

Osisko Metals will buy Glencore Canada's mining assets in Murdochville

Transaction should be completed before the end of September

Gilles Gagné

MURDOCHVILLE – Osisko Metals is taking advantage of its option negotiated in March and will buy 100% of the mining assets of Glencore Canada in Murdochville. The two companies reached an agreement on July 8 on this transfer of assets, which will result in the payment of US\$25 million by Osisko Metals to Glencore Canada.

Since April 12, Osisko Metals has been carrying out exploratory drilling in the Mount Copper area where Noranda operated a mine until the early 1980s. The mine containing low-grade copper ore was closed due to the recession and not because the deposit was depleted.

The transaction involving the purchase of Glencore's mining assets must be approved by the stock market authorities. The property transfer will be effective by September 30. The property transfer agreement was announced on July 11 in a short press release.

In an interview with SPEC on June 27, the president and chief executive officer of Osisko Metals, Robert Wares, pointed out that the Quebec Ministry of Natural Resources

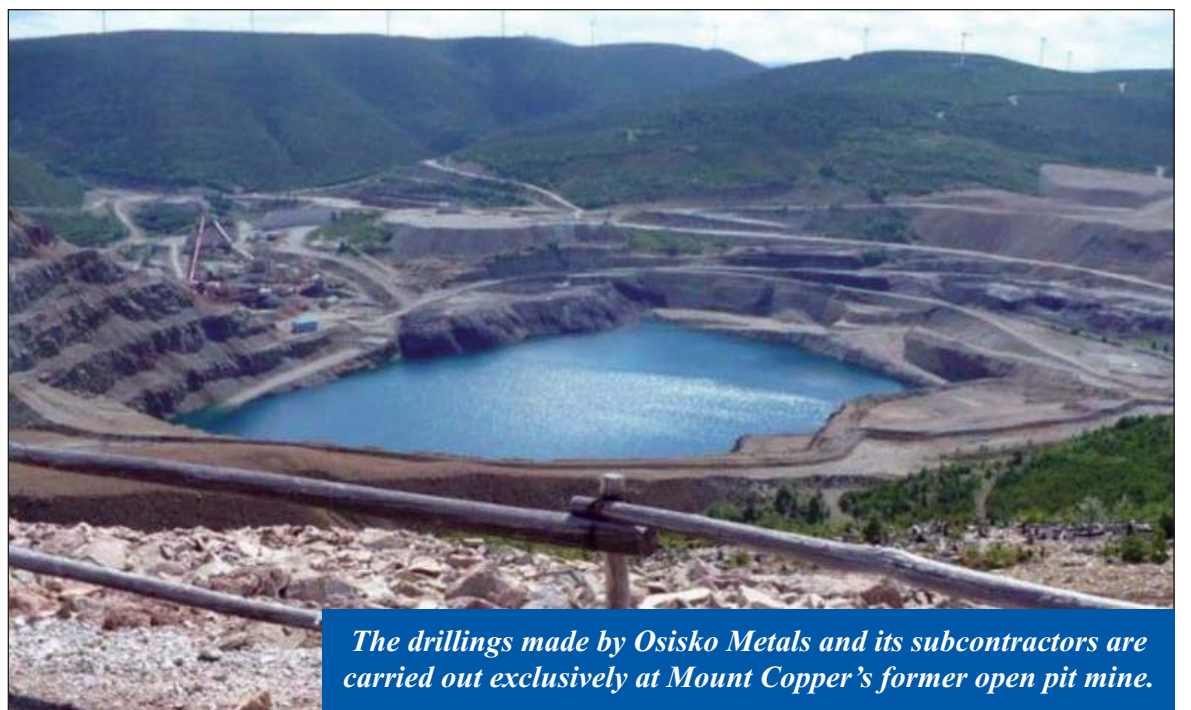
must also approve the transfer because part of the mining property is on public land.

The March agreement stipulated that Osisko Metals must invest at least \$5 million in mineral exploration. The firm began this campaign on April 12 and currently has four drills in the Mount Copper area. Robert Wares specified on June 27 that his company has planned to inject \$12 million in exploration by September.

If Osisko Metals finds enough copper to restart mining at the Mount Copper deposit, it will pay an additional US\$20 million to Glencore Canada.

According to the March agreement, Osisko will buy any copper concentrate produced in Murdochville by Osisko Metals, although Glencore's management has not commented on the eventual destination of this copper concentrate. The nearest plant to further process copper concentrate is the Horne smelter in Rouyn-Noranda, Abitibi.

On April 28, Osisko Metals issued a press release indicating that initial drilling revealed a copper grade of 0.35%, which is comparable to the 0.37% grade obtained during the exploitation of



The drillings made by Osisko Metals and its subcontractors are carried out exclusively at Mount Copper's former open pit mine.

Photo: Town of Murdochville

Mount Copper by Noranda Mines. This is an open pit deposit. The drilling currently being carried out aims to confirm the extent of the deposit.

Early indications from April were that there could be as much copper left at Mount Copper as in the 45 years of Murdochville mining.

The price of copper has risen considerably since the closure of the Murdochville underground mine in October 1999 and the closure of the smelter in April 2002. In March, it was at US\$4.50 per pound, but recession fears made it drop to US\$3.75 in

June.

According to Robert Wares, to proceed with mining in Murdochville, the price would have to be \$4 or greater. He says he is aware that rumours of recession are currently playing on the price.

Reviving mining would require an investment of around \$1 billion in the municipality and would create a few hundred jobs. It will take at least five years before it materializes, if it does, Robert Wares said in March.

Osisko Metals became known for developing the gold mine project in Malartic,

Abitibi, a venture that required an investment of nearly \$1.5 billion.

**In Murdochville,
cautious optimism**

A public meeting with the Murdochville community and Osisko Metals' administration will take place in August, stated Mayor Délicia Ritchie-Roussy, who points out that there is still a long way to go before other copper resources are extracted from the former mining town's underground.

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Patience will be required!

Gilles Gagné

MURDOCHVILLE – Geologist and chief operational officer of Osisko Metals, Jeff Hussey, says it will be several years before the Mount Copper mine is reopened, if it ever is.

"We are just starting work. You have to manage expectations. People call to send résumés. We are far from starting to hire people. It will take six or seven years to do that (start a mine),

maybe ten years. What we are currently doing is a preliminary economic study. After the drilling, it will be a feasibility study. It takes three years, and we will try to do it in two. (...)

It will be done in several stages. We would rather be short term but there is a process to be done. There is a process for engineering, and a process for obtaining permits. We don't want to go too fast with the environment. We want to do it right. Everyone wants it to go faster," says Hussey.

Osisko Metals has planned to drill a total of 30,000 metres of geological core to measure the extent of the Mount Copper deposit. The first 10,000 metres of these boreholes have been completed, but 20,000 metres remain to be drilled and, above all, to be sent to independent laboratories for analysis.

"We haven't received a lot of analyses so far, but now they're going to start coming in. The laboratories are overwhelmed but we have reserved

analysis time in advance," he adds.

Osisko Metals executives have reason to believe that Mount Copper could host a lot of mineralized rocks with a grade of about 0.35% copper. "It could be 450 million tonnes at these grades but it is representative of the geological model we have, the historical data we are working with. Now we have to verify it," he concludes.

Jeff Hussey knows the Gaspé Peninsula and Mur-

dochville quite well. He is from New Brunswick and worked as chief geologist for Gaspé Copper Mines for close to three years, between 1996 and 1999. He is the geologist who supervised the closure of the last underground mine in Murdochville.

