada's confederacy was sealed with the ceremonial Golden Spike of the CPR rail line in 1885, creating an East-West trade and immigration route, it was the North-South route of the North's mighty lakes and rivers that were the original and long-established arteries of the thriving fur trade and a fledgling nation.

Norway House first emerged as a significant post in 1821 when the Hudson's Bay Company and the Northwest Company merged and established a fur trading post near the outlet of Lake Winnipeg. Many Cree hunters, fishermen, trappers and gatherers became employed with the Hudson's Bay Company as trippers, dog team mushers, and canoe freighters until the mid-1900's.

The **45TH Treaty and York Boat Days of 2018** unfolded from July 27th to August 5th. Chief Larson Anderson says, "This year's festival had a good turnout as we had many visitors from all over Canada and Manitoba, including canoeists, who visit us regularly from Saskatchewan and Michigan State. A festival-first this year is that the National Film Board of Canada was on hand to videotape the community during the week-long events."

"We had a great turnout for the evening events which I attended every night and was mainly due to NHCN installing a new and huge

metal tent at the Fisherman's Coop on Play Green Lake to provide shelter in case it rained or if we had cold winds from the lake. The participation from the community was excellent as we had 400 elders attend the Elders Giveaway and many community members attended the free shoreline breakfast every morning for fresh bannock, campfire tea, and the community fish fry."

Over the course of the week, the festival presented events from dawn to dusk, each day starting with the community shoreline breakfast followed by canoe marathons, York Boat races, fastball and beach volleyball tournaments, skeet shooting, relays, basketball shoot outs, jigging and square dancing as well as traditional feats of strength and endurance including the flour packing competition, Voyageur Tug-o-war and Ka Maskawiseet Iskewew Competitions (Strong Women, Men and Youth). Each weekday ended with movie night under the stars and fireworks filled the skies on Saturday night capping off the rousing square dance competition.

Many festival events are named for significant NHCN members who have left personal legacies within its rich history. "A major highlight of our celebration is the World Championship York Boat Races in memory of Henry and Mary Ann Muminawatum as Henry Muminawatum was one of the rowers that rowed during the fur trade era and who showed Norway House how to build York Boats and how to row them. One of their daughters, Iona Muminawatum, who is over 70 years old, still rows and participates in the York Boat Days Women's Professional Races with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and also fundraises to provide the prizes for the first place winners," says Chief Anderson.

Another main highlight is the Tom Anderson Talent Show in memory of Tom Anderson who was a local musician and radio announcer. The Rudy Bouvier Skeet Shooting Competition honours the memory of its namesake who participated for many years in the competition.

The Joe Keeper Memorial Marathon celebrates the Olympic hero, Joe Keeper, who was born in

45th Treaty and York Boat Days. Photos courtesy of Bruce Folster.

The Tom Anderson Talent Show celebrates the memory of Tom Anderson who was a local musician and radio announcer.

Norway House. Joe was a long-time employee with the Hudson's Bay Company and he achieved recognition for his participation in the 1912 Stockholm Olympics in Sweden representing Canada on this prestigious world athletic stage.

Recently added to the event schedule was the Jordan's Principle Parade in memory of Jordan River Anderson whose complex medical needs and the jurisdictional disputes between federal and provincial agencies contributed to his death, sadly at just five years of age. In December 2007, Motion-296 in support of Jordan's Principle passed unanimously in the House of Commons ensuring First Nations children can access public services on the same terms as other children, regardless of where they live.

Norway House Cree Nation recently held a celebration on September 7th when Indigenous Services Minister Jane Philpott visited the community to announce $100-million funding for a new hospital. It will combine traditional Indigenous knowledge with western medicine to deliver holistic care to the community and surrounding areas. The new hospital will have a community and rehabilitation program driven by Jordan's Principle.

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The Treaty and York Boat Days requires months of planning and Chief Anderson gives full credit to the York Boat Days Committee headed up by Edward Albert and assistant Trudy Hart, as well as the host of volunteers who ensure the festival runs smoothly as well as coming up with new ideas that make for a continually improved experience for festival-goers each year.

While the NHCN Treaty and York Boat Days celebrates summer with gusto, come winter Norway House Cree Nation turns its attention to the joys of winter by hosting the **Annual Sasquatch Ice Fishing Derby** (February 23, 2019) held in conjunction with the A**nnual Pipoon Winter Festival** (February 28 – March 3, 2019). The grand prize for landing the biggest fish is a hefty $10,000 and the entrants are keen competitors. There's much to celebrate each season at Norway House Cree Nation thanks to a community committed to keeping memories and traditions alive.

Sioux Lookout's expansion of the passenger terminal complete with new airline service counters.

Aviation and **Mining** in **Sioux Lookout,** The North's Hub

By Lorna Olson

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Today, the airport is a focal point facilitating travel to and from all of Northwestern Ontario. Airport Manager Ben Hancharuk says, "In 2017, a total of 123,517 passengers came through our doors, on more than 38,000 airplane movements." Included in these numbers are patients for the Meno-Ya-Win Health Centre, who travel from 29 northern communities and 17 nursing stations.

At present, Bearskin Airlines, Perimeter Aviation, Wasaya Airways, and North Star Air Offer offer scheduled passenger service and charters from the airport. SkyCare, Ornge, and Thunder Airlines provide air ambulance (medivac) services – an average of 2,500 flights per year.

Perimeter has started flying into Northwestern Ontario from Winnipeg, and has commenced service from Sioux Lookout to seven remote communities to the north, as well as providing flights to Thunder Bay.

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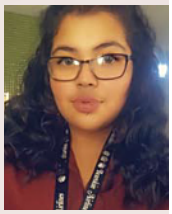

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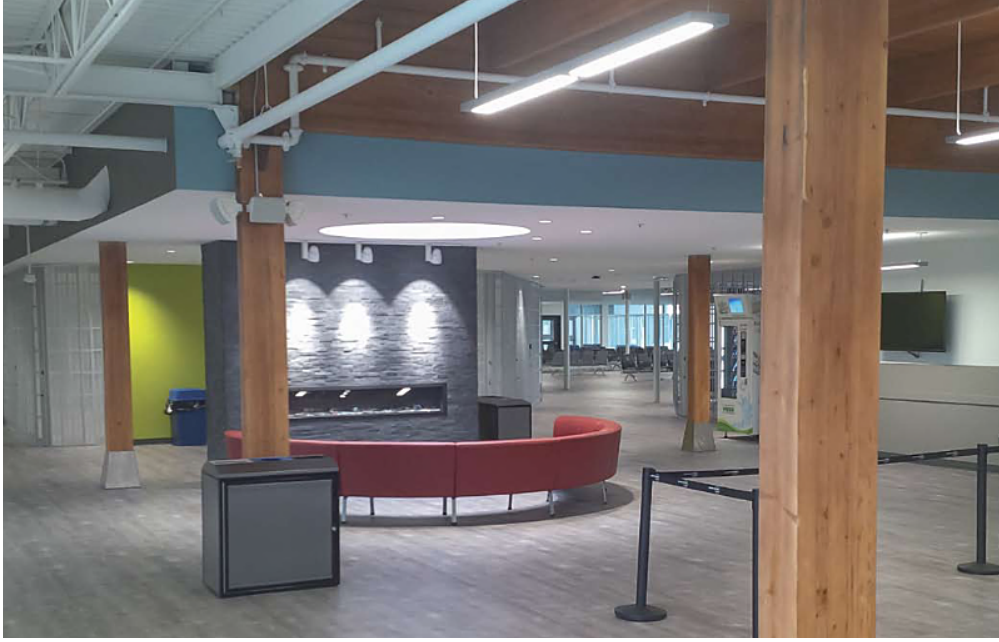

Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service (NAPS) uses the airport as a base, as do private aircraft owners. The airport is easily accessible with connecting flights to national carriers such as Air Canada and WestJet.

