

Old oil drilling site on Toundra Street in Gaspé: methane still seeping

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GASPÉ: – Only inspected three times since 2013, an old oil well is still releasing natural gas. The site is located approximately 15 metres from houses in Gaspé. Other wells are leaking in that area as well, reports environmental groups, who ask the Quebec government to stop issuing drilling licences as long as the abandoned wells are not properly closed.

The well, drilled in 1890 by Petroleum Oil Trust, is located at the end of Toundra Street in the Sandy Beach area. On June 16, Gaspesian groups *Environnement vert plus* and *Tache d'huile* invited the press to the spot where gas is bubbling to the surface of a muddy pond.

Inspectors of the Quebec Energy and Natural Resources Ministry (MERN) visited the site in 2013, 2015 and 2016. They found various problems such as methane gas detection, hydrocarbon odours, no fence around the site, contamination of the pond water and of the nearby soil.

However, the well was supposed to have been closed in 1999, at the request of the Quebec government. At that time, Foragaz, a division of Junex, poured cement in the hole and welded a steel plate on the casing before burying the well-head one meter below the surface.

In 2013 and 2015, a similar team of two inspectors visited the Toundra Street well. Both times, they reported that the Ministry's GPS coordinates and the actual location of the pond were not the same, but the well-head was indeed at the location of the pond in 1999, the inspectors validated. They asked the ministry to change its coordinates in the system.

In 2016, another inspector visited the site. He didn't mention correcting the GPS coordinates but he wrote that



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Pascal Bergeron, of Environnement vert plus, believes that the Quebec Energy and Natural Resources Ministry doesn't have enough resources to fix the problem of the abandoned oil and gas wells, like the well of the Toundra Street under his feet.

the well "has probably been drilled on the location of or beside a natural slick."

"Is the Ministry transforming the wells which haven't been properly closed into natural slicks?" asks Pascal Bergeron, of *Environnement vert plus*. "Natural slicks exist," he admits, "but a drilling creates a preferential path for oil and gas to rise to the surface and to contaminate underground water," he adds.

Engineer Jean-Yves Lavoie, president and chief executive officer of Junex, signed the closing report of the Toundra Street well in 1999. Over the last years, the company has drilled several wells in the Galt area, 20 kilometres west of Gaspé. "Can he (Mr. Lavoie) guarantee that he's able to do a better job in Galt?" asks Mr. Bergeron.

According to *Environnement vert plus*, the method for closing wells, which con-

sists of "pouring concrete in a steel pipe," doesn't work. The organization quotes a compilation made by a company, Schlumberger, and the US Mineral Management Service. Five years after the end

of extraction, 30% of the wells leak; after 30 years, 60% of the wells leak.

During a one-day tour of the Gaspé area last December, Mr. Bergeron and other activists found four other

abandoned wells that were leaking. "Does the Ministry have enough resources to inspect the 960 existing wells in the province of Quebec?" asks Mr. Bergeron, who answers "no" to his own question. "And that's the tip of the iceberg if Quebec choose the scenario of exploiting its hydrocarbons," he adds.

In the Gaspé Peninsula, there are hydrocarbons development projects in the Bourque area, between Grande-Vallée and Murdochville, in Galt and in Haldimand, Gaspé.

"None of those projects have been the subject of consultation, which includes the possibility to say no," says Nastassia Williams, spokesperson for *Tache d'huile*. "The regional population lives with the environmental impact of leaking wells and of wells which will leak in the coming decades. At the very least, they should be consulted," she adds.

Timothy Baird lives in an apartment building on Toundra Street, close to the well. "It's not a good thing, for the environment and for the people," he says. "It should be closed properly and there are several others (leaking wells)," he adds.

No progress from the Energy and Natural Resources Ministry

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GASPÉ: – "We're preparing a seven-year action plan in the field, which will be known shortly," says the spokesperson of the Quebec Energy and Natural Resources ministry (MERN), Nicolas Bégin, replying to a SPEC question about abandoned wells in general.

About the Toundra Street well, "it's located on private land, so we have to validate who is responsible for it,"

wrote Mr. Bégin in an email. "On private land, we have to obtain an authorization in order to access the well. Then an inspection of the well will take place and, if needed, the appropriate measures will be taken to correct the situation. Otherwise, we are in contact with the Quebec Environment ministry to properly assess the action to be taken."

The answers from the Ministry look like the answer given in 2013 by Gaétan Lelièvre, Gaspé Member of

the National Assembly, who was the minister responsible for the region at the time. He stated that Quebec first had to "check who bears the responsibility" for the Toundra Street well. MERN does not seem to have found an answer since then.

In 2013, Quebec was also supposed to analyze the oil leaking from the well to determine its origin. Four years later, the MERN wasn't able to answer to the SPEC question about the oil origin.

GIMXport trying to structure and organize tuna catches

Attempts made to stabilize and maximize prices

Gilles Gagné

CHANDLER – GIMXport, the Gaspé Peninsula and Magdalen Islands organization in charge of helping businesses with their commercialization and export endeavours, is taking a look at ways to improve the marketing aspects of tuna catches in the region.

GIMXport director general Gino Cyr points out that a first project took place in 2016 in order to verify how the huge fish could bring better revenues to the 53 Gaspesian and Magdalen Islands fishermen who had tuna catches last year and who are more than likely to repeat this in 2017.

“The Quebec market for red tuna is still young. At the same time, some of the fishermen arrive at the wharf with their tuna and are asking plant owners to buy it. We are trying to understand the forces driving the market,” explains Mr. Cyr.

“One of the challenges for the fishermen consists in finding a fair and somewhat relatively stable price for their catches,” he adds.

“Some parts of the fish are worth \$500 per kilogram once in Japan, and between \$80 and \$90 here,” says Gino Cyr.

Chandler lobster and tuna fisherman Steven McKinnon is one of the three fishermen who approached GIMXport last year in order to improve the situation he has experienced over the last seven years. He also points out that the price paid to the fishermen is submitted to various constraints, one being the difficulty of knowing how much the fish is worth once it leaves the country.

“We are trying to have a better value for our fish through GIMXport. For example, I remember sending seven fish to Halifax, including the fish caught by other fishermen. The first fish didn’t bring in enough money to pay the transport fees while another one brought in \$18 per pound. I have seen some fishermen receive \$2 per pound and others \$19,” explains Mr. McKinnon.

He often helped fellow fishermen in their attempts to sell their tuna fish. He has so far mainly used Halifax as the airport to send the fish to Japan, and has dealt with brokers based in Prince Edward Island and the United States. “They want to make money, of course,” he says.

“In Quebec, we are not used to trading tuna. In Japan, they will pay several hundred dol-

lars per kilogram depending on the different cuts of fish. A fish that looks good usually is valued more, like a fish with a decent amount of fat. If the demand is strong the day it is traded, a fish will bring in more,” he explains.

“You can have a beautiful fish and get a low price for it because the day you are selling it, supply is much stronger than demand. You can also think that your fish doesn’t look that good and the next thing you know, it brings in more than a beautiful fish,” points out Steven McKinnon.

Last year’s experiment was a learning experience, he adds. “We tried to develop some

markets in order to have a better price. It was a small scale operation. We sold two or three tuna fish. The preparation cost ate up the difference in profit margin. It would be different if a processing plant could set up an operation where one or two fish per day would be processed,” says Mr. McKinnon.

Officially, the tuna fishing season starts in mid-July and finishes at the end of November. However, Gaspesian fishermen must take advantage of the presence of tuna fish along their shores if they don’t want to go very far.

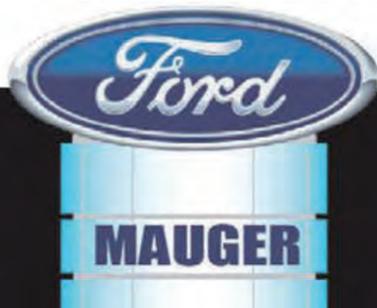
“We start in August and finish at the end of October at the

latest because there is practically no tuna in our region after mid-September. The problem now is that I haven’t seen a processing plant showing much interest for tuna process-

ing,” adds Mr. McKinnon.

Last year’s experiment was conducted with funding and organizational support from

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Port Daniel plant produces first batch of cement

Gilles Gagné

PORT DANIEL: – McInnis Cement in Port Daniel produced its first batch of cement on June 16 and will start selling before the end of the expected waiting period of 28 days, initially scheduled by the company to run laboratory tests.

