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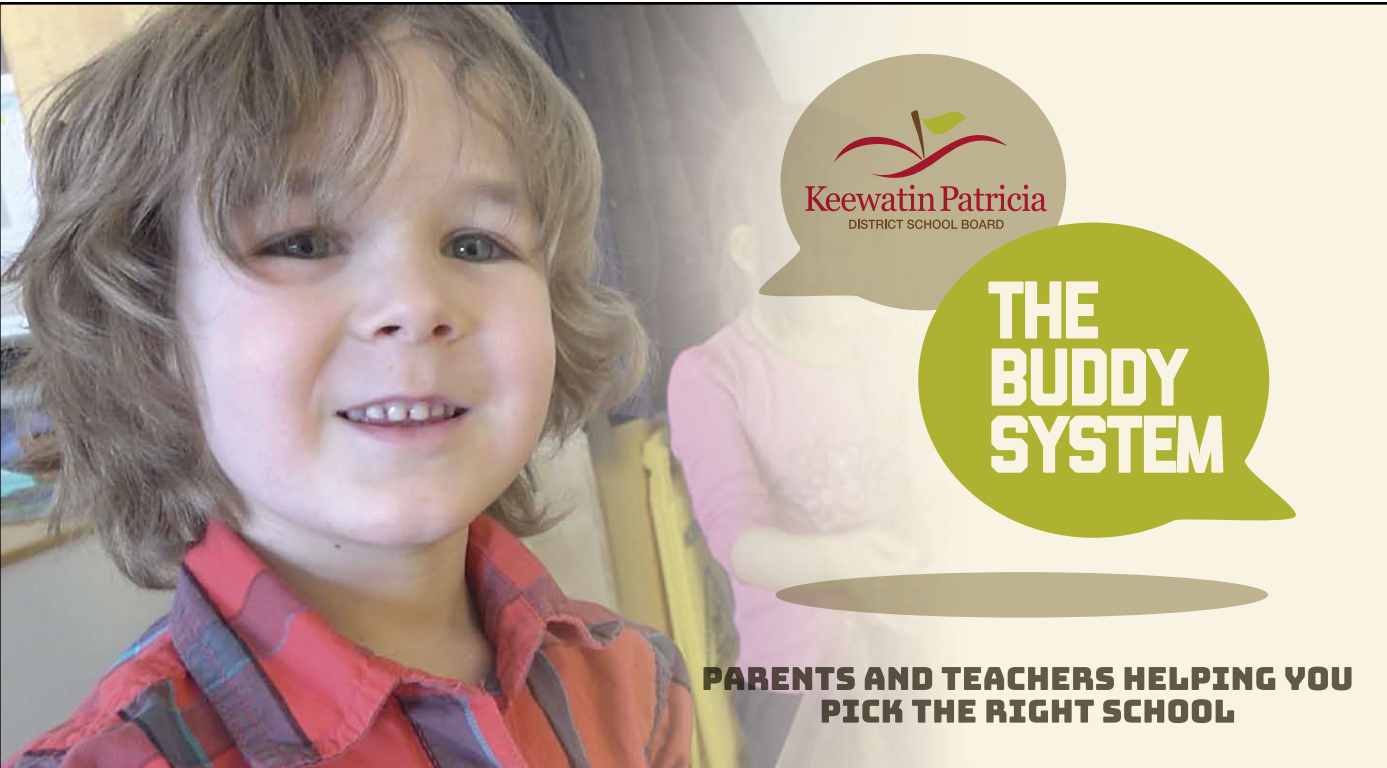


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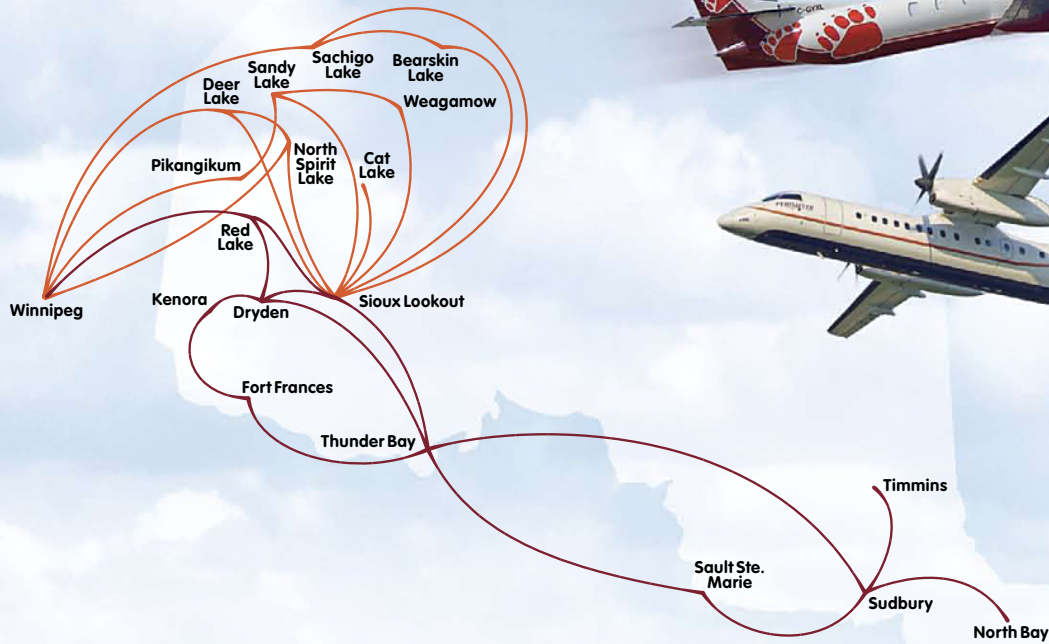


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BY RON HELL, DIRECTOR MARKETING AND SALES



The publication of our Spring 2018 issue of *Bear Country Magazine* is bittersweet as it marks both the end and a new beginning.

When I joined Bearskin Airlines in 1992, this magazine was just a vision. By the spring of 1994, we found a publisher who bought into our vision and *Bear Country* was born. We provided targeted distribution and editorial direction, and White Oaks Publishing provided the advertising sales and production.

Patti Gresham has been with the magazine since the inception, and when the principal of White Oaks decided to leave the publishing business in 1998, we were pleased to take Patti and her sales staff under our wing and continue "in house" with this successful publication.

Since our Winter 1994 inaugural issue, we have produced 94 quarterly and commemorative issues celebrating momentous anniversaries of our airline.

The magazine has evolved continually to interest our readers and provide value to our advertisers. It has also evolved to reflect the many changes within our airline, so when Perimeter Aviation and Bearskin Airlines joined forces at December 2017, we were quick to suggest a rebranding of the magazine.

Although Spring 2018 marks the end of an era, our Summer 2018 issue will mark the beginning of another as we re-launch the inflight magazine of Bearskin Airlines and Perimeter Aviation. *Connecting Horizons* will essentially be the same magazine with a new name, new look, enhanced distribution, and available online at both [www.bearskinairlines.com](http://www.bearskinairlines.com) and [www.perimeter.ca](http://www.perimeter.ca). The cost to advertise will not change, enhancing the value to advertisers dramatically.

The *Connecting Horizons* name reflects on the natural flow of many of our customers within our increased geographical distribution. Our readership will increase threefold to more than 250,000 passengers annually on more than 500 flights weekly in Ontario and Manitoba. Distribution will continue as a seatback presentation in all aircraft operated under Bearskin Airlines or Perimeter Aviation brands, as well as supplementary circulation at our many airport counters and via Canada Post.

We will continue to inform our readers about the cities and communities we serve, featuring community profiles and promoting events, tourism and economic development in four exciting issues annually. Our advertisers will find our magazine an effective means to reach all levels of government, Indigenous groups, business owners and management personnel in a variety of sectors including mining and forestry, healthcare, communication and technology, among others.

Feature stories within the inaugural issue of *Connecting Horizons* include the 55<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of the Bearskin Airlines brand, The Pow Wow Trail, as well as Thompson, North Bay, Red Lake, Bearskin Lake, and much more.

Many thanks to those who have been involved long term with *Bear Country* and will continue to be involved with *Connecting Horizons*, including our Editor Patti Gresham, Elle Andra Warner who has been writing for us since 1996, and Jess Vamplew who has provided graphic design since 2003.