He also carried out the study pertaining to the potential of Mount Porphyre, located between the Mount Miller and Mount Copper ranges.

CHANDLER MUNICIPAL COUNCIL:

Mayor's defence nears \$300,000

Town purchases new snow removal equipment

Nelson **Sergerie**

CHANDLER - Although she hasn't sat as mayor since last November, the defence bills for the former mayor of Chandler continue to pile up and are approaching \$300,000.

During a July 11 council meeting, two invoices of \$4,809.45 and \$7,531.96 plus taxes were paid to the firm Astell Casa De Sua which represents Louise Langlois. Another invoice of \$7,066.63 before taxes was also paid to the Morency Law firm for the Town's defence. The total amount paid for legal fees since the beginning of the saga is \$291,118.

"We were discussing it with the council in plenary and it is unanimous that we are eager to see an outcome because it has a major impact on our municipal budget and indirectly on services to citizens," mentions the pro-mayor, Bruno-Pierre Godbout, who replaced Mayor Gilles Daraïche who is struggling with COVID-19.

"We briefly had a presentation of the 2021 financial statements before the meeting. We



Costs for the defence of ex-mayor Louise Langlois nears \$300,000

Photo: N. Sergerie

find ourselves with a balanced budget, but had it not been for that, we would have had a fairly interesting surplus for the citizens," said Mr. Godbout.

In January, Chandler went to court seeking \$230,411 from the ex-mayor in the saga surrounding the 180-day sanction from the Commission municipale du Québec (CMQ) from January to July 2021.

The resolution emphasized in particular that the reproaches held against Louise Langlois resulted from gross or intentional

faults, by making her personal interest predominate, from having taken actions in an intentional and premeditated manner, all to achieve her ends.

Town prosecutors notably accused the former mayor of having "multiplied the procedures, some of which are useless, unfounded and truncated in view of the evidence presented before the CMQ."

In December 2019, Louise Langlois was cited for 21 breaches of the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for elected officials of

Chandler.

After hearings in July 2020, the commission concluded in December of the same year that the ex-mayor was guilty of 20 breaches, in particular conflicts of interest.

Before the sanction hearing, Ms. Langlois had tried to obtain a stay of proceedings, challenged the sanction notice issued against her, and went so far as to ask to reopen the investigation. Requests were rejected by Administrative Judge Sandra Bilodeau.

The ex-mayor went to the Superior Court where she was dismissed in July 2021 and suffered the same fate in October 2021 before the Court of Appeal.

In the calculations made to file the motion last January, Chandler had paid \$267,000 in this case, including \$252,330 to Ms. Langlois for her defence. By subtracting taxes and other fees, the Town estimated the amount at \$230,410.97.

Chandler has already indicated that any additional money will be reclaimed.

The file is at the stage of the preliminary procedures.

Purchase of equipment

Chandler will go it alone in acquiring a ladder truck for the fire department.

The other mayors of the Rocher-Percé MRC chose not to take part in the project.

"The other mayors of the MRC did not want to get on board with us. We sold our truck to another municipality to acquire the ladder truck alone. If there are outings in other municipalities, the price will not be the same," says the pro-mayor.

The Town leases a truck at a cost of \$60,000 per year and hopes to be able to acquire it, but must go through the process of a call for tenders. A budget between \$350,000 and \$400,000 is planned for its purchase.

In addition, the council adopted a loan by-law of \$750,000 to purchase machinery for snow removal. "We had several complaints from citizens last winter. We had to react. Among others, the blower. We have a large territory and we will equip ourselves over the next few months. We will be ready for winter," believes Mr. Godbout.

MEDICAL LABORATORIES:

APTS is once more denouncing the current situation

Nelson **Sergerie**

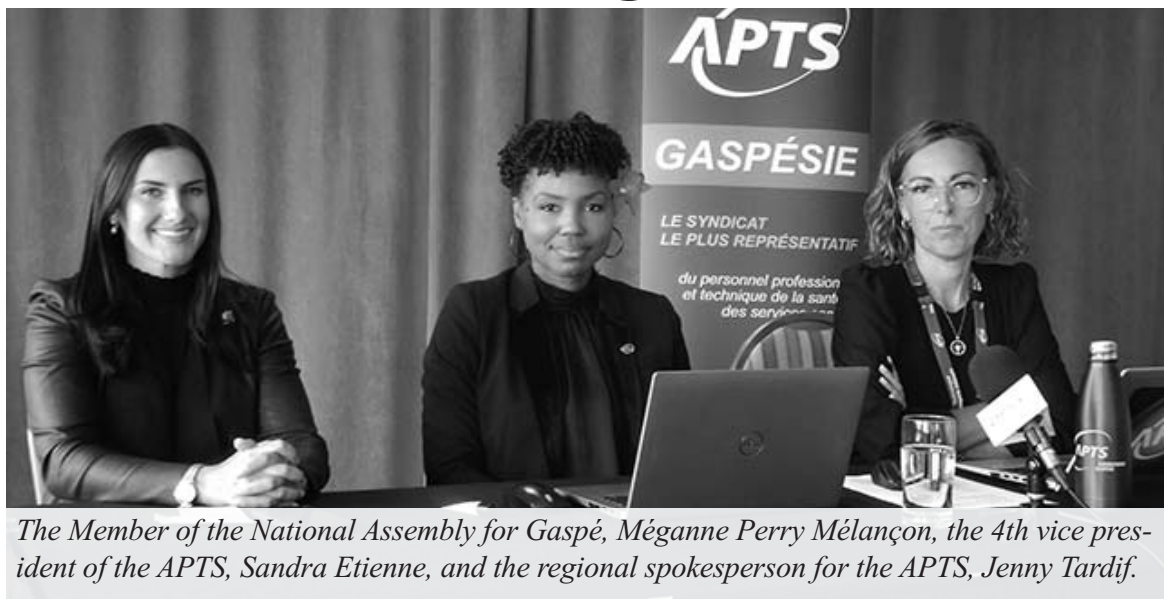
GASPÉ - The union of the Alliance du personnel professionnel et technique de la santé et des services sociaux (APTS) is demanding solutions from Quebec to counter the critical situation that persists in the medical laboratory of the Gaspé hospital centre.

Three weeks ago, the APTS made a statement criticizing that only six medical technologists work in the Gaspé laboratory when at this same time last year there were 14.

Four have resigned and four others are on sick leave. Those remaining must cover day, evening and night shifts and are on call when necessary.

"We are close to a break in service. There are people who do 12 to 14 consecutive days. But for the health of the Gaspesian population, they remain in place," comments the fourth vice president of the APTS, Sandra Etienne, who travelled to Gaspé on July 8 where she visited the laboratory.

The union is once again demanding that the profession be



The Member of the National Assembly for Gaspé, Méganne Perry Mélançon, the 4th vice president of the APTS, Sandra Etienne, and the regional spokesperson for the APTS, Jenny Tardif.

Photo: N. Sergerie

promoted and financial incentives put in place in order to attract young people to this training. At the Cégep de Rimouski, there are not even enough candidates for the program to start a cohort in the fall semester.

Scholarships are offered to promote and attract candidates in certain training courses in the health network, but for laboratories, nothing is planned.

"They (government decision-makers) give up to \$30,000 in scholarships and a person must give three years to

the establishment to qualify. It could have a retention and attraction effect. Unfortunately, the Gaspé Peninsula laboratories are not there," says Ms. Etienne.

