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Welcome Aboard Perimeter Aviation!

BY NICK VODDEN, PRESIDENT OF PERIMETER AVIATION



The magazine will keep our readers informed about the cities and communities we serve, featuring community profiles, people and events, tourism and economic development opportunities in four exciting issues annually. We hope you enjoy the magazine.

Bringing Perimeter Aviation and Bearskin Airlines together also 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, we will migrate to a new Reservation System called **ameliaRes** and by this fall, Bearskin Airlines will also move to this new reservation platform. Once both airlines are hosted on ameliaRes, you will be able to book end to end systemwide travel on either airline via either call center or on either online booking site. Currently, both airlines can book limited travel on each other primarily between Winnipeg and many NW Ontario markets served.

We are also pleased to announce the rebranding of our frequent flyer program as ***Connecting Rewards*** in July 2018. In addition to a name change, the program now features the ability to use *Connecting Rewards Points* for partial redemptions towards a ticket. Now you can redeem 25%, 50% or 75% toward a flight and pay the balance in cash or with a credit card. Starting later this fall, Bearskin Airlines will also join the *Connecting Rewards Program* allowing our mutual customers to accrue points and redeem them on the airline of their choice!

For Bearskin customers who may not be familiar with Perimeter Aviation, I look forward to welcoming you aboard one of our flights. Established in 1960, Perimeter Aviation has grown into a diversified regional airline providing scheduled flight services for many remote communities in Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. With bases located in Winnipeg, Thompson and Sioux Lookout, we service the travel and shipping needs of more than 25 communities in Northwestern Ontario and Manitoba.

Whether you are customer of Perimeter Aviation or Bearskin Airlines, our routes and airlines are now considered as one, working together to serve you better. I encourage you to check out our new route map on page 3 and start thinking about where you might want to fly next!

WELCOME ABOARD! ∇·b Λ>ρ! Vρ>ρ^p bΓ_g▷Πσb·Δa·◁°!

I am pleased to have this opportunity to introduce you to the inaugural issue of **Connecting Horizons**, the in-flight magazine of Perimeter Aviation and Bearskin Airlines. I am also pleased to use this new forum to share with you some of the significant changes occurring within our company this year.

In the fall of 2017, our parent company, Exchange Income Corporation (TSX: EIF) made the decision to join Perimeter Aviation and Bearskin Airlines, to strengthen both airlines, and facilitate and encourage continued growth. The merger is expected to be completed by the end of 2018 and our mandate is to keep the best that each airline offers and together explore and develop new offerings and services for our customers.

This new in-flight magazine comes to us courtesy of Bearskin Airlines. Bearskin first published ***Bear Country Magazine*** in 1994 and has produced 94 quarterly issues before they elected to rebrand the magazine for the benefit of both airlines. *Connecting Horizons* is essentially the same magazine with a new name, new look and enhanced distribution.

The *Connecting Horizons* name reflects on the natural flow of many of our customers within our increased geographical distribution in Manitoba and Ontario. Distribution includes a seatback presentation in all aircraft operated under the Perimeter Aviation or Bearskin Airlines brands as well as supplementary circulation at our airport counters and via Canada Post.



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Welcome Aboard Bearskin Airlines!

BY BRAD MARTIN, PRESIDENT OF BEARSKIN AIRLINES



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

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On behalf of everyone at Bearskin Airlines, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the support that you have shown us, and we are committed to continue earning that support going forward.

When I joined Bearskin Airlines forty years ago, I had no idea I would still be with the company in 2018. Nor did I know that I would succeed my mentor, Harvey Friesen, who was President of the company between 1977-2013 after joining in 1970 and buying into the airline in 1972.

Fifty-five years have now passed since Bearskin Airlines was founded in 1963 and during that time, we have certainly evolved and reinvented ourselves more than once in an industry that is constantly changing. The constant however, has been remembering who we are and delivering what our customers have come to expect from us.

On January 1, 2011, Exchange Income Corporation (TSX: EIF) completed its acquisition of Bearskin Airlines. EIC is a Winnipeg-based Canadian corporation who at the time of this acquisition also owned Perimeter Aviation, Keewatin Air, Calm Air and Custom Helicopters.

This transfer of ownership formed the backbone of Harvey Friesen's succession plan. Following the retirement of Harvey and Cliff Friesen, Rick Baratta and Karl Friesen at the end of 2013, the company was restructured in 2014 putting the current leadership and management team in place.

Then, in the fall of 2017, EIC made the decision to join Bearskin Airlines and Perimeter Aviation, to strengthen both airlines, and facilitate and encourage continued growth. The merger of these two airlines is expected to be completed by the end of 2018 and our mandate is to keep the best of these two northern aviation icons and together explore and develop new offerings and services for our customers.



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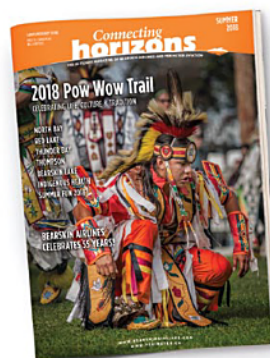
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NORTHERN TOUCHDOWN!

Northern youth from God's River and God's Lake Narrows attend the June 1st Winnipeg Blue Bombers game.

Last summer, Perimeter Aviation and Exchange Income Corporation announced an exciting partnership with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers to bring northern youth from various First Nations communities to enjoy a VIP experience at each Blue Bomber home game.

The experience included flights by Perimeter Aviation, ground transportation to the football game, a reserved section of seats at Investor Group Field and special community recognition on the videoboard. In addition, all youth enjoyed a Salisbury House meal, snacks during the game, and merchandise souvenirs. After the game, the youth went down to the field to meet some Blue Bomber players and get autographs on foam footballs before having group photos taken. For night games, hotel accommodations were also included.

"This program was so well received, that we decided to do it again this year," said Nick Vodden, President of Perimeter Aviation. "As part of our corporate social responsibility, we promote Suicide Prevention, Staying in School and Healthy Living; our partnership with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers aligns perfectly with those values and we feel the youth benefiting from this program will be


greatly motivated and inspired. As an organization, we look forward to continuing with providing assistance to the communities we serve."

This year, Victoria Inn has joined the partnership, providing rooms as required for all nine home games. A total of 19 communities from Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario will participate this year including God's River and God's Lake Narrows who attended the first game on June 1st.

Mike Pyle, Chief Executive Officer of Exchange Income Corporation, said "They are going to be treated like rock stars again this year and get the full game day experience."

Wade Miller, President and CEO of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers said the team is going to put on a good show for northern youth at the games. "We'd like to thank Perimeter Aviation and Exchange Income Corporation for their leadership and commitment to giving back to the areas they serve and partnering with us on this initiative."





THOMPSON, MANITOBA: ON THE MAP AS A MAJOR TOURISM DESTINATION

By Elle Andra-Warner

DID YOU KNOW that Thompson is not only the “Hub of the North” and the “Mining City of Manitoba,” it is also recognized as the “Wolf Capital of the World!”

Situated along the Burntwood River in northern Manitoba, Thompson is about 739 km (459 miles) north of Winnipeg and close to historical fur trade routes, including the Grass River and the Hayes River. Founded as a mining community in 1957 by INCO Limited after a major ore body was discovered the previous year and named after INCO Limited’s chairman Dr. John Fairfield Thompson, it was incorporated as a town in 1967 and as a city in 1970.

According to the 2016 census, the population is 13,678. “However, we directly service most of the remote communities in northern Manitoba in terms of retail, education, healthcare and government services, putting our service region at just over 50,000,” said Kacper Antoszewski, Thompson’s Communications Officer.

So, how did Thompson get the international title of “Wolf Capital?” The idea first started in 2004 when a

Concrete artist-painted 7.5-foot statues greet visitors along the “Spirit Way” pathway. Credit: V.Beckmann.

group of volunteers looked at how to increase tourism to Thompson and now, 14 years later, the wolf theme is evident throughout the community.

In 2005, a huge 26 x 19 metre (86 by 62 feet) mural reproduction of Robert Bateman’s “Wolf Sketch” on the 10-storey Highland Tower apartment block was sponsored by Manitoba Hydro, commissioned by the non-profit community-based Spirit Way Inc. and painted by

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*Robert Bateman's "Wolf Sketch"
painted on the 10-storey
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Credit: Kacper Antoszewski.*

Winnipeg's award-winning muralist Charles Johnston. An iconic public art landmark in the community, it is Canada's largest mural. Nearby is Canada's largest rockface sculpture carved into limestone on granite rock and featuring three wolves howling at the moon and northern lights.