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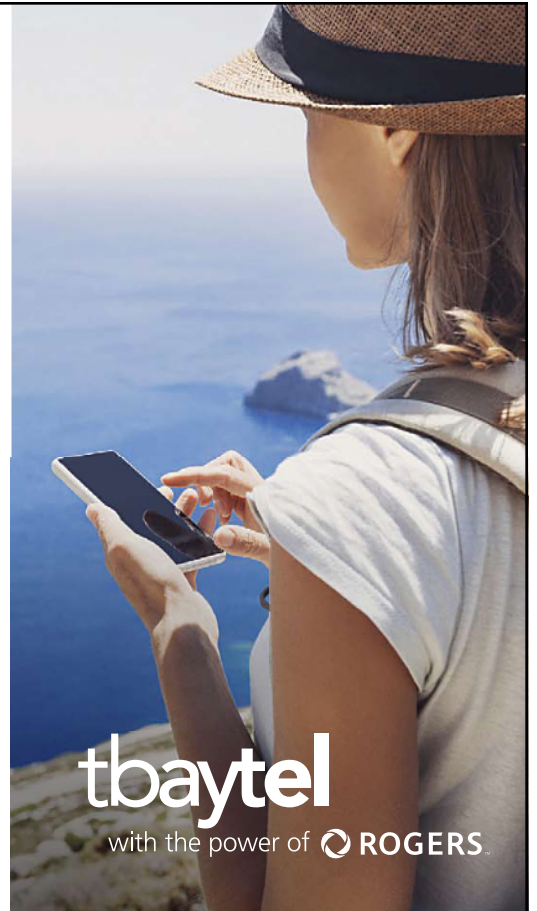
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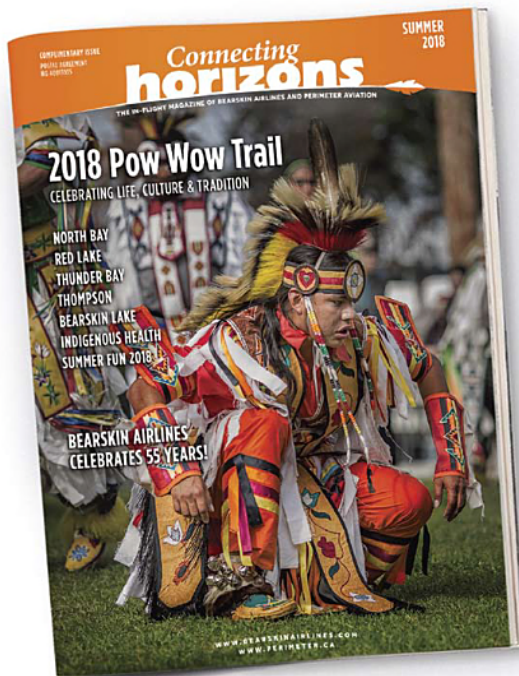
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(l-r) Ron Hell, Director of Marketing and Sales – Bearskin Airlines, Susan Childs – Bearskin Airlines Hope Classic Committee member and Jody Nesti, Chair – Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation.

in partnership with the North West Ontario Breast Screening Program (OBSP). The patients who would access this program are those with urgent cases. Appointments are pre-booked so that patients can have a mammogram and breast ultrasound at the same appointment. If required, they can also have a biopsy done on the same day. Overall, this is a way of fast-tracking urgent cases so that patients can get results quicker.

The centre sees between 5,000 and 6,000 patients each year.

Through the generous support of donors, the Linda Buchan Centre has the opportunity to go forward with much needed renovations. The renovations will ensure seamless interaction between the mammography and ultrasound suites, direct access to the radiologist reading room and improved work space for their staff.



The Linda Buchan Centre  
Breast Screening & Assessment

There continues to be a high volume of referrals and follow-ups. Over the past year they have made great strides in reducing wait times, including a full complement of sonographers in their ultrasound department. As a result, they will be training another sonographer for breast imaging. The continued hard work and dedication of their mammography technologists, breast sonographers, clerical support and breast imaging radiologists allowed additional days (evenings/weekends) to be added to their current schedule.

## 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BEARSKIN AIRLINES HOPE CLASSIC • FEBRUARY 9-11, 2018

# 22 Years of Hope!

Photos courtesy of Jarron Childs

In its twenty-second year, the Bearskin Airlines Hope Classic reached new heights as a result of this year's event, raising a grand total of **\$3,147,500** for the Northern Cancer Fund of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation for breast cancer research.

A curling bonspiel for women only, the 'Hope Classic' was established by Linda Buchan in 1997 who was undergoing breast cancer treatment. The goal was to raise \$5,000 for the local breast cancer support group. Linda remained upbeat, positive and committed to the fight against the disease that eventually took her life in 2002.

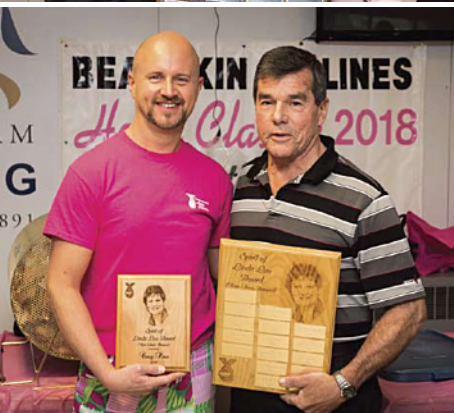
"The first year that we held it, we raised \$39,000," stated Sue Childs, Chair of the Bearskin Airlines Hope Classic Committee. "We never dreamed we'd still be at it twenty-two years later and reach over three million dollars."

"Everyone has been impacted by cancer; a friend, family member or co-worker," says Sue Childs. "Many of the women in the event have suffered through breast cancer or are going through treatment right now."

The funds continue to keep Linda's dream alive. In 2006, the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre opened the Linda Buchan Centre for Breast Assessment and Screening (LBC), named in honour of Linda Buchan for her outstanding achievements.

The Rapid Breast Assessment Program has now reached its two-year mark and has helped the LBC enhance the care they provide





The Top Ten Pledge Getters (l-r): Marcy Barry, Susan Childs, Lindsay Doran, Deanna Hicklin, Judy Decicco, Susan Coulter, Ann Mitchell, and Tyler Buchan (for Sydney Buchan). Front: Sue Childs and Jo Anne Wituluk.

Top (l-r): The Tammy Salidas Award presented to Sue Childs by Ron Hell, Director of Bearskin Airlines Marketing and Sales.

Bottom: Craig Pero is presented the Linda Lou Award by Ron Buchan.

### LEADING PLEDGE GETTERS

This year the leading pledge getter with \$14,243 was **Sue Childs** who received the **‘Tammy Salidas Award’** presented by Ron Hell, Director of Marketing and Sales for Bearskin Airlines. Followed by Susan Childs (\$4,059), Susan Coulter (\$4,047), Marcy Barry (\$3,900), Ann Mitchell (\$3,811), Judy Decicco (\$2,835),

Deanna Hicklin (\$2,710), Lindsay Doran (\$2,624), Sydney Buchan (\$1,960), and Jo Anne Wituluk (\$1,800).

The top teams in pledges (teams with four of its members each having raised a minimum of \$500) were: **Team Sydney Buchan** – Sydney Buchan, Sue Childs, Diane Imrie, and Jo Anne Wituluk (\$18,603); **Team Susan Childs** – Brenda Buttars, Susan Childs, Susan Coulter, and Ann Mitchell (\$12,672); and **Team Tracey Larocque** – Judy Decicco, Tracy DeGruyter, Deanna Hicklin, and Tracey Larocque (\$8,045).

The **‘Spirit of Linda Lou Award’** presented annually to a person or team who exemplifies one or more of Linda’s traits, be it drive, initiative, enthusiasm, commitment, passion, was awarded by Ron Buchan to **Craig Pero**, who has been involved with the Hope Classic for the last ten years.

Tentative dates for the 23<sup>RD</sup> Annual Bearskin Airlines Hope Classic are February 8th - 10th, 2019 at the Fort William Curling Club. Visit [www.bearskinairlineshopeclassic.com](http://www.bearskinairlineshopeclassic.com) for more information.