Although that cement is arriving later than anticipated, McInnis Cement will significantly shorten the delay before producing and selling its cement because laboratory analysis are yielding very good results, according to company's spokesperson Maryse Tremblay.

"We should start delivering quite soon (...) In fact, that first production was supposed to go through tests for 28 days before the first sales. Through the tests performed so far, we have been able to reduce that delay (...) It is beyond our expectations," notes Ms. Tremblay.

She doesn't specify any percentage proportion of analysis already carried out or an accurate idea of what is left to do in the laboratory.

McInnis Cement first lit up its kiln during the second week of May before stopping it for adjustment and restarting it on May 25. The first clinker of that plant was then produced. Clinker is the initial result of pre-heating and heating limestone and specific other materials at 1,500 degrees. Cement is obtained after other additives are brought into the mix, which is then crushed one last time to become fine powder.

Maryse Tremblay emphasizes that besides the exploitation of the quarry, the steps preceding the production of cement "are almost all run continuously, whether it is the raw meal (first mix), the pre-heating tower or the clinker kiln."

The McInnis Cement facility has a storage capacity of 120,000 tonnes of clinker and an equal tonnage of cement. The clinker storage capacity leaves the company with some wiggle room if cement is not currently produced. Cement production will resume "very soon," says Maryse Tremblay, meaning very few days.

"The first shipment will go to Béton Provincial," she points out, referring to the large company based in Matane that has dozens of facilities in Quebec and Eastern Canada.

"It was our supplier of concrete during the construction (of the Port Daniel plant) and it is an independent firm that doesn't buy from cement producers located in Quebec. We will therefore substitute imports," says Maryse Tremblay.

Béton Provincial imports its cement from South Korea. It is unloaded at the port of Quebec City.

The establishment of McInnis Cement generated a lot of criticism coming from international firms operating cement plants in Quebec, namely CRH in Joliette, Lafarge in Saint-Constant and Ciment Québec in Saint-Basile near Quebec City. Their management teams were unhappy with the fact that public money supported McInnis Cement while the other plants were only operating at two-thirds of their capacity before and when the construction of the Port Daniel plant started in May 2014.

The financial commitment of public bodies, such as *Investissement-Québec* and the *Caisse de dépôt et de placement du Québec*, frustrated other cement producers because they judged that the situation was unfair since they had no access to those public funds.

Under the administration of three Quebec premiers (Jean

Charest, Pauline Marois and Philippe Couillard), the Quebec government made the decision to not have the *Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement* (BAPE) study the McInnis Cement project. That decision infuriated competitors, considering that the Port Daniel plant will become the largest industrial generator of greenhouse gases in Quebec, through sending in the air between 1.7 million and 1.8 million tonnes of such gases annually.

Good market conditions

Maryse Tremblay dubs the current market conditions to be "excellent." She says, "There are shortages. Some of our competitors are selling out their production. We are very confident to sell our production," she says.

The proportion of exports stemming from the Port Daniel plant's production should reach 50%. "It should be half-and-half between Canadian market and exports," points out Ms. Tremblay.

At the outset of the project, in 2012 and 2013, the former president-director general of McInnis Cement, Christian Gagnon, discussed exporting most of the plant's production. That proportion was supposed to be approximately 90%. Maryse Tremblay was not an employee of McInnis Cement at the time and notes that it would be fairer to talk about "90% of the output shipped outside Quebec."

The company's goal is to produce 2.2 million tonnes of cement annually in Port Daniel, an objective McInnis Cement should reach soon enough, "maybe within a year-and-a-half to two years," points out Maryse Tremblay.

MCINNIS CEMENT: TIMELINE OF COST INCREASES

December 2012: The project is presented to the population by McInnis Cement. The investment at the time is valued at \$750M.

January 2014: The project is officially announced, including the participation of *Investissement-Québec* (loan of \$250M and \$100M in equity) and the *Caisse de dépôt et de placement du Québec* (\$100M in equity). The construction starts in May. The investment is supposed to be \$1.025 billion.

November 2014: The cost of the project is now \$1.055 billion. The number of jobs that will be created during the exploitation of the plant is now 153, directly and indirectly. It is less than the 400 jobs announced in January.

June 2016: A Globe and Mail report reveals that there is a significant cost overrun for the Port Daniel cement plant. Quebec's Economy Minister Dominique Anglade confirms that the overrun reaches \$444M. The total cost of the venture is now \$1.5 billion. The *Caisse de dépôt et de placement du Québec* adds \$40M to the equity of the project.

August 2016: Through an additional injection of \$125M in the equity of the project, the *Caisse de dépôt et de placement du Québec* becomes the control shareholder of McInnis Cement, replacing Beaudier, now a minority shareholder. That announcement comes a week after the firing of Christian Gagnon as president of McInnis Cement.

Police report

A man from New Richmond, Martin Maldemay, aged 52, was reported missing between June 21 and June 23, after being last seen near his trailer on June 20, at a Caplan campground. He was found dead in Saint-Alphonse on the morning of June 23, by a search and rescue team that had been mobilized by the Sûreté du Québec's detachments of the Avignon and Bonaventure MRCs, after a request from family members who were worried about the state of Mr. Maldemay. The Sûreté du Québec has released no information about the cause of his death. No foul play is suspected in this case.

The Percé Rock detachment of the Sûreté du Québec conducted a drug bust on the morning of June 21 in a Grand River dwelling located on Grande Allée Street. They seized approximately 50 cannabis plants. The resident of the dwelling, a 51 year-old man, was arrested, questioned and released. He will be summoned to appear in court at a later date at the Percé court house. His identity cannot be revealed as long as he is not charged.

The June 9 to June 15 concerted police operation to curtail speeding while driving led police officers of Quebec to hand out close to 11,000 speeding tickets during that week. The operation was carried out by all police forces of Quebec, including the Sûreté du Québec. It was intended to raise awareness with regards to speeding just before the summer and the main vacation period. Other such campaigns targeting other aspects of driving, like the use of seatbelts as well as drinking and driving, will be conducted over the summer. Unfortunately, the Sûreté du Québec doesn't have regional data about that last campaign against speeding.





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Commentary

Gilles Gagné

Is the CAQ a serious contender?

The last National Assembly session, as we saw last week, was a challenge for the Liberal Party of Quebec, mainly because of ethics matters. It was also far from boring in the opposition ranks, considering that the last surveys indicate that the Coalition avenir Québec might be considered as a party in a contender position.

Some of those surveys show that the Coalition avenir Québec (CAQ) is ahead of the Parti Québécois in peoples' voting intentions. CAQ leader François Legault remains volatile, and downward awkward, in his statements sometimes.

However, he has decided to talk mainly about economics over recent months, a field in which he has more competence and credibility than in secularism, identity and citizens' charter issues, where his repeated improvisations and blunders were about to disqualify him as a potential leader of Quebec.

There remains a huge problem with François Legault and his party though, an apparent, almost hopeless, lack of substance when regional development is concerned. He has criticized wind energy heavily in the past, and keeps doing so, as if he doesn't understand the very small impact that form of electricity has had on the overall Hydro-Québec rate hikes of the last years. He also underrates the positive job creation, in rural and urban areas, that has resulted from the development of wind power.

Moreover, Mr. Legault seems unable to gather that sometimes, in order to develop innovation, wind energy is a field where there is plenty of room for that. It takes time before reaching the results initially set. Such patience can also be called vision. The CAQ leader seems to miss out on that notion.

What is most disconcerting with his position is the lack of solutions and imaginative shortcomings with regards to regional stakes. He criticizes, for sure, but fails to suggest new ways of doing things. No wonder why the CAQ organization is non-existent east of Quebec City.

If he doesn't correct that weakness, he will probably fail in his attempt to win the October 2018 Quebec election. Some parties have proven in the past that election waves can sweep a high number of constituencies, like the Bloc Québécois of Lucien Bouchard in 1993 and the NDP of Jack Layton in 2011, but that was at the federal level. Quebecers

are more inclined to take risks in such elections. Quebec elections are different.

Since his October win at the Parti Québécois leadership race, Jean-François Lisée has experienced more hard times than honeymoon intervals. He won that race, despite the lead position, his main opponent, Alexandre Cloutier, held during the summer. Mr. Lisée is a formidable strategist but so far in the first eight months of leadership, he has failed on many aspects, including putting too much emphasis on identity issues and on the ill-fated potential electoral alliance with Québec solidaire.