According to her, it will take a political decision to resolve the impasse while the union has met the Minister of Health, Christian Dubé, on a few occasions since the beginning of the year in order to give him an update on the situation and encourage him to go there with incentives since the situation goes beyond the employer.

The Integrated Health and Social Services Centre of the Lower Saint Lawrence has managed the Gaspé laboratories since the Optilab reform in 2017.

Moreover, the APTS believes that if the management of the laboratories fell to the Gaspé Peninsula CISSS, it could lessen the crisis that is happening in the laboratories of the region.

The regional health network had adopted a resolution in December 2019 to ask Quebec to backtrack on the Optilab

file and to restore management to the Gaspé Peninsula CISSS, which even had the Gaspé Peninsula Table of Prefects on its side.

In February, 2021, the network wanted to recover 100% of the laboratory tests as well as the management of human and financial resources. The president, Richard Loïselle, claimed that Optilab had caused delays during the pandemic, which did not make it possible to manage the health crisis in an optimal way.

The CISSS indicated last May that it had put the file on ice, adding that it was working with that of the Lower Saint Lawrence to ensure optimal functioning for the region.

In addition to the Gaspé situation, the union says that the Chandler, Maria and Sainte-Anne-des-Monts laboratories are in survival mode.

The Member of the National Assembly for Gaspé, Méganne Perry Mélançon, took part in a press briefing alongside the APTS to support them in their efforts.

CAQ is still looking for a candidate for the riding of Gaspé

Nelson **Sergerie**

GASPÉ - Several names have so far declined to wear the colours of the Coalition avenir Québec in the riding of Gaspé for the election on October 3.

According to a recent rumour, the first approached was the president of the Traversée de la Gaspésie and businesswoman, Claudine Roy, who declined the invitation by François Legault's party.

Ms. Roy prefers not to engage in politics in order to maintain her freedom of action while she sits on various boards of directors across the province.

Narrowly defeated in 2018 under the Liberal banner, Alexandre Boulay has also closed the door to politics. Mr. Boulay confirms that he was approached by three political parties to wear their colours this fall, but after thinking about the issue, he chose not to run at this time in his career.

He says he has an impact and can make a difference in the economic development of the Gaspé by going in a different direction. He currently



Photo: N. Sergerie

Alexandre Boulay with Premier François Legault last April in Gaspé.

manages the expansion of the LM Wind Power plant in Gaspé, a \$170 million project, which is progressing steadily.

In addition, the name of Gaspé municipal councillor, James Keays, circulated. He too has closed the door. "It's very flattering. I see it as a sign that I'm doing a good job at the Town. Even if it was 'yes', I wouldn't say so. I'd wait for the nomination. But, no, it will not be me," says Mr. Keays.

In June, the mayor of Gaspé, Daniel Côté, had also put an end to the rumours implying he was a candidate.

The name of the former Parti Québécois Member of the National Assembly for Gaspé, Gaétan Lelièvre, was also mentioned in connection with the upcoming election. He responded that it was an "unfounded rumour" at the time.

The CAQ is always looking for the rare gem. According to our information, others were also met with possible

candidates for the October 3 election.

Other parties

Besides the CAQ, the Liberals, Conservatives and Québec solidaire have still not announced a candidacy.

For the moment, only the outgoing PQ MNA for Gaspé, Méganne Perry Mélançon, is confirmed.

Possible candidacies

The director of the Gaspé Peninsula and Magdalen Islands Public Health, Dr. Yv Bonnier Viger, confirmed that he is considering a possible candidacy for Québec sol-

idaire.

"I consider that my current position is not compatible with a decision to enter politics now," explains Dr. Bonnier.

The doctor does not intend to announce a decision before the end of August.

If he goes ahead, he will ask for unpaid leave in order to have freedom of action.

Dr. Bonnier Viger has already been a candidate three times: in 2012 in Beauce-Nord and twice in Lévis, first in the general election of April 2014 and in a by-election in October of the same year following the resignation of Christian Dubé, the current Minister of Health.

Police report

A July 15 car accident that occurred shortly after midnight in the east part of Nouvelle resulted in minor injuries to the five occupants of the vehicle. The vehicle left Highway 132 and struck a pole. The Sûreté du Québec was called to the location of the accident at 12:30 a.m. The five occupants of the vehicle were taken to Maria hospital, where they were treated. A power shortage left some residents of the area without electricity for several hours. Traffic was limited to one lane on Highway 132 in that part of Nouvelle while Hydro-Québec workers replaced the pole broken by the vehicle. The accident was likely caused by the fatigue of the driver.

The Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans recently released a list of people found guilty of various infractions pertaining to the Fisheries Act. The infractions were committed in 2021.

Christian Pinel, of Grande-Rivière, was fined \$4,500 for having been in possession of snow crab that were less than 95 millimetres wide. The small crab were confiscated. He was also fined \$750 for a failure to complete his electronic logbook and ensure that the data was closed before arriving in port. Yan Bourdages, of the Petit-Cap area of Gaspé, was fined \$8,600 for possession of snow crab less than 95 millimetres wide. Lobster fisherman Jean-Marie Duguay of the Pabos area of Chandler was fined \$500 for having failed to comply with licence conditions by not identifying each main buoy with a sequential number. He was also fined \$1,000 for not respecting his licence conditions by failing to have on board the boat a complete, legible and up-to-date record of its gear tags. He must also pay another fine of \$500 for operating fishing gear without a boat registration number on the buoy attached to the gear.

Robert Dunn, a halibut fisherman living in Rivière-au-Renard, was fined \$1,500 for having fished commercially for groundfish during the closed season. Langis Côté of Gaspé must pay a fine of \$6,800 for possession of snow crab less than 95 millimetres wide. Petit Cap's Pierre-Luc Fournier-Côté is fined \$1,000 for possession of fish processed to the point that it is difficult to determine the size. The fish was halibut and it was seized.

A citizen of Toronto, Kwang-Suck Surh was fined \$2,200 for various infractions. He was found in possession of more than 20 mackerel in a single day, the limit for sports fishing. That mackerel was processed to the extent that it was difficult to determine the size and the number. He was also seen fishing rock crab without a commercial licence. As well he also fished rock crab other than by boat and trap. His fish and other objects were seized.

On July 8, Alexis Deschênes was leading in Bonaventure according to *Too close to call*

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CARLETON – As of July 8, a simulation released by the site *Too close to call*, which attempts to give indication regarding the potential results of electoral campaigns, was placing the Parti québécois ahead by a thin margin in the riding of Bonaventure. Alexis Deschênes was leading that day with 24.5% of voting intentions, followed by the Liberal Party, with 21.4% despite the fact that the candidate had not been announced yet. The Coalition avenir Québec was following with 20.5%, a day after the nomination of Catherine Blouin as the party's candidate. The Conservative Party of Quebec was taking the fourth place with 18.2% of support for a candidate that still has to be identified, compared to 14.3% for Québec solidaire, represented by Catherine Cyr-Wright. The methodology of the simulation process is not indicated



Photo: G. Gagné

Alexis Deschênes.

clearly, no more than the margin of error. The only other Quebec riding that had the Parti québécois leading on July 8 was Matapédia-Matane, where Pascal Bérubé was receiving a whopping 59.2% rate of voting intentions. In Gaspé, Méganne Perry Mélançon was taking

the third place the same day, with 19.2% of support, despite being the only candidate officially nominated in the riding. The CAQ was getting 23.1%, the Liberal Party was leading with 28.2%, the Conservative Party was in fourth place with 17.2% and Québec solidaire was fifth with 12.2%.