The Bearskin Airlines Hope Classic Committee – Sue Childs, Susan Childs, Erin Manahan, Cindy Orr, Tricia Sampson and Barb Whitney – would like to **THANK EVERYONE**, because after twenty-two years, “Linda’s Dream is Still Continuing!”



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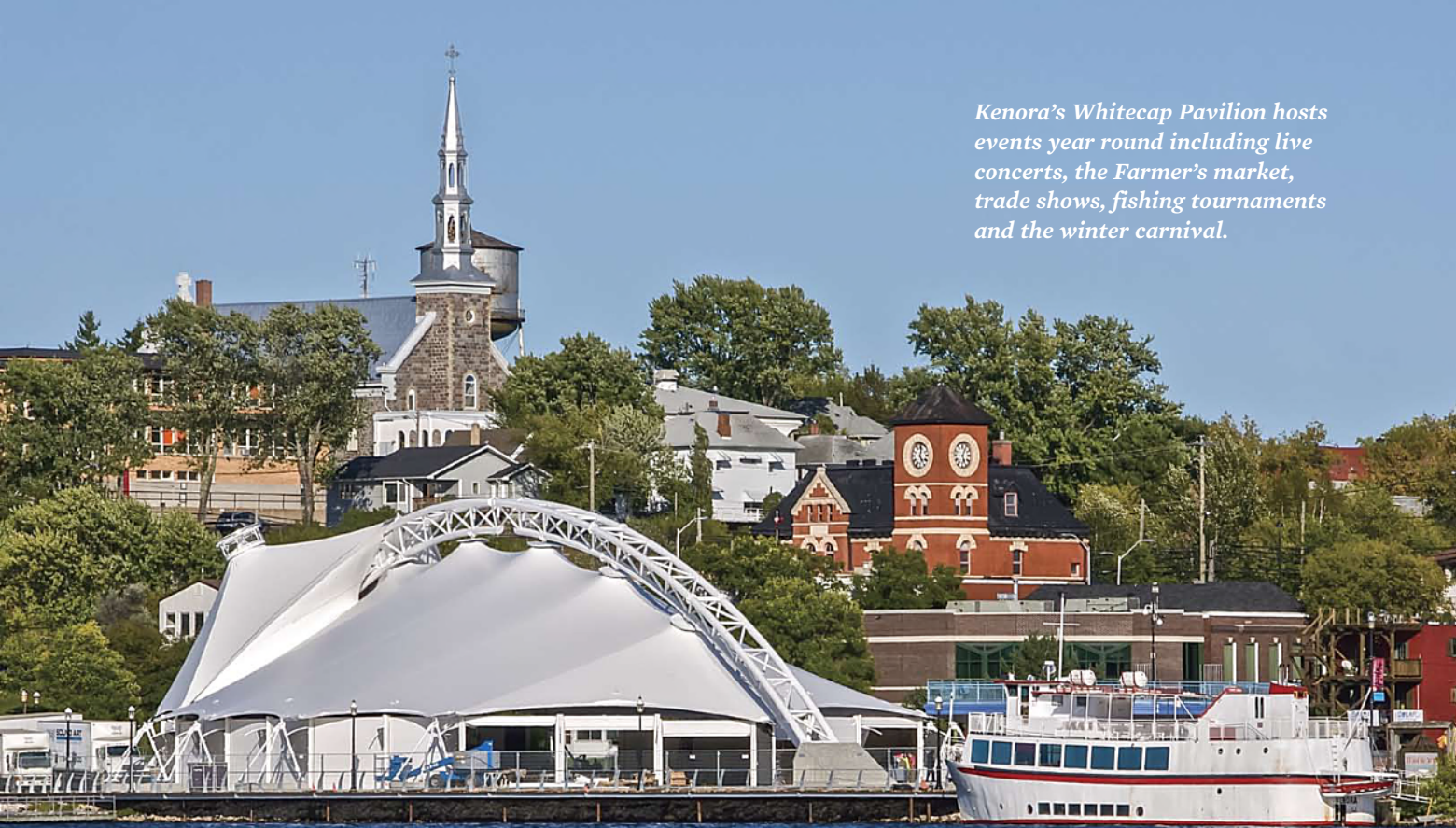
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*Kenora's Whitecap Pavilion hosts events year round including live concerts, the Farmer's market, trade shows, fishing tournaments and the winter carnival.*

# Vibrant Kenora Welcomes You!

*Story by Lorna Olson  
Photos courtesy of Tourism Kenora*

The City of Kenora, on beautiful Lake of the Woods, awaits spring and the opportunity to give you a great stopover to enjoy biking, boating, fishing and hiking, not to mention spectacular scenery.

You can access Kenora via the Trans-Canada Highway, or fly into the Kenora Airport which is currently being expanded – a project which began in June 2017 and will be completed mid-June 2018. With an area of 8,000 square feet (almost three times the old terminal's 2,800 square feet), the new passenger terminal will have brand-new seating and a comfortable lounge area. Baggage handling will be done inside the airport, and the building will be fully accessible.

The terminal will combine three buildings into one: Shell Aviation FBO (Fixed Base Operation), Canada Customs office, and the new airport building which will be able to support additional airlines. Currently, Bearskin Airlines is the only commercial airline flying into Kenora.

“Our airport is a Port of Entry for Canada Customs, meaning all U.S. aircraft flying to Red Lake, Sioux Lookout or Dryden must land in Kenora for clearance – traffic in the summer is extremely busy with up to 20 flights per day from the U.S.,” says Airport Manager Michael Zroback.

The airport has just completed upgrades to the runway lighting with the installation of new LED lights, as well as new PAPPIS (a visual aid that provides guidance information to pilots to help acquire and maintain the correct approach to an aerodrome).

Kenora's transformation from paper mill town to tourism hub is the result of years of careful planning, bold design, and consideration to accessibility and programming. Combining the natural beauty of the waterfront area with appealing, historic buildings and an extraordinary performance venue, the Downtown Revitalization has resulted in more pedestrian traffic and increased commercial activity on a vibrant Main Street.

On the waterfront, a sweeping boardwalk cantilevers over the water's edge, engaging you with the lake. A permanent, tensile fabric structure (the Whitecap Pavilion) is home to the weekly farmers' market and is attracting interest from trade shows and other major events.

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## HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Officer Megan Dokuchie noted, "The redevelopment of the former Norman School to nine, two-bedroom condominium units was completed in 2017, and is targeted toward seniors. The Norman Heights Project represents a novel approach to addressing the housing shortfall through conversion of existing facilities.

Other senior housing developments include:

**Bridgeroad Developments:** Phase 1 of the Fairway apartment complex will include 24 suites with another 24 planned as part of Phase Two of the project. With a focus on seniors, the suites are expected to range between just over 1,000 sq. ft.

**King's Landing:** A multi-phase seniors' housing development on Railway Street. The first two phases are currently being advertised for sale and will consist of 22 townhouse units. In total, there are 70 units. The development will include community space and walking trails."

The Kenora District Services Board has received \$6,535,164 for construction and improvement of 150 supportive housing units in the District, 65 of which are planned for Kenora.

## THINGS TO DO

**Lake of the Woods Brewing Company**, opened five years ago in the former Kenora firehall (built in 1912) offers a micro-brewery; The Tap Room restaurant with pub-style food and wines as well as the local beer; and a gift shop (the Beer & Gear Store) selling a wide variety of merchandise



*Lake of the Woods Brewery in Kenora's renovated old firehall.*

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including local, handcrafted beer in cans or Growlers (jugs).

Giving back to the community whenever they can, is important to the Lake of the Woods Brewery Company. With their Charity Pints program, they have supported over two dozen charities by donating more than \$30,000 from a portion of the proceeds in the last four years. Each month a feature brew is chosen and for every pint sold in the Taproom and every Growler sold in retail, \$0.25 is donated. Donations are made quarterly to deserving and worthwhile charities or not-for-profits. On the list for 2018 is the Rotary Club's building of a Splash Park and a pledge over five years to support Kenora's 'Big Picture Campaign' for the new Lake of the Woods Art Centre.

Looking for a getaway? Check out the **Brewers Inn, Beer Lovers**

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*The Kenora Rotary Goodwill Geyser along the Harbourfront erupts every hour on the hour daily during the summer.*

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Beginning in May, the **MS Kenora** will offer two daytime cruises and an evening cruise on Lake of the Woods, speciality cruises with entertainment, and a day trip to Sioux Narrows each year. For updates and the opening date, visit [www.mskenora.com](http://www.mskenora.com).