As part of Spirit Way's project of placing 55 sponsored identical wolf sculptures throughout Manitoba, 40 of these 7.5-foot-tall solid concrete artist-painted wolf statues are in Thompson and placed along the "Spirit Way" pathway. The remaining statues are in Winnipeg (11), Churchill (3), and Paint Lake (1).

It was in Thompson in 2012 that the world's first International Wolf and Carnivore Conference (IWCC) was held attended by wildlife academics, scientists, activists and researchers from Canada, the U.S. and Russia. Five years later in October 2017, the second IWCC was held in Thompson, organized by Spirit Way.

And last September more than 2,000 people gathered in Thompson at a baseball field to break the Guinness World Record for most people howling like wolves at once (previous record was 803). Other wolf-related projects include development of a global Wolf Centre of Excellence, and a Wolf Park area at Boreal Discovery Centre which is currently undergoing \$3.8 million in renovations.

Tourism is becoming a major economic engine in Thompson, with three Travel Manitoba Star Attractions. There's the Heritage North Museum housed in two log structures, with an open-air blacksmith shop, a boreal forest diorama, First Nations and fur trade artifacts. The "Spirit Way" is a two kilometre walkway and bike path that winds through Thompson with 16 points of interest highlighting Thompson's art, heritage, culture, industry, geology and scenery. The path is on the list of "Top 20 Places to Visit in Manitoba" by Travel Manitoba. And Pisew Falls, where the Grass River drops 13 m (42.7 feet), changes direction and surges through a gorge at the Pisew Falls Provincial Park. From the park, hikers can take a 22 km trail to Manitoba's highest waterfalls, Kwastichewan Falls.

"Our goal is to get the Wolf Centre of Excellence and the Boreal Discovery Centre listed as Manitoba Star Attractions in the next few years," said Keith MacDonald, Vice-President of the Thompson Chamber of Commerce and Executive Director of the Thompson Hotel Association. Administered by Travel Manitoba, a Star Attraction signifies it is one of Manitoba's premier destinations.



Kwasitchewan Falls from Philips Lake is accessible by canoe or kayak. Credit: Kacper Antoszewski.

Besides tourism, a couple of major upcoming events will also invite people to Thompson. “The Northern Manitoba Off-Road Association hosts a Mud Bog competition every year at the beginning of September, where off-roaders race trucks, ATVs, and side-by-side vehicles of all classes through a thick artificial bog,” said Antoszewski, noting the park is expected to see further development.

“In December, fur traders and trappers from the surrounding regions come to sell their furs to a host of international buyers. The fur tables are one of a kind in Manitoba. Among the furs traded include wolf, marten, beaver, fox, mink, wolverine and more.”

Thompson’s largest single employer remains Vale Manitoba Operations. “Though the site is scaling back from a vertically-integrated production plant to a mining and milling operation, over 800 employees will continue to mine and mill nickel alongside a number of mining contractors and support services. Other larger areas of employment in the community include education, healthcare, and government services.”



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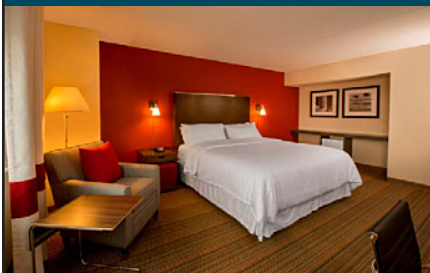
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It was back in October 2010 that the multi-million test facility Global Aerospace for Icing and Environmental Research (GLACIER) opened south of Thompson, near Ospwagan Lake. A limited partnership between Rolls-Royce Canada and Pratt & Whitney Canada operated by Manitoba's MDS Aero Test, it is a state-of-the-art cold-test massive jet engine testing facility that has been called the most advanced in the world. In a Winnipeg Press news article in March 2018, Rolls-Royce's head of communications, UK-based Oliver Walker-Jones, said what was

(top left) Fire Pits at Troy Lake between Thompson and Split Lake. (top right) Thompson Golf Course in the morning. (bottom) Driving through thick artificial bog at the annual Mud Bog competition. Credit: Kacper Antozewski.

being tested in Thompson were the first parts of the next generation of engines, the UltraFan engine.

In addition to its unique diversified economy, Thompson is taking on a strong new identity as a major tourist destination. As a boost to the tourism initiative and visitor experience in Thompson, the city is investing \$400,000 in the newly-incorporated Thompson Hotel Association, a not-for-profit managed by a Board of Directors. "Our mandate is to the growth and profitability of the Hotel sector in Thompson, said MacDonald, the Association's Executive Director. "Our focus on generating new business partnerships and nurturing existing programs while continuing to systematically develop overall growth and stability of the City and the region's tourism opportunities."



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MINING RED LAKE FOR SUMMERTIME FUN

Summer in Red Lake has plenty to offer, from camping on pristine lakes, to observing wildlife in the unspoiled, boreal forest. Among the highlights are glorious, late-evening sunsets, and the chance to enjoy nature in two of the most northern Provincial Parks.

At **Pakwash Provincial Park**, the quiet campground has over 50 campsites, about half of which have electricity. Water taps, and vault toilets are on site. You'll enjoy walking the long, sandy beach, swimming in the warm, shallow waters, and biking, hiking or boating. The park is the gateway for many northern canoe routes, and the Walleye fishing is outstanding in this small, serene park.

Woodland Caribou Provincial Park is a paddler's paradise, offering almost 2,000 km of maintained canoe routes on many rivers and lakes. This park offers solitude – you can paddle through undisturbed

forest that's home to one of the largest groups of woodland caribou south of Hudson Bay. The fishing is excellent for Walleye, Northern Pike and Lake Trout, and good for Muskellunge and Smallmouth Bass.

Check out the **Red Lake Regional Heritage Centre** located on Highway 105. This summer's exhibit, *Beneath it All: Red Lake's Mining Story*, will enthrall visitors. Starting in the early days of prospecting, it tells how Red Lake became a gold rush town; the growth to several, small-community mining operations; and finally, its change into a Municipality. There are first-hand accounts by current and former miners, and interactive components providing opportunities for children to become engaged in the exhibit. You'll be treated to a sensory experience designed to make you think you are headed underground. The exhibit runs from June until October.

Open year-round, the Centre has multi-media exhibits and displays on Aboriginal History, immigration, the fur trade, and more. There are summer programs, and also the Summer Blockbuster film series, where you can enjoy the full theatre experience with popcorn, drinks and snacks. This year's Art Show – a showcase of the local talent in this culturally-rich region – will run from November 15 until December 21; but you must submit your paperwork and art by September 15.

Providing year-round, all-weather air transport services, the **Red Lake Municipal Airport** serves commercial air carriers offering passenger service, and private and commercial fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters. It's also an operating base for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

With funding from Transport Canada's Airports Capital Assistance Program (ACAP), approximately

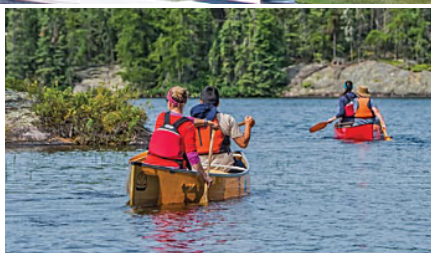


seven million dollars will be spent on runway rehabilitation in 2019, and another three million dollars on apron expansion and rehabilitation in 2020. "The design process is being finalized and a geo-technical survey will be done" states Airport Manager, Duane Riddell. "Tenders for construction will go out later this year and a contract will be awarded, so the work can commence on schedule."

Duane is also very involved in the **Annual Norseman Floatplane Festival** on July 20-22. "One thing I'd really like to emphasize is how the entire community supports this festival," he says. "The area's industries, businesses and individuals work together with financial and volunteer aid to produce an event that costs more than \$100,000 per year."

