

## Osisko Mining officializes acquisition of Murdochville mine from Glencore

GILLES GAGNÉ

MURDOCHVILLE - On July 17, Osisko Metals Incorporated announced that it has completed the acquisition of a 100% interest in the past-producing Gaspé Copper Mine. A purchase agreement dated July 8, 2022, between the company and Glencore Canada Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of world-wide giant Glencore PLC took a year to finalize.

The complexity of the transaction that will provide Glencore Canada with \$25 million in American currency explains the time elapsed since the July 2022 announced agreement and the finalization of the transaction.

A draft of the agreement had been reached three-and-a-half months earlier but the accurate details of it remained to be negotiated. (see side article)

Robert Wares, chairman and chief executive officer of Osisko Metals, stresses that “the acquisition of the Gaspé



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*The Mount Copper mine was closed 41 years ago because at the time, processing the low-grade copper ore was no longer profitable. Over the last four decades, however, that situation has changed.*

Copper Project is a milestone for the company that provides shareholders with significant copper exposure in the mining-friendly province of Quebec. Last year's excellent drill results at Gaspé support our belief in the high-value potential of this asset and we are convinced that the acquisition of Gaspé Copper, together with our ongoing development of our joint-ventured Pine-Point

project, positions Osisko Metals as a premier base metal development company in Canada.”

The Pine-Point project is mainly conducted by Osisko Metals and it is located on the south shore of Great Slave Lake in Canada's Northwest Territories, between Hay River to the west and Fort Resolution to the east.

Mr. Wares admits that the

transaction between Osisko Metals and Glencore Canada is complex. It notably stems from the fact that Glencore will detain options that can have the seller get its money between now and July 14, 2026.

Glencore did not own or control, directly or indirectly, any securities of Osisko Metals immediately prior to the closing of the transaction.

As part of the transaction, Glencore retained a 1% net smelter returns royalty on the historical Mount Copper open pit and a 3% net smelter return royalty on all other minerals extracted from Gaspé Copper. Silver has been quantified in the analyses of Mount Copper samples carried out since March 2022.

period of four years, which commenced on March 25, 2022, with a minimum of \$20 million to be invested by March 25, 2024.

Osisko Metals has entered into an offtake agreement with Glencore to purchase 100% of the concentrates produced at Gaspé Copper. It is up to Glencore to determine where the ore will be processed but the likely solution is Horne's smelter in Rouyn-Noranda, in Abitibi-Témiscamingue, the closest facility. (see other article)

Osisko Metals and Glencore also entered into an investor rights agreement pursuant to which Glencore has been granted certain investor rights, provided that it maintains certain ownership thresholds in Osisko.

Among other things, the investor rights agreement provides Glencore with the right to designate one director for appointment to the board of directors of Osisko Metals, participation rights in future equity issuances, piggyback registration rights and the right to maintain its pro-rata position in Osisko.

It has already been made public that Peter Wright will be appointed to the board of Osisko Mining. Mr. Wright who was hired in 2014, has served as director and vice president of legal services, with

### Osisko to make further payments to Glencore if mining resumes

Osisko Metals will make a cash payment of US\$20 million to Glencore upon the commencement of commercial production at Gaspé Copper. That was also part of the initial agreement reached in March 2022 which led to further negotiations.

Based on that March 2022 agreement, Osisko Metals is required to invest a total of \$55 million in exploration, development and environmental expenditures, including permitting expenditures, over a

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# Osisko Metals to complete further drillings at Gaspé Mines

**NELSON SERGERIE**

GASPÉ - The July 17 announcement concerning the conclusion of the transaction between Glencore and Osisko Metals will essentially make the latter stick to the game plan. The one distinctive change in the acquisition is that Osisko Metals will carry out drilling over a longer period than expected.

“This summer, we will continue the drillings. We are starting phase 1 of the environmental impact studies and this fall, we will begin the preliminary economic studies,” points out Robert Wares, board president and chief executive officer of Osisko Metals.

Mr. Wares is a former geol-

ogist for Noranda Mines, and the former owner of the Murdochville mine during its years of operation.