During spring break-up and fall freeze-up, Slate Falls Airways and Bamaji Air Inc. also use the airport. During the winter, their planes land on frozen lakes or ground surfaces with wheels or skis, and in the summer months they use floats to land on water.

"We are definitely an economic driver for this community," says Hancharuk. "We get a mix of travellers – medical, business and pleasure travel from the communities to the north. These communities are advancing, growing more economically sustainable.

"We also get vacationers in the summer, mostly from the US. We're a jump-off point for fishing and hunting tourism during summer and fall."

In April, the expansion of the passenger terminal was completed, doubling its size to 33,777 square feet and allowing for future growth. Travellers will enjoy a larger seating

Aerial view of Sioux Lookout.

Main passenger lounge and larger waiting area.

area, with more comfortable seats and even a fireplace in the main passenger lounge – making it a much more enjoyable and efficient experience for passengers. There are new airline service counters, a state-of-the-art flight information display system and a modern heating system.

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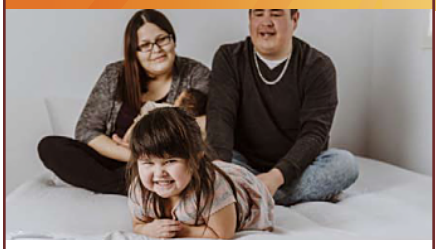

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Sioux Lookout Municipal Airport.

The Interpretive Counter operated by Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority, is now complete. It provides interpretive services from English to Oji-Cree and vice-versa, and helps arrange ground transportation and flights. Included in the Counter is a rest area for elders and medical patients, where they can relax, and take medication or treatment if necessary. "This is a feature that is very much appreciated by travellers from the northern communities," says Hancharuk.

Work continues on permanent signage for the airport, and in the concessions area. Included will be a new, full-service restaurant called The Hub YXL; and a convenience store which will offer travel information, Indigenous crafts, some drugstore and grocery items, and a coffee shop. Both will be operated by Windigo Ventures, a partnership solely owned by the Windigo First Nations of Bearskin Lake, Cat Lake, North Caribou Lake, Sachigo Lake, and New Slate Falls.

There are two spaces for car rental companies, with one space still available.

The airport itself has 14 employees, and there are about 110 additional staff who work there in various positions.

Mining activity in Northern Ontario was a huge factor in aviation growth, and First Mining Company has four properties located near Sioux Lookout. The Springpole property has been confirmed to contain approximately 5 million ounces of gold. In April, 2018 the company completed the geotechnical drilling program to investigate the property's lake bed sediments and bedrock. Preliminary results are encouraging, and indicate that dredging and removal of the sediments may not be necessary along the proposed alignment of the dykes (coffer dam).

Currently, First Mining's Goldlund Gold Project has completed the fourth set of Phase 2 drilling results and is moving forward with the next phase which includes mapping, sampling, and drilling of the Northwestern and Southwestern extents of the known strike length of the property.

Jeff Swinoga, President and CEO of First Mining: "During Phase 2, 33 of 38 holes intersected gold mineralization, and the drilling was confined to a strike length of only two to three kilometers, wheras the total strike length of the property is estimated at approximately 50 kilometers."

The company also plans to test drill additional exploration targets outside the current resource boundary on the Goldlund property.

Mining and aviation continue to play major roles in this beautiful part of Northwestern Ontario, and their long-term, mutual-support relationship will keep growing, bringing economic benefits to the Sioux Lookout region.

Perimeter's Dash 8 aircraft.

Perimeter Aviation

From Flight School to Major Regional Airline

Perimeter Aviation was founded by William (Bill) J. Wehrle, as Canada's first private Instrument Flight Rating (IFR) School. Bill grew up on the family farm near Lockport, Manitoba, and in the early 1950's decided to pursue a career in aviation. He learned to fly at the Winnipeg Flying Club, where he became Chief Instructor.

In 1960, Bill and a group of investors purchased a Beech Debonair to create Perimeter Aviation, an executive transport, charter, and training service. Bill was the pilot and manager of the venture.

In 1964 Bill assumed 100% control of Perimeter by buying out all the shareholders. He then focused on the flight school offering IFR ratings with a Beech Debonair and Beech Musketeer. His vision and determination laid the foundation for his company to grow from a one-person operation to become one of Canada's most successful regional airlines. Along the way, he personally logged more than 30,000 hours of flying time while his company provided the foundation to launch many aviators into aviation careers across Canada and around the world.

Perimeter bought their first hangar at the Winnipeg International Airport in 1964 to start servicing aircraft and subsequently acquired a Beech 18 to fly charters. By 1967 the company was offering a flight school, charter service, and building up in-house maintenance functions including avionics and engine overhaul.

1976 was a noteworthy year for Perimeter in terms of growth, when approached by Transair who was looking to vacate their northern interior flight routes. Perimeter purchased the routes along with two Twin Otter aircraft growing from a small company of just 25 employees to 100 almost overnight.

In 1977 Perimeter expanded into the executive jet market by purchasing a Lear 35. The company also purchased a King Air 100, Beech Duke and Beech Baron in 1977 to bolster its aircraft offerings for the charter market.

Two brand new Metro aircraft were purchased in 1978-79 to provide scheduled passenger flights to Brandon, Dauphin, Yorkton and Saskatoon, and in 1980 three Beech Baron aircraft were acquired to fly "bank bag runs" to communities in Manitoba and Northern Ontario. These bank bag contracts were a stable piece of business for the company through 2016 when the banks elected to use ground transport instead.

In 1985 Perimeter moved into its current day location, expanded its Metro fleet and started providing flight service to more northern Manitoba communities. A new cargo facility was constructed in 1991 beside their Winnipeg terminal and hangar facilities to support their growing shipping business. Throughout the 90's growth continued, including the addition of a hangar for the training school, and various aircraft to support expanding scheduled passenger service to communities in Manitoba and Northern Ontario.

Top: (l-r) Beech 18, Beech Debonair, and testing of the Garret turbine engine. Bottom: (l-r) Beech 95 Travelair and the Medevac Aircraft.