Commercial air service to the area began in 1926 using the waters of Howey Bay as a float and sea-plane base. Because of the freight requirements of the gold mines near Red Lake, Howey Bay was recognized as the world's busiest airport in 1936 and 1937. Celebrating Red Lake's aviation history and the Nooduyn Norseman in particular, the Festival holds a flypast featuring floatplanes as well as a CF-18 Hornet, and float pumping.

Michael Tryggvason Aerobatics will be a highlight of this year's Festival. A veteran and top trophy winner of the International Aerobatic Club competition circuit since 2011, Mike's high-energy manoeuvres will thrill observers.



(left page) Single engine Norseman floatplane lands on Howey Bay.

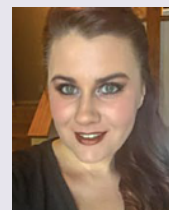
(top) Red Lake's J.E.J. Fahlgren Airport Terminal. (bottom) Canoers paddle through undisturbed forest on one of the many rivers.

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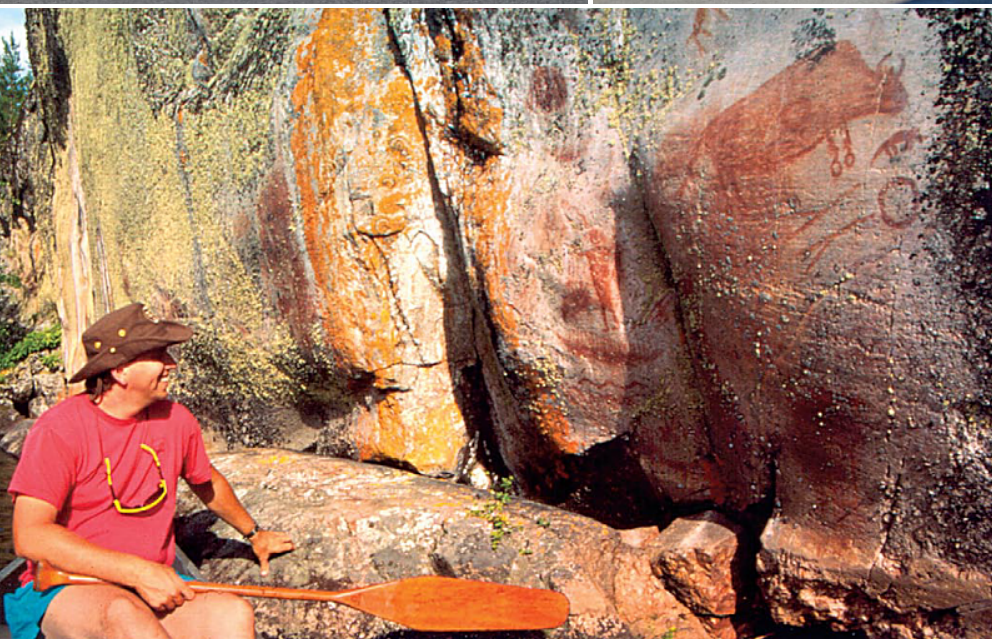
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(top left) Kids enjoy the airplane train ride at the Norseman Festival. (top right) Red Lake's Norseman Heritage Park on Howey Bay. (middle) Ancient rock paintings, or pictographs, in Woodland Caribou Provincial Park. (bottom) The Red Lake Heritage Centre features exhibits and displays on gold mining and the fur trade.

There are many family events including the Teakle Family Circus; Norseman Mini-putt; a Festival Market featuring regional produce, goods, and hot foods; and a dazzling firework display on Saturday evening. You'll enjoy Ribfest, and regional breweries will be on site – Lake of the Woods Brewing Company is creating a special beer, and Thunder Bay's Sleeping Giant Brewery will offer its signature brews.

Music is a huge part of the Festival; this year's Saturday headliner is Journey Tribute Band, Ultimate Escape. Corin Raymond, Winnipeg's Black River Drivers, and the Sean Taylor Band will also be featured.

The **Trout Forest Music Festival**, August 11-12, will feature many artists and bands including Al Simmons, the Lonesome Ace String Band, Papa Mambo and more. Held at the Ear Falls Waterfront Park on Lac Seul, the Festival highlights include camping, late-night jam sessions by the bonfire, workshops, and creative art presentations. For the schedule and updates: www.troutfest.com.

The **Red Lake Angler & Young Angler (AYA) Fishing Tournament** will be held on August 12. With the objective of introducing young anglers to competitive sport fishing in a fun environment, each team has one adult angler and two youth, age 17 and under. For more information, contact mark.vermette@redlake.ca.

The **Red Lake Fall Classic Walleye Tournament** will take place September 1-2. You can get updates and registration information at www.redlakefallclassic.com.

The Municipality has launched its Community Improvement Plan, aimed to advance the beautification, revitalization, and economic development of its serviced townsites and encourage a more attractive, prosperous, and complete community.

Community Development and Communications Manager, Brenda Gignac notes, "In 2017, the



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To gain that deeper understanding of the northern business client, Gillons takes an analytical approach by doing a full business analysis with the outcome being a complete Risk Profile. This is designed exclusively for each client’s business.

“The Risk Profile really allows us to holistically understand what risks a business and the owner is exposed to. We can target areas they need help with and address problems they may not realize they even have” says Dave Colistro, an Account Executive in the Thunder Bay branch.

The Gillons Logging Program has been in existence and very stable for over 20 years. This program continues to provide insurance protection for many logging contractors in Northern Ontario. The instability of competing programs in the industry is affecting some contractors in the North today. An example is affordable insurance for new drivers. “We are working closely with our insurers to find affordable solutions that make a difference to our clients,” says Marianne Lawres, the Program Manager who has been involved with the program since it began at Gillons.

Gillons also focuses on bringing industry experts to the northwest region to help its clients. The new minimum maintenance standards,

the importance of record keeping, and new cyber related risks were topics discussed at recent municipal workshops held in Thunder Bay, Atikokan and Fort Frances. These workshops brought municipal professionals up to speed with recent changes and the affect they would have on municipal operations going forward.

Supporting community initiatives has always been a priority for Gillons. As a locally owned business with local staff in all branches, enriching community culture and giving back to Northwestern Ontario communities makes it a better place for all.

“As an insurance brokerage with a long history servicing northwestern Ontario, we know the region well and are committed to acting as an industry expert and advisor for northern business as we move into the future” says Romaniuk.

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(top) Norseman floatplanes line the docks during the annual Norseman Festival weekend. Credit: Don Nord.
(bottom) Kids enjoy the new splash pad in Centennial Park.

Municipality successfully completed construction of a **Splash Pad** in the Centennial Park cluster. In 2018, we are proposing to build an outdoor events and market pavilion to replace the aging outdoor rink within the cluster. This facility will be fully accessible, and suited to provide an all-season venue to host a variety of activities, farmers' markets and social events. We are also in the early stages of planning for an Events Centre for our area, which was deemed a priority in a Feasibility Study completed in 2017."

In mining news, it looks as though Pure Gold will be putting its Madsen Project back into production. Financing through sales of shares has brought in about \$13 million; exploration is continuing; and the results of a feasibility study should be available later this year. Red Lake has been called *The High-Grade Gold Capital of the World*, and it would seem the title still fits today.



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Indulge in the beauty of Thunder Bay's majestic lakeshore and vibrant culinary and retail scene as you stroll through The Waterfront District and The Bay & Algoma Neighbourhood – two side-by-side geographical gems that offer many of the finest elements that a city could possibly offer.

Thunder Bay is an historic bay-side city well known for its compact size, which means you can travel from one must-see, must-do experience to another in just a short space of time. The City's downtown north and inner harbour areas – known to locals as *The Bay & Algoma Neighbourhood* and *The Waterfront District* – are a stone throw away from one another and share lakeside views, artist-inhabited studios and galleries, forward-thinking eateries, cafes and bars. You will also discover inspiring murals tucked away throughout intimate streets and neighbourhoods; colorful theater, an array of entertainment options, unique shops, and a fantastic food and wine culture.

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A view of the Sleeping Giant in Lake Superior from Hillcrest Park.

For added convenience and comfort, centrally-located accommodation options – from convention hotels to a downtown hostel – are a short walk to these commercial areas and to the waterfront.