Gilles Gagné Commentary



Will a blood test confirm the presence of plastic before we react?

Dumps are overflowing in Quebec, where some dump managers are saying, "Stop sending us garbage!" How is it that we did not foresee that reality, while it has been known for decades that Quebecers and other Canadians are some of the biggest polluters in the world?

We are not just emitting greenhouse effect gases or polluting the oceans or draining natural resources more than most people on the planet. We are "very good" at generating waste. We are in the lead there as well.

According to numbers released recently by Recyc-Québec and analyzed by Équiterre, during the financial year that spanned between April 2019 and March 2020, each Quebecer generated 722 kilos of waste. That average includes babies and seniors. That is 1,600 pounds in one year for the people still using the imperial system. It also excludes industrial waste.

That figure is increasing even if the governments of the last decades have promised to reduce the size of our bags of waste.

What do we throw away? Building material comes in first place. When there is a lot of construction, renovation and demolition, and considering our relatively weak conscience of keeping things that could be used later, we throw away a lot. This includes two million tons of building material in 2019-2020.

Now, a fair proportion of what we throw away could go elsewhere than to the dump. This represents about 60% of the total tonnage.

Houses, apartment buildings, restaurants and institutions generate a lot of compostable organic matter. In fact, 1.5 million tonnes were sent to landfills two years ago. It is odd because, in 2011, the Quebec government promised compostable matter would cease to be sent to dumps

by 2020.

The deadline has been modified regularly since and many municipalities do not offer access to the brown bin despite the fact that collecting compost and organizing its recuperation is far from rocket science! (It is 53 years after sending people walking on the moon!)

When sent to dumps, compostable matter produces methane, one of the most polluting gases, instead of producing recuperable biogas and usable compost.

We also throw away what could be recycled. We send to landfills a lot of things that could be recycled, in fact, a bit over 1.4 million tonnes of recuperable material annually. This volume consists of 500,000 tonnes of paper/cardboard, 450,000 tonnes of plastic, 140,000 tons of metal, an astounding 300,000 tons of textiles, in many cases clothes that have never been worn, and 75,000 tons of glass.

The situation is gradually getting somewhat better in the recuperation of glass, plastic and metal but the useful life of some dumps has, nevertheless, been lengthened, as imposed by the Quebec government. It remains mind-boggling that 1.4 million tonnes of recuperable material is sent to dumps annually, considering that community containers have been available for that purpose since the beginning of 1990s and given the efforts carried out by the authorities to make blue bins available to each Quebec dwelling over the last 25 years. There again, sorting out paper, cardboard, metal, plastic and glass is not rocket science.

The consignment of cans and plastic bottles is improving Quebecers' record of late and the eventual consignment of water bottles will improve it some more. However, the overall picture remains embarrassing. Quebecers buy 1 billion water bottles made of plastic per year even if drinking water is accessible close to everywhere and that water is often better than bottled water.

Plastic produces micro-particles that are now found everywhere. We send a lot of plastic to the oceans, as reported at the Lisboa, Portugal, summit at the end of June. The evaluation remains to be refined but studies show that between 8 million and 18 million tonnes of plastic are thrown in the oceans of the planet annually. It is the responsibility of citizens and governments to curtail that volume. Above all, it is the responsibility of the citizens because governments mainly move following popular pressure, rarely because of political leadership.

Microplastics are now found in the blood of human be-

ings. Will we need tests confirming the presence of plastic in our blood before reacting?

Our governments have recently opted for a ban on five single-use products, like plastic utensils. However, the list must grow in order to reduce significantly our consumption of plastic.

The consignment of wine bottles is slowly coming but, for the moment, tens of millions of wine bottles are crushed when our blue bins are emptied in trucks of recyclables and thus contaminate the rest of the content that has required efforts from the citizens. Some recycling centres are equipped with machines to sort out broken glass but it is still not the case everywhere.

The bottom line also means that we consume a lot, period. We buy a lot of single-use objects without regard for their environmental impact.

We must not only make our garbage bags weigh less very quickly to extend the life of landfills but it will also be considered like a prime way to ensure environmental gains.

An access to brown bins is a solution since 30% of the materials put in our garbage bags could be composted. A brighter management of compostable material would consequently take garbage away from landfills.

Summertime and its slower pace represents a good reflection time regarding the way we consume and our tendency to throw things away.

In Quebec, an election will also be called before the end of August. Most politicians will probably be caught off-guard by questions on garbage and recyclable matter management. It could make an interesting and unexpected campaign start.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing to inform you how absolutely thrilled I was to see an article in the Spec about abortion! Your writer, Wendy Dawson, wrote an absolutely BRILLIANT article about it. I just needed you all to know how fantastic it was. Being an Indigenous woman from Gaspé, it filled me with pride, especially seeing that Spec can evolve with the times and still be a constant source of informative opinions. I always buy from my local *depanneur*, however, this article has made my day and made me really want to subscribe annually. What a wonderfully written, informative, important article! I was inspired and moved by it. I didn't write it but it felt like my voice. That is all we want in the media we consume - to see ourselves in the story. Your writer, Wendy Dawson, succeeded in doing exactly that for many women. Please send the kindest regards to your staff. Wela'lin,

Bianca Marvel, Gaspé



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Gasoline: elected officials could get involved again

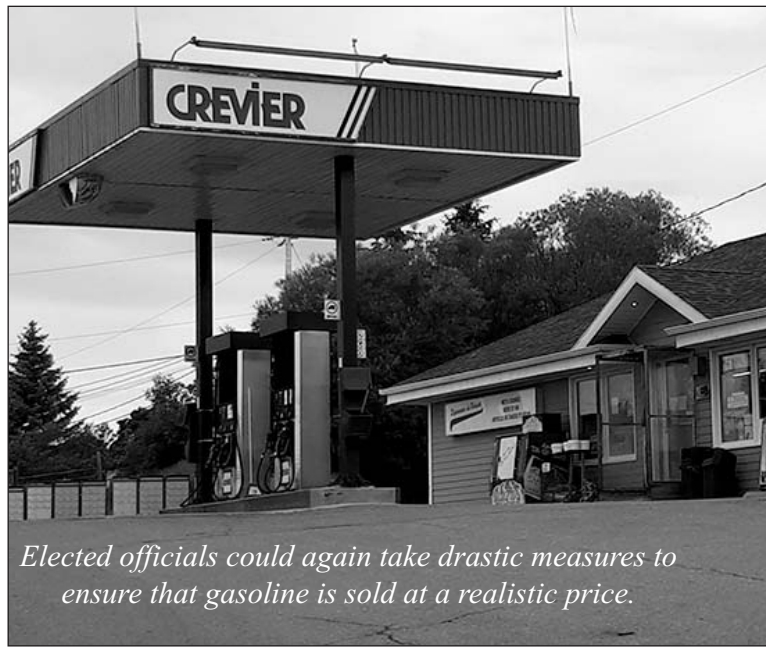
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CARLETON-SUR-MER - Gaspesian politicians could once again get involved in the gas price issue in the region.

For the past month, profit margins have been practically double the average of recent years in the region.

"It's concerning. We hear about it daily. We want to make sure that Gaspesians pay the right price for their gasoline in the same way as the rest of the province," says the president of the Gaspé Peninsula Table of Prefects, Mathieu Lapointe.

On July 15, the cost of acquiring a litre of gasoline for a retailer was assessed at \$1.808 for the region by the Energy Board. Adding the average profit margin for the past year, a litre of gas should sell for around \$1.93, while the price went from \$2.06 to \$1.99 on the average on July 14 in the evening in the re-



Elected officials could again take drastic measures to ensure that gasoline is sold at a realistic price.