In 1997 the company received authorization from Transport Canada to overhaul Garrett turbine engines to zero-time, making them the only company in Canada with authorization to do this kind of work on Garrett turbine engines. In 2000 Perimeter worked with Hartzell to design a four-bladed prop for the Metro 2. The four-blade Hartzell prop reduced cabin noise and was better equipped to handle gravel damage experienced in northern operations.

In 2001, Perimeter started an Aeromed air ambulance emergency evacuation service for communities in Manitoba, with the capability of providing Aeromed charter service anywhere in North America. As a licensed Air Ambulance provider with the Manitoba Health Emergency Services Branch, Perimeter operates six dedicated medivac aircraft based at Island Lake, Oxford House, Cross Lake, Winnipeg and Thompson.

Perimeter Aviation was acquired by Exchange Income Corporation (EIC) in May 2004. EIC is a diversified, acquisition-oriented Canadian Corporation focused on opportunities in aerospace and aviation services and equipment and manufacturing. The business plan of the company is to invest in profitable, well established companies with strong cash flows operating in niche markets. Perimeter is one of several airlines owned by EIC today including Calm Air, Keewatin Air, Custom Helicopters, and Provincial Airlines. Visit **www.exchangeincomecorp.ca** for more information.

The purchase of Perimeter in 2004 by EIC was perfect timing as this new public ownership structure brought the accessibility of cash to expand. Early in 2005, Perimeter grew substantially following the collapse of a major competitor. Perimeter then took over most of their routes, more than doubling in size.

This ability to quickly fill the void was a win-win scenario for the remote communities being served as they were able to maintain a much-needed service while entering into community partnership agreements with Perimeter Aviation. Perimeter pioneered partnership agreements with many of the First Nations communities served, sharing profits of the operation and delivering other benefits as well. In addition to these benefits, Perimeter also provides numerous employment opportunities for First Nations people.

In 2005 Perimeter leased a Dash 8 aircraft to enhance service and add more capacity to St. Theresa Point and Island Lake (Garden Hill) and in 2006 a 705-operating certification was acquired from Transport Canada, authorizing the flying of Dash 8 aircraft on their own. This marked another noteworthy period for the airline as they expanded their cabin class service throughout the remote north. A second Dash 8 was added to the fleet in 2007.

In 2012 Perimeter made the business decision to close its flight school. This decision was rooted in the evolution of how flight training is delivered today. Most training is now performed using flight simulators, and test flights are typically flown out of smaller airports that are less busy than the Winnipeg International Airport where Perimeter is based.

By the fall of 2016, Perimeter had been connecting the Ontario communities of Sandy Lake, Pikangikum and Sachigo Lake with the Manitoba capital for more than ten years and decided the time was

A shipment of food being loaded on a Dash 8 for delivery in northern communities and freight being loaded on one of Perimeter's Fairchild Metro 2's (bottom).

right for further expansion in Ontario. Partnered with Bearskin Airlines in October 2016 they expanded service into Deer Lake, Weagamow (Round Lake) and North Spirit Lake, followed by Bearskin Lake in November. The partnership with Bearskin Airlines (also owned by EIC) offered joint fares and single-ticket connections to and from Thunder Bay and other destinations served by Bearskin.

Then in the fall of 2017, Perimeter's parent company, Exchange Income Corporation made the decision to join Perimeter Aviation and Bearskin Airlines, to strengthen both airlines, and facilitate and encourage continued growth. This merger was completed December 31, 2017 with a mandate to keep the best of these two northern aviation icons and together explore and develop new offerings and services for their mutual customers.

Although technically Bearskin Airlines (the legal business entity) no longer exists, a decision was also made to continue operating the Bearskin Brand of service within the new larger (Perimeter Aviation) airline.

Bringing Perimeter Aviation and Bearskin Airlines together allows for enhanced travel opportunities on both airlines throughout a much broader region by making one reservation, using one ticket and accessing one low fare. In July 2018, Perimeter Aviation migrated to a new Reservation System called ameliaRes and Bearskin Airlines moved to the same reservation platform in September 2018. Now it is possible to book end to end systemwide travel on either airline via either call center or on either online booking site.

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Dash 8 aircraft.

In July 2018, Perimeter's frequent flyer program was rebranded as *Connecting Rewards* and in September 2018 the Bearskin Airlines branded routes were included in the program allowing customers to accrue points and redeem them on the airline brand of their choice. In addition to a name change, the program now features the ability to use *Connecting Rewards Points* for partial and full redemptions towards a ticket including 25%, 50% or 75% toward a flight.

Today Perimeter offers more than 750 scheduled flights weekly to more than 35 destinations in Manitoba and Ontario utilizing 44 aircraft including primarily two aircraft types for operational efficiencies. Fairchild Metros and the Bombardier Dash 8 are the aircraft of choice and are ideally suited for serving a combination of remote northern communities accessible only by air and/or winter roads and the more southern but thin routes served by Bearskin Airlines.

Perimeter's main bases are in Winnipeg and Thompson, Manitoba as well as Sioux Lookout and Thunder Bay, Ontario where they employ 740 people. In addition to its scheduled service operation and certified Approved (Aircraft) Maintenance Organization (AMO), cargo operations, charters and Medevac flying are also important aspects of the operation.

Perimeter is committed to the communities and customers it serves, focusing on three key initiatives: Stay in School Programs, Mental Health, and Healthy Living.

One Stay in School initiative included partnering with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in 2017 and again in 2018. As a reward to leaders and favourable school attendance, this opportunity allows children to embrace a one-of-a-kind VIP Experience. It consists of a private charter flight to and from Winnipeg, round-trip private transportation to the Bombers game, reserved section of seats at Investors Group Field, video board recognition, meals and snacks during the game, a meet-and-greet with Bomber players at the end of the game and merchandise souvenirs to remember their experience.

Mental health issues can be very prominent in some of the communities served, leading the airline to join forces with the Rob Nash prevention program. The *Robb Nash Program* engages young people through the power of music and words, encouraging them to make positive life choices and lead lives of significance and purpose.

Perimeter also promotes and encourages healthy lifestyles choices for all its customers and employees, offering healthier choices of food services both in-flight and on-ground. They also continue to offer a complimentary milk shipping program and facilitate the Nutrition North program in an ongoing effort to provide healthy food at an economical price into the north.

The *Bill Wehrle Scholarship* program was recently announced as way to honour Perimeter's founder as well as support Perimeter's Stay in School program. As Nick Vodden, current President and CEO of Perimeter Aviation stated, the idea for a scholarship evolved from ongoing discussions with the leadership of our partner communities. "We wanted to put an educational program in place for the north and the communities Perimeter serves. We decided on creating an aviation scholarship to honour Bill," said Vodden, adding "It is part of Perimeter's culture to give back to the north, to promote aviation to our customers and to encourage Indigenous youth to consider a career in aviation." Offered on a recurring basis, the *Bill Wehrle Scholarship* provides financial assistance and encouragement for Indigenous students looking to join the aviation field within the company's three aviation streams of commercial pilot, aircraft maintenance or aviation management. To be eligible, candidates must be a Canadian citizen, identify as being First Nation, hold a Grade 12 diploma, have an evidenced interest in the field of aviation and maintain close ties with their Indigenous heritage.