Make it a point to explore the area's rich heritage and architecture on a self-guided walking tour of Thunder Bay North – concentrated around the Waverley Park Heritage Conservation District and the commercial area that was formerly downtown Port Arthur. **Walking Tours of Thunder Bay** (four tours encompassing a total of 89 buildings) can be completed in approximately one hour or less and are designed so that both visitor and resident alike can learn about Thunder Bay's history, while at the same time enjoying a scenic walk through the City. Brochures can be downloaded at www.thunderbay.ca.

“Water is the driving force of all nature.” – Leonardo Da Vinci

Stroll along Lake Superior's rocky coastline in the heart of the City, taking in the sounds of the greatest of the Great Lakes. As you arrive at **Prince Arthur's Landing & Marina Park**, it is common to see multiple salties (ocean vessels) in the harbour against the backdrop of the Sleeping Giant. It is a picturesque scene, experienced on exclusive viewing areas and boardwalks situated right next to the water.

From near-by island and lighthouse adventures, to climbing aboard *The Alexander Henry*, to the cliffs and wildlife awaiting across the lake at the iconic **Sleeping Giant** – “signature” experiences offer an exciting, invigorating and diverse range of travel options for you to explore.



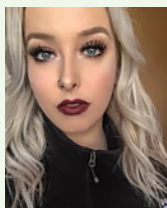
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The best views of Thunder Bay are from the water! You will get to enjoy this international seaport from a different vantage point this summer.

Sail Superior, Thunder Bay's harbour tour company, has expanded its fleet beyond sailboats to include a 500HP Zodiac. Named the *Superior Rocket*, this watercraft can do 60 km/hr, and that means getting to the Sleeping Giant in 30 minutes! Head out in the morning, hike to the top of the world, and be back in time for lunch – all while feeling the wind whip through your hair as you speed across the surface of the world's largest freshwater lake.

Zodiac Harbour Adventure Tour will be one of the most exciting things to do in Thunder Bay! Their captains are knowledgeable and skilled interpretive guides and will stop the boat along the way to point out landmarks and give you the opportunity to take photos.

On this unforgettable Harbour Tour, you will zoom up close to the lakers and salties, look up at the massive grain elevators, and pass by the famous *Alexander Henry*. Continue up the Kaministiquia River, under the formidable Jackknife Bridge, around the Ontario Power Generation power station, and back onto the big lake for a hair raising rocket ride to the historic Thunder Bay Main lighthouse. Finish off by cruising around the manmade breakwall, and back to Pier 3. Perfect for groups and families, the *Rocket* is even pet-friendly.

(right page top) The former Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker *Alexander Henry* built in 1957-58.

(middle) Thunder Bay's waterfront offers great yachting and sailing adventures.

(bottom) Historic lighthouse on Lake Superior.

EXPERIENCE HER STORY

Whether you catch a glimpse of her as you drive, or as you stroll through Prince Arthur's Landing, or as you race past on your Zodiac Harbour Adventure, be sure to take the time for a guided interpretive tour into Thunder Bay's transportation past and history aboard the **Alexander Henry Museum Ship**.

Built in Thunder Bay in 1958 at the Port Arthur Shipbuilding Company, the *Alexander Henry* was originally an icebreaker, clearing the Thunder Bay harbour for decades. In 1984, the ship was moved to the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes in Kingston, Ontario where she had a second life as a Bed and Breakfast. In the fall of 2017, the Henry came home to Thunder Bay and the Lakehead Transportation Museum Society has worked to restore the ship to her former glory and to create an interactive history exhibit inside. Explore the various museum rooms that share the stories of the area's maritime and transportation history.

Both the *Superior Rocket* and the *Alexander Henry* will open for the season this summer and tickets can be purchased in person at the Waterfront, or online at Sailsuperior.com for the *Superior Rocket*.



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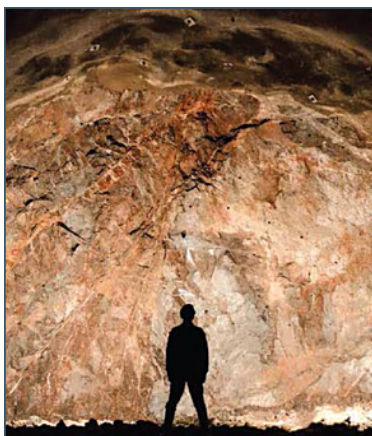
There is a multitude of things to do in Thunder Bay, a relatively small city that is jam-packed full of unforgettable experiences, so it's highly manageable if you are short on time. It is easy to explore a bit further afar from the waterfront area and find even more quaint commerce neighbourhoods and streets – each with their own distinct flare, offerings and specialties.

Indulge yourself with a variety of shopping throughout the City. Find great deals at major retail outlets. Discover locally-made items,

handcrafted pottery and giftware and much more. Get captivated by First Nations art and check out the fashions in some of our local shops.

The **Thunder Bay Farmers Market** is your one stop shop for local artisan produce and goods, where you will find fruit and vegetables, meat and poultry, seafood, gourmet cheeses, deserts, and more. Find a tasty treat or a one-of-a-kind gift, souvenir, arts, crafts and handiwork in this bustling market. Open year-round on Wednesday's from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Thunder Bay might be best known for its lakefront location and easy access to nature, but the City also plays host to an astonishing number of year-round events that never fail to draw a big crowd. From mouth-watering food affairs, to royally entertaining music, dance, theatre and film festivals, to local, national and internationally celebrated sporting events – here fun times are always on the menu. Check out the lively online Calendar of Events to see “what's on” during your stay at www.calendar.thunderbay.ca.



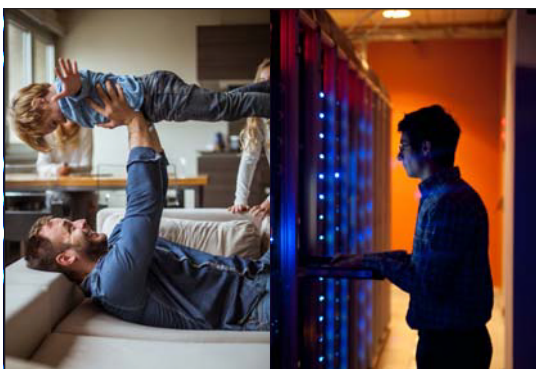
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Buckets of Fun in North Bay

It's bucket list time in North Bay this summer; are you ready to stroke some items off your list? North Bay offers once in a lifetime experiences for aviation fans, voyageur enthusiasts, stunning sunset seekers, and those longing to release their inner child.

BUCKET LIST ITEM #1: FLY IN AN ICONIC WWII ERA AIRPLANE

On August 6-13th, the YYB Airport celebrates their 80TH anniversary with a historical display of pictures, posters, and artifacts in the main terminal, curated by the local museum. Then on August 8-12th, the Commemorative Air Force brings FIFI (considered the world's most famous flying B-29) to Weisflock Aviation. The Boeing B-29 Superfortress began active service in 1944 and was used in WWII operations in the Pacific, and in the Korean War. Admire the old girl from afar, buy a ticket to tour the cockpit, or go "sky's the limit" with a ride in a veteran's seat to see and feel what they did (without being shot at).

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(above) One of North Bay's world-class sunsets over Lake Nipissing.

Aviation fans and military enthusiasts may also want to plan a visit to the Canadian Forces Museum of Aerospace Defence. Open Wednesday through Saturday from 12-4 pm, or by private tour, peruse displays about the aerospace defence history and artifacts from WWI to WWII to the cold war. Entry is by donation, and tours range from 15 minutes to upwards of an hour, depending on your interests.

The special exhibit on now through December, is titled: *Below! NORAD's Underground Fortresses*. Learn about North Bay's NORAD history, monitoring possible missile attacks using radar technology from a superhero-like cave 680 feet underground from 1963 to 2006. According to museum volunteers, "the hole" is deeper than most skyscrapers are tall, and it was designed to withstand a 4-megaton nuclear blast.

BUCKET LIST ITEM # 2: PADDLE LIKE A VOYAGEUR

On July 28th, grab your paddle for the Mattawa River Canoe Race – it's only 64 km! Paddle and portage your canoes, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards from Trout Lake to the Mattawa Island Conservation Area. Follow the historic voyageur route, who followed the path of the Huron and Ojibway as they travelled this Heritage River enroute between the Great Lakes to the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

A 13 km family and youth race launches from Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park, joining the finish line at Mattawa Island (with only one portage) to give beginners and up-and-coming paddlers a mini-experience.