Photo: N. Sergerie

gion. Some gasoline outlets in Gaspé still posted \$2.06 at the start of the day on July 15.

The CAA estimated that this retail price should be sold at \$1.944 on July 15. The president of the Table of Prefects isn't ruling out asking the Energy Board to look at the file again, just as the

elected officials had done in 2019.

"It is an option that we will look at. We have not discussed it concretely at the Table of Prefects recently. But it remains an option. We had seen an impact when we made this request for the management to look into the region. This had a downward

impact on the cost of gasoline in the region. It is possible that we will do it again," says Mr. Lapointe.

In 2019, the Town of Gaspé had asked the Competition Bureau to investigate the price in the Gaspé Peninsula after noting between June 3 and August 26 an average margin between 8.3 and 18.5 cents per litre higher than the estimated minimum price by the Energy Board.

The Table of Prefects followed in the footsteps of the Town of Gaspé also making a request to the Energy Board.

So far, the Competition Bureau's findings have yet to be made public. At the beginning of 2020, the Energy Board established that Gaspesian retailers had accumulated a profit margin twice as large as the Quebec average

in 2019.

In its report, the board even indicated that in five years, the Gaspé Peninsula was in 19% of cases, the region with the highest price in Quebec. In 2019, the region had the highest price in 34% of cases. For the last six months of 2019, the price of gasoline in the Gaspé Peninsula was the highest of all regions of Quebec, with the exception of Northern Quebec due to its special status.

Curiously, when the requests were made by the elected officials, the price at the pump returned to the level of profit margins estimated as reasonable by the Energy Board.

The Gaspé Peninsula had the highest gas prices in Quebec on July 14, according to CAA-Quebec data.

New tourist image

Nelson **Sergerie**

The tourism sector of the MRCs of Avignon and Bonaventure is giving itself a new image. After taking over from Tourisme Baie-des-Chaleurs two years ago, the MRCs each hired two development officers. This new image is a logical continuation.

Mathieu Lapointe mentions that the word tourism has been removed to keep only the name Baie-des-Chaleurs. "Only Baie-des-Chaleurs and the image is centered around the letter 'B'. 'B' is for *bonheur* (happiness), for *belvedere* (lookout) and for *bienvenue* (welcome). We are really going to promote the entirety of the two MRCs from east to west through this image to encourage people to come and visit us," says the prefect.

The elected officials have adopted the concept and the mission. A new website will be launched and the marketing tools will be ready by the end of the summer.

MURDOCHVILLE

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She is happy about the transaction that will take place between Osisko Metals and Glencore Canada.

"It's good news. The company will not build a smelter so automatically, there will not be fumes released in the air. The ore will go through a concentrator and it will be sent to a smelter located away. As for the dust (generated by mining activities), I am confident that the company will respect the norms. Company officials will come in August and meet with the population. They will answer all the questions," comments Mayor Ritchie-Roussy.

She is also confident that the outdoors, which has convinced some families to settle in Murdochville and a heavy

industry, can evolve together in Murdochville.

"There again, if the regulations are respected, both fields can be conducted without problems," she says.

The owner of the Chic-Chac Inn and Mount Miller Ski Centre, Guillaume Molaison, also expressed optimism over the spring about the possibility of seeing mining and tourism progressing together.

There are about 700 people left in Murdochville. "I arrived here to teach in 1972 and the population was 5,262 people at the time. The mining company employed 1,900 people back then and a lot of them were not living in Murdochville," stresses Délisca Ritchie-Roussy, who came from Gaspé to work at one of the town's schools.

"It will be complementary and take away financial stress,"

she adds, thinking of the burden the Town of Murdochville has to deal with, given that some municipal infrastructures are in dire need of upgrading.

New request for cellular coverage

Nelson **Sergerie**

CARLETON-SUR-MER - The deficiency of the cellular network is once again in the news.

In 2020, elected officials from the Avignon MRC supported a request from Telus to improve coverage on Highway 132 in the Matapédia Valley around the village bearing the same name.

The request filed by the telecommunications giant also included Road 299 in Cascapédia-Saint-Jules and the Gîte Mont-Albert as well as Road 195.

At the request of the Bloc Québécois Member Parliament for Avignon-La Mitis-Matane-Matapédia, Kristina Michaud, the elected officials of the Avignon MRC once again brought the issue up.

"What we want is for the CRTC to position itself favourably and grant funding to Telus to cover this area. It is really a security issue for us," says the prefect, Mathieu Lapointe, referring to the body regulating telecommunications in Canada.

It's a vital issue. "In 2022, on our own Highway, the 132, the only way to go around the region; it is important that the signal is present everywhere," adds Mr. Lapointe.

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Public markets have been held in Gaspé for about 10 years. Its 2022 operational amounts to close to \$30,000, including \$14,000 from the MRC, \$8,000 from the Town of Gaspé, \$4,000 from the vendors and additional funding from the Société d'aide au développement de la collectivité and the Union des producteurs agricoles.

Gaspé holds first public market of the season

Gilles **Gagné**

GASPÉ – Close to 200 households attended the first public market of the season in Gaspé, on July 9. It was the first of 14 public markets that will be held every Saturday until October 8.

Mr. Deruelle, the Social development agent at the Côte-de-Gaspé MRC explains that they refer to “households” in their numbers because he wants to provide vendors with an estimate of how many potential customers attend the Gaspé Market.

This year, all Gaspé public markets will take place at the intermodal station, with the exception of August 27, when it will be organized at the Birthplace of Canada site.

The August 27 location will coincide with the Town of Gaspé’s promotion of

sports and leisure activities. Olivier Deruelle points out that the July 9 market was attended by 195 households.

“Ten vendors displayed their products. We are expecting about 30 different vendors over the season, including 20 producers, either farmers or food processors and 10 artisans or people making natural products. On the average, we should have 12 vendors per public market during the season. The largest markets will have 15 vendors,” explains Mr. Deruelle, who heads the organizing teams of the markets.

The first market translated in sales of close to \$7,000 for the producers, a satisfactory level, according to the vendors Mr. Deruelle talked to upon the conclusion of the activity, at 2 p.m. Some producers come from the Percé Rock MRC.



La Boutique’s youngest volunteer, 11-year-old Olivia Lynd, shows off some of the shop’s crafts with founding member Blanche Fallow and Olivia’s grandmother, also a long-serving volunteer, Joyce Munro.

Slow start this season for La Boutique

Cynthia **Dow**

NEW RICHMOND: - “It was a slow June. I hope things get better,” Debbie Duthie told SPEC. She is the treasurer for La Boutique in New Richmond.

The arts and crafts shop is one of six opened by the Gaspesian Cultural Association in the early 1970s. It is the only one still in operation, located in a log cabin across from Saint Andrew’s United Church manse on Perron Boulevard West.

Mrs. Duthie explained that, as usual, the nonprofit association held a garage sale at the end of May in order to raise enough funds to cover basic expenses for the season. This year the sale started May 28 and was repeated on June 3 due to weather conditions. About \$1,660 was raised.

“This year we have 30 artists with their goods on display, and we have over 100 items donated for sale. There are lots of lovely gift ideas and souvenirs, including The Gaspesian Way memorabilia such as T-shirts, hoodies, water bottles, mugs, hats and beach caps.”