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EMPOWERING **Pikangikum**

By Chris Laws

It's one thing to lobby government to build needed infrastructure for your community. It's a whole other thing to seek government and industry support so that you can go out and build it yourself.

This is the objective of Wataynikaneyap Power CEO, Margaret Kenequanash, who is anticipating the energizing of the first 117 km of electrical line to Pikangikum in December 2018, connecting off grid first nation to the provincial grid for the first time.

"There is a silent enthusiasm from the people of Pikangikum about getting connected to the provincial grid to provide reliable and accessible energy to their community," said Kenequanash.

"The interconnection will provide a reliable source of electric power and will also allow the Pikangikum community to connect additional electric load to the local distribution system."

One enterprise which is anticipating a development of its objectives with the added electrical power is the Whitefeather Forest Initiative. Created in 2000, the goals of the initiative are to develop commercial opportunities in mining, forestry and tourism while balancing the needs of the environment and land stewardship.

Installation of the Pikangikum power line is being done through PowerTel, a company with almost 50 years of installing electrical transmission systems to First Nation communities throughout Canada. Besides installation, the company employs many from these First Nations people to help construct and maintain these new systems.

At present the Wataynikaneyap skills training initiative is working to train young indigenous people for careers as ground crew support for the new line which will eventually extend 1800 km and supply several first nations with a steady supply of electricity. The anticipated completion date for the entire project is 2023.

During the past three years there has been a renewed enthusiasm for the education of young people in Pikangikum with the opening of the new Eenchokay Birchstick School in October 2016.

Housing over 1200 students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12, the school strives to reinforce the traditional teachings and culture of the Ojibway People of Pikangikum, with modern academic components found in other Ontario Schools. Along with literacy and mathematics, traditional skills such as hunting, fishing and sewing are also emphasized.

Marvin McKay-Keenan, the elementary school principal with over 35 years to teaching and educational administrative at First Nations Schools across, came out of retirement when the new school opened.

Workers installing hydro poles on the Pikangikum Power Line project.

"The community is 99 percent Ojibway speaking, so English is a second language here," said McKay-Keenan.

"Most students are very comfortable in speaking in their first language, so each elementary classroom has both an Ojibway and English-speaking teacher. With a focus on the Ojibway language, coming to school isn't the scary place it was back in the 1970's."

McKay-Keenan added that while the school is always striving to maintain a high standard of learning both academically and culturally, a long-term objective is to try and involve more community members into the classroom as teachers.

"The students need role models from the local population. This year we've gained four additional teachers. The added staff will allow for smaller class sizes and more one-on-one time with their teachers."

In order to help bolster regular attendance, the school has introduced a meal program which provides

Pikangikum's Eenchokay Birchstick School teaches students from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

both a full breakfast and lunch to all students from elementary to high school and midday snacks for those at the elementary level.

"We have a qualified chef on staff and want to introduce our students to different kinds of foods. Recently they made a vegetable soup with many different vegetables that many had never tried before – which they enjoyed. They've also enjoyed more cultural foods like fish and moose stew."

One of the highlights of the school's recent history was a visit to the school last January by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

"It was fantastic. He was only scheduled to do a 20-minute walk around the school, but after we told him the students had been kept in their classrooms all day for security reasons he made a point of visiting each classroom. He even took some selfies with many of the students. His walk around took well over an hour and later on he went to the gym and answered even more questions from the students."

Another source of pride in Pikangikum is the area hockey teams. From November when the ice goes in, until April both young and old throughout the community enjoy the game on ice which creates both new players and fans to the game. During the late spring and summer months ball hockey takes centre stage as various organizations hold a variety of tournaments throughout the area.

Over the years several teams from Pikangikum have participated in the Northern Bands adult hockey and Lil' bands youth hockey tournaments held each March in Dryden.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau visits with students at Pikangikum's Eenchokay Birchstick School.

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FALL AT "THE FORT"

By Lorna Olson

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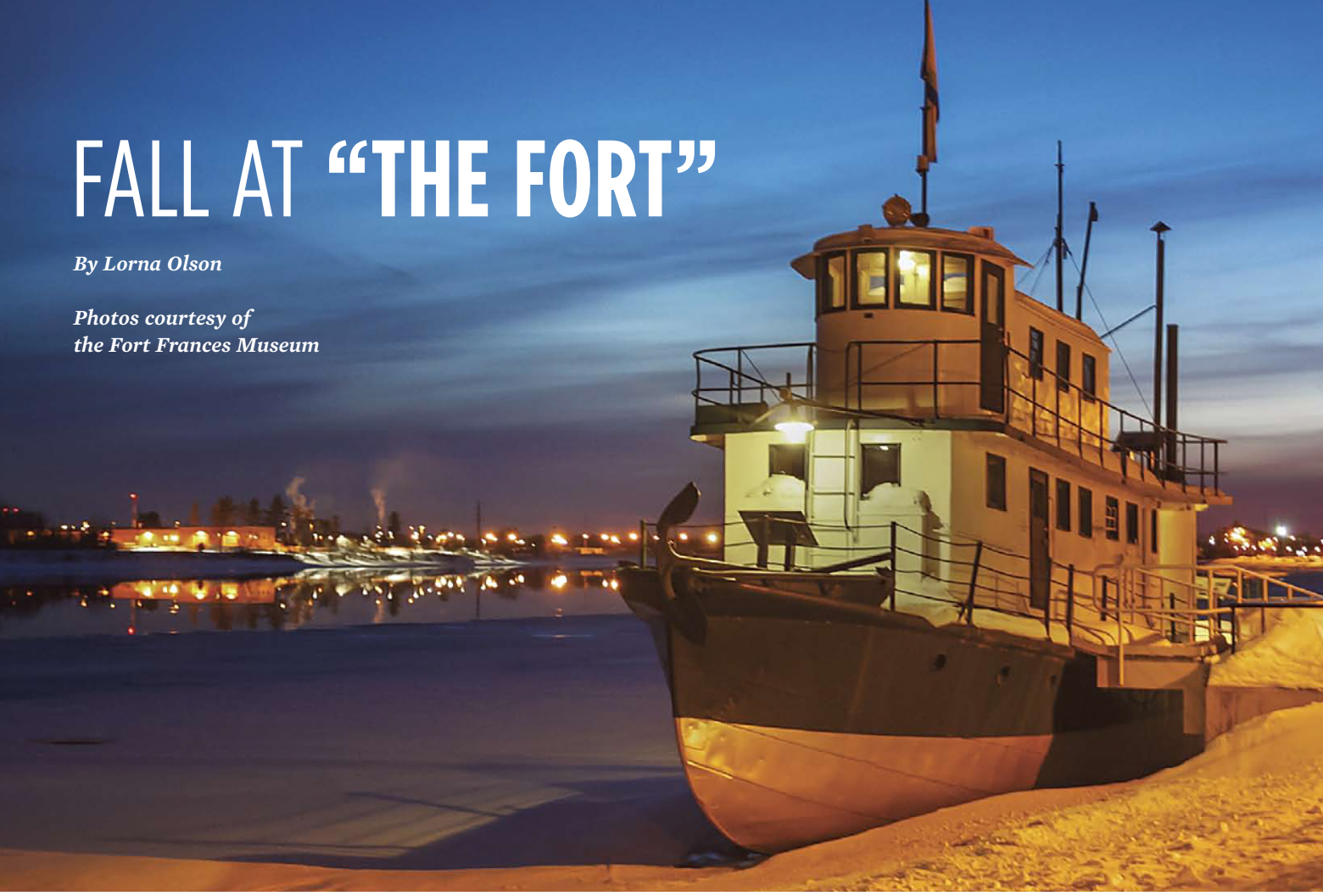