For a "watered-down" version of this bucket list item, a quick trip to the downtown waterfront



(top) Sailing on North Bay's waterfront.

(bottom) Cruising Lake Nipissing on the Chief Commanda II.

allows voyageurs of all ages and experience levels to rent and try out paddleboards, kayaks, and canoes in the shallow, friendly Lake Nipissing.

Or for the cerebral, learn about the history of the voyageurs at the Discovery North Bay Museum.

BUCKET LIST ITEM #3: PHOTOGRAPH THE PERFECT SUNSET

The breathtaking sunsets over Lake Nipissing are not to be missed, and can be enjoyed on the water, on a beach, over a meal, or while exercising. As one trip advisor reviewer stated: "You could literally make a fortune selling calendars with pictures of Lake Nipissing sunsets."

On the water, you can take a sunset cruise aboard the Chief Commanda II, a 320-passenger twin hull catamaran, offering a three-course meal, and

a licensed cash bar. There are also scenic cruises to the Manitou Islands, Callander Bay, or the French River.

Or as alluded to in bucket list item number two, rent a board, canoe, or kayak, and plan your own sunset paddle. Just make sure to have your camera in a waterproof bag!

Land-lovers instead can walk, run, bike or rollerblade the Kate Pace Way alongside North Bay's scenic Waterfront Park to take in the sunset. Tandem bikes are also available for rent if that is on your bucket list.

For a more relaxed sunset, North Bay boasts over 40 public beach access points. Among them, Marathon

HERE ARE A FEW LINKS

to help you plan your visit and maximize your bucket list opportunities in North Bay!

Commemorative Air Force B-29:
www.airpowersquadron.org

Canadian Forces Museum of Aerospace Defence:
www.aerospacedefence.ca

Mattawa River Canoe Race:
www.mattawarivercanoeace.ca

Chief Commanda II Scenic Cruises:
www.georgianbaycruise.com

Heritage Railway and Carousel Company:
www.heritagetrainandcarousel.weebly.com

Summer in the Park Festival:
www.northbaysummerinthepark.ca

Discovery North Bay Museum:
www.discoverynorthbay.com

North Bay Farmer's Market:
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Prefer to watch the sunset while indulging your stomach? Everyone raves about the fish and chips paired with a chilled glass of wine aboard the dry-docked Chief Commanda I boat restaurant.

BUCKET LIST ITEM #4: RELEASE YOUR INNER CHILD

The Heritage Railway & Carousel Company provides affordable ways to reacquaint yourself with your youthful spirit. Find yourself laughing and joyful as you ride one of two stunning carousels, or hop on the miniature railway at North Bay's Waterfront Park and feel like a giant. Operated by volunteers, the train and carousel run daily throughout the summer, weather permitting, from 10 am until dusk.

If your inner child loves festivals, fireworks and dancing like no one is watching, make sure to seek out Canada Day activities on July 1st along the waterfront, and Summer in the Park on August 3-5 at Thompson Park. The long weekend boasts games, quizzes, activities, and inflatables, all for free. This year's headliner is the American funk rock band DNCE on Friday, August 3rd at the Memorial Gardens. They won the best new artist award at last year's MTV Video Music Awards and are known for hits like *Cake by The Ocean* and *Toothbrush*.

As part of Summer in the Park, Main Street will again host Rage in a Cage dodgeball and Mayhem on Main Street skateboarding. The Farmers' Market will be open at its location next to the Discovery Museum, and there will be numerous artisans and live music. The Dionne Quints Museum should also be open in their new location near the Discovery Museum.



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(top left) North Bay's Heritage Carousel at the North Bay waterfront.
 (top right) North Bay's Farmers Market in downtown North Bay.
 (bottom) Rockin' out at a Summer in the Park concert.

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Powwows: August & September long weekends.

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Museum Community Picnic: June 30.

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Christi Belcourt, *Four Cedar Wawings*, acrylic on canvas, 76 x 64 cm, private collection.



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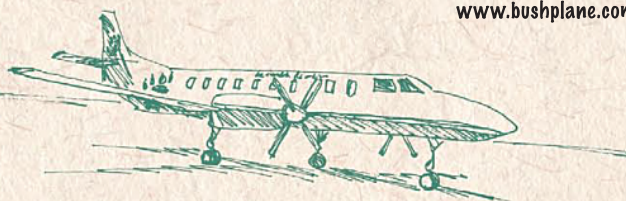


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Bearskin Airlines Celebrates 55 Years of Service!

Bearskin Airlines' roots are deep in the soil of Northern Ontario. Founded July 17, 1963, the company was named after a remote Northern Ontario community located over 600 kilometres north of Thunder Bay, Ontario. "Maquan" is its name in the local native dialect. The company's namesake, Bearskin Lake, is drained by the Severn River, which flows into Hudson Bay, about 300 km to the northeast.

It was founded by bush pilot Otto John Hegland, a Norwegian immigrant who named the airline after Bearskin Lake where he operated a general store. In 1965, his brother-in-law Henri Boulanger and Bert Cone took over the company.

In 1972, Harvey Friesen – a young and ambitious pilot who had joined Bearskin in 1970 – bought a 50 percent share in the company. Five years later in 1977, Harvey became the majority owner and President. The following year, Harvey's brother Cliff joined the company as Executive Vice-President. Together, with other shareholders who

brought unique skills to the airline over time – including Karl Friesen (unrelated), Vice-President of Operations, Rick Baratta, Vice-President of Finance, Brad Martin, Director of Operations – they and their many loyal employees set out to grow the company.

Between 1963 and 1977, Bearskin focused on providing charter service to the many remote First Nation communities in northern Ontario. In 1977, Bearskin's first scheduled service began flying passengers between Big Trout Lake and Sioux Lookout.

A year later in 1978, a base of operation was moved to Sioux Lookout where the company built a new hangar, maintenance and office facility. In 1979 a second scheduled route was launched, this time between Sioux Lookout and Thunder Bay, and in 1980 a new base was established in Thunder Bay following the purchase of On Air 1979 Ltd. Cliff Friesen subsequently moved to Thunder Bay to oversee that base and in 1981 a third scheduled service was added, linking Sioux Lookout, Kenora and Winnipeg.

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Bearskin Airlines employees in front of the 19-seat Fairchild Metroliner. Credit: Shannon Lepere.





Bearskin aircraft through the years (from top to bottom): Twin engine unpresurized Beech 99, Twin engine King Air 100, and DeHavilland DHC-2 Beaver on skis.



Sioux Lookout's home base in 1977 consisted of a small camper trailer and a storage shed.

Until the late 1970s, most of Bearskin's aircraft were bush planes, float-equipped in summer and ski-equipped in winter. Providing service to remote communities was nearly impossible during winter freeze-up and spring break-up. To overcome the problem of communities being cut off during seasonal transition, the Ontario government began an extensive airfield construction program in many of the remote communities. Quick to recognize opportunity, Bearskin began offering scheduled air service with wheeled aircraft to those communities.

In the mid 70's, NorOntair (Ontario Northland Transportation Commission) started to subcontract flying operations to various airlines. Two of their Twin Otters, painted in full NorOntair colours, were based in Thunder Bay and operated by On Air Ltd until purchased by Bearskin Airlines in 1980. Bearskin operated the NorOntair contract flying three Twin Otters until 1996.

In the fall of 1988, Bearskin Airlines entered into a commercial agreement with Air Canada's connector carrier, Air Ontario. This agreement was significant in the history of Bearskin, providing for several marketing opportunities which benefitted both carriers. Bearskin became a participating partner in Air Canada's Aeroplan Frequent Flyer Program and both carriers commenced offering joint fares and connections in Thunder Bay. This relationship led to the distribution of Bearskin's fares and schedules to the travel agency community, cementing their position as the business airline of choice when travelling between Northern Ontario, Toronto and beyond.

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(above) Bearskin's first hangar and truck at the Big Trout Lake airport in 1975.

(right) Bearskin Airlines owners prior to the EIC Acquisition.
(top to bottom): Brad Martin – Vice President of Operations, Rick Baratta – Vice President of Finance, Karl Friesen – Vice President of Flight Operations, Cliff Friesen – Executive Vice President and Harvey Friesen – President of Bearskin Airlines.