Some new items this year include walking sticks, blown glass and home décor items, soaps and candles, jams and pickles and fudge. There are also local maple syrup products which cost less than in local grocery stores. “Our percentage take is so low because we just want to keep the place open,” Mrs Duthie explained.

Last year, for its 50th year of operation, La Boutique had sales of almost \$20,000. “But with COVID returning and gas prices so high, there do not seem to be as many tourists so far this year,” the treasurer noted.

La Boutique remains a nonprofit organization run by volunteers. This year about a dozen volunteers keep the shop open from Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 64, New Carlisle, Quebec, would like to recognize Mr. John Kaye Walker who has been a member for 65 years.

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What is a summer?

Summer is the golden part of the year, not just weather wise, but a time of vacations, travelling and reuniting with friends and family. We anticipate summer and all the wonderful activities we will do and the barbecues we will savour. Juicy hamburgers, spicy pork chops and brochettes! Barbecued vegetables are also a tasty summer meal – corn on the cob, wedges of romaine lettuce and zucchini!

Longer days allow us to enjoy the outdoors a little longer and the warm, sunny days lift our spirits. Maybe dipping your toes in the waters of the bay and walking barefoot on the warm summer sand will please your senses.

But the summers of our childhoods were the very, very best. When school was done for the year, it was a time of exhilaration for kids. Do you recall chanting “No more teachers, no more books, no more teachers’ dirty looks?” Even those of us who adored school would have the feeling of release to those two months of freedom. No set schedules, lots of freedom and a summer that stretched before us that seemed to last forever.

Spending summers in the city was very different than those spent on the Gaspé. For a city kid spending two months here in total freedom was like travelling to another world. In those days of yore, the world and parenting were quite different. Very few rules were set and the main one was - be home by suppertime!

A gang (as we called it) of kids would walk to the beach, each with a towel and a snack of “soft drink” and chips in our bags. No adults. That’s right and when we reflect on those days, over 50 years ago, I believe in that group of ten or more, perhaps one or two could swim. But we spent a long day at that beach, never worrying about a thing and allowing the blazing sun to tan and then burn our freckled arms and legs. More than once, some of us had intense sunburns and perhaps even a heatstroke or two.

At the end of the day, when the position of the sun told us that supper time was nearing (no watches, no cell phones), we would start the long walk uphill to get home.

After supper there was the usual gang playing baseball or kick the can. Kick the can is literally what it is called – all you needed is a can and a group of children who want to run free, yell and have fun. No technology. Just fun and fresh air.

It is a bittersweet thing to look back at childhood summers. We were totally free, and we used every day to have the time of our lives. That’s the sweet part. Once we became adults, work and families became the focal point of our lives. No more summers that last forever. The bitter part is that some of those childhood friends, and many of the adults, are gone now.

Aren’t we lucky to have those beautiful memories? Not every child gets to live those wild, free days of summer. We did.



GASPÉ MUNICIPAL COUNCIL: Many issues addressed including dispute slowing down the progress of 144-unit housing project

Nelson **Sergerie**

GASPÉ - A dispute between the Town of Gaspé and the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources is delaying the construction of the 144-unit complex on the land adjacent to the Carrefour Gaspé.

When the Town purchased the land from the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, in the late 1970s, a clause stated that before reselling the land Gaspé had to obtain authorization from Quebec.

“There are officials in the ministry who have decided to throw a wrench in the gears. It took six months between the filing of our request and the response provided that we had to compensate them for a few hundred thousand dollars. We are debating legal opinions on this clause, but we must have it lifted in order to be able to sell the land,” says the mayor, Daniel Côté.

Council had to adopt a resolution to delay all deadlines, terms and penalties related to the project by six months. The mayor assures that the project is not in danger, despite the delays.

Dredging at Anse-au-Griffon

Gaspé is requesting that Ottawa dredge the channel of the Anse-au-Griffon wharf. According to the mayor, the situation was known when Ottawa announced in December 2016 the transfer of the wharf to the Town with an envelope for its repairs.

“Since the (repair) work,

the silting has continued to occur and has even worsened. If we want to settle the file once and for all, the dredging must be done,” notes Mr. Côté.

The Town has no idea of the costs for this work, nor the expertise to do it and is relying on the federal government. “Fisheries and Oceans are used to doing that. Fisheries and Oceans can do this without having all the environmental authorization processes that a municipality would have to undergo,” says the mayor.

If Ottawa did the work, the bill would be much lower and would finalize the file.

Plan B would be one of getting major financial help for the Town to do it, an option the mayor is not even considering.

Exasperated citizens

The citizens of rue des Touristes in the Anse-à-Val-leau district are imploring the authorities to find a quick solution to protect the street and the buildings.

During the high tide of December 2016, the sector had become at great risk from coastal erosion.

Daniel Côté is asking Quebec for a response. “That the ministry accept the work recommended by the Town, namely the riprap of the bank and accept the amount and transfer the money to do the work,” says Mr. Côté.

A first study consisted of moving the street, but the best option remains riprap.

Time is running out. “The sea is up to the guardrail. An-

other big tide like the one in 2016, and I think we’d lose a stretch of road. It’s not one minute to midnight. It’s midnight. Five and a half years later, I think people have been patient enough. It’s time to have an answer,” says the mayor as an ultimatum.

The preliminary study estimated the cost of the work at just over \$3 million. This amount could reach \$5 million now with high inflation in the construction sector. The studies will be upgraded to obtain funding from Quebec.

Even more expensive asphalt

Gaspé must deal with a massive increase in the cost of asphalt for its 2022 street paving program. The council is going ahead even though the estimates made on the 2021 costs were around \$600,000 when the only bid received this year from Eurovia is nearly \$1 million.

Mr. Côté understands that the cost of fuel, which influences the manufacture of asphalt, drives up costs. Gaspé had planned \$4 million over four years.

Adjustments will have to be made. “Instead of a million this year, we will perhaps make it for \$1.3 or \$1.4 million. Inevitably, the \$300,000 or \$400,000 that we pay more this year won’t have to be paid next year and in the future. If we ever found ourselves with competition in the asphalt (market); if we ended up with a reduction in fuel or bitumen, we could perhaps do more,” says Mr. Côté.

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New Richmond's Duthie Point displays *Ironic Irons* exhibition until September 4

Gilles Gagné

NEW RICHMOND - As part of its series of exhibitions *The Past Reinvented*, Pointe Duthie invites the population of the Bay of Chaleur and tourists to discover the artistic work process by Anne-Marie Sirois inspired by her fascination with irons.

A multidisciplinary artist from Saint Basile, New Brunswick, Ms. Sirois has a particular attraction for chrome irons from another era that perfectly fit the vision and Duthie Point's mission to promote the heritage and intercultural heritage of the Bay of Chaleur. The exhibition is displayed at the Gendron Store.

Anne-Marie Sirois developed a passion for old irons after she had an idea while drawing in 1995. "I thought of an old drawing I had done as a child, aged 4 or 5. My aunt was skating on irons under her feet," she explains.

She started recuperating old irons in flea markets and

first made a pair of skates with irons as blades. She selected irons from the 1950s, the 1960s and the 1970s.

"From that first piece of skates on irons, my inspiration went on and on for years," says Anne-Marie Sirois, who has been living in Moncton since the 1990s after some years in her native Madawaska region.

Her workshop is located at the Aberdeen Cultural Centre in Moncton, a place she enjoys because of the contacts she entertains with other artists.

"People now know me and bring me old irons, mostly in the spring. I find them at the door of my workshop. I don't have to buy them anymore," she points out.