With the coming of autumn, many activities in Fort Frances wind down. However, this colourful season is perfect for cycling and hiking (no bugs!), and the fall fishing is great. The most popular outdoor activity is hunting, and there are many lodges and resorts that cater to the hunter, providing accommodation, transportation, and guides.

Small game (partridge, rabbit), white-tail deer, wolves, black bear, and moose are abundant in the Rainy River area. You must have the proper licenses and hunt according to Ontario regulations. Visit **www.ontario.ca/document/ontario-hunting-regulations-summary**.

Above: An evening at the Hallett, a logging tugboat located on the waterfront.

For those who enjoy history, the **Fort Frances Museum and Cultural Centre** is celebrating several important anniversaries this fall. In September and October, the museum's 40TH anniversary will highlight its growth and achievements, and also the story of world museums and where the future will take us – virtual reality and much more. Festivities began on September 19th with a public reception celebrating a new roof, and a ramp and accessible washroom.

In November and December, in recognition of the 100TH anniversary of the end of World War I, there will be an exhibit of the Indigenous Veterans of the Great War. As the museum's Sherry George notes, "There were a lot of Indigenous soldiers from this area – we anticipate that visitors and locals will find this display very interesting, since many of their grandfathers and great-grandfathers served Canada in those years (1914-1918)."

The building itself has been around for 120 years – another significant milestone. Erected in 1898, the two-storey structure was originally the Scott Street School House. As the town's population expanded, the number of students outgrew the building. The Royal Canadian Legion was founded and took up residence in 1927, staying until 1968. Over the next ten years, it was home to the police station, assessment office, and Chamber of Commerce. In 1978, it became a permanent home for the Fort Frances Museum. Approved for Heritage Designation in 2000, the Museum was completely refurbished in 2007.

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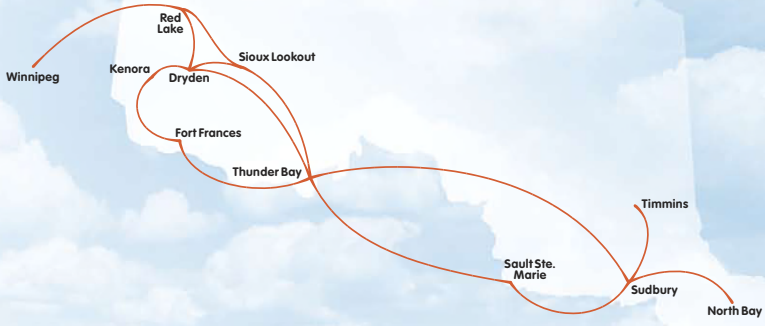

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of settlement in the 1800's and early 1900's, and the booming forest industry of the 20th century.

Throughout the fall and winter, there are adult workshops on the weekends, featuring everything from painting to beading to baking bread. "Our sushi making workshops get filled almost immediately," says George. In the weeks before Christmas, there are classes on wreath-making, glass ornaments, seasonal baking, and more.

The museum's **Annual Gala**, its principal fundraiser, will be held on Thursday, November 1st. "There's wine and beer, appetizers, and an auction. It's a popular event, and the money raised goes towards workshops and programming for children."

For more details on the Gala as well as specifics of the displays and workshops (including some for children), check the website: **www.museum@fortfrances.ca**.

On the business and economic front, things are humming along in the hospitality industry.

The Copper River Inn has recently completed renovations and opened a new **Taphouse and Grill**. The taproom has 25 different taps featuring 24 beers and one cider; just under half the taps come from craft breweries in Kenora, Thunder Bay, and the US. "This is the largest taphouse in this part of the province," says general manager Leanne Danelisky.

Microtel (part of the Wyndham Hotel Group) is planning to build a suites hotel next to the Super 8 Hotel, which is also affiliated with Wyndham.

The Sleepy Owl Hotel has new owners and has recently completed major renovations. Hotel La Place Rendez-vous has a new owner, which may mean renovation or expansion in the future.

The Fort Frances Museum (right) features numerous displays including a Fur Trade display (left) and an exhibit of prehistory Indigenous artifacts (below).

WELCOME TO FORT FRANCES!

Nicole Duffy
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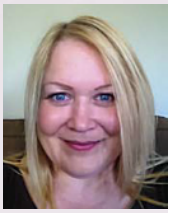
Fort Frances is located in the center of Sunset County. If you are looking for some outdoor fun and adventure, Fort Frances is the place to be. Come and relax, take a walk and enjoy the colour change of the trees or partake in some of the outdoor fun and festivities.



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In August, the Town of Fort Frances took possession of Resolute Forest Products' former Shevlin wood yard as well as a building on Mowat Avenue. The wood lot, which covers about 22.6 acres, sits on the waterfront adjacent to the marina. Economic Development Consultant, Tannis Drysdale says that there will be community consultation to decide on possible uses for this prime property. "Some suggestions are for a park; possibly a new subdivision; or a hotel or other commercial enterprise. We will engage a consultant to help the community, and ultimately it will be a Council decision." The time frame for this development is unknown.

Currently, there are only a few lots left in the town's Industrial Park, and it's possible that some of the wood yard acreage could be designated for industry.

Tbaytel's fibre optic services building is now completed, providing office space and equipment storage as well as housing network components.