In 1991, Bearskin bought two new Fairchild Metroliner aircraft and a year later, launched non-stop service between Thunder Bay and Sudbury – Northern Ontario's two largest cities. It was the start of Bearskin Airlines' move eastward, making tracks throughout northeastern Ontario, and eventually into Ottawa following the withdrawal of Canadian Partner from the Northern tier.

An exciting venture for Bearskin took place in 1994 with the launch of its own in-flight magazine, *Bear Country*. Twenty-four years later, the quarterly publication (rebranded as *Connecting Horizons* in June 2018) continues to deliver high-quality articles featuring the people, places and events in the destinations served by Bearskin Airlines and Perimeter Aviation.

Bear Country Magazine was published for 24 years!

(l-r) Winter 1994 Inaugural Issue, Spring 2004, Spring 2014, and Spring 2018.




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One of Bearskin Airlines' first planes, a de Havilland Otter, was in service from 1963 until the late 1980's.



Growth opportunities continued to come to Bearskin. In 1996, after the Ontario government terminated its northern tier air service, Bearskin filled the void by launching scheduled service between Fort Frances, Thunder Bay, Sault Ste Marie, Sudbury and Timmins. And just three years later, in 1999, Bearskin expanded into northern Manitoba. At its peak in 2003, Bearskin offered more than 200 flights daily to more than 40 destinations in Ontario and Manitoba.

Then, in 2003 after 40 years of service, the airline made a dramatic change in its operations: their northern routes and assets were sold to Wasaya Group Inc., owners of Wasaya Airways (an Aboriginal-owned airline). A traditional signing ceremony formalized the deal on July 9, 2003 at Bearskin Lake First Nation.

Following the sale to Wasaya, Bearskin rationalized its routes and equipment, streamlining the operation to a single type; the Fairchild Metroliner. Additional Metros were acquired in each of 2006, 2007 and 2009 allowing the company to expand again in its more southern territory including additional service between NE Ontario, Ottawa and into Kitchener/Waterloo.

On January 1, 2011, Exchange Income Corporation (TSX: EIF) completed its acquisition of Bearskin Airlines. EIC is a Canadian corporation who at the time also owned Perimeter Aviation, Keewatin Air, Calm Air and Custom Helicopters along with specialty manufacturing companies in Canada and the United States.

Two additional Metroliners were acquired in 2012 to expand charter operations in Southern Ontario and equipment continues to be based in Kitchener/Waterloo today.

Following the retirement of Harvey, Cliff, Rick and Karl at the end of 2013, the company was restructured under new leadership in 2014. In 2017, EIC made the decision to join Bearskin Airlines and

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Perimeter Aviation to strengthen both airlines to permit and encourage continued growth. The merger of these two airlines is expected to be completed by the end of 2018.

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

On Bearskin's 50TH Anniversary in 2013, Harvey and Cliff Friesen were both asked about the key to their success and Harvey was quick to attribute it to, "the dedication and hard work by all of our employees."

Cliff also credited the company's employees for the corporate culture of reliability and commitment to customers. "None of it would have been possible without their hard work and dedication" said Cliff.

"Our employees have always been forward-looking people. Whenever there was a growth opportunity, everyone was ready for it."

Bearskin's long-term success is also related to its ability to continually adapt to meet the needs of an evolving marketplace, like the change that is being undertaken now as two icons of northern aviation join to become a stronger entity.

"A lot of airlines have come and gone in the last 55 years in Northern Ontario" commented Brad Martin, President of Bearskin Airlines, "it is important to our employees to ensure that the Bearskin Airlines brand is positioned to continue delivering a safe, reliable service for the next 55 years ahead."



Jerry Robitaille and I were flown to Sault Ste. Marie by the *Bear* yesterday (May 28) so we could drive home for the last time after over 21 years of flying with you. We have retired from Musselwhite Mine due to their structural changes and flew with the *Bear* every two weeks to Thunder Bay return from the Sault and, for a few years for me, from Sudbury. As we don't want to mention names because we will likely miss mentioning someone, please share this big shout out to all your staff from Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie and, of course, Thunder Bay.

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God's Lake Steelers Win the Perimeter Cup on Home Ice!

By Elle Andra-Warner

THEY DID IT!

The God's Lake Steelers won the 2018 Perimeter Cup in the 4TH annual Perimeter Cup Hockey Tournament held March 16th – 18th. The Steelers defeated the Oxford House Devils who placed second in the finals. Also, in the winner's circle was the God's Lake Timberwolves, the third-place winners. The tournament, which had seven teams competing, was hosted by the God's Lake First Nation in northeastern Manitoba and sponsored by Perimeter Aviation.

Perimeter Aviation is a strong believer in Corporate Social Responsibilities including Healthy Living, Stay in School and Suicide

Prevention. After listening to feedback from the community leaders about the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle in the north, Perimeter initiated the event in order to involve as many communities as possible. Perimeter continues to sponsor the cup.

The first annual Perimeter Cup Hockey Tournament in 2015 was hosted by the Garden Hills First Nation situated on shores of Island Lake in northeast Manitoba. The following year, the event was hosted by Wasagamack First Nation, which is also located on Island Lake; in 2017 by Garden Hill and this year by God's Lake First Nation.

God's Lake First Nation is located on the shores of God's Lake, the seventh largest lake in the province, in an area known as God's Lake Narrows. By air, it is about 250 km southeast of Thompson and 550 km northeast from Winnipeg. The community is accessible year-round by air, plus by a seasonal winter road. The name God's Lake Narrows is shared by two communities joined by a causeway: smaller non-reserve designated place and the other, the God's Lake First Nation reserve. The First Nation is a signatory to the 1909 adhesion Treaty 5, has a registered population of 2,638 (September 2014), and is Swampy Cree, more specifically Rocky Cree (Asinᑭᑦᑯᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ). The main dialect spoken is Cree and English.



God's Lake First Nation is a member of the Keewatin Tribal Council which represents 11-member reserves in northern Manitoba. It also has political affiliations with the non-profit political advocacy organization Manitoba Keewatinowik Okimakanak (MKO), and Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) which represents 63 of 64 First Nations in Manitoba.

With hockey season now over, Perimeter Aviation launched its 2018 BBQ season with a well-attended community BBQ at God's Lake First Nation where there was plenty of food, refreshments and prizes, including return flights on Perimeter.



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The Bill Wehrle Scholarship

Last year Perimeter Aviation launched the **Bill Wehrle Scholarship** after the late Bill Wehrle, a pioneer in Manitoba aviation and founder of Perimeter Aviation, who passed away on June 4, 2015.

Mr. Wehrle started Perimeter Aviation in 1960 as Canada's first private Instrument Flight Rating (IFR) School. Sixteen years later, in 1976, the company purchased the northern interior flight routes of another airline plus two Twin Otter aircraft and expanded to almost 100 employees. Perimeter now employs approximately 750 employees and provides vital, regularly scheduled service across Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario.

As Nick Vodden, 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.

The first recipient of the **Bill Wehrle Scholarship** recently announced is **Timothy Mason** from St. Theresa Point First Nation in northern Manitoba. Mason, who currently resides in Winnipeg, attended junior high and high school in Brandon and had always wanted to go into the field of aviation. He credits the encouragement to stay in school and graduate from the school's music program. "I credit the teachers with giving those that

are marginalized with something outside of academia," said Mason, who plays alto-saxophone and bass guitar. He is a member of the JUNO award-winning band **Indian City**, winner of the JUNO Aboriginal Recording of the Year for their album *Hometown*, and nominee for the 2018 Indigenous Album of the Year for album *Here and Now*.

For the past 4 1/2 years, Mason has also been taking flight school training at St. Andrews north of Winnipeg while working full-time. It's been hard work, but Mason has been highly driven to obtain his private pilot's license, sometimes losing pay so he could attend training. He will soon have his private pilot's license and, with assistance from the **Bill Wehrle Scholarship**, will continue on to becoming a commercial pilot.

While music has already made him a role model, Mason hopes the **Bill Wehrle Scholarship** and a future career in aviation, will allow him to continue inspiring others, especially Indigenous children at risk, demonstrating through hard work, that the sky is the limit.