Due to his professor demeanor, Mr. Lisée is often considered too pretentious to reach a large portion of the electorate. However, he possesses a solid grasp on a wide range of subjects and it would be premature to rule his party out for the next pole. He has a better understanding of regional development than François Legault and that particularity might play a big role as we get nearer to the election. Mr. Lisée is used to making comebacks, while Mr. Legault's party, like its semi-ancestor, Action démocratique du Québec, has a tendency to lose momentum before voting time.

As for Québec solidaire, the party has three solid leaders in Amir Khadir, Manon Massé and recently elected Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois. They all represent urban ridings but when they come to regions like the Gaspé Peninsula, they make sure to get in tune with rural stakes.

However, that sovereigntist party is formed mainly by a coalition of movements not always in agreement with the separation of Quebec. They are left-wing movements first and foremost. They seem to have a problem focussing on the same goals and that will affect that party and keep it marginal as long as better alignment is not reached.

with the widespread use of fertilizers which allows for up to three annual hay crops -- the first of which are now cut in the middle of the nesting season -- destroying the nests, eggs or young. This has resulted in the extirpation of the species throughout most of its former breeding range.



Here on the Gaspé, however, there is hope. Typically there is only one harvest, and if the hay cutting can be put off until mid-August, the birds can successfully raise their brood. Many local farmers don't even need or use the hay, so delaying until mid August would not even be an inconvenience. But such courtesy could mean the survival of this species, whose delightful song, often sung in flight, would be sorely missed by generations to come.

Please do your part by sharing this information with farmer friends -- reminding them, too, that the entire diet of Bobolinks consists of harmful, plant-eating insects.

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Letters to the Editor

A Plea for Bobolinks. Bobolinks (Goglu des prés, in French) need your help! One of the loveliest and most iconic birds of rural North America is disappearing -- and its extinction, especially in Canada, is totally preventable.

Bobolinks travel all the way from southern South America each summer to nest in grassy meadows along the northern tier of the U.S., and in southern Canada. The Gaspé Peninsula is one of their most northern outposts, and it is here that they are making a final stand.

They nest on the ground, typically in hayfields. They were once abundant throughout their breeding range, but that has changed with modern agricultural practices. Warmer climates in combination

I just wanted to comment on Diane Skinner's column in the Spec. It is always informative and very enjoyable to read. The rhubarb recipe is delicious. Everyone needs to try it. Thank you, Diane, for your excellent contribution to the Spec. A truly talented Gaspésian....keep up the great work.

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Great event for a great cause

Thierry Haroun

GASPÉ: - The tenth edition of Gaspé Relay For Life was a success once again by collecting no less than \$137,650. Held on June 17, thanks to more than 400 participants through 40 teams, 100 volunteers and the governing board formed of a dozen people made it all possible, explains Honorary President, Éric Leblanc. "We're so thankful to all. It's such a great cause. The money collected will be used for research and so forth. The amount raised is impressive even though it's not a record," he told Spec. To the benefit of the Canadian Cancer Society, these events, organized across the country, bring together teams of family, friends and colleagues to celebrate cancer survivors, remember those we've lost and commit to raising funds to fight all types of cancer. Relay For Life is a community of people fighting back against cancer. For further information, visit relayforlife.ca

TUNA: 1,000 pounds. Such a big fish can bring in \$20,000 to the fisherman under the right conditions.

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Quebec's Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAPAQ), Merinov, a related body developing innovation and Grand River's Fisheries School.

"The funding of this year's project is not settled yet. We are waiting for answers," says Gino Cyr.

He thinks that E. Gagnon et Fils in Sainte-Thérèse-de-Gaspé, owned by the Sheehan family, neighbouring Lelièvre, Lelièvre et Lemoignan and a company from Rivière-au-Renard called Menu-mer could show real interest in processing tuna.

"Our role is to bring those interested people to the same table. That product, tuna fish, has a good potential for the processing plants' diversification. It is a chain, starting with catching the fish, treating it on the boat (gutting it), processing it in the plant and transporting it to the markets. It is very strict, considering the importance of a fresh product," says Gino Cyr.

Tuna can weigh close to

Bill Sheehan, of the E. Gagnon et Fils crab and lobster processing plant in Sainte-Thérèse-de-Gaspé, says that the company is still interested in processing tuna fish in 2017, like last year.

"We are not talking about big volumes. We process it to accommodate the fishermen. It adds to our range of products. We send the fish to Quebec City and Montreal. The quotas will increase before long and it is a beautiful product. A fish weighing 400, 500, 600 or 700 pounds is spectacular. It becomes an attraction. It doesn't cost anything in a way because our plant is still open when tuna fishing kicks off," says Mr. Sheehan.

The 2017 quota will remain the same as last year's volume. Three provinces, Quebec, New Brunswick and Newfoundland share 113 tonnes this year, which corresponds to 25% of the Canadian quota. Nova Scotian fishermen get 45% of 452 tonne quota, while PEI gets 30%.

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It could be a record tourist season for Gaspé

Thierry Haroun

GASPÉ: Olivier Nolleau, executive director of the Gaspé Chamber of Commerce, told Spec at the season's launch event held at the Haldimand Beach Building on June 21, that he believes the Greater Gaspé area is heading for a record tourism season.

"The latest information we received from representatives of the industry in our area show that May and June have been exceptional. Some have even told us that during these two months numbers are double compared to last year. We also learned that everything is booked in terms of lodging for the months of July and August. That's great news given that last year we had a hike of 36% in August at our Tourism Information Office compared to the year before and a hike of 18.5% for September," said Olivier Nolleau.

In terms of objectives for this year, he pointed out that "we always want to do better and everyone is pulling together. A collective effort that bears fruit given that last year, for instance, visitors



Photo: T. Haroun

Olivier Nolleau, executive director of the Gaspé Chamber of Commerce

came two weeks before as usual in great number for July, starting at the beginning of July. For years, visitors used to come in large numbers during the start of the construction holiday (mid-July). In terms of objectives, we also intend to stretch the

tourism season more and more into the fall. We've been putting efforts in that direction and results have been showing. It's a beautiful season, the temperature is great, the colourful trees. There are more visitors from Europe and we see more young cou-

ples without children."

New items

Coming back to the summer tourism season launch that took place at Haldimand Beach, the event was an occasion for a variety of businesses and organizations to present their new services. "For instance, there's a new boutique at the Haldimand Beach building called ÉcoRécro which rents canoes and all sorts of bicycles (fat bikes, electric bikes, etc).

The Manoir Le Bouthillier has an exhibition on cod fishing and its history. There's also a new music fest in Petit-Cap and the Festival Musique du Bout du Monde that will take place August 10 to 13 will have all sorts of shows, but there's something really special this year," explains the executive director of the Festival, Stéphane Brochu. "We will offer Yoga on Haldimand Beach and Yoga on the terrasse of the Chamber of commerce building."

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Cynthia Dow

So it's the 150th anniversary of Confederation! While I love my country, I know this anniversary is fraught with ambivalence for those whose ancestors were here long before Europeans arrived on these shores, and those whose ancestors laid down the roots of New France, and those who have recently arrived but -- despite our international reputation for having open arms -- have not been made to feel entirely wanted or accepted.

I still think it's time to celebrate all those things that HAVE made and DO make this country the best place in the world to live. I have travelled

overseas often enough to convince me that we ARE living in the best country in the world, with the potential, if we can just get our act together, to be even greater than the sum of our diverse parts.

So here I go, naming at least 150 things I love about Canada and living here, not necessarily in order of importance, except for the top ten. Some need no explanation, for others I have added a bit of detail. Why not make your own list, and share it on Facebook, with your friends and family, with us here at SPEC? And perhaps part of celebrating our country could be promising never, ever to take all our many blessings for granted...

1. Our name: CANADA means "village" in Iroquoian
2. The flag: a leaf! Not a coat-of-arms, a sword, a castle, or a cross. Something everyone can relate to
3. Multi-culturalism
4. Bilingualism
5. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which shows us the way to develop a new relationship with indigenous peoples across the land
6. Indigenous cultures, every blessed one of 'em!
7. French Canadian cultures, from Coast to Coast to Coast
8. David Suzuki
9. Terry Fox
10. Lucy Maud Montgomery
11. Dr Gabor Maté, a Holocaust survivor and world-renowned expert in addictions, ADHD and stress.
12. Stephen Lewis
13. General Romeo Dallaire
14. Chris Hadfield
15. The Bare-Naked Ladies
16. The Tragically Hip
17. The Guess Who
18. Bryan Adams
19. The late lamented Richard Adams, salmon fishing guide extraordinaire.
20. Mistahi-maskwa also known as Big Bear, Cree Plains Chief who stood up for his people against the signing of Treaty Six
21. Chief Dan George
22. Richard Wagamese, Ojibway author
23. Jack Layton
24. Lester B Pearson, our Prime Minister who created international peace-keeping
25. Peacekeepers: Blessings for all they have done over the years!
26. Jann Arden
27. Margaret Laurence, my favourite book being "The Stone Angel"
28. Margaret Atwood, my favourite book being her first: "Surfacing"
29. Thomson Highway, Cree playwright, author and songwriter
30. René Levesque
31. Rita Joe, Mi'gmaq poet laureat
32. Rita MacNeil, Cape Breton's songbird
33. Percé Rock
34. Other ancient rocks, sticking out of the Canadian Shield everywhere!
35. Mount Arundle
36. ...and all the Rockies!