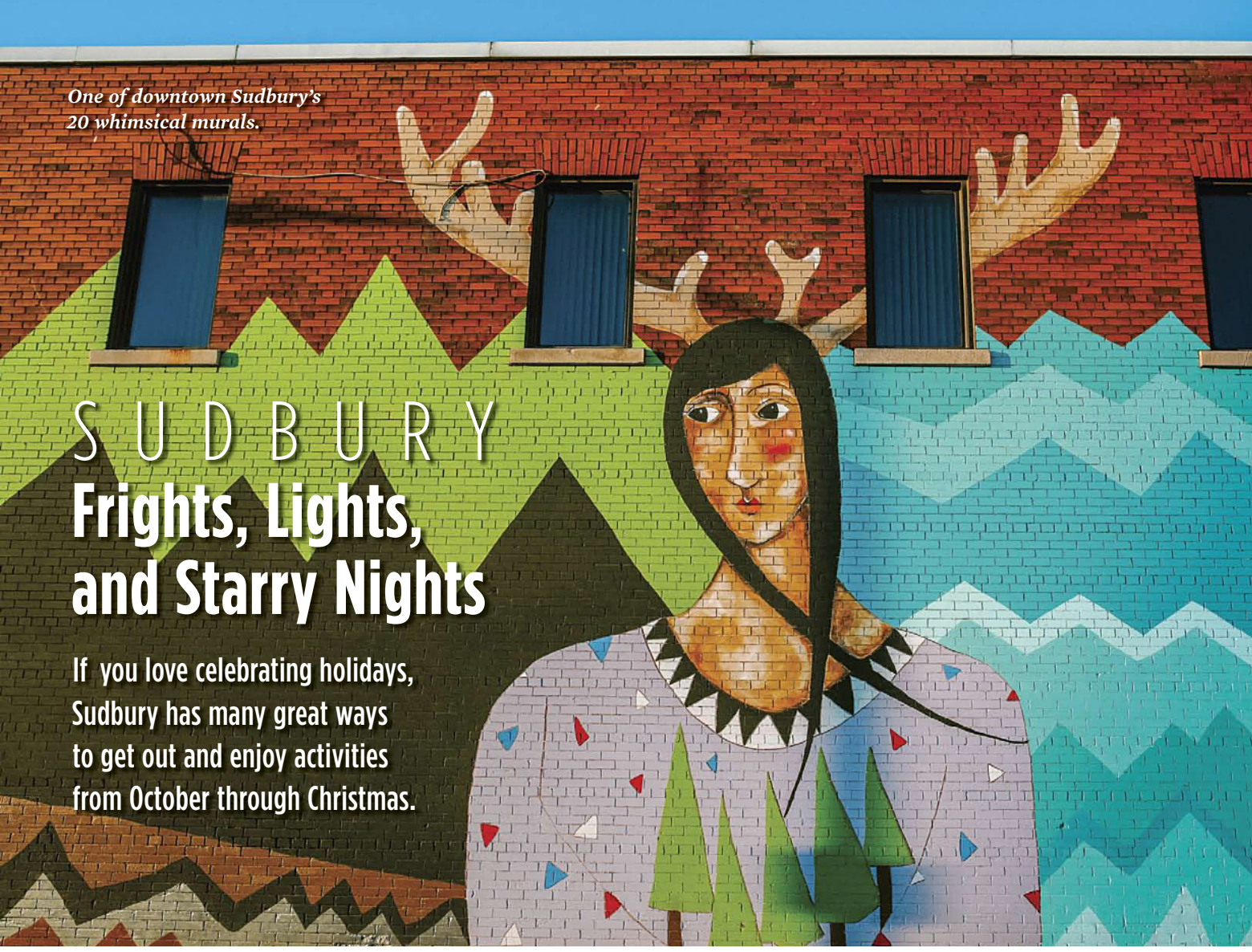
Recently, the Ontario Government announced that a new Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment building will be built at a cost of $20 million. Bird Construction will begin construction in the spring of 2019, and the project should be completed mid-2020.

In Emo, 34 kilometers west of Fort Frances, two forest-related businesses have received $1.4 million from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund. Manitou Forest Products was awarded $913,657 for new equipment and building refurbishments that will increase production and allow year-round operation of the sawmill building, creating seven full-time jobs. Henry's Trucking received $462,500 for new logging equipment, and expects that this will result in three full-time jobs.

With its open-pit mine operating, and continuing to increase production, New Gold's Rainy River Project is now going underground, and the company is building the mine shaft. This expansion in operations is expected to result in stronger financial results.

"Our focus in 2018 remains on steadily ramping up Rainy River, further optimizing the performance of our other operations and maximizing free cash flow to enhance our financial flexibility," says New Gold president and CEO Hannes Portmann.

New Gold's open pit mine.
Photo courtesy of New Gold.



One of downtown Sudbury's 20 whimsical murals.

SUDBURY
Frights, Lights, and Starry Nights

If you love celebrating holidays, Sudbury has many great ways to get out and enjoy activities from October through Christmas.

By Nadine Robinson

Photos courtesy of Economic Development – City of Greater Sudbury

FRIGHTS!

In October, gearing up for Halloween, you can choose your level of "scare" from family fun to downright terrifying with three events at Dynamic Earth and one at the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum and Heritage Centre.

Starting at Dynamic Earth, the events take place from October 5 to 28, every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. For families geared up for fun, there are the appropriately named **Family Fun Halloween Galleries** which include a Family Haunted House, Spooky Animal Shows, Face painting and Bug Bistro where you can snack on creepy crawlies.

On the scare-o-meter rated as spooktacular and fun for all ages, is the visually stunning **PumpkInferno**. This do not miss event features over five thousand hand-carved pumpkins in an award-winning outdoor exhibit created by Upper Canada Village. Organizers rave about the intricacy and spellbinding effects of each installation, made up of individual fibre pumpkins and internally lit. This year a scavenger hunt has been added, and if you find all of the hidden objects, you can claim a prize.

Taking the level of scare up a notch, Dynamic Earth also offers the **Tunnel of Terror**, Canada's only underground haunted house. Recommended for ages 12 and up, as it isn't for the faint of heart, visitors will descend seven storeys below the Earth's surface to be frightened and have some fun. Children ages six and under are not permitted due to the intensity of the haunted house. Find out more at **www.dynamicearth.ca/halloween**.

In the "very scary" category is **Terror Train 6077** at the Northern Ontario Railroad Museum and Heritage Centre. Running from September 28 to October 28, every Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Devil's night, the terror train is in its eighth year of scare. Considered one of northern Ontario's most terrifying attractions, they want to know if you have what it takes to make it out alive or if you will "chicken out!" For more information visit **www.normhc.ca**.

Above: Pumpkin Inferno features exhibits created out of over 5000 internally lit hand-carved pumpkins.

Top right: Display of Christmas lights.

Bottom right: Science North's Nightlife on the Rocks features hot topics, live experts, savvy science along with creatures, cocktails and concoctions.

Once you've packed up the Halloween decorations, and packed away a few pieces of candy, it's time to start thinking about Christmas!

LIGHTS!

Santa Claus comes to town on Saturday, November 17th, with Mrs. Claus and their reindeer, marking the 60TH anniversary of the **Sudbury Santa Claus Parade**. Come out and watch the parade of lights and sounds.

Then, the **Festival of Lights** shines at Science North from late November through January 7th. There's no better way to get into the spirit of the season then marvelling at the amazing displays of Christmas lights.