(left to right)
Michael Yellowback,
Perimeter Aviation;
Timothy Mason, 2018
Bill Wehrle Aviation
Scholarship Recipient;
and Ken Wood,
Perimeter Aviation.



Living the Northern Life: BEARSKIN LAKE FIRST NATION

*Bearskin Lake First Nation
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From a cultural week, hunting festivals and ice fishing derby to a music video, Canadian Rangers Patrol and the award-winning Junior Canadian Rangers, Bearskin Lake First Nations is a hub of activity in Northern Ontario 429 kilometres (km) northeast of Sioux Lookout in the Kenora District.

By Elle Andra-Warner

An Oji-Cree First Nation reserve with 459 (2006) population, the Bearskin Lake First Nation (BLFN) is on the west shore of Michikan Lake ("Fish Trap Lake"). It is made up of three settlements which are all connected by gravel all-weather roads. The community is accessible year-round only by air, but during certain winter months a seasonal ice road connects to Muskrat Dam, Pickle Lake, and Sioux Lookout from which there is access to the Northern Ontario highway system.

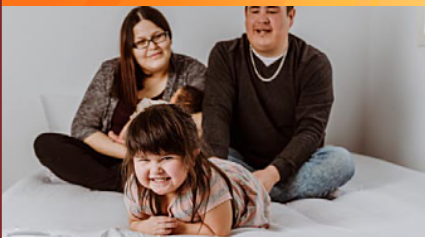
The First Nation is named for Bearskin Lake where it was originally located until the summer of 1932. That's when forest fires were burning in Northwestern Ontario, resulting in the Anishnewac moving their main community from Bearskin Lake about 50 km south east to its present location on Michikan Lake. Within the 12,626-Hectare (31,200-acre) Bearskin Lake reserve is a segment of Severn Lake and the Severn River into which Michikan Lake flows.

Once a satellite community of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation (Big Trout Lake First Nation), Bearskin Lake First Nation received full Band and reserve status in 1975. It is policed by the Nishnawbe Aski Police Service and is a member of the Windigo First Nations Council, a regional tribal council that is a member of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN).

Twenty-four years ago, in 1994, the Bearskin Lake Canadian Ranger Patrol was launched. Rangers are members

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of Canada's part-time Reserve Force and in Northern Ontario are in 23 remote Cree, Oji-Cree and Ojibway First Nations. Responsible for protecting Canada's sovereignty and defending her coastal interests, the Rangers regularly train alongside the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and provide local expertise, guidance, advice and skilled assistance in emergencies such as natural disasters, and search and rescues. During 2016, the Rangers in Ontario's Far North saved 32 lives and carried out 25 search and rescue operations. Last summer in July 2017, 37 rangers from six First Nations – including BLFN – conducted joint exercises at Quicksand Rapids on Windigo River near Muskrat Dam First Nation, about 575 km north of Thunder Bay.

In 1999, with the Canadian Rangers as mentors and with community support, the Bearskin Lake Junior Canadian Rangers (JCR) program for boys and girls aged 12 to 18 was established. The youths are taught traditional skills (including hunting, fishing, living on the land), life skills (e.g. living healthy, protecting environment) and Canadian Ranger

skills (first aid; volunteering; safely using boats, snowmobiles, ATV, and rifles; and, much more).

At the 2015 JCR Western Games held 50 km north of Geraldton, the JCR patrol from Bearskin Lake was named the outstanding Junior Ranger patrol in Northern Ontario for a second consecutive year. Captain Caryl Fletcher, the officer commanding the 19 Junior Ranger patrols in Northern Ontario, told the Wawatay News (12/01/2015), "It is the first time a patrol has won the award twice. That is an outstanding achievement."

On the music scene, a YouTube music video "Never Stop" recorded by a 10-year-old from BLFN and released in March 2018 has already been seen by thousands. Quincy Kamenawatamin (performs as Quincy Kam) made the video in a workshop with Winnipeg-based performer, beat maker and educator Rup Monsta. The workshop was part of the "Chance Life" initiative in NAN communities, aimed at improving youth mental health and preventing suicide. Quincy told CBC News that he hopes to "make movies and be an actor when



he grows up;" in the meantime, his next step is "to start writing his own music and learn to play the piano."

Special annual community events are happening at BLFN throughout the year. In February, the ice fishing derby is held where past prizes have included a pickup truck, and in March, a culture week. There are also two hunting festivals, one held the second week in June and the other a four-day moose derby during the third week in September where people go hunting Wednesday/Thursday and celebrate on Friday/Saturday.

Lots of sports opportunities for the youth including competitive sports events in hockey, soccer, floor hockey and broomball. The community arena, dedicated as the Roger McKay Jr. Memorial Arena, has plenty of recreational programs. There's also diverse sports opportunities for youth including competitive sports events in hockey, soccer, floor hockey and broomball.

And last CFL football season, the youth and members of BLFN were special guests at a home game of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, thanks to a new initiative by Perimeter Aviation and Exchange Income Corporation in partnership with Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Flights, accommodations, transportation and meals were provided to bring them to Winnipeg for a VIP experience. At the time, Mike Pyle, Chief Executive Officer of Exchange Income Corporation said, "They are going to be treated like rock stars when they come down here and get the full game experience." An exciting time for everyone!

"As for governance, the Chief of the Bearskin Lake First Nations is Rodney McKay. Every three years, the Chief, Deputy Chief and four Band Council members are elected under the Custom Electoral System. The next election will be in October 2018 for three Councillors and then in March 2020, for the Chief, Deputy Chief and one Councillor."




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Aimia and Bearskin Airlines have mutually agreed to terminate Bearskin's participation in Aeroplan effective June 30, 2018. Notice is hereby made to Members of the Aeroplan Program as follows:

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- December 30, 2018: Last date that Members can request retroactive Aeroplan Miles accrual for flight activity up to June 30, 2018 inclusively.
- May 28, 2019: Final date that Bearskin Airlines will honour Aeroplan Award Tickets.

Bearskin Airlines would like to take this opportunity to thank Aimia and all Members of the Aeroplan Program for their collaboration and support.



PREVENTING TYPE 2 DIABETES IN INDIGENOUS YOUTH



Diabetes is a chronic disease in which the body either cannot produce insulin or cannot properly use the insulin it produces. Insulin is a hormone that controls the amount of sugar (glucose) in the blood. Diabetes leads to high blood sugar levels, which can damage organs, blood vessels and nerves. The body needs insulin to use sugar as an energy source.

Type 1 (formerly referred to as juvenile diabetes) occurs when the immune system mistakenly attacks and kills the beta cells of the pancreas. No, or very little,

insulin is released into the body. As a result, sugar builds up in the blood instead of being used as energy. About 10 per cent of people with diabetes have type 1 diabetes. Type 1 diabetes generally develops in childhood or adolescence, but can develop in adulthood.

Type 2 diabetes occurs when the body can't properly use the insulin that is released or does not make enough insulin. As a result, sugar builds up in the blood instead of being used as energy. About 90 percent of people with diabetes have type 2 diabetes. Type 2 diabetes

more often develops in adults, but children can be affected.

In the mid 1980's children from Northern Manitoba were being seen at the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg for high blood sugars that were not consistent with type 1 diabetes. Over the past 30 years, the number of children and teens diagnosed with the "adult form" of diabetes has increased so dramatically scientists and doctors had to change the name of the disease from adult-onset diabetes to "type 2 diabetes." Prior to 1985, this condition did not affect youth.



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Scientists and physicians at the Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba have created a team focused on understanding why some children develop type 2 diabetes and while others seem protected from it. The DREAM theme is an interdisciplinary group dedicated to improving the lives of children living with diabetes and their families. Since its inception in 2012, the DREAM theme has secured ~\$20 million and published >200 papers related to type 2 diabetes in children. The team is focused on three priority areas: (1) prevention of type 2 diabetes; (2) the early origins of type 2 diabetes; and (3) the complications associated with type 2 diabetes. Guided by an Indigenous Stakeholder group and a patient advisory circle, the team develops studies that are relevant to families and aimed at reducing the burden of type 2 diabetes and its complications among families in Canada.