37. VIA Rail and the cross-Canada train ride I took in 1986: stunning!
38. Newfoundland -- every blessed inch of it!
39. And Newfies, every blessed one of 'em!
40. Prospect, Nova Scotia
41. My land, looking over the Baie des Chaleurs
42. The Baie des Chaleurs
43. Lake Superior
44. Gampo Abbey in Cape Breton
45. Notre Dame Cathedral, Montreal
46. Lunenburg, Nova Scotia
47. Dr Norman Bethune
48. Caribou moss
49. The pitcher plant
50. Canada Jay
51. Chickadees
52. Birds of prey: eagles, osprey, hawks
53. Stan Rogers
54. Buffy Saint-Marie
55. Azariah Pritchard, a real-life spy who settled in New Richmond after the American War of Independence
56. Mary Secord Beebe, my ancestress who settled as a Loyalist in New Carlisle after several years living as a refugee in a tent in Yamachiche.
57. Canadian Museum of Civilization, created by Indigenous architect Richard Cardinal. (I REFUSE to call it the Canadian Museum of History!)
58. Totem poles
59. Emily Carr, not only for her amazing paintings, but for her writings and her love of aboriginal people and their art
60. Tom Thompson
61. The Group of Seven
62. Paterson Ewen, Canadian multi-media artist
63. Alex Colfield, NS painter
64. Apple blossom season in the Annapolis Valley
65. Jost vineyards in Malagash, Nova Scotia
66. Qu'appelle River Valley, Saskatchewan
67. Our education system: although it should be FREE from day care to university, we do a pretty good job of giving people the basics.
68. The RCMP Musical Ride
69. "A Horse Named Farmer"
70. Drumheller, Alberta
71. Dinosaur National Park



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150 REASONS WHY I LOVE CANADA

72. That little diner on the way to PEI in the middle of nowhere whose name I forget but where they make the BEST home-made baked goods ever!!!
73. The Village Café, downtown St Jules, also with AMAZING home-baked bread and sweets
74. Gaspesians, every blessed one of 'em
75. Pierre Elliott Trudeau, in particular for pirouetting behind the Queen!
76. Joe Clarke, the last kind Conservative?
77. Parlee Beach, NB
78. Antigonish, NS
79. Cape Breton, every inch of it!
80. Freeman Patterson, NB photographer
81. Veterans, especially former POWs
82. "Notre pays, ce n'est pas un pays, c'est l'hiver"
83. Beau Dommage
84. Édith Butler
85. Don Messer's Jubilee (I'm really dating myself there!)
86. The Rankin Family
87. Loreena McKinnett
88. Johnny Reid
89. Joanie Mitchell
90. Leonard Cohen
91. E. Pauline Johnson
92. Louis Riel, leader of the Métis Nation and, in his own way, a Father of Confederation
93. The memory of a dozen horses galloping over a rise on the prairies, right towards me!
94. Banff and Lake Louise
95. Trees, trees and more trees!
96. Especially cedar trees.
97. So much fresh water! Aren't we blessed! Rivers, streams, lakes, ponds...
98. That first day of spring when you can smell the trees again
99. Montreal
100. The Parliament Buildings
101. The Ottawa Tulip Festival
102. Gaspé Bay
103. The Cascapedia River
104. Loon Lake
105. Loons
106. "Loonies and Toonies"
107. Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms (if only we lived up to it all the time!)
108. Ian Millar, equestrian extraordinaire
109. The Canadian horse
110. Moose, as long as they're not on the road!
111. Deer, as long as they're not on the road!
112. Wild strawberries and blueberries
113. Roy Bonisteel and the CBC TV program "Man Alive"
114. East Coast Music
115. k d lang
116. Honorary Canadian Citizens: in particular His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Nelson Mandela, and Malala Yousafzai
117. Alanis Obomsawin, Indigenous film-maker
118. Daniel Paul, Mi'gmaq historian
119. Noel Knockwood, first Mi'gmaq elder who made me realize that anthropology was not the only way to look at indigenous history in this country
120. The legends of Glooscap
121. La Belle Gaspésie! Terrestrial paradise...
122. Charlottetown, cutest little town ever.
123. Beavers! I enjoyed the little family that moved in across the river from me, but they were sadly removed as they kept bringing trees down across the road!
124. Bears: from a safe distance!
125. Sliding down a long hill and having to roll off at the bottom to miss crashing into a barbed-wire fence!
126. Our sexy, handsome young Prime Minister
127. Our amazing figure skaters, in particular Elvis Stojko
128. Montreal's Jazz Festival
129. Lunenburg's Folk Harbour Festival
130. New Richmond's Bluegrass Festival!
131. Canoes
132. Salmon: beautiful, big, strong and delicious!
133. Rhubarb patches gone wild, indicating where old homesteads used to be
134. The McIntosh apple
135. Maple syrup, the darker the better!
136. Old Québec, a little touch of Europe on this side of the "pond"
137. Redwood trees that are big enough to build a house in!
138. Our somewhat battered but still-the-envy-of-the-world health care system
139. PEI potatoes! Especially red potatoes
140. Stompin' Tom's hockey song
141. The Stanley Cup
142. The Grey Cup
143. Muskoka chairs
144. The beach stretching from Corner of the Beach to Barachois, my favourite in all the world!
145. Gannets
146. Our international athletes who make me so proud every time they compete – whether they win or lose
147. Colm Feore
148. Best film ever: "Starbuck" (aka Delivery Man) by Québec film director Ken Scott. The original version is WAY better than the Hollywood remake
149. Patrick Huard
150. The Stratford Festival



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I am so proud to be celebrating Canada Day with the people of the Gaspé. This year is an extra special birthday for our country as we celebrate Canada 150! Let's take time to celebrate and reflect on the tremendous contributions Canadians have made throughout our history to make Canada what it is today.

I wish you a wonderful day of celebrations!



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CANADA DAY

Quiz, eh!

- Diane Skinner Flowers

Canada Day is the national day of celebration for our country. It is celebrated every July 1st to recognize the signing and enactment of the British North America Act in 1867. It was 150 years ago that Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and what was then called Upper and Lower Canada united to be called collectively Canada. Try this quiz to see how knowledgeable you are about your country.

1. Who was the first Prime Minister of Canada?
2. What animal is on the quarter?
3. What is the highest mountain in Canada?
4. How many time zones are in Canada?
5. Who was the first French Canadian Prime Minister?
6. What rodent has been described as having a "greater impact on the history and exploration of Canada" than any other animal?
7. What was the safe movement of American slaves to freedom in Canada called?
8. What oceans border Canada?
9. Which province is smallest in land size?
10. In what industry do most Canadians work?
11. What is Canada's system of government called?
12. In what year did Canada enter into a free trade agreement with the U.S.?
13. What does the word Inuit mean?
14. In what year was Employment Insurance introduced?
15. How many provinces in Canada? Name them.
16. How many territories in Canada? Name them.
17. How many countries border Canada?
18. What is the trophy called for the winner of the CFL? What is the trophy called for the winner of the NHL?
19. Who is the only Canadian man to be named Sexiest Man Alive by People magazine?
20. Which province is the only officially-bilingual province?

"Let us be French, let us be English, but most importantly let us be Canadian."

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Translating the beauty

THE ART OF NORMAND DESJARDINS

Normand Desjardins is a graduate of l'École des Beaux Arts, Montreal, and from McGill University specializing in art education. He uses the mediums of photography, graphic drawing, painting and sculpture. Normand has documented the Gaspé coast through his art for over 30 years. His style varies from high realism to semi-figurative. His works have sold nationally as well as internationally.

Diane Skinner

Art speaks to us what words cannot. The astonishing beauty of the Gaspé Peninsula provides an inspiring environment for artists. The artist sees the world and “translates” it for us with paint or wood or glass or stone. This is an 8-week series that will introduce you to some of the many Artists of the Gaspé.