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**The Homefront Exhibit** (Kenora Great War Project) from June 29th – September 1st, recognizes the centennial of the end of World War I. Braden Murray of the Lake of the Woods Museum says, "There is no question that people from outlying areas would have family who are in the exhibit. We have written 1,650 biographies of men and women veterans of the Great War who have some connection to the Lake of the Woods area. The exhibit will share personal stories, photos, and objects that are intimately related to our area's contribution to the war effort."

*The Matiowski Farmers Market held on the scenic waterfront under the Whitecap Pavilion. Credit: Kim Pirie Milko.*

**Coney Island Tenth "maybe annual" Music Festival** will be held on the Coney Island stage, on Lake of the Woods' Northernmost Channel. The MS Kenora will run ferry service on Sunday, July 29th for this family event. There will be five performances by local youth artists starting at noon. Admission is free.

**The Kenora Bass International** (KBI) on Lake of the Woods offers up to a \$30,000 first-place prize. Running from August 9-11, this annual tournament brings thousands of avid anglers to compete for cash prizes.

**Harbourfest** (August 4-5, 2018) draws thousands of visitors each year to attend the concerts, wooden boat parade and other festivities.



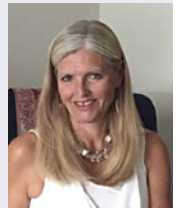
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Whether it is the world class fishing, hiking and camping, or our many summer festivals, great shopping and numerous restaurants, Kenora has something to offer everybody.

We look forward to welcoming you to Kenora this summer!





The music line-up for 2018 has not been announced but should be available soon. While the daytime activities are free, there is an admission fee for the evening portion. You can check for more information at the City's website.

We welcome you to visit Kenora in the coming months!



*Above: Harbourfest, Kenora's biggest summer event, provides daytime fun for the whole family and live music under the tent on the Harbourfront.*

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## MANITO AHBEE FESTIVAL

By R.L. Bruyere

*Above: Men's Fancy Dance  
at the 2017 International Pow Wow.  
Credit: Jen Doerksen.*

Each year stars descend on the heart of Turtle Island. Turtle Island is the name given by Indigenous people to North America and the heart of Turtle Island is Winnipeg, Manitoba. It is near the longitudinal centre of Canada.

The city turns into five days of festivities that celebrates both Indigenous culture and contemporary and traditional music. The Indigenous festival is called Manito Ahbee. It is named after a sacred site located in the western Whiteshell area of Manitoba, approximately 140 kms northeast of Winnipeg. Manito Ahbee

is an Ojibway word that means “where the Creator sits.” The Manito Ahbee Festival duplicates the spirit of the sacred site in downtown Winnipeg over these five days of arts and culture.

The sacred site's English name is Bannock Point Petroforms – rock formations in the shapes of turtles, humans, eagles, Thunderbirds, the medicine wheel and some abstract forms. It is here that the staff of the Manito Ahbee festival gathers each spring for a pipe ceremony and to bring the ceremonial cloths filled with medicines, like tobacco and sage, asking for a good festival.



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**FOUR POINTS**  
BY SHERATON



“It is important to us, as Indigenous people, to begin the festival in a good way by asking the Creator for not only a successful festival but to have all our relations that are travelling to Winnipeg to make it here and return home safely,” says Lisa Meeches, the executive director of Manito Ahbee.

The 13<sup>TH</sup> annual festival take place this year from May 16-20. Along with the lighting of the sacred fire, a pipe ceremony will also be held and musical entertainment will also help kick off the festival. This is a free event where all are welcome.

Are you an emerging artist? We have the perfect opportunity for you. The festival is once again offering an Indigenous Music Conference that offers access to music professionals who participate in discussions, one-on-one meetings and workshops – all aimed at helping emerging and mid-career musicians to take the next steps on their musical journey.

It was the great Metis leader Louis Riel who said, ‘My people will sleep for one hundred years, but when they awake, it will be the artists who give them their spirit back.’ So in order to fulfill this prophecy, it is very important to us that we give our artists

*Top: Shanley Spence at the 2017 Kick Off and Lighting of the Sacred Fire. Credit: Buio Assis.*

*Bottom: Women’s Jingle Dress at the 2017 International Pow Wow. Credit: Gio Navarro.*



Far left: Patrick Ross at the 2017 Art Challenge. Credit: Jen Doerksen.

the tools they need for a successful career that also comes from a cultural understanding and a safe space for them to explore their musical abilities and connect with other Indigenous artists,” says Meeches.

Friday will see a one-day education conference. It is the 13th year Manito Ahbee is offering this education conference. Each year role models, teachers, industry leaders, and people successful in a variety of careers are invited to come and give students a glimpse into several different career choices.

“We wanted to show our young people that anything is possible,” says Meeches.

This year 1,000 youth will be immersed in a one-day cultural education day at the University of Winnipeg. Women traditionally played a central role within the family, within government and in spiritual ceremonies.

In keeping with the celebration of 13 years, Manito Ahbee wanted to highlight the importance of Indigenous women and their impact in society by highlighting Indigenous female cultural teachings and Indigenous female role models.

“It’s important to have the Indigenous female cultural perspective of Indigenous world view,” says Meeches.

“People have called Winnipeg ‘Red Hollywood’ during the festival,” said Jacquie Black, the manager of the Indigenous Music Awards, formerly known as the Indigenous Peoples Choice Music Awards.

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Northern Cree, recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2017 Indigenous Music Awards. Credit: Adam Collier.



“Indigenous music artists are really starting to experience mainstream recognition. A Tribe called Red has been nominated and won in non-Indigenous categories at the Junos, same with William Prince.

And two years in a row Indigenous women walked away with the coveted Polaris Prize; first, it was Buffy Sainte-Marie and then it was Tanya Tagaq,” says Black. Last year’s Lifetime Achievement Award winner,

Northern Cree, performed at the Grammy’s. Rhonda Head, a classically trained Mezzo Soprano from OCN has been on tour since her big win on the 2017 Indigenous Music Awards.

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*Crystal Shawanda,  
Performer at the 2017  
Indigenous Music Awards.  
Credit: Adam Collier.*

*Below: Joey Stylez,  
Best Rap/Hip-Hop Album  
Winner at the 2017  
Indigenous Music Awards.  
Credit: Mike Sudoma.*



“I’m very proud that the Indigenous Music Awards exist and that we are able to offer a platform to showcase our artists. It’s time for the rest of the country to appreciate and recognize the incredible amount of talent that is coming out of the Indigenous community. We are seeing more recognition, but our artists are ready now to branch out beyond our community for all Canadians to enjoy,” says Black.

The five day festival culminates in the two-day International Pow Wow at the RBC Convention Centre in downtown Winnipeg. Dancers, drum groups and spectators come from across Turtle Island to compete in a colourful display of regalia, dance, sound and culture. There is also an Art Expo and Art Challenge that takes place during the pow wow. Also

during this time the Art Expo and Art Challenge is available to enter for free.

The Pow Wow, like all Manito Ahbee events are open to all both Indigenous and non-Indigenous. It is a time to get to know the Indigenous community a bit better and by doing so, engage in an act of reconciliation. The festival also has a lot of information on their website and what to expect. Visitors may find the Pow Wow 101 guide handy to read before hitting the Pow Wow grounds. You can find a handy guide at [manitoahbee.com](http://manitoahbee.com).

“The festival represents an opportunity for Canadians and visitors alike to experience the festival as a celebration for all people. The pride of one is a pride of all,” says Meeches.



# OLD IS NEW *(and improved)* IN TIMMINS

Story by Nadine Robinson  
Photos courtesy of Tourism Timmins


**The Timmins Museum: National Exhibition Centre** reopened in September 2017 after an extensive renovation adding 7,000 square feet to the Centre. The million-dollar renewal is thanks to a grant from the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund and matching funding from the municipality. The museum now boasts bigger galleries, dedicated programming spaces, and an expanded collections area.

“If you’ve been here before its worth coming back to explore again, there is so much more to see,” said Karen Bachmann, Director/Curator. “If you haven’t visited us before... you don’t know what you’re missing.”