She doesn't modify antique irons though, because she donates them to people collecting old objects, people who can make better use of them and also because "they are too thick to pierce."

Over the years, she has discovered her preference

for General Electric irons made in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s.

In 2015-2016, she started to amalgamate twin irons. Over the years, she has transformed between 150 and 160 irons, and 49 of them are displayed at the Gendron Store. The other ones were sold. The irons shown at Duthie Point can be bought by attendees.

She is pursuing other artistic endeavours nowadays but she keeps making one art piece with irons yearly, to keep the tradition alive.

"Sometimes humorous, sometimes sarcastic, my ideas arise spontaneously. I express them without censorship, in a fun way. The assembly of two harmless objects often becomes a topic of discussion, surprising, or shocking," sums up Anne-Marie Sirois about her approach, which will spark discussion, smiles, bursts of laughter or reflection.

Her exhibition is on display until Sunday, September 4, at the Gendron Store.



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Anne-Marie Sirois shows one of her favourite pieces of art made with irons.

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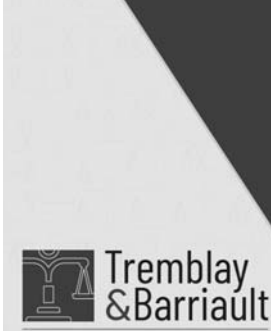
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Obituaries



COULL: Gwendoline May Steadman
May 4, 1925 – June 10, 2022 - 97 years old

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother Gwendoline May Steadman Coull at the age of 97 years. She passed away as she wished, peacefully at home surrounded by her family on June 10, 2022. Her smile and sense of humour will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Predeceased by her husband William Vernon Coull (1921-1984) and her sons Johnny Coull (1961-2008) and Charles Coull (1954-2017) and (Wendy wife of Charles 1967-2009); her parents Thomas and Ester. Her siblings Thomas, Herbert, Evelyn and Lillian have predeceased her as well. She was the last surviving sibling of her family in England.

She is survived by many loving family members including her children David (Corrine 1943-2020), Jacqueline (Gilbert), Brian (Theresa), Sylvia (James), Christine (John), Sharon (Barry), Tommy (Terri) and Rose (Danny). Much love was shared with her 24 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and 22 great-great-grandchildren. Many generations to carry on her story as a British War Bride to family and friends, and countless memories to share with others.

Gwendoline lived a full and loving life, filled with happiness, kindness and laughter. She will always be fondly remembered by all who knew her. We want to honour her incredible life. Please consider donating in memory of Gwendoline to a local palliative care service or charity of your choice.

The Coull family would like to express many thanks to those you reached out, offered condolences, cards, visits and to the Royal Canadian Legion #172 for hosting a luncheon after the service.

Until we meet again. I'll look for you in the Rainbows!



MARCOUX: Janice Maxine
April 8, 1961- May 11, 2022

Family, relatives and friends were saddened to hear of the accidental death of Janice Marcoux, wife of Michael Chesser which occurred on May 11, 2022.

Janice is survived by her husband Michael; son Brandon; brothers: Delphis, Bertrum and Keith; sisters: Yvonne (late Lester Renouf) and Glenna (Robert Renouf); and many nieces and nephews.

Janice was predeceased by her parents: Leonidas (1984) and Alice (nee Gallon 1993), and sister Joan 2002.

Janice worked for many years at New Carlisle High School taking care of special needs children. These children were her pride and joy.

The funeral service was held at St. Andrew's Anglican Church in New Carlisle on Saturday June 4, 2022. Viewing was from noon until time of funeral at 2 p.m.

The service was conducted by Rev. Joshua Paetkau assisted by Kenneth Ward. The eulogy was given by Jessica Main-Denis. The cross was carried by Daniel Roy. The candles were carried by Darlene Renouf and Jessica Main-Denis. Janice's son, Brandon carried her urn from the church to Janice's final resting place. Her picture, candle and flowers were carried by three of her nephews: Darin, Troy and Trevor Renouf. During the service scripture readings were read by Darlene Renouf and Sheryl Hayes and the congregation recited Psalm 23. The organist was Bethany Paetkau.

Hymns sung were: Just as I Am, Because He Lives, and Reverend Paetkau sang The Old Rugged Cross while playing his guitar. Janice's favourite gospel song (The Far Side Banks of Jordan) was sung by Mona Hayes, accompanied on guitar by Adam Royal. Janice is now resting in the arms of Jesus.



In Memory

ASSELS: Laurine Ewa - July 5, 1991.

ASSELS: Frank - January 9, 1999.

Well I am late, but I never forget. I went to the grave two weeks ago to put flowers. Years are going by and I am getting old, but I remember the day.

I miss you both and love you. From daughter Laurine and family. I went to see brother Billy and I know he misses you too and Danny and Jimmy.

ASSELS: Earl - July 25, 2020

Well years are going, I miss you a lot. I miss going to see you. Passed your home this week. I wish you were still there, but I am getting there too. We go day by day.

I love you, sister Laurine and family xxoo.



Funeral and Burial

PALMER: Sybil

A funeral for the late Sybil Scott Palmer will be held on July 27 at 10 a.m. at St. Andrew's Church located at 1006 Blvd York West in Gaspé.

Visitation will be held at 9 a.m. prior to the funeral at St. Andrew's Church. Refreshments to follow at the York Hall.

Card of Thanks

The family of the late Janice Marcoux would like to express our sincere gratitude for the many displays of kindness: flowers, phone calls, messages of sympathy, food delivered to the house and visitation to St. Andrew's Anglican Church the day of the funeral.

A special "thank you" to Reverend Joshua Paetkau for the beautiful service. We would also like to thank Cathy Buttle for her excellent service and help during this sad times in our lives.

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BARACHOIS:

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Together with the 350th Anniversary of Barachois, the Malbay Festival is holding the following events under the tent at the Barachois Rec. Centre (1062 Route 132 East).

July 23: Amateur Hour (\$10) beginning at 2 p.m. and Music with Tammy Adams (\$10) beginning at 9 p.m.

July 24: Brunch by the Barachois Rec. Centre (\$12) from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Fiddling afternoon (\$10) beginning at 2 p.m.

July 27: Adult art workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Barachois Recreational Centre. Come and paint! Paintings will be made on canvas or driftwood. Driftwood is offered but people can bring their own if they desire.

July 28: Genealogist Elaine Réhel will be presenting her book, Protestants from Percé

to Gaspé. The presentation will take place at the Barachois Recreational Centre located at 1062 Rte 132, Barachois.

July 30: Public Market from 9 a.m. to 12 noon under the festival tent, 1062 Route 132 East. To reserve a table for \$10, please contact Sandy Coombs at 581-887-1417.

PERCE:

160th Anniversary

August 7: A Eucharist celebration of the 160th anniversary of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Percé (Route des Failles) will be held at 11 a.m. with Rev. Canon Stuart Pike presiding.

PORT DANIEL:

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SHIGAWAKE:

Community Centre

August 4: Tea and sandwich lunch from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

September 5: Hunting Bingo

NEW CARLISLE:

Bible Chapel

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NEW CARLISLE:

Funeral Association

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NEW CARLISLE:

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August 13: Karaoke/Talent competition night. Contact Fay Gallon at 418-375-9158 to register with two songs to perform! Prizes to be won!

August 14: Social gathering with BBQ and afternoon music beginning at 12 p.m.