Normand Desjardins is a Renaissance man, a person who is very skilled at a variety of things. His passions include art, the importance of knowing and preserving our history, music, photography, teaching and writing. Normand possesses the perfect ‘trifecta’ of fine art abilities in visual arts, music and drama.

Normand Desjardins was born in Montreal and lived, studied and worked there, achieving a degree in Fine Art (sculpture) from UQAM. Then he completed his B.ED. from McGill University. He visited most major art galleries across Canada, U.S.A. and Europe and had his first solo exhibition in Rosemere, Quebec, at the Galerie Verte.

In 1978, he settled on the Gaspé coast where he began his teaching career in his areas



Photo: Judy Collins

Gaspesian artist Normand Desjardins translates the beauty he sees around us.

of interest and expertise, namely visual arts, music and drama. He says that teaching allowed him to observe young children and their refreshing naiveté. Normand, who has training in classical guitar and flute, was director of the local church choir, school choir and a junior high school musical ensemble. He has worked in stage design.

He says that he never wishes to be labelled as a certain type of artist because labels can be limiting. The art

pieces that are on display in his home reflect his wide range of abilities. He uses the mediums of photography, graphic drawing, painting and sculpture. He also enjoys “assemblage.” He visits the beach and searches for interesting natural objects, in wood or stone and creates temporary artistic sculptures.

Water is Life

Thoughtful and introspective about his art, he is inspired by the beauty of the Gaspé. He states, “My inspiration is closely connected to our land, forest and sea, not merely as physical elements surrounding us but more as spiritual forces to be in harmony with.” One of Normand’s series of works painted on Gaspesian shells is exquisite in beauty and fine detail. Why shells? “Shells have a long history, as ornaments, tools, currency and religious baptismal symbols. They bear life in the coldest depths.” A large painting of three shells (A trinity is a common theme in his work) appears to be rising from the water. Normand adds, “May the onlooker be motivated into finding his/her treasure – most often found in his/her own surroundings.”

Some of Normand’s pieces are whimsical. A painting called, *Sous la glace*, depicts two worlds: the fishermen standing on top of the ice and then the colourful and vibrant world of the fish which live underneath the ice.

Normand researched shells extensively and this helped

him to understand their complexity and beauty.

Preserving the Past

Normand is a keen observer who appreciates the history of the Gaspé and has been an involved community member to help preserve that past. His work was on display at the historic Judge Thompson House, New Carlisle, from 1985 to 2006. He has a great passion for history and traditional architecture. He and his wife Judy have restored four vintage homes and he was a founding member and president of Heritage New Carlisle from 2000 – 2010. This was a labour of love, which started when Normand and Judy were shocked to see that the historic Kempfer House was about to be demolished. This huge undertaking demonstrates their love and appreciation for our Gaspesian past and our responsibility to preserve it for future generations. The success of the Kempfer House restoration is, Normand states, “A story of the determination of a few citizens and the positive impact it continues to have on the town’s identity. In life, anything is possible if we really believe in it.”

Normand feels very passionate about the loss of the railway on the Gaspé and its negative impact on us as a society. Some of his paintings depict the trains in all their splendid beauty. Normand feels that this is an important role of the artist. That is, to document what we have ... and what we have lost. Normand’s painting of a fisherman fileting a fish on a block table is a moment in history.

A large painting entitled *Passage*, depicts three icons of the Gaspesian landscape: a lighthouse, a wharf and a church steeple. He says that the common thread is that all three are in peril on the Gaspé.

Passion

Normand says, “Passion is what gets the job done.” His creative process seems to be part of his daily life. He takes a small sketching book with him and when waiting for an appointment, he is creating designs and drawings. This sketchbook itself is a thing of astounding beauty. His grand-

father was a sculptor for the church, primarily, his father was a tailor, and his mother a seamstress. He attended Dawson College in the 1970s which he says greatly influenced his approach to artistic and creative endeavours. He gives credit to some excellent teachers, and in particular Professor David Lowe.

Normand believes that every Gaspesian should visit our local museums and he recently visited Musée de Gaspé. There is an excellent special exhibit that he recently visited there about the Mi’gmaq language. He feels it is one not to be missed.

Normand Desjardins – painter, academic, sculptor, photographer, musician, teacher, historian, writer, father, husband, fan of the Gaspé and its people and community supporter. Perhaps the term Renaissance man is indeed an appropriate one for Normand Desjardins. His art cannot be labelled or summed up in a word or two. As he says, “I am influenced by the Coast – its history, geography and its people.” Normand translates the beauty around us.



Photo: N. Desjardins

Shell painting,
Treasures of the Sea series.

Normand Desjardins is a true Gaspesian treasure. If you want to purchase authentic art from the Gaspé have a look at Normand’s work. Prints of sketches start at \$5 as do packages of four cards with envelopes, original watercolours framed or unframed start at \$50, acrylic paintings of larger dimensions are generally between \$200 to \$1200, original designed, painted shells go for between \$15 and \$125. If you wish to see/purchase a piece of art, you can contact Normand at Tel: 418-534-5707 or normdesja@hotmail.com

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Photo: N. Desjardins

In Passing, acrylic painting, 24” by 36”.

Spec develops plan to combat deficit

Gilles Gagné

NEW CARLISLE: – During the June 20 annual general meeting of Sea-Coast Publications Incorporated, a non-profit organization, which publishes The Gaspé Spec, board president Roger Wise praised the work of Publisher Penny MacWhirter and Office Manager Joan Imhoff

“It is not easy for them juggling a dwindling income against rising costs and for those of you who do not visit the office nor realize what it takes to produce a newspaper, I can assure you that they are doing a fantastic job in an ever more difficult situation. We must also thank the volunteers without whom the paper would cease to function,” he said.

Mr. Wise added that the paper is “now fully online and I hope you will agree with me that the outcome is a thoroughly professional and pleasing result.”

He talked a bit about his worry regarding the deficit of the paper. “I do not want to get into the finances of the paper. Suffice it to say that they are not especially healthy in the long term. In layman’s terms, we are losing about \$500 dollars every print week. This will not prevent us from publishing an excellent weekly while we can and I end with saying that I believe SPEC gets better all the time with more local stories while still discussing the bigger issues which I hope you all find interesting and entertaining.”

Sea-Coast Publications Incorporated declared a loss of \$26,261 for the financial year that ended on March 31, 2017. It compares to a loss of \$30,493 a year ago.

The main source of revenue, advertising, brought in \$115,739 compared to \$116,284 the previous year. It is a slight decrease of \$545 referred to as “stable” by accountant, Louis Sexton, who prepared the statement of earnings and expenses of the paper.

The tourist guide revenues fell slightly between 2015-2016 and 2016-2017, from \$20,218 to \$19,334, an \$884 drop that was almost equally compensated by a drop in the expenses attached to the production of the document. Those expenses went from \$8,862 to \$8,040, a difference of \$822.

Subscription revenues fell from \$71,560 to \$64,896 between 2015-2016 and 2016-



Photo: G. Gagné

The president of Sea-Coast Publications Inc., Roger Wise, directors Elaine Sexton, Maria Chatterton (secretary), Nikki Hayes and Ray Venables (treasurer) are board members of The Gaspé Spec. Directors Sharon Howell, Patricia Sainte-Croix-Annett and Hayden Sams are missing in the photo.

2017. It is a \$6,664 drop. Counter sales rose, from \$11,852 to \$12,752 between the two years.

Grants mainly explain the higher revenues of 2016-2017 compared to the previous year. This includes employment grants totalling \$18,985. Another grant totalling \$6,447 allowed Spec to revamp their website. The two grants totalled \$25,432 and were not present in 2015-2016.

The recovery of bad debts brought in \$1,329 in 2016-2017, compared to zero the previous year. Interest earned reached \$3,861 in 2016-2017, compared to \$198 in 2015-2016.

Most of the expenses remained about the same between 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. Salaries were up to \$146,285 compared to \$139,586 but that situation was essentially attributable to the hiring of two summer students through the Canada Summer Jobs program and a temporary employee funded through the *Subvention Salariale* program.

In reality, “The salaries reached about \$126,000, so they were in fact down from last year,” pointed out Louis Sexton.

The second and third most costly expenses were reduced a bit. Printing fees went from \$64,235 to \$63,206 while the postage of the newspaper was cut from \$51,661 to \$50,675.

The amounts paid to freelance reporters increased from \$17,320 in 2015-2016 to \$20,700. This was due to having additional freelance reporters, enabling The Gaspé Spec to cover a greater part of

the Coast and offer a greater variety of reading material.