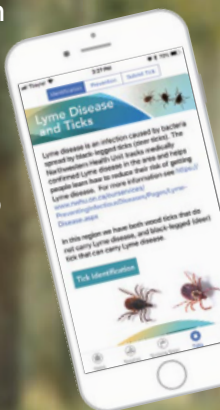
Over the past five years, this team has seen 1-2 youth develop type 2 diabetes in Manitoba. This unprecedented rise on type 2 diabetes in youth presents a challenge to health care providers. Youth often live in northern remote areas, they often live in households with few resources to buy healthy foods and, as most are Indigenous, as well as suffering

from historical and on-going trauma associated with colonization. So what is the medical community and Diabetes Canada doing to support youth and their families living with or at risk for type 2 diabetes?

DREAM has consulted with elders and community stakeholders to understand their perspectives and their needs. Universally, elders have said that diabetes amongst indigenous youth was non-existent prior to colonization. Elders and stakeholders are invested in the future generations and request that programs focus on prevention. Ideally, this prevention is grounded in cultural teachings and Indigenous worldviews. One such program currently running in 8 communities in Manitoba and 13 across Canada, is the Aboriginal Youth Mentorship Program (AYMP). AYMP is a 20-week afterschool program for young children, led by teens in the community, and centered on a concept of resilience developed by an Indigenous scientist called the

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Circle of Courage. The elements of the Circle of Courage, belonging, mastery, independence and generosity are taught and adopted by the teen mentors. The program also provides healthy snacks and regular activity for children. With the support of Diabetes Canada, evaluations of AYMP reveal it reduces risk factors for type 2 diabetes and improves a sense of self-worth in children. The goal for this program is to expand broadly across Canada and become integrated in school curriculum of activities

to ensure that as many Indigenous children in Canada can participate and reap the rewards of resilience-based wellness promotion. In 2018 over 700 children, across five provinces has an opportunity to participate in this program.

This year, the team was awarded the prestigious Banting Award from Diabetes Canada for its work on type 2 diabetes in youth. Our patient advisory circle also released its first video to share the voice of children living with type 2 diabetes and their desire for a safer, unbiased approach to managing their disease.

With these new developments and dedicated individuals, we hope to dramatically improve the lives of children living with type 2 diabetes and their families, and simultaneously reduce rates of this disease across Canada.

To learn more, visit the following websites: www.diabetes.ca and www.dreamdiabetesresearch.com. To watch the video, please visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9Xi0OZmMDI.



DARYL GOERTZEN

It is with our deepest sympathy that Daryl Goertzen passed away March 6th, 2018, surrounded by family and loved ones.

As we remember Daryl, we remember his bright smile, his friendly encounters, and his love for the people he worked with. In his spare time when he wasn't at work he was an avid Bomber Fan, but more specifically a Winnipeg Fan. He enjoyed fishing, photography, music, among many other things. He was part of the Perimeter Family for 17 years; his dedication and commitment has been an integral part of our success.

"On behalf of our family" stated Daryl's father, "I would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the management and staff at Perimeter Aviation for all the support and care shown to us. Daryl looked forward to working with everyone each day. I have met almost all of his co-workers and appreciate their expressions of care for Daryl."

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The haunting beat of the drum echoes, the cry of the lead singer calls out soon followed by others, the dancers enter... the Pow Wow begins!

A celebration of social and spiritual gatherings, the Pow Wow honours the leaders and customs of Indigenous peoples celebrating life, culture and tradition. In past, Pow Wows were gatherings celebrating a successful hunt or victorious war party. Today they are a celebration of being Indigenous having a connection with their First Nation cultural heritage.

Pow Wows begin with the Grand Entry initiated by a single singer who calls the dancers into the sacred circle. A parade of dancers, elders and honoured guests enter moving in a clockwise direction carrying flags representing the hosting First Nations, as well as eagle staffs. The drum group consisting of four to twelve drummers, traditionally all males, sit in a small circle with a

bass drum at its centre. The drum represents the heartbeat of Mother Earth. The songs hold specific meaning passed down from one generation to the next. Some songs have a special purpose, like prayer songs, memorial or honour songs.

Dances are an important part of the Pow Wow relating to the songs performed. Divided into categories and separated into men's and women's, and by age. Men's dance categories include Traditional, Grass Dance and Fancy Dance. Women's include Traditional, Jingle Dress and Fancy Shawl Dance. Each depending on the region.

Dancers dress in colourful, outfits relating to the specific style of dance as they circle the dance area in a

Grand Entry of Fort William First Nation's 2017 Pow Wow held annually on Anemki Wajiw (Mount McKay). Photo credit: Chad Kirvan.

clockwise direction. The regalia or outfit each dancer chooses to wear is selected by traditional beliefs each having a personal story to tell. Adorned with beadwork, accented with feathers, ribbons, tassels, bells or jingles, each piece signifies something unique and special to the dancer.

Hosted by first nations communities, there are two types of Pow Wows, traditional and competition attracting dancers and drums who compete for cash. Both have ceremonial and social elements and preserve and enrich traditions and culture. Dancers and singers can travel from one Pow Wow to another following **'The Pow Wow Trail'**

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August 10-12

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August 10-12

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July 13-15

Nootkamegwanning First Nation
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Sioux Narrows
(807) 226-5654
Email: naotkam@bellnet.ca

July 14-15

Temagami First Nation
Annual Pow Wow
Municipality of Temagami
(705) 237-8900
Email: tyler.paul@temagami
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July 20-22

Red Rock First Nation
Traditional Pow Wow
Lake Helen Reserve
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*Hoop dance performed at the
Anishinawbe Keeshigun annual
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First Nation Traditional Pow Wow
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August 4-6

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Eagle River
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August 5-7

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Laurentian Community Track
Sudbury
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August 10-12

Iskatewizaagegan First Nation
(Shoal Lake 39) Summer Pow Wow
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August 10-12

28TH Genaabaajii Annual Traditional Pow Wow
Serpent River First Nation
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August 24-26

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August 24-26

Lac La Croix First Nation
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August 18-19

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September 1-2

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Pow Wow
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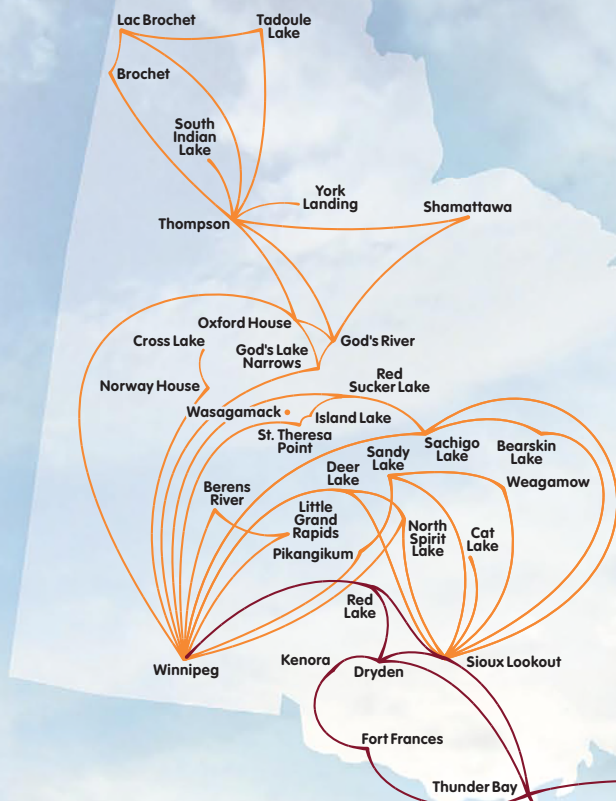
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July 18

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July 19-21

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KENORA

www.kenora.ca

June 29 – September 1

Kenora Great War Project Exhibit
Lake of the Woods Museum
www.lakeofthewoodsmuseum.ca

August 3-5

Harbourfest
Whitecap Pavilion
www.harbourfest.ca

August 9-11

Kenora Bass International
www.kbfishing.com

NORTH BAY

July 28

Mattawa River Canoe Race

August 3-5

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August 18-19
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September 9
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July 28
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www.folklorama.ca

August 17-18
Winnipeg BBQ and
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Cummings Theatre
www.winnipegbbqandblues.ca

August 23
Winnipeg Classic Rockfest
Shaw Park
www.winnipegclassicrockfest.com

August 24-26
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The Forks Festival Stage
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September 7-9
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