NEW CARLISLE:

Heritage New Carlisle

Wednesdays: Afternoon tea every Wednesday until August 17. Menu: Scones, muffin of the day, tea biscuits, jam of the day, tea, coffee and lemonade. Two sittings available 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$12 adults and \$10 for children. Special teas in the Alcove 2nd floor is also available. Cost \$15 per adult.

For reservations please call 418-752-1334, message on facebook or email heritagenc@globetrotter.net

July 24: Musical afternoon with Roxane Michaud (violin) and Jean-Sébastien Blais (Oboe) at the New Carlisle Green under the big gazebo beginning at 2 p.m. Cost: \$15 per adult and children under 12 \$8.

July 27: Reconnecting Heritage: QAHN special event at Kempffer from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Music with Serge Champagne, interviews and presentations. Facebook live and will be recorded. 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Regular Tea. Reservations required.

NEW CARLISLE:

Farmers Market

Saturdays: Farmers market will now be held every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the park next to the municipal hall. For more information about booking a table, visit our facebook page: Marché Local Market - New Carlisle or contact 581-233-0658. Hope to see you there.

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

Book Room

The book room will be closed until **September**. Anyone who needs assistance this summer can contact Kathleen at 418-392-4896.

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES:

50 Plus Club

Please be advised that the **Tuesday** Grocery Bingo will resume in September.

August 13: BBQ at 319 Route 299 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$15 for

adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Hot dogs, hamburgers and salads will be served. Everyone welcome.

August 26: Jam sessions, open to all musicians and spectators. Doors open at 7 p.m. with entertainment beginning at 7:30 p.m.

September 17: Harvest Bingo beginning at 1 p.m. Cost: \$10 for 3 cards and \$1 for each additional card.

October 7-9: Fall Fest.

ROTARY CLUB WINNERS:

The winners for the week of July 10 are: Peter H. Cyr, Serge Cyr, Colette Cyr, Edwina Baldwin, Kimberly Henderson, Marguerite Breton and Dominic Gauthier.

UNITED CHURCH

NEW RICHMOND

Sunday, July 24

10 a.m. Service

UNITED CHURCH

HOPE TOWN

Sunday, July 24

2 p.m. Service

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Sunday, July 24

SHIGAWAKE

10 a.m Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, July 27

NEW CARLISLE

2 p.m. Holy Eucharist at the Gilker Residence

PARISH OF GASPÉ

Sunday, July 24

St. Matthew's - Peninsula

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer with Rev. Douglas Johnson



ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Financial inspiration could arrive this week, Aries. Instead of repeating old cycles in your life, think of minor tweaks you can make that will have an impact on your bottom line.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, if you are in a rebellious mood, find an outlet that will not get you into too much trouble. Engage in challenging pursuits, like puzzles or sports games.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, your relationship status is about to reach another level. Welcome these changes

as they come and enjoy the ride. Don't hesitate to share good news with others.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

You may have outgrown a career or a community in recent weeks, Cancer. Take your time exploring new opportunities so your next move can be effective.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, a change in your responsibilities could lead to a pay raise or even a promotion in the days to come. Focus on where you want to be in your career.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

A unique experience shared with someone else can make a big difference in your relationships, Virgo. Learn from every

lesson that comes your way.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, if you have been practicing or trying to perfect something, now is the time when you will see some long-awaited progress. Keep the learning process moving along.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Someone may want to surprise you this week, Scorpio. You may prefer to know what is coming, but this is a good-natured gesture, so go with the flow this time.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

One minor change in your daily life can make things easier for your family, Sagittar-

ius. Even if this change requires a sacrifice on your part, it could be worth it.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, there are many enjoyable things you can become involved in if you are willing to put in the effort. Once you do the work, the rewards will come.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, your family life is going to change in a big way in the not-so-distant future. How it plays out remains to be seen, but the effects will be profound and positive.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Some surprising information comes to light this week,

Pisces. It may change your self-image and how others perceive you.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

JULY 17

Luke Bryan, Singer (46)

JULY 18

Kristen Bell, Actress (42)

JULY 19

Benedict Cumberbatch,

Actor (46)

JULY 20

Julianne Hough,

Dancer (34)

JULY 21

Sara Sampaio, Model (31)

JULY 22

Selena Gomez, Singer (30)

JULY 23

Daniel Radcliffe, Actor (33)

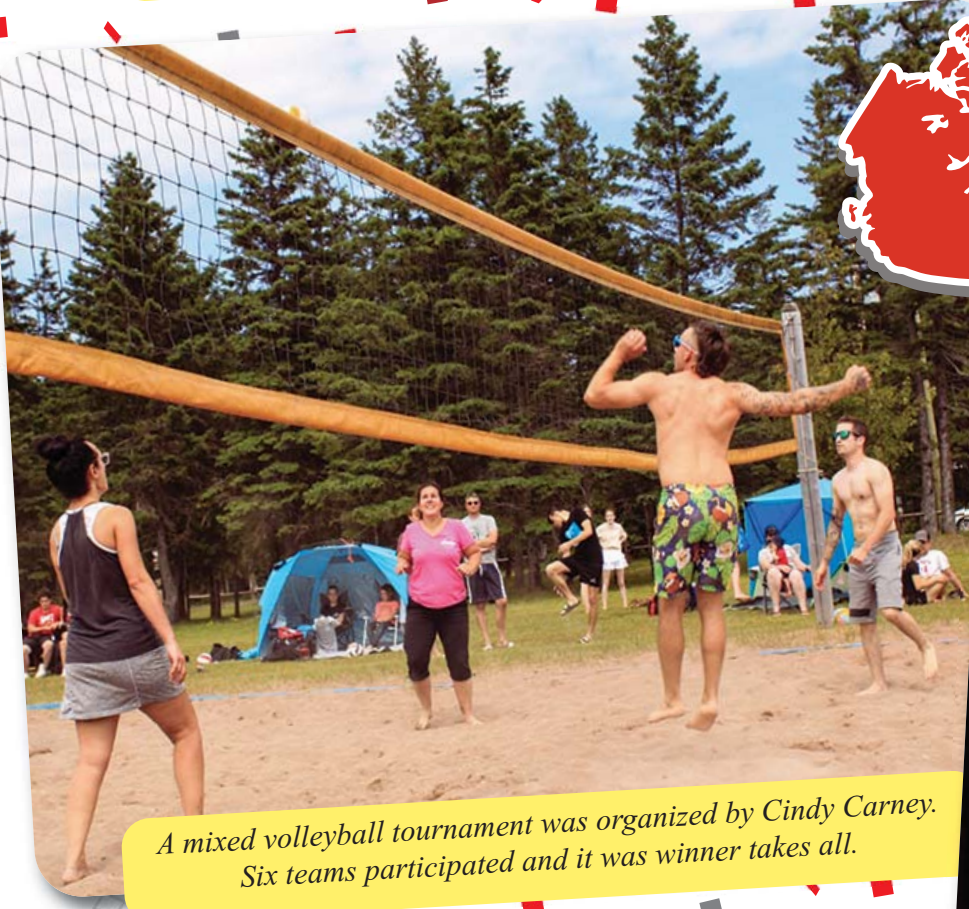
New Carlisle celebrates Canada Day



Becky Renouf of Becky's Baked Goods won first place in the July 1 parade. Runner up was Eastern Shores School Board and the Teddy Bear Picnic came in third place.



There was lots of fun to be had for children of all ages, including making a giant Canada Day mural organized by Shannon Day. The theme was Canada Day Pride.



A mixed volleyball tournament was organized by Cindy Carney. Six teams participated and it was winner takes all.



Five Roses entertained the crowd on Friday night.

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