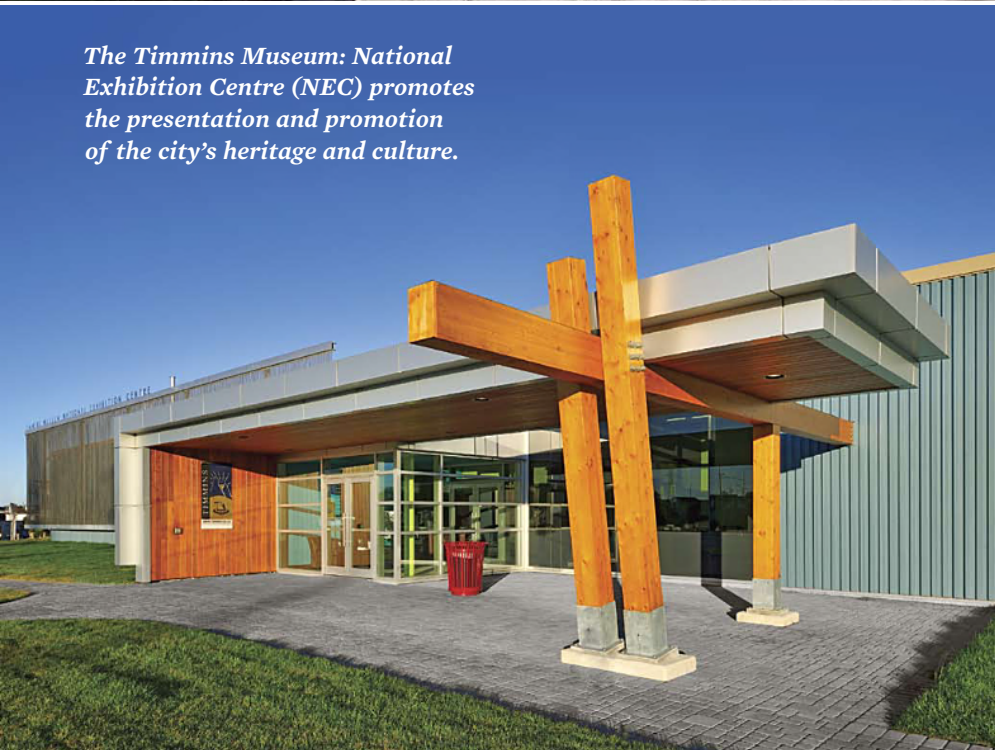
The museum features two galleries, temporarily named after their wall colours, for their permanent and travelling exhibits. The Black Gallery currently entertains visitors with mining history, the Costain mineral collection, and an exhibit looking at the disappearance of the area’s industrial heritage including headframes.

The Grey Gallery houses excellent travelling exhibitions changed five times a year. Until the end of April, a stunning collection of minerals from the Canadian Museum of Nature is on display, and in July and August, the Canadian Museum of History sends up their Hockey exhibition, to be supplemented with the area’s own local hockey heritage, including the 37 players from the area who went on to NHL. In May and June, the Porcupine Handweavers and Spinners Guild will put on a display in tandem with their provincial conference.

Open seven days a week, while the museum is free, it is difficult to get out of the well-appointed gift shop without a new piece of clothing, jewelry or a souvenir. Be warned!



*A Miners' Memorial bronze statue of Frederick W. Schumacher greets passerby's in the Lions Club Park.*



*The Timmins Museum: National Exhibition Centre (NEC) promotes the presentation and promotion of the city's heritage and culture.*



*The Timmins Museum promotes the mining heritage with life-size statues of miners and mining artifacts.*



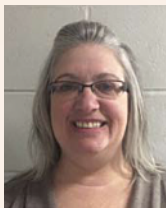
*The Washboard Union on stage at the 2017 Stars and Thunder Music Festival.*

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Also, on the museum site is **Tourism Timmins**. Whether you're interested in a guided or self-guided tour, want information for the Summer Concert Series, or are looking to participate in the 10<sup>TH</sup> annual Great Canadian Kayak Challenge, or the Stars and Thunder "International Fireworks Competition and Music Festival." It's all there on their information rack matching the museum's expanded hours.

Outside the museum is the start to one of Timmins' free self-guided historical and informational tours. Mine artifacts, buildings, and a collection of seven life-sized statues from the Maurice Gaudreault Collection depicting miners in various work-related poses have found homes throughout the city.

Each site has a story board to bring the mining heritage of the area to life. Learn trivia to impress your friends like the fact that the Porcupine Gold Rush, that started

in 1909 has produced more than five and a half times the 12 million ounces of gold produced during the Klondike Gold Rush.

Part of the self-guided tour, outside the Timmins Museum, is the original Hollinger two-stamp mill (1910), a replica Hollinger House where miners would be housed in the 1930's, and a replica Prospector's Cabin. Other artifacts that speak to the significant contributions of the Dome, Hollinger and McIntyre mines are on display at Hollinger Park, and an original blast furnace is outside the airport.

Statues of miners are also outside the Police Station, at the airport, at Golden Manor, at the White House in South Porcupine, and inside the doors of the Timmins Library.

After "selfie-ing" with all the statues, make some time for the library itself. While not on any travel recommendation site, the **Timmins Public Library** is a beautiful space to behold and spend



some time. The award-winning building has extensive wood design features including exposed 40 to 60 year-old red pine tree columns.

Another complimentary tour to watch for is the **Goldcorp Guided Industrial Tour**. This surface tour includes numerous stops at various working sites and draws particular attention to the environmental work undertaken by mining giant Goldcorp to rehabilitate mining waste lands to lush green lands. This tour sells out quickly. Reservations can be made by calling Tourism Timmins (705) 360-2600 ext. 3700.

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*The Great Canadian Kayak Challenge & Festival offers paddling competitions as well as water sports ski and flyboard stunt shows.*



June 24 – July 1, the **Stars and Thunder 2018 Timmins International Fireworks Competition & Music Festival** is taking place at Hollinger Park. Among others, Bryan Adams, Marianas Trench, Our Lady Peace, Blue Rodeo, Matthew Good, 54-40, Burton Cummings, Paul Brandt, Sloan, The Beach Boys, Colin James, and the Sons of Maxwell will perform. The week-long event kicks off on St-Jean Baptiste Day with francophone star performers Eric Lapointe and Roch Voisine. Four countries have entries in the fireworks competition, including Brazil, China, Finland and Canada.

August 24-26, **The Great Canadian Kayak Challenge & Festival** celebrates its tenth year on the Mattagami River. New this year, Paddling Magazine is sponsoring the festival's first ever canoe challenge, a 10 km open competition.

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Building on the area's heritage, and new to the festival this year, the Timmins Fur Council will be celebrating its 50<sup>TH</sup> anniversary by hosting the official annual **Rendezvous** sponsored by the Ontario Fur Managers Federation (OFMF). True North Voyageur Brigades will also make a grand arrival at the festival including an LED canoe parade.

More information about events and festivals is available at [www.tourismtimmins.com/events](http://www.tourismtimmins.com/events).

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





Football fans from Sandy Lake attend a CFL home game of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Courtesy of Perimeter Aviation.

# SANDY LAKE FIRST NATION

By Elle Andra-Warner

Sandy Lake First Nation (Neh gaaw saga'igan), is a remote fly-in community accessible year-round by plane or in winter by an ice road network, and one of the best known and organized of the Indigenous communities in Ontario's Far North.

Located at the end of the Severn River near the Ontario-Manitoba border, Sandy Lake First Nation is about 227 km northeast of Red Lake, 450 km northeast of Winnipeg and 600 km northwest of Thunder Bay. The community takes in seven geographical areas River, Centre, Airport, Big Rock, Old Sawmill, Ghost Point and R.C.

As an independent Oji-Cree community with more than 3,000 registered members, Sandy Lake is not affiliated with any tribal councils. As a signatory to Treaty 5 on June 9, 1910, it does maintain an affiliation with the Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN),

a political organization representing 49 First Nations in Northern Ontario and is policed by the Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service. Sandy Lake is governed by newly elected Chief Dolores Kakegamic, Deputy Chief Marcel Linklater and eight councillors. Advising the Governance Council is an Elders Council of five members, one each from the community's five geographical districts.