When you're ready to get out of the cold and get your shop on, find those perfect gifts for those perfect people in your life at the **New Sudbury Centre**. Unique local gifts and handcrafted products can also be found in downtown Sudbury's unique boutiques and a number of Christmas craft fairs.

Not ready to transition to winter wonderlands just yet? There are some starry night activities that will help take your mind off the number of days until Christmas.

STARRY NIGHTS

Science North shows you the starry skies on October 20th with a presentation entitled: "**Observe the Moon and Orionid Meteor Shower**." Visitors can also always find something new and interesting playing at the IMAX theatre.

Nightlife on the Rocks is Science North's adult-only event where attendees are dazzled by "hot topics, live experts, and savvy science." What could go wrong when you mix science and alcohol? Nothing! The staff at Science North make this a great evening of learning, social interaction, and fun for 19+ guests. November 16th's event showcases the science of beer in "Beer O'Clock." Details on other upcoming Nightlife events are posted at: **www.sciencenorth.ca/science-north/adults**.

Sudbury's downtown offers great shops and unique boutiques.

Perhaps you'd prefer to release your inner Sherlock Holmes, with or without the family. Science North's **Escape Room** is hard enough for adults and fun for all ages. Players are "locked" in a room where they must solve a series of puzzles, crack codes, and uncover clues to unlock the doors and escape in 45 minutes!

After your failed or successful escape bid, you'll be ready to drown your sorrows or celebrate the win with a beer from Sudbury's own **Stack Brewing**. For something stronger, visit the new **Crosscut Distillery** where their three-grain vodka, especially the bacon-flavoured one is hard to keep in stock.

OUTDOOR SIGHTS

For outdoor sights, there is a self-guided walking tour of more than 20 whimsical murals downtown. More information can be found at: **www.uphere.com/murals**.

WELCOME TO SUDBURY!

Vicki Ginson
Supervisor – Sudbury

Come and discover Greater Sudbury! Fall is a great time to take in all that Sudbury has to offer. With over 330 lakes, Sudbury contains more lakes than any other municipality in Canada. Fishing and hunting are extremely popular pastimes here for the outdoor enthusiast.

As we continue further into this colorful season, the city amps up for the celebration of Halloween, when some of our world-renowned attractions transform into haunted houses, terror trains and pumpkin infernos. See you here!

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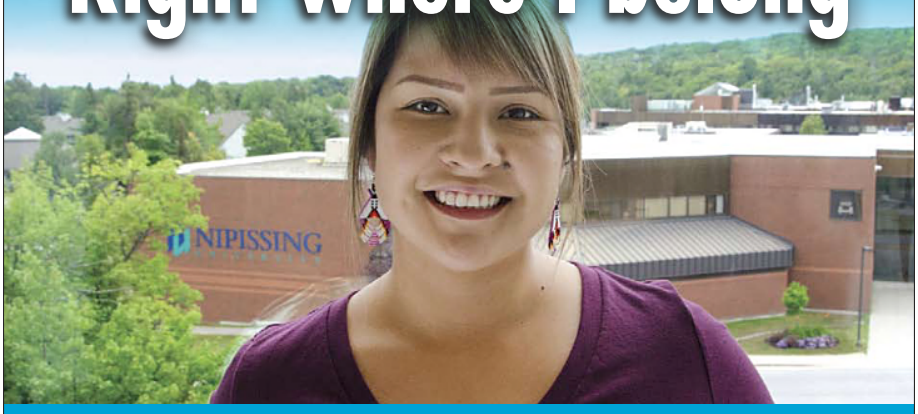

"Coming from a Northern remote community and moving far from home to pursue my education was a huge adjustment for my family and me. Thanks to Nipissing, the transition wasn't as tough as I anticipated; the Office of Indigenous Initiatives was welcoming and supportive right from the beginning. The Aboriginal Advantage Program was beneficial for me especially because I had no previous post-secondary experience. It set me up for success with smaller class sizes, great professors and staff that worked with me one-on-one to learn at my pace. My plans are to continue into the Social Work program and I am eagerly awaiting my professional years. I am extremely grateful for the cultural support and services that are available to me as a student."

Julie, 3rd year Child and Family Studies student
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Whether you are into October frights, winter lights, or starry nights and outdoor sights, Sudbury has much to offer visitors spanning fall and winter holidays!

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

John Mellencamp plays the Sudbury Arena on October 10, 2018.

The **Banff Mountain Film Festival** returns in January of 2019.

The **Pond Hockey Festival on the Rocks** runs February 8-9, 2019. www.pondhockeyontherock.ca

Walden's Winter Carnival is held in February. www.waldenwintercarnival.com

The **Northern Ontario Microbrew Festival** is March 22-23, 2019. www.stackbrewing.ca

Aerial view of Rubicon Minerals – Phoenix Gold Project in Red Lake.

RE-MINING HISTORIC MINES AND STARTING NEW MINES

KEEP MINING A MAJOR ECONOMIC ENGINE IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

By Elle Andra-Warner

The familiar phrase "Old is new again" seems to ring true in the 21st century when it comes to mining in Northern Ontario. Past-producing mines are being explored again, like the historic Beaver Silver Mine near Stanley (west of Thunder Bay) which operated from 1884 to 1891 and produced 500,000 ounces of silver. This past summer, the Toronto-based Honey Badger Exploration Inc. discovered high-grade cobalt and silver in their rock samples. The old Beaver mine is part of the company's Thunder Bay Silver Project covering more than 37,8000 hectares in which there are 12 past-producing high-grade silver mines including the Silver Mountain and Mink Mountain Silver properties.

The company's president-CEO Quentin Yarie said, "Our fall 2018 exploration program will be focused on discovering new zones of mineralization and expanding the zones of cobalt and silver mineralization we have just discovered."

At the Phoenix Gold Deposit in Red Lake area, Toronto-based Rubicon Minerals has commenced processing a 25,000 to 30,000-tonne bulk sample from three underground test stopes. Bulk sampling results will be reconciled with the block model 2018 Mineral Resource Estimate that will in turn be used to evaluate the new geological model. Rubicon spent $5.5 million on Phoenix during the second quarter of 2018.

Also, in Red Lake, exploration activity continues at Goldcorp's 100%-owned Red Lake Mine camp, its global flagship. In 2018, six underground zones have added resources plus both the Cochenour and H.G. Young deposits at Red Lake are advancing. Cochenour Deposit is on track to double its mineral reserves and commercial production scheduled to begin in 2019, while the H.G. Young Deposit will graduate to test mining in 2019, following several rounds of successful exploration drilling over the last decade and resource calculations.

Goldcorp is tapping into state-of-the-art 21st century technology for its 100%-owned Musselwhite Mine. The company has opened its Integrated Remote Operations Centre (IROC) in Thunder Bay, complete with 35-foot screen to monitor underground mine and mill activity at Musselwhite. With five remote mining chairs now in the office, operators have the ability to mine from 500 kilometres away via fibre connectivity to the mine. Up to ten new mining chairs

Two miners prepare to drill a drift round with a jumbo drill.

will be added to the IROC facility to operate scoop trams, rock breakers and trucks underground. In the future, the Thunder Bay Goldcorp office will house between 50-60 personnel of the mine's 570 workforce; currently about 50% of the mine's workforce reside in Thunder Bay.