Osisko has so far completed approximately 28,000 metres of drilling at Gaspé Copper Mines in accordance with the recommended program of works set out in the technical report. From 6,000 metres to 10,000 metres of additional drilling should be carried out in 2023-2024. In its initial statement of March 2022, the company management was expecting 30,000 metres of drilling, but no more than 38,000 metres.

“The deposit is expected to average grades of 0.33% to 0.35% copper. The grade is the main aspect of the issue. We

would perhaps have five years of production at 0.5% copper at the heart of the deposit. I won't hide as well that we need a copper price of \$4 (US per pound) for the project to be profitable,” mentions Mr. Wares.

When the mine closed in 1999, the price of copper was hovering around 80 cents per pound. The company hopes to launch its commercial operations by 2030.

The electrification and decarbonization of the economy will inflate the demand for this mineral, according to Robert Wares’ analysis, and the market is promising, especially since the site is well known.

“There are always certain risks connected (to such a project) because of the price of convenience. But we had the advantage of knowing the deposit well, and the old operations. It gave us a big advantage over our competitors. For me, it's a return to basics,” says Mr. Wares.

## Five years before a decision to reopen or not

“We still have five years of work to properly define the resource, to do the studies economic, social and environmental to arrive at a BAPE (Bureau of Public Hearings on the Environment) and the permits for the construction of the mine,” he stresses.

Osisko Metals is required to invest a total of \$55 million in expenditures over a period of four years, starting on March 25, 2022, including a amount of \$20 million before March 25, 2024. So far, the company has invested \$13.7 million as of June 30, 2023, assures Mr. Wares.

“We keep a horizon of four to five years to arrive at a production decision. At that point, assuming a positive decision, we’re looking at two years to build the mine and reinvest in the town itself. The town needs infrastructure to accommodate new workers,” he suggests.

Approximately 750 full-time jobs would be created for the operation of the Mount Copper mine. Around 1,500 people would be required during the construction phase.

“There's a lot of work to do,” notes Robert Wares, as several apartment buildings had been demolished or moved to Gaspé when the mine closed.

“When a project of this magnitude goes ahead, real estate entrepreneurs show up very quickly. I'm not too worried. All suppliers in the Gaspé Peninsula have contacted us,” he adds when asked if any builders have come forward.

On social acceptability, the geologist does not see too many obstacles. “In the case of Murdoch (Murdochville) and the Gaspé, I don't think it will be a big challenge. Compared to Malartic (a mine formerly owned by Osisko Metals), it should be much easier. But there are always issues. We have to manage it over several years. It's a matter of constant communication. To date, no opposition has arisen, but it is expected that it will come. Mine action groups manifest sooner or later, but it is a question of getting the support of the local community,” explains Mr. Wares.

He indicates that he already has the support of the Quebec government in a context where there is very little copper production in Quebec.

“Getting Gaspé Mines back into operation will make a significant difference to the vision of the government to fuel the energy transition with the production of critical metals,” he suggests.

Glencore can buy 100% of the concentrates produced at Mines Gaspé. Glencore intends to bring the ore to Rouyn-Noranda or overseas.

“Glencore decides on a monthly basis. It is the port of Gaspé which will welcome ships that will make exports to Europe,” he says.

Rail rehabilitation becomes essential to send the raw product to Abitibi’s Horne smelter, while Transports Québec is targeting the end of railway repairs to Gaspé in the fall of 2026.

“It is absolutely essential. The rail system in the Gaspé Peninsula needs to be revamped. We could always put that on a ship and send that to Trois-Rivières and then put that on a train but it will be much easier to use the rail network in the Gaspé Peninsula,” affirms Mr. Wares.

A public meeting will be organized this fall in Murdochville. A newsletter will be published every three months to report on the progress of the project.

Last fall, based on the first drillings, Osisko asserted that Mount Copper likely contains the largest untapped copper resource in eastern North America.

At that time, the mining company had estimated its Murdochville project at \$1.5 billion and planned 10 years to enter operation.

*(with notes from Gilles Gagné)*

## A complicated payment method

*Gilles Gagné*

MURDOCHVILLE – Osisko Metals and Glencore have chosen a rather complicated remuneration deal during a negotiation period that basically lasted a year-and-a-half, from the beginning of 2022 to mid-2023.