Residents of Sandy Lake will soon have a new Elders Hub to serve as a gathering space to connect community members of all ages, thanks to the investment of \$750,000 from Ontario's Aboriginal Community Capital Grants Program. The new space, which will employ 12 employees and be connected to an existing senior's facility, will be used as a community centre and spiritual gathering place, bringing together people together and providing elders living at the seniors housing facility with the opportunity

to maintain social connections and share their wisdom and experience.

Former Chief of Sandy Lake First Nation, Bart Meekis, said in a news release, "It is important for the elders to feel they are contributing to our young people and community. Having a place for the elders to share and pass down our history, culture, and arts and crafts gives the elders a sense of purpose and contributes to their well-being. The stories, the art, the traditions and the history that is shared with the youth and visitors of this facility will ensure the sustainability of the rich culture of Sandy Lake."

Education has been a priority in Sandy Lake First Nation with the Chief and Council working to ensure the community has high speed internet service and access to distance education opportunities. Contact North/Contact Nord is



*Top: Sandy Lake River Hawks, A-side championship winners at the 2018 Northern Bands Hockey Tournament. Credit: Chris Marchand, Dryden Observer.*



*Bottom: Sandy Lake Peewee A-Side Championship winners shake hands with their competitors from Mishkeegogamang at the Lil' Bands Hockey Tournament. Credit: Michael Christianson, Dryden Observer.*

supporting Sandy Lake First Nation with online learning opportunities as the community prepares for the Wataynikaneyap Transmission Project expected to develop a new 18,000 km transmission line connecting remote northern communities to the provincial grid.

According to a news release, Contact North / Contact Nord in partnership with Sioux-Hudson Literacy Council – Good Learning Anywhere is providing Sandy Lake with online access to Job Readiness programs. Residents have access to over 1,000 online programs and over 18,000 online courses without leaving the community. A variety of alternate education programs are offered by the Sandy Lake Board of Education at the Gabbius Goodman Memorial Learning Centre through distance education programs.

The Board of Education also oversees two schools, the Thomas Fiddler Memorial Elementary School and the Thomas Fiddler Memorial High School, with total of about 600 students enrolled in Kindergarten to Grade 10. The schools, which are named in honour of Chief Thomas Fiddler – the last hereditary chief of Sandy Lake – teach students their own culture and language in addition to the Ontario curriculum. The Memorial Elementary School has 23 classrooms including a gym, computer lab and home economics room, while the Memorial High School has 11 classrooms, including a tech shop, computer lab, science lab and home economics room.

When the former Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo visited Sandy Lake a few years ago, he was praised Sandy Lake as a model of First Nations education and a source of inspiration for other communities.

Sandy Lake First Nation has received international recognition since the 1970s as a hub for the early development of the Woodland Style of Art, also known as Legend Painting or Medicine Painting. The

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late artist Carl Ray, born in Sandy Lake, helped pioneer the Woodland Style, was famous in the Canadian art scene until his death in 1978 and was the co-founder in 1973 of the Professional National Indian Artists, Inc. – better known as the Indian Group of Seven. Besides Ray, the Group of Seven included seven other pioneers in the Woodland Style: Daphne Odjig, Alexa Janvier, Jackson Beardy, Ebby Cobiness, Norval Morrisseau and Joseph Sanchez. Among the prominent artists from Sandy Lake are the Kakegamic brothers Goyce, Robert and the late Joachim, Bart Meekis, Gordon Fiddler, Roger Kakepetum, Lloyd Kakepetum, Roy Kakegamic and many others.

Sports play a big part in the community. Last summer young football fans from Sandy Lake received VIP treatment when they were flown by Perimeter Aviation to Winnipeg as special guests at a Winnipeg Blue Bomber home game. After the game, the youth met some of the Bomber players, received their autographs and had group photos taken. Great time for all, bringing together northern youth and professional football.

In the winter months hockey is number one, especially in fielding teams in annual events such as the Lil' Bands Hockey Tournament that took place this winter from February 4th – 11th in Dryden. Congratulations goes to three winning teams – the Girl's B Side Championship, Novice A Side Championship and PeeWee A Side Championship.

Also, on a big winning streak is the Sandy Lake River Hawks. Congratulations goes out to them on their A-side Championship win at the 2018 Northern Bands Hockey Tournament, held March 12th – 18th in Dryden. After a long week of hockey, they took home the grand prize of \$24,000.

Something new this year, the 1<sup>ST</sup> Annual Keewaytinook Ladies Broomball Tournament was held also in Dryden in March. Organized by Sandy Lake First Nation thanks to



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the support from former Chief Bart Meekis, Ken Goodwin Jr. and newly elected Chief Delores Kakegamic, this women's-only event had 14 teams enter from northern Ontario communities ranging from 15 years old and up. The top prize of \$20,000 and team jackets went to the A-side Champions, The Nibinimik Warriors from Summer Beaver, while the B-side Champions, The Sandy Lake Attack took home \$8,000. Congratulations, to both teams. Next year's tournament is expected to be bigger.

There is no better way to end this year's winter season!



*Top: Aerial view of Sandy Lake First Nation.*

*Bottom: First Annual Keewatinook Ladies Broomball Tournament B-Side Champions, 'The Sandy Lake Attack.' Credit: Michael Christianson, Dryden Observer.*

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*By Heather Campbell  
Contact North | Contact Nord*

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Students study together in Confederation College's Apiwin Lounge.

Early Childhood Education Diploma "from her living room." "It takes a lot of discipline, but I loved it," says Simpson. Today students in Pic Mobert have support from Simpson and Contact North | Contact Nord, and a computer lab at the education centre to help pursue their education.

In Attawapiskat, students are able to participate in online employment readiness and post-secondary readiness programs from Sioux Hudson Literacy Council to bridge the gap to employment or post-secondary education. Judy Fireman, who works as a teacher's assistant at the elementary school, is able to walk over to the Contact North | Contact Nord online learning centre in her community and access a professional development course online. "I was shown how to use the free online course. It's not that hard," says Fireman. She is taking a short course about autism that will help in her work at the school.

The University of Sudbury partners with Contact North | Contact Nord to deliver online university courses in Indigenous Studies to students who reside in communities along the James Bay Coast. Currently there are ten students enrolled in a course entitled Canadian Law, Politics and Aboriginal People.

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Sandy Lake First Nation is one of the 22 fly-in First Nations involved with the Wataynikaneyp Power group that is connecting these remote communities to the provincial electrical grid. As more employment opportunities emerge in Indigenous communities across northern Ontario, the need for barrier-free training and education becomes a priority.

“We have been telling our clients, they need their Grade 12 and a Driver’s license which will lead to meaningful and higher paying jobs,” says David Fiddler, Ontario Works Administrator for Sandy Lake First Nation.

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“Broadband is continually improving in our community and is a big part of offering the online programs. Most people cannot just up and leave, they have families and responsibilities. The success of this partnership (with Contact North | Contact Nord) is in part due to the collaboration occurring and the hard work of Ontario Works staff on the ground in the community.”

The partnership between Contact North | Contact Nord and educational providers such as Sioux Hudson Literacy Council and the Indigenous communities makes it possible for residents to get the education they would otherwise have to leave the community to attend. When they are ready to pursue high school, post-secondary or professional development the support is available from Contact North | Contact Nord.

In Pikangikum First Nation the community is investing not only in the powerline but community services by supporting 16 case managers to obtain a Social Service Worker diploma online through Oshki-Pimache-O-Win, without leaving Pikangikum.

For the Lake Superior north area communities with online learning centres such as Pic Mobert, Biigtigong Nishnaabeg and Red Rock Indian Band, they are rolling out educational initiatives to also prepare for the powerline projects in their area. SuperCom Industries, a First Nation owned business that includes Fort William First Nation, Red Rock Indian Band, Pays Plat First Nation, Biigtigong Nishnaabeg, Pic Mobert First Nation and Michipicoten First Nation are building the powerline between Thunder Bay and Wawa. Education and training has been one



*Top: Judy Fireman, online student, with Stella Spence, Online Learning Recruitment Officer, Attawapiskat online learning centre, Contact North | Contact Nord.*

*Bottom: Joshane Fiddler, an online student at Sandy Lake First Nation.*



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Online Students in computer lab, Sandy Lake First Nation.

of their first priorities. Robert Starr, Program Coordinator for SuperCom Industries says they are approaching the preparation of workers by eliminating any barriers to obtaining the training and education and will bring the classroom to the student when necessary. Three of the six First Nations have Contact North | Contact Nord online learning centres in the community, while the other three receive support and services from online learning centres located in nearby communities.