Publicity and promotion amounted to \$1,564 in 2015-2016 and that sum was reduced to \$150 this year.

On the balance sheet, the accumulated surplus of the Spec at the beginning of the 2016-2017 year which was \$149,742, was reduced to \$123,481, due to the deficit of \$26,261. Total assets, including fixed assets now stand at \$145,612. It was \$171,144 a year ago.

Spec Publisher Penny MacWhirter mentioned, however, that management is not standing still.

“Spec’s action plan for the 2016-2017 year mostly concentrated on increasing revenue and developing items in the paper that would “hook” readers and keep them coming back for more.

In regards to increasing revenue, our new website was a key item. It has started generating income through subscriptions and ads and we can

only hope that continues. We will continue to encourage reader participation through the website,” she stated.

“Increasing the places where Spec is sold is another key component and will be part of an upcoming visibility campaign.”

Spec will soon be launching coinciding visibility and publicity campaigns with the ultimate goal of increasing both readership and advertising revenue. “We would like every Gaspesian household to become familiar with Spec. I’m positive, given the chance to get to know us (Spec) that Gaspesians who are not already familiar with Spec, would soon realize that Spec has a lot to offer and is truly a valuable product,” adds Ms. MacWhirter.

As far as “hooking” readers, we’ve had quite a few interesting new segments in the paper. Wendy Dawson’s “Made In” and Diane Skinner’s “Reflections” were quite a hit among readers. An increase in freelance reporters and covering a greater area in terms of where items come from has also helped,” she added.

“You can look forward to some new features starting this week and many more in the coming year, including later in the year a “citizen of the month series,” she also mentioned.

“The Build” to take part in Canada Day activities in New Carlisle

Jasper Court

NEW CARLISLE: - On July 1, Project Coastline will be collaborating with CASA's "The Build" project to take part in the Canada Day events in New Carlisle.

Project Coastline is a youth engagement project to celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary of the Confederation through the discovery of our marine heritage. Project Coastline comprises exciting and engaging activities designed and delivered by youth. With the assistance of "The Build" a local student-aided project which constructed two sailboats in the past year, we plan to make this Canada Day special by honouring our coastal region.

Both of the student-constructed sailboats will be entered in the Canada Day parade in New Carlisle with activities following on the beach such as fishing and sailing until 4:00



On July 1st, “The Build” project will take part in the Canada Day events in New Carlisle.

pm. We are incredibly proud to be celebrating Canada 150 and we look forward to seeing you all there!

Jasper Court lives in Es-cuminac. He was involved in “The Build” project over the last years. He was part of both

builds. Also, he has a summer position with Canadian Wildlife Federation in partnership with CASA. His position is called outdoor conservation educator. On the picture, he appears on the right, the last one in the row.

CANADA DAY FESTIVITIES NEW CARLISLE

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Music (BOC)

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Announcements...



Birth



CAMPBELL: Olivia Mabel

Proud parents, Colin Campbell and Natalie Hardy, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Mabel Campbell. Born on May 5 at 8:08 p.m., Olivia weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and measured 52 centimeters in length. She is the second child for the New Richmond couple. Big brother Caleb, as well as grandparents, Harry and Sheila (Firlotte) Campbell and Delilah (Williams) Hardy, are tickled pink with the family's new arrival.



Obituaries



BENWELL: Beatrice (Chapados)

Beloved mother, Beatrice Benwell (Chapados), passed away on May 7, 2017 at the age of 68. She was born, raised and lived a large portion of her adult life on the Gaspé Coast. At the time of her passing, she leaves three children: Marcel (Janice), Linda (Wade),

Gerry (Carmen); nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild; siblings: Laurette (Romeo), Jack, Christine, Johnny (Nathalie); and several nephews and nieces.

*You never said I'm leaving,
You never said goodbye,
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still.
In our hearts we hold a place
That only you can fill.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
A part of us went with you,
The day God took you home.*

BOYLE: Henry

Passed away at home on June 16 2017, at the age of 83, Mr. Henry Boyle, husband of Mrs. Janice Touzel, from Belle-Anse.

The family received condolences at the Valère Fortin funeral home in Gaspé, located at: 86, rue Jacques-Cartier, on Wednesday, June 21, from 7 p.m to 9 p.m.

He leaves behind his wife Mrs. Janice Touzel, his son Wade, daughter Gail, six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, four brothers, five sisters, his nephews and nieces and a lot of friends

In lieu of flowers a donation may be made to the Cancer Society of Gaspé.



In Memory

DAY: Randy and Ricky

September 17, 1959- July 3, 1976

DAY: Steven

February 26, 1962 -July 3, 1976

In loving memory of our three brothers who were killed in a car accident on July 3, 1976.

*Sweet memories grow like flowers,
But never wither and die.
They bloom and grow ever stronger
With each year that passes by.
They're made of precious moments
And gathered like bouquets,
To be tenderly remembered
and brighten somber days.
They turn into priceless treasures
More prized than jewels and art,
Safe from time and tarnish,
Stored forever in our hearts.*

Sadly missed and never forgotten, sisters Sandra and Shirley.

Thank You

On behalf of the Chapados and Benwell families, we would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards and support in our time of sorrow.



RICHARD: Len

December 13, 1926 - June 28, 2016

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COAST ROUND-UP

WAKEHAM:

Advance Notice

Wakeham ACW will be holding its annual summer sale on **Saturday, July 8**. The sale will be held at York River Community Hall with doors opening at 2 p.m. We will have a bake table, handicraft table, mystery parcels, white elephant table and items to buy tickets on. Hope to see you there!

YORK:

Summer Tea and Sale

The York ACW will holding its summer tea and sale on **Saturday, July 15**, at 2 p.m. in the York River Community Hall. There will be baked goods, handicrafts, mystery parcels, white elephant and afternoon tea (\$5). Hope to see you there.

YORK:

Senior Summer Activities

Sunday, July 9: Annual Picnic in Forillon Park starting at 11 a.m. (exact location to be announced). Bring your picnic lunch and your favourite outdoor game(s).
Friday, July 28: Annual Seniors' Day as part of the Pioneer Days Festival at Camp Fort Haldimand. All members (50 and over) of the greater Gaspé Community are welcome to our free day of games, activities, lunch, bingo and finishing with music.

YORK:

Canada's 150 Celebrations

The York River Seniors' Club will be taking part in at least four different events this summer at O'Hara's Point as part of Canada's 150 Celebrations. **July 1** - Canada Day celebrations, **July 22** - Band Day, **July 30** - Fiddle Gala and **September 4** - Annual Corn Boil.

BARACHOIS:

Bingo

The next bingos at the Barachois Recreation Center will be **Friday, July 6 and July 21** at 7 p.m. More than \$500 to be won.

BARACHOIS:

Yoga

Yoga will be held at the Barachois Recreation Centre at 10 a.m. every Friday morning until August 12, \$10 drop in, or a book of 6 lessons for \$55.

BARACHOIS:

Legion Branch 261 Upcoming Events

Every Monday: The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 261, will be having a bingo at 7 p.m. at the Legion. Everyone welcome!

Saturday, July 1: Canada Day Activity - car parade at 11 a.m. and returning to Legion for free hotdogs, cake and pop. All are welcome. Starting at 8 p.m. entertainment with Nash Stanley, Donation \$5.

COIN DU BANC:

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Soon Open: The Corner of the

Beach Cultural Museum will be open daily (except Mondays) during July and August from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, July 20: Jordan Duguay Concert starting at 8 p.m.
Each Wednesday in July from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. there will be a series of lectures on various topics: **July 5** - Visual Arts - The following artists will be speaking about their work and exhibiting some of their paintings: Linda Droudy, Cornelia Karkosa, Margo Merette, Arnold Flynn, Francine Laberge and Mourad Fouad; **July 12** - Working in the Far North; **July 19** - Crafters; **July 26** - Authors. Anyone wishing to take part in this series, please email shirleyboyle@gmail.com

COIN DU BANC:

Important Notice

Notice to anyone who has family buried in St. Luke's Cemetery at Coin du Banc. The cost for cutting the grass in the cemetery last year was eight hundred dollars (\$800) and the cost of liability was another eight hundred (\$800) not to mention maintenance of the fence. Please consider assisting with these costs by making a donation, by cheque, to La société historique de Coin du Banc - Corner of the Beach Historical Society. All donations over twenty dollars (\$20) will be given an income tax receipt. The address is 350 rue de la Plage, Coin du Banc, Percé, QC G0C 2L0. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated by the directors: Alex Vibert, Shirley Boyle and Janet Harvey.