Glencore’s sum of US\$25 million is convertible into units of Osisko Metals at a price of \$0.40 per unit comprising one common share of the buying company and one-half common share purchase warrant, also of Osisko. Each warrant will be exercisable by Glencore at a price of \$0.46 per common share until July 14, 2026.

The convertible note will bear interest at a rate equal to the secured overnight financing rate plus 4%, payable annually and, subject to adjustment or acceleration in certain circumstances, all outstanding principal and interest under the convertible note will be repaid in full by July 14, 2026. The convertible note will be secured against all of the present and after acquired property of Osisko.

Upon full conversion of the convertible note and exercise of the underlying warrants, Glencore would acquire 71,347,826 common shares, representing approximately 21.8% of Osisko’s common shares that would be issued and outstanding upon the conversion of the convertible note and the exercise of the warrants issued upon such conversion.

## MURDOCHVILLE:

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Ideally, Osisko Metals’ management would like to get 0.35% or more copper content at Murdochville.

The first drilling campaign of Osisko Metals was carried out at the end of the winter and early spring of 2022.

It revealed a potential of 456 million tons of mineralized ore with a 0.31% in copper. Once processed, it would yield 1.4 million metric tons of pure copper or 3.1 billion pounds.

This volume equals what was exploited in Murdochville between 1954 and 1999, either through open pit mines like Mount Copper or underground mines. The last

underground mine in Murdochville was closed in October 1999.

During most of its history, the Murdochville smelter also processed imported copper ore, notably from Newfoundland mines in the 1950s and 1960s, from Bathurst mines from the 1960s until the 1990s, and from South America’s deposits. In fact, imported copper ore supplied the smelter from the closure of the local mines until the permanent closure of the smelter, at the end of April 2002, by the company that was then called Noranda Mines.

A \$1 billion investment would have been required in 2002 to replace the old smelter, inaugurated in 1955.

## Gaspé has the highest price per litre of gasoline in Quebec

*Nelson Sergerie*

GASPÉ - With the exception of Northern Quebec and the Magdalen Islands, motorists in Gaspé and Haute-Gaspésie pay the highest price in Quebec to tank up.

This is the observation made by SPEC during an analysis of data from the Energy Board carried out on July 19.

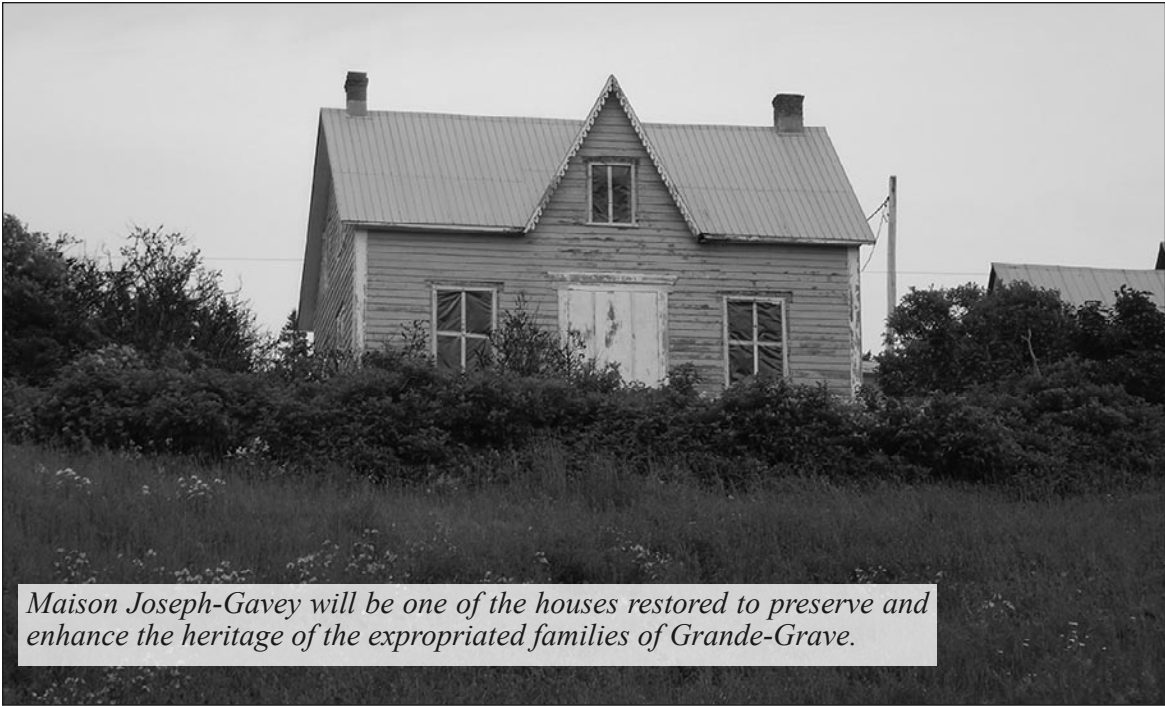
In Gaspé and Haute-Gaspésie, the regular price for gasoline was still \$1.79 per litre, while in Rocher-Percé it was \$1.68 and on average motorists paid \$1.65 in the Bay of Chaleur area. According to data from the Energy Board, the retailer's profit margin in the Bay of Chaleur area was 7.7 cents and more than double for Gaspé and Haute-Gaspésie at 17.9 cents.