As infrastructure improves in the remote communities, access to education, whether completing a college diploma, university degree or training, is all possible right in their own community. Contact North | Contact Nord continues to partner with communities in the north to provide technology, support and services to study online.



## QUALICO BRIDGE TO SUCCESS PROGRAM

### Supporting first year Indigenous student success

The Qualico Bridge to Success Program is designed to welcome and support Indigenous students as they transition into the University of Manitoba by offering pre-orientation programming, academic learning support, advising, peer-mentoring and special events that will enhance the first year experience.

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# QUALICO BRIDGE TO SUCCESS PROGRAM

## Supporting First Year Indigenous Student Success

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Every year, the University of Manitoba welcomes approximately 500 new Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit, Métis) students to its campuses.

Thanks to a donation from real estate development company Qualico, the Indigenous Student Centre has developed the Qualico Bridge to Success Program (QBTS) to better support Indigenous students in their transition into post-secondary education.

QBTS nurtures the spiritual, physical, mental and emotional strengths of Indigenous students so they can be as successful as possible in their first year of study. Benefits include pre-orientation programming, academic learning support, advising and special events.

“QBTS enhances the first year experience and allows us to provide a cost-free program with numerous benefits,” says program coordinator Carla Loewen.

One of the most popular components of QBTS is the Neechiwaken Indigenous Peer Mentor Program, where new and experienced students are paired together to engage in a reciprocal process of sharing knowledge, skills and expertise. In this peer-mentor relationship, new students are supported through

their transition into university life and experienced students are able to build on their leadership skills.

“Every day I see the positive connections and friendships being made because of the program,” says Loewen.

Program participants are also eligible to enrol in a QBTS lab section of ARTS 1110: Introduction to University, a course focused on developing new students’ writing, research and critical-thinking skills. Enrolling in the QBTS lab section gives Indigenous students the opportunity to meet their peers and practice what they are learning in the class in an intimate, supportive setting.

“The Qualico Bridge to Success Program has introduced me to the many opportunities available to me as a student to help me succeed in my education,” says Leah Marion-King a first year Ojibway student and QBTS participant.

“It’s also given me the connections needed to make new friends and the most important thing I’ve learned is that I am not alone. I’ve learned that the university has advisors, services, supports and opportunities which can help students figure out or change their career path. QBTS is a wonderful program and I’m glad I have the opportunity to be a part of it.”

The donation from Qualico supports Front and Centre, the Campaign for the University of Manitoba. This \$500-million campaign has five priorities, including Indigenous Achievement – to make Manitoba a centre of excellence for Indigenous education and research, and Outstanding Student Experience – to give all students exceptional experiences and support. QBTS is one example of the many programs the University of Manitoba administers to meet these goals.

Registration for Qualico Bridge to Success will be available from the Indigenous Student Centre’s website beginning April 1. Interested QBTS applicants are welcome to contact the Indigenous Student Centre at any stage of the admission process. Students will also be notified about this program once they have applied to the University of Manitoba.

**For more information on the Qualico Bridge to Success Program, visit [umanitoba.ca/qualicobridgetosuccess](http://umanitoba.ca/qualicobridgetosuccess).**



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# MANTOBA AND NORTHERN ONTARIO MINING IN THE NEWS

By Elle Andra-Warner

Potential for a diamond mine in northern Manitoba someday? Too early to make predictions, but Manitoba's first diamond discovery, the Lynx Diamond Project, has resulted in a landmark Exploration Agreement between the Bunibonibee Cree Nation (formerly known as Oxford House First Nation) and Altius Resources Inc. According to a news release, the agreement will "promote a cooperative and mutually respectful relationship relating to mineral exploration activities undertaken by Altius in Bunibonibee Cree Nation's territory.

The diamonds were discovered near Knee Lake, a large lake on the Hayes River downstream from the Bunibonibee Cree Nation. The community is located on the eastern shoreline of Oxford Lake at the mouth of the Hayes River and approximately 950 km (590 miles) northeast of Winnipeg. As part of the Exploration Agreement, Bunibonibee gave its consent to Altius' preliminary exploration activities related to the Lynx Project.

"We are supportive of mineral exploration in our territory if a company comes to us in a respectful way to seek our consent, and

if the exploration is done in a responsible way," said Chief Tim Muskego of the Bunibonibee Cree nation. "This agreement protects our land, water and our treaty rights and it means we will be able to continue exercising our rights."

Over in Northern Ontario, the mining sector is also making news. Here's a snapshot of some of the goings-on.

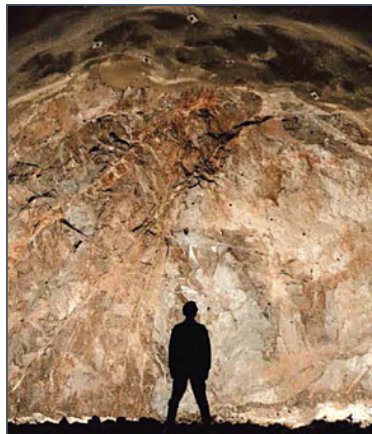
With New Gold's Rainy River gold mine now fully operational about 65 km northwest of Fort Frances, the company reports that its focus for 2018 will be on optimizing



*Development crew drilling holes on the rock face to prepare for blasting with a jumbo drill.*

throughout the mill, as well as advancing initiatives to potentially increase production. Based on New Gold's current estimates, annual gold production for the first nine years of the mine life (including 2018) should average between 275,000 to 375,000 ounces. New Gold is currently completing an update of its life-of-the-mine plan for the mine.

Treasury Metals Inc. and the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding in relation to the Company's 100%-owned Goliath Gold Project, located mid-way between Thunder Bay and Winnipeg, about 15 km east of Dryden.



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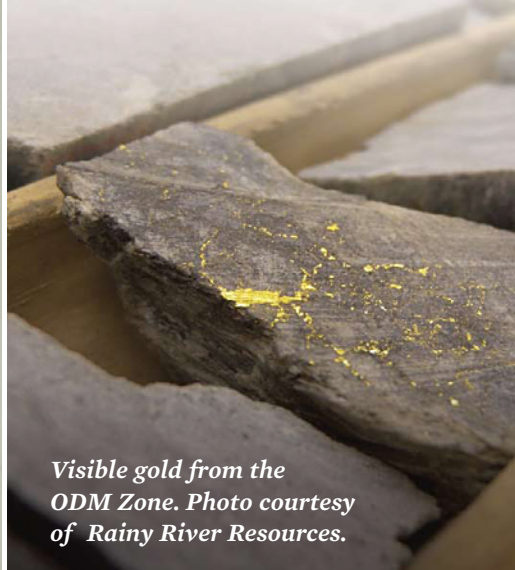
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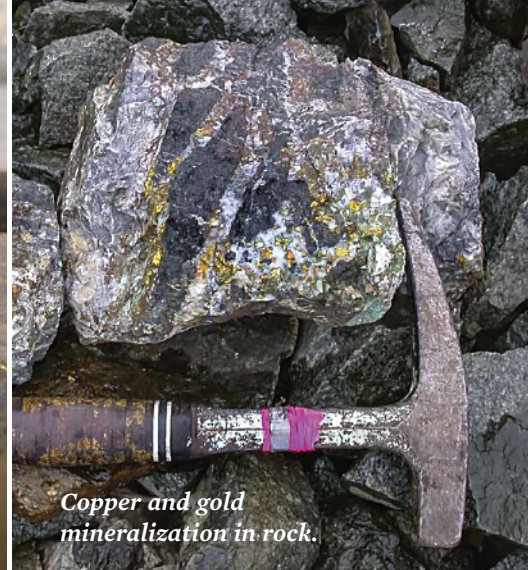
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Diamond rock sample.



Visible gold from the ODM Zone. Photo courtesy of Rainy River Resources.



Copper and gold mineralization in rock.

Goliath is slated to become one of Canada's next producing gold mines with gold production beginning in late 2020 with commercial production in late 2021. The MOU is a framework agreement with the MNO and provides the Métis Community with an opportunity to participate in the project through employment, training and business development, as well as ongoing consultation on key aspects of both the relationship and Project.