PORT DANIEL:

Strawberry Social

Marcil Branch W.I. will be holding its Annual Strawberry Social on **Saturday, July 29**, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. at the 3-Star Golden Age Club in Port Daniel West. Entrance: \$7. Children 6 and under free. There will be a 50/50 and door prizes. Everyone welcome. Bring your friends. For further information, call Audrey Dea at 418-752-8152.

PORT DANIEL:

Annual Bazaar

St. James' Anglican Church will be hosting its annual bazaar on **Thursday, July 27**, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Three Star Golden Age Club. There will be a bake table, tea and dessert, bottle table, children's games, 50/50 and much more. Free admission and fun for the whole family. A great way to spend an afternoon.

PORT DANIEL

AND SHIGAWAKE:

Bible Study

Evening Prayer and discussion will be held at Shigawake Town Hall every **Wednesday** (unless otherwise noted) at 7 p.m. and at St. James, Port Daniel, every **Friday**.

SHIGAWAKE:

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SHIGAWAKE:

Advance Notice

Tea, Bake and Craft Sale

St. Paul's ACW will hold a tea, bake and craft sale on **Thursday, July 20**, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Adults \$7, children 6 and under free. There will be door prizes and other prizes as well as a 50/50 draw. Welcome all and bring your friends to Shigawake Community Centre across from the Anglican Church.

HOPE TOWN:

Whist Party

A whist party will be held on **Saturday, July 8**, at 8 p.m. at the Hope Town Community Centre. Come out and join us for a night of fun.

HOPE TOWN:

Hope Baptist Church

Hebrews 10:25 says "You should not stay away from the church meetings, as some are doing..." Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. for all ages; Family Worship at 11 a.m. Sunday, (nursery provided); King's Kids (ages 5-12) at 3:30 p.m. Friday; Young Peoples (Gr. 7 and up) at 7 p.m. Friday. We are a Christ-centered, Bible-believing and preaching, friendly church where everyone is welcome. 305 Route 132, Hopetown 418-752-5838 Pastor Paul R. Bedford BTh. MTh.

NEW CARLISLE:

Kempffer Centre

Every Wednesday: "Julia's Tea Corner" will be open every Wednesday, starting July 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. \$5 admission.

NEW CARLISLE:

Church Service

The next service at the Knox Presbyterian Church in New Carlisle will be on **Sunday, July 2** at 11 a.m.

NEW CARLISLE:

Bible Chapel Services

Sunday: Breaking of Bread for Be-

lievers - 9:30 a.m., Sunday night service - 7 p.m., Wednesday: Bible study and prayer - 7 p.m. "You Must Be Born Again."

NEW CARLISLE:

Monthly Breakfast

The New Carlisle 50+ Club will be holding its monthly breakfast at the Heritage Restaurant on **Wednesday, September 13**, at 9 a.m.

NEW RICHMOND:

Friperie Notice

NEW schedule: The Friperie Entraide de l'E.P.E. will open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open from 8 a.m. on request at: 418-392-5161. Summer clothes have arrived for the whole family and in different sizes. There are a lot of free things every week: soccer shoes, skates, skis, dishes, toys, plush boots. 248 Boulevard Perron West, New Richmond. For information call 418 392-5161.

NEW RICHMOND:

United Church

Upcoming Events

Friday, July 21: Strawberry Social
July 30: Memorial Hymn Sing
October 21: Turkey Supper
December 15: Christmas Concert.

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

Canada Day Tea

The Cascapedia River Museum will be hosting a Canada Day Tea **Friday, June 30**, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. A cake to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday will be served along with tea, coffee or lemonade. We will be accepting donations at the door. This will also be a chance to see the two new showcases and other changes made to the Museum's displays. Free for all members, non-members \$5. Come join us and celebrate Canada Day!

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

50+ Club Activities

Every Thursday: Dame de Pique at 1 p.m. \$5 per person.

CASCAPEDIA-ST. JULES:

Exhibition by Thérèse Gallant

The Cascapedia River Museum invites you to an exhibition by

Thérèse Gallant, on **Tuesday July 4**, at 2 p.m. Entitled Songs of the Sea, Thérèse will present 20 of her latest works, depicting seascapes of the region and beyond. Refreshments will be served. Entrance: Members \$4, non-members \$6.

Rotary Calendar Winners

The lucky winners for the week of June 11 are: Alain Boissonnault, Huguette Arseanult, Monique Barriault, Judy Sexton, Donald Leblanc, Paolo Landry/Sylvie Cyr and Ken Ward. The winners of the week of June 18 are Jocelyne Boissonnault, Monique Morin, Jean-Marc Cyr, Mutual Aid Cascapedia-St-Jules, Christian Caron, Caroline Gagnon and Carol Normandeau.

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Hopetown

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Shigawake

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Port Daniel

11 a.m. Morning Prayer

PARISH OF GASPE

Sunday, July 2

York

9 a.m. Service

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Why do we say ... by Gary Briand

Albeit our harsh season, we all often say "there's no place like home." Indeed, a friend from Gaspé recently told me that he had repeated that phrase on numerous occasions while he reclined on a sunny beach in Florida.

The phrase is very old. We find it in 800 BC by the Greek poet Hesiodos. His eight hundred verse poem contains in Greek the line: "There's no place like home." It first appeared in English as "home is homely though it be poor in sight." (1546)

But the most widespread use of the phrase came after 1823. In that year Sir Henry Rowley Bishop curtailed his great opera Clari. In it the leading lady's solo is "Home Sweet Home." The song was written for Bishop by an American writer, John Howard Payne, who had arrived in England penniless. He began adapting plays to the English stage and translated over twenty operas to English. One night, lonely in a room in London, he began to muse about his home in America, sat at his desk and wrote the first words of the historic song that the leading lady made famous:

"Mid pleasures and palaces though we may roam
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home ..."

But Payne never realized much money from his creation. He returned to America and died a pauper.

Today we can visit an old mansion in Hampton, New York. Here Payne grew up. The house is known as "THE HOME SWEET HOME COTTAGE."

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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- AUTOMATIC
- BACKWASH
- BACKYARD
- BLEEDING
- BROMIDE
- CENTRIFUGAL
- CHEMICAL
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HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, even if you want to take the lead on something, you have to pay attention to the chain of command in this situation. This may require you to play second fiddle for a little while.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you're motivated to get started on a new project, but you may not have the means. Find out if anyone is willing to invest in your vision.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Avoid conflicts by talking through the situation with someone who has opposing

views, Gemini. When you understand others' perspectives, you can be more accommodating.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, if life gets a little hectic this week, find a spot where you can relax and enjoy the quiet for a little while. Recharging the batteries may be all that's needed.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, extend your magnanimity to someone who may have recently spurned you. This will demonstrate that you can always be counted on to do the right thing.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, if others can't see your vision, you may have to forge on and hope for

the best. Not everyone understands your brand of thinking, and you need to accept that.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, now might be time for a new career or a return to the workforce if you have been away. You just may discover a new identity through your work.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Keep up the good work in furthering your relationship progress, Scorpio. Your commitment is even stronger than it has been in the past. This is a great step forward.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, discuss your social calendar with others so that dates do not get confused and parties do not overlap.

This way guests will not have to pick and choose which events to attend.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Ignore any hurtful comments that may come your way, Capricorn. Your emotional strength is potent, and you can successfully ride out any storm.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, if you are being called on to wear many hats at work, it is only right that you be compensated accordingly.

This is a week for showing the bosses you mean business.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Remember that being in a relationship requires a lot of work, Pisces. Don't keep your feelings bottled up and hope for the best.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

JUNE 25

Linda Cardellini, Actress (42)

JUNE 26

Ariana Grande, Singer (24)

JUNE 27

Chandler Riggs, Actor (18)

JUNE 28

Rob Dyrdek, Skateboarder (43)

JUNE 29

Gary Busey, Actor (73)

JUNE 30

Lizzy Caplan, Actress (35)

JULY 1

Liv Tyler, Actress (40)



Thirsty Thursdays at the Trough

Entertainment for this Thirsty Thursday will be "Lily of the Valley Unplugged". The group will be playing genres such as Indie, Folk and Rock. If you're a lover of these genres of music and live entertainment, this is the place to be on July 6!

Live music in Chandler

Rock & Roll and Country Music will be played in Chandler. The show begins at 7:30, and the entertainment for the night is "News From the Hills". This is the place to be on July 5 for anyone who is a lover of live entertainment!