According to data from the Energy Board, a litre of gasoline should be \$1.71 in the Bay of Chaleur area and \$1.75 in Gaspé and Haute-Gaspésie.

The regions of Charlevoix and Sept-Îles follow closely behind Gaspé and Sainte-Anne-des-Monts with a price of \$1.78, according to the Energy Board.

Only the hard-to-reach regions have a higher price: this is the case in James Bay where the price was \$1.97 and in the Magdalen Islands where motorists are paying \$1.82. In both cases, transport costs due to the extreme remoteness of refueling sites explain these higher prices.

Members of the National Assembly (MNAs) on the Coast have recently made complaints to the Competition Bureau about the high gasoline prices. In 2019, the Town of Gaspé also made complaints to the Competition Bureau with several other municipalities and MRCs in the region also making complaints.



Photos: N. Sergerie

Maison Joseph-Gavey will be one of the houses restored to preserve and enhance the heritage of the expropriated families of Grande-Grave.

# Grande-Grave houses will be restored

**NELSON SERGERIE**

GASPÉ - Around a hundred people, mostly descendants of those expropriated from Forillon Park, have taken part in the implementation of the Grande-Grave heritage accommodation project, announced last November.

The emotion was palpable among the few people who took the floor on July 16 to highlight the fact that the Government of Canada is devoting \$9.8 million to the conservation and enhancement of the heritage legacy of the Grande-Grave expropriated families.

The most moving testimony was that of Amanda Roberts, a descendant of the Gavey family, many of whom had travelled from Alberta and British Columbia to be in Grande-Grave to mark the start of this new chapter of the park. She recounted in English what she called “this very important Sunday,” for everyone.

Ms. Roberts explained how deeply the expropriation impacted her grandmother. About how six months before her death, “she took me by the hand and said that expropriation took more than a house: it took life, community, culture

and peace, all to create this beautiful national park.” She added that this day was a call to action to ensure that their story is told to future generations, highlighting the work done by the Regroupement des expropriés de Forillon and their descendants.

Speaking on behalf of the group, Lynn-Ann Smith recounted the battle waged from the moment the expropriated learned that they had to leave their lives until today.

The investment is important to them.

“More and more people from the group of expropriated people were finding it difficult to see these houses deteriorate over time. Given the number of years, it had already been 50 years since there had been little or no maintenance of the houses, we were well aware that it was going to fall and no one wanted that. We were very happy with this grant, which was the culmination of hard work,” said Ms. Smith.

The group is now demanding the return of the 3,000 to 4,000 Forillon artefacts, stored in Gatineau.

“For the group, it is essential that these objects be repatriated to the Gaspé region,

ideally to the Forillon Park area. These artefacts have a great value in the hearts of the expropriated and it is part of our history,” mentions Ms. Smith who points out that there is practically no trace left of what previously formed the expropriated communities.

“What's left to show them?” We want our descendants to see the park as something that once belonged to their parents, grandparents, and ancestors. The artefacts will leave a good trace of our passage,” she adds.

Speaking at the event, Member of Parliament (MP) Diane Lebouthillier spoke of the sacrifices made by those who were expropriated. “I would like to emphasize that the Government of Canada recognizes that many families, including those of several of our guests, have been greatly affected by the expropriations during the creation of certain national parks and Forillon is no exception.”