At their 100%-owned Sugar Zone property located 60 km east of the Hemlo gold mine and 25 km north of White River, Toronto-headquartered Harte Gold Corp. reports their Mineral Resource Estimate has tripled over the estimate contained in their Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA"), dated July 12, 2012. The new figures of indicated resource of 714,000 ounces of gold and inferred of 760,000

ounces. In 2017, the company spent \$69 million on mill, infrastructure and mine development, and expects to start commissioning by the beginning of 2018. According to the company's Corporate Presentation (February 2018), the Sugar Zone project is "one of the world's highest-grade gold deposits currently under construction."

Tahoe Resources Inc., which operates the Bell Creek underground gold mine and processing facility northeast of Timmins and the underground gold mine at Timmins West Mine west of Timmins, announced in February its commitment to develop a comprehensive Indigenous Peoples Policy in 2018 that will formalize and provide a framework for facilitating dialogue between Tahoe and Indigenous peoples. The company is also undertaking a review of its policies and practices to ensure alignment with the United Nations Global Compact, a worldwide initiative to encourage sustainability and socially responsible policies with stakeholders in over 170 countries.

In an update of its exploration and development plan for 2018, Thunder Bay-based Premier Gold Mine Limited has budgeted up to \$37.9 million in three milestone-based phases for the Greenstone Gold Property near Geraldton, Ontario. The first phase of \$18.1 million will support permitting, advance long-term relationship agreements with local communities,

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and begin detailed engineering in advance of a production decision. Premier holds a 50% interest in the Greenstone Gold Property (formerly Trans-Canada Property) through its participation in the Greenstone Gold Mines. Its partner, Centerra Gold Inc. holds the other 50% interest.

Ring of Fire's largest landholder Noront Resources Ltd. has announced bids for the location of its proposed \$1 billion ferrochrome production facility were received from four cities: Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, Thunder Bay and Timmins. The adjudication process is now underway with assistance from Ontario-based engineering and consulting company Hatch. A decision on site location is expected in the next three to four months.

Noront's first project in the Ring of Fire will be the Eagle's Nest Mine, a high-grade nickel-coper-platinum group element (PGE) deposit. Plans are to begin mine construction in 2020 with production slated for mid-2022. Anticipated mine-of-life is 11 years with potential for additional nine years.

In the Sudbury Basin, Vale Canada is going ahead with a \$760 million expansion at Copper Cliff Deep Project spread over four years with completion scheduled for 2020. Phase 1 development is focused on re-activating and expanding the Copper Cliff Mine

South as well as underground development to eventually access ore body approximately 1.6 km feet below surface. Full production should begin in 2020-2021.

Located near its Craig Mine and Onaping Mines, Glencore's Sudbury Integrated Nickel Operations are proceeding with its \$888 new Onaping Depth Project to construct a winze from the 1,200 metre of its Craig Mine to reach 14 million tonnes of ore 2.5 km (ultra-deep mine) below surface. Full production is expected in 2025.

Northern Ontario Heritage Fund (NOHFC) had some good news recently for four Northeastern Ontario mining suppliers. They received a total of \$700,000 for proprietary equipment development and testing projects. Receiving funds in North Bay were Drillco Mining and Exploration, \$250,000; Nordic Minesteel Technologies, \$250,000; Foraco Canada, nearly \$200,000; and in Sudbury, RDH Mining Equipment, \$200,000.

"Industry breakthroughs and new technologies like these continue to strengthen the province's position as a global leader in mining and mineral development," said in a statement Michael Gravelle, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines Minister and the chair of the NOHFC.



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## FORT FRANCES

[www.fortfranceschamber.com](http://www.fortfranceschamber.com)

### April 27

Fort Frances Business and Community Expo  
 Fort Frances Curling Club  
[www.fortfrances.com](http://www.fortfrances.com)

### May 11

Ducks Unlimited Banquet and Charity Auction  
 Fort Frances Curling Club  
[www.facebook.com/fortfrancesducksunlimited](http://www.facebook.com/fortfrancesducksunlimited)

### July 19-21

24<sup>th</sup> Annual Bass Championship  
[www.canadianbass.com](http://www.canadianbass.com)

## KENORA

[www.kenora.ca](http://www.kenora.ca)

### April 27-29

32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Home and Leisure Show  
 Kenora Recreation Centre  
[www.kenorachamber.com](http://www.kenorachamber.com)

### May 28

Super Circus Spectacular  
 Kenora Recreation Centre

### June 29 – September 1

Kenora Great War Project Exhibit  
 Lake of the Woods Museum

### August 3-5

Harbourfest  
 Whitecap Pavilion  
[www.harbourfest.ca](http://www.harbourfest.ca)

### August 9-11

Kenora Bass International  
[www.kbifishing.com](http://www.kbifishing.com)

## NORTH BAY

### April 27-20

North Bay Home Show  
 West Ferris Arena  
[www.northbayhomeshow.ca](http://www.northbayhomeshow.ca)

### May 11

Evening of Led Zeppelin  
 Michael White and The White  
 Bishop Carter Auditorium,  
 St Joseph-Scollard Hall  
 Catholic School  
[www.capitolcentre.org](http://www.capitolcentre.org)

### May 17

Welcome to Nashville  
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[www.redlake.ca](http://www.redlake.ca)

### April 14

Black Tie Banquet  
 Red Lake Heritage Museum  
[www.redlakemuseum.com](http://www.redlakemuseum.com)

### May 5

39<sup>th</sup> Annual Sportsman's  
 Dinner and Dance  
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### July 20-22

Norseman Festival  
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## SAULT STE. MARIE

### April 23-27

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### June 1-3

Lilac and Lavender Festival  
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 National Historic Site

### June 7-9

WTF Entertainment Festival  
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[www.saulttourism.com](http://www.saulttourism.com)

## SHOULS LOOKOUT

### May 10-12

Skin Deep  
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### May 11-12

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Outdoor Show  
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 (807) 737-1937  
[chamber@siouxlookout.com](mailto:chamber@siouxlookout.com)

### May 25, June 8, 22

Northwest Farmers' Market  
 Travel Information Centre  
[www.siouxlookoutfarmersmarket.com](http://www.siouxlookoutfarmersmarket.com)

### June 21

Bearskin Airlines Charity Golf Classic  
 Sioux Lookout Golf & Curling Club  
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**August 9-10**

36<sup>th</sup> Annual Home, Trade and Craft Show  
Sioux Lookout Rec Centre – Arena  
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**SUDBURY**

**April 20-21**

Northern Ontario Microbrew Festival  
Caruso Club

**April 22**

MMTS Showcase  
New Sudbury Centre  
www.modernmining.ca

**May 5**

Monster Truck Spectacular 2018  
Sudbury Arena  
www.greatersudbury.ca/tickets

**May 15**

Bell Business Excellence Awards  
Caruso Club, www.gscaward.ca

**THUNDER BAY**

**May 1**

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Thunder Bay Community Auditorium  
www.tbca.com

**May 4**

Clay Walker  
Thunder Bay Community Auditorium  
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**May 5-6**

Folklore Festival  
Fort William Gardens  
www.folklorefestival.ca

**June 2**

Waterfront Artist's Exhibition  
Sleeping Giant Parkway  
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**June 9-10**

Anishnawbe Keeshigun  
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**June 21 – November 25**

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**TIMMINS**

**April 21-22**

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McIntyre Curling Rink  
[www.northernontarioexpo.com](http://www.northernontarioexpo.com)

**April 27-29**

70<sup>th</sup> Annual Sportsman Show  
McIntyre Community Centre  
[Schumacherlions.com](http://Schumacherlions.com)

**May 4-6**

29<sup>th</sup> Timmins Home Show  
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**June 3**

Timmins Multicultural Festival  
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**June 6-7**

Canadian Mining Expo 2018  
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**June 24 – July 1**

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**WINNIPEG**

**April 9-15**

Winnipeg Comedy Festival  
Various locations  
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**April 29 – May 5**

Winnipeg Wine Festival  
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**May 13**

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**May 16-20**

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**May 25**

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[www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca)

**June 14-24**

TD Winnipeg International Jazz Festival  
[www.jazzwinnipeg.com](http://www.jazzwinnipeg.com)

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Red River Exhibition 2018  
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