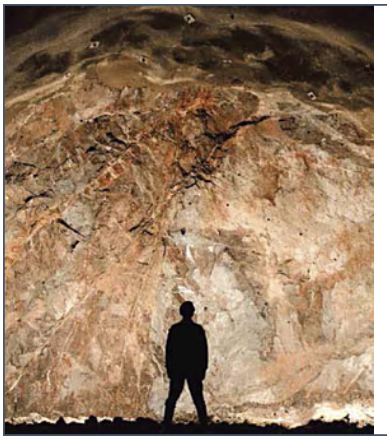
Approximately 24 kilometres north of White River at their 83,850-hectare 100%-owned Sugar Zone Property, Toronto-based Harte Gold Corporation has completed their 800 tonne/day gold mill. Mine production will be 540 tonnes/day from 3-4 stopes. Harte Gold has tripled the Sugar Zone gold resource to 1.47 million and completed a new Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) for both their Sugar and Middle Zone deposits. Harte is targeting commercial production for the fourth quarter of 2018.

Harte Gold and the Pic Mobert First Nation signed an Impact Benefit Agreement (IBA) in June 2018. According to a news release from Pic Mobert's business development company, White Lake Limited Partnership, the IBA has already "yielded numerous and substantial contracts" in the development of the underground gold mine, which is on traditional territory of Pic Mobert.

"Pic Mobert and Harte Gold are a lesson to all of Canada on how to successfully work together and develop trust and understanding and accomplish great things that will be for everyone's benefit in the region," said Harte Gold president-CEO Stephen Roman.

Greenstone Gold Mines Limited expects to receive the environmental permit for its Hardrock Gold Deposit near Geraldton by mid-2019. Construction of the mine and mill could start sometime in 2019. On June 19, 2018, a significant milestone was reached when the Long Lake #58 First Nation and Greenstone

Visible gold in the rock sample.



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Gold signed a Definitive Agreement in relation to the development and operation of the Hardrock Project. Greenstone Gold is a 50-50 venture between Premier Gold Mines Limited and Centerra Gold Inc.

Vancouver-based First Mining Gold Corp., which owns four major exploration projects in Northwestern Ontario – Springpole, Pickle Lake, Cameron and Goldlund – has commenced the provincial environment assessment process for its flagship asset, Springpole Gold Project. Located approximately 110 kilometres northeast of Red Lake, the project's land position covers 32,448 hectares and has indicated gold resource of 4.67 million ounces.

Up north in the remote James Bay Lowlands of Northern Ontario, the 5,000-square-kilometre circular-shaped region commonly known as the Ring of Fire contains one of the world's richest deposits

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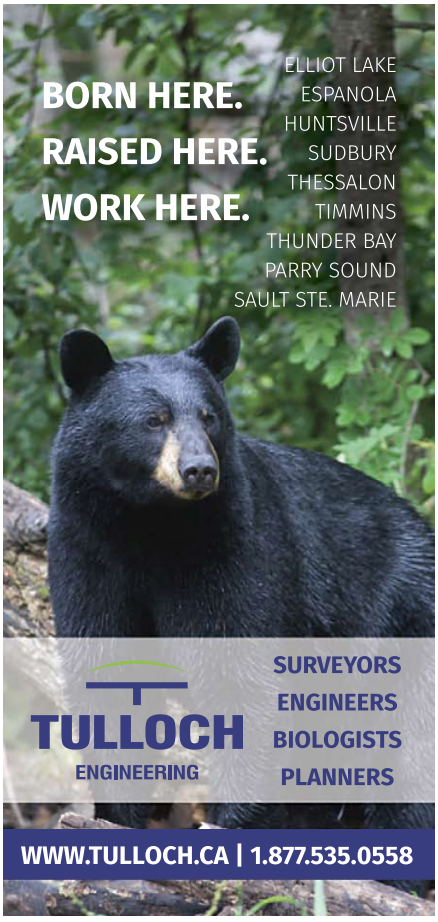

of chromite as well as nickel, copper and platinum. Canadian-based Noront Resources has the largest land position in the Ring of Fire.

This summer, Noront shortlisted to two Northern Ontario locations – Sault Ste Marie (the "Soo") and Timmins – as sites for its future $1 billion ferrochrome smelter. Noront hired Hatch Engineering to assist in the evaluation process which was based on environmental and site suitability, capital costs, operating costs and assessment of community acceptance. The Soo is offering an industrial 400-acre brownfield site west of Essar Steel Algoma plant, while Timmins is proposing the former Kidd Metallurgical Site owned by Glencore. A final decision is expected before the end of 2018 as to which community is selected.

As for the all-season transportation corridor to access the deposits in the Ring of Fire, the previous Ontario government had promised funding of $1 billion and while the new Ontario government under Premier Doug Ford has indicated resource development within the Ring of Fire will be a government priority, no details have yet been announced.

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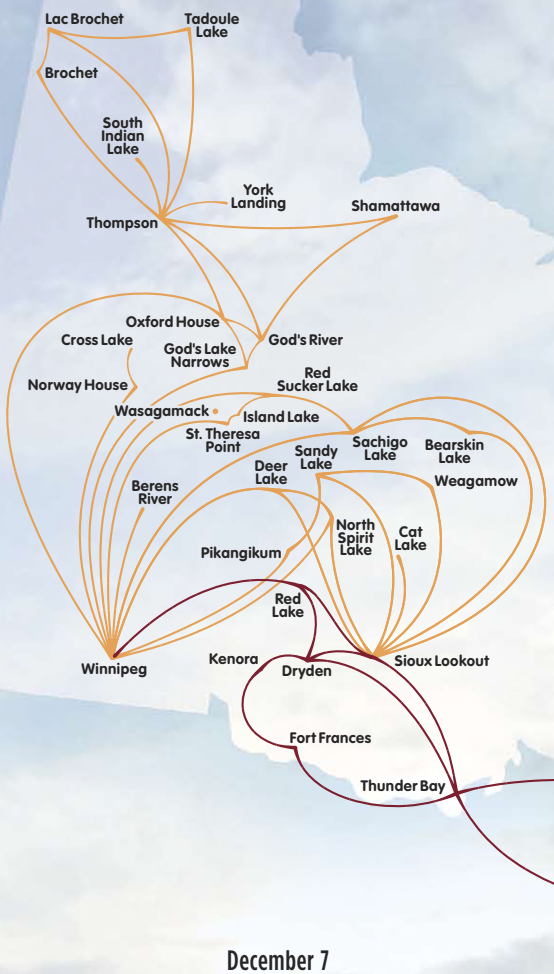

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October 28
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