Tall Ships - July 7 to 9

If you love seeing traditional ships, then you are in for a real treat! Two tall ships, the *Blue Clipper* and the *When and If*, will be in Carleton. It will truly be a breathtaking sight for any ship lover.

Four tall ships, the *Alexander von Humboldt*, the *Bluenose II*, *El Galeon*, and *La jolie brise* will all dock in Gaspé. If you are a fan of traditional sailing ships, these ships will certainly be a sight for you! The population of Gaspé will be allowed to visit the ships on July 8 and 9.

CANADA DAY



Canada Day celebrations in New Richmond will take place at Duthie's Point. There will be live musical entertainment as well as various activities for children such as inflatable games. Admission is free to these activities.

June 30 from 1:30 to 3:30, there will be a tea and cake event at the Cascapedia River Museum in celebration of Canada Day. New artifacts will be showcased. Admission is free for members, half price for new visitors.



Canada Day celebrations will take place on the Green in New Carlisle as usual. Parade gathering will start at 10:30 a.m. at NCHS, Teddy bear picnic will begin at 12:30 and last until 3 p.m. Fireworks will begin at 9:30 p.m., followed by the bonfire at 10 p.m.

There will be a car parade at 11 a.m., returning to the Barachois Legion for free hot dogs, cake and soft drink. Starting at 8 p.m., there will be live entertainment with Nash Stanley.

The Canada Day ceremony with the Gaspé Legion will take place at the Birthplace of Canada site followed by games and activities for families. The celebrations will end with music and fireworks.

The 40th edition of the **North American Auto Rally** will take place from June 29 to July 2. Professional rally car drivers and car enthusiasts come from all over to partake in this event. Exclusive to Eastern Quebec, drivers test their own skills on gravel roads at high, adrenaline-causing speeds. If you are a car enthusiast this is the place for you! www.rallyebdc.com or 418-392-3544

Ultra Trail on Mont Albert - SkyRunning Festival - a large performance mountain race activity that offers four routes on trails in the Parc National de la Gaspésie. This event will consist of a running race with distances of 5km to 165km. The backdrop of the Park presents an amazing experience with its 165 km, 31 summits and 8,500 m of vertical drops. If you are a lover of the outdoors and challenging your limits, this is an activity for you! → www.ultratrailma.com or 418 560 0128

Festival en chanson, a music festival in Petite Vallée, comprised of international artistic events that showcase both established and emerging singers and songwriters is happening June 29 to July 8. Close to thirty shows will be presented to the public. Come on out and enjoy some amazing live entertainment! www.festivalenchanson.com or 418-393-2222

Tide Predictions

Paspebiac

Thursday, Jun 29
00:27 - 0.43 m
07:02 - 1.82 m
14:01 - 0.24 m
19:56 - 1.37 m

Friday, Jun 30
01:25 - 0.53 m
07:50 - 1.62 m
14:49 - 0.34 m
20:51 - 1.38 m

Saturday, July 1
02:30 - 0.61 m
08:41 - 1.44 m
15:35 - 0.43 m
21:47 - 1.41 m

Sunday, July 2
03:42 - 0.65 m
09:36 - 1.29 m
16:19 - 0.49 m
22:40 - 1.46 m

Monday, July 3
04:54 - 0.63 m
10:36 - 1.19 m
17:01 - 0.53 m
23:31 - 1.54 m

Tuesday, July 4
06:00 - 0.58 m
11:39 - 1.14 m
17:41 - 0.53 m

Wednesday, July 5
00:19 - 1.63 m
06:57 - 0.50 m
12:37 - 1.12 m
18:22 - 0.52 m

Carleton

Thursday, Jun 29
00:47 - 0.45 m
07:18 - 2.27 m
13:54 - 0.29 m
20:01 - 1.80 m

Friday, Jun 30
01:50 - 0.57 m
08:10 - 2.06 m
14:45 - 0.40 m
20:57 - 1.80 m

Saturday, July 1
03:01 - 0.67 m
09:05 - 1.85 m
15:37 - 0.50 m
21:55 - 1.81 m

Sunday, July 2
04:19 - 0.72 m
10:04 - 1.66 m
16:29 - 0.56 m
22:53 - 1.83 m

Monday, July 3
05:34 - 0.70 m
11:07 - 1.52 m
17:20 - 0.60 m
23:49 - 1.88 m

Tuesday, July 4
06:40 - 0.64 m
12:09 - 1.44 m
18:07 - 0.61 m

Wednesday, July 5
00:40 - 1.94 m
07:34 - 0.56 m
13:06 - 1.40 m
18:50 - 0.60 m

Chandler

Thursday, Jun 29
00:27 - 0.39 m
07:07 - 1.39 m
13:50 - 0.32 m
19:50 - 0.97 m

Friday, Jun 30
01:25 - 0.43 m
08:00 - 1.28 m
14:36 - 0.38 m
20:46 - 0.99 m

Saturday, July 1
02:25 - 0.47 m
08:55 - 1.16 m
15:22 - 0.44 m
21:41 - 1.03 m

Sunday, July 2
03:28 - 0.51 m
09:53 - 1.06 m
16:09 - 0.48 m
22:35 - 1.07 m

Monday, July 3
04:36 - 0.52 m
10:54 - 0.98 m
16:54 - 0.51 m
23:27 - 1.12 m

Tuesday, July 4
05:46 - 0.51 m
11:56 - 0.92 m
17:39 - 0.52 m

Wednesday, July 5
00:16 - 1.17 m
06:50 - 0.49 m
12:55 - 0.89 m
18:20 - 0.52 m

Gaspé

Thursday, Jun 29
00:00 - 0.55 m
06:27 - 1.64 m
13:25 - 0.42 m
19:24 - 1.18m

Friday, Jun 30
01:03 - 0.63 m
07:19 - 1.48 m
14:12 - 0.48 m
20:30 - 1.21 m

Saturday, July 1
02:13 - 0.70 m
08:16 - 1.33 m
14:58 - 0.54 m
21:40 - 1.25 m

Sunday, July 2
03:28 - 0.74 m
09:23 - 1.19 m
15:44 - 0.58 m
22:45 - 1.31 m

Monday, July 3
04:46 - 0.74 m
10:39 - 1.10 m
16:28 - 0.62 m
23:40 - 1.38 m

Tuesday, July 4
06:00 - 0.71 m
11:50 - 1.04 m
17:11 - 0.63 m

Wednesday, July 5
00:26 - 1.45 m
07:03 - 0.67 m
12:48 - 1.01 m
17:53 - 0.64 m

At Taylor's Point in New Richmond, the yearly outdoor market will begin on July 8 and will run all summer long on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Booths at the market include agricultural producers, artists and artisans from the local area.

The annual New Carlisle Local Market will begin on July 15 in the municipal park, beginning at 9 a.m. and running until 1:30 p.m. If you like purchasing fresh produce and items from local businesses, this is the place to be!



SHARE *your* STORY



Story told by **KAYE WALKER**
Interviewed by **TANNER WELLMAN**

My Grandfather's Farm

I remember making hay at my grandfather's, back on the farm. They lived back on the old ski-tow lane. They had a huge farm and they were totally self-sufficient. They raised their own animals and grew their own feed for them also.

My grandparents grew hay and oats; had a big house with a wood shed, an ice shed and two big barns.

There were no tractors back then so my grandfather's father, John Imhoff, cleared the land with oxen. He walked behind the oxen, clearing rocks and taking out stumps. They worked hard back then.

When a person hauled hay, there wasn't just one person helping; there were a dozen who came to help. I remember my grandmother would cook and have about 18 to 20 people around the table to eat. She fed all who helped. She loved that.

My grandfather was also one of the first to buy a car in New Carlisle but he never had a licence. The boys drove the car.

I also remember there was a school house back there for the families who lived around that area. My grandfather, John, went there and my mother attended that school as well. Kermit Imhoff's father, Will, lived there and they walked to school. Also Fred Imhoff's family lived just below and they walked up through the woods to go to school.

I remember the teacher's name was Margaret, but I can't remember her last name and she stayed at my grandmother's.

When I used to go back to my grandfather's house to help in the winter time, we would travel by dog and sleigh. We had two dogs, Ranger and Clara, and they would pull the sleigh tied one behind the other, not side by side.

Back then we didn't have ski doo suits and it was so cold. Hop Flowers and I would get on the sleigh and lay backwards, and the dogs would take us right to grandfather's without us guiding the sleigh. They remembered the road and knew just where to go.

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