After the ceremony, Ms. Lebouthillier ensured those in attendance that work continues to repatriate the artefacts to Gaspé.

“I was in contact with the Musée de la Gaspésie to ensure that we could receive artefacts in the region,” she said.

When it was pointed out to the MP that in April 2022, the Musée de la Gaspésie put a stop to the idea of expanding its facilities to accommodate the artefacts, Ms. Lebouthillier persisted.

“We want to preserve them. Discussions are continuing to eventually bring the artefacts back to the region,” added Ms. Lebouthillier.

Work is scheduled to start next year to restore four heritage houses in the Grande-Grave sector: the Elias-Gavey house, the Daniel-Gavey house, the Joseph-Gavey house and the Charles-Philipp-

# Police report



Photo: Town of Bonaventure

Thirteen Town of Bonaventure firefighters recently received training to carry out search and rescue operations at sea. Twelve men and one woman received the specialized training from June 16 to 18 under the supervision of Bonaventure Fire Chief, Sam Arsenault. The municipal administration had previously acquired an inflatable boat to carry out search and rescue operations. In fact, one such operation was conducted on July 19 after a small sail boat tipped, at about 5:30 p.m., off the coast of Bonaventure. The first intervention was made by a fisherman but the fire brigade was called and conducted the operation right after being notified of the boat being capsized. No injuries were reported.

A transport truck and trailer was involved in an accident in Carleton, near the water tower at about 7:40 a.m. on July 19. The tandem, which was going east, left the road for an unknown reason. “We were informed of the accident by a (Transports Québec) road patroller who had expertise in big trucks. Nobody was injured in the accident. Only physical damage to the guard rail was reported. The Sûreté du Québec officers went to the site of the accident site but Transports Québec, assisted by road control, took care of the operation, consisting in putting the truck back on the road. Traffic was reduced to one lane during the operation,” explains Sgt. Audrey Anne Bilodeau, spokesperson for Sûreté du Québec. Traffic resumed to normal by the end of the morning. Temporary traffic lights were installed to facilitate the operation.

A 17-year-old from Gaspé was seriously injured in a July 15 scooter accident that took place on York Boulevard East, in Gaspé. The adolescent who was found in a ditch was reported by a passing motorist and the emergency services were called to rescue him, they were assisted by the Town of Gaspé firefighters. “The victim sustained serious (injuries) but they were not life-threatening. We have reasons to believe that the victim’s capacity to drive was impaired by alcohol or drugs. So, a blood sample was taken for analysis. Some people don’t realize that as soon as you drive a vehicle, even a lawn tractor, on a public road, you cannot be impaired,” points out Sgt. Audrey Anne Bilodeau.



Amanda Roberts gave a touching testimony about her family who was expropriated to create Forillon Park

Bartlett house.

Discussions were held between the group representing the expropriated people and their families and Parks Canada. From those discussions it was concluded that the houses should be put to better use, and that authentic accommodation should be offered, but with the aim of sustainable development.

But there are still details to be worked out, and these elements require further discussion and analysis.

In addition to the restoration of the four houses, there will also be the commemoration of the history of the families expropriated during the creation

of the park in the early 1970s.

Visitors will have the opportunity to learn more about the difficult past of the expropriated families who lived there at the time of the park’s creation, to tell the great story of Grande-Grave and the positive impact that the expropriated families have had on the nation, and to create a unique visitor experience in the Gaspé region. Since restoration work began at Forillon Park in 2015, nearly \$90 million will have been invested in the various infrastructures.

In June 1970, Forillon became Quebec's first national park within the Parks Canada network.



Gilles Gagné

Commentary

Entrenched in old habits

The current summer is marked by multiple extreme weather events all over the world, not only in North America. However, the 2023 summer could well be the coolest of the next decades, given that humans, despite warnings going back 35 years or so, have not made appropriate adjustments to curtail the effects of greenhouse gas emissions.

So the planet is burning and will likely keep burning. Most people are waiting for politicians to take action and be the leaders in climate change control. Yet, a vast majority of politicians are far from leaders and the occasional leadership they do deliver is still far from an ideal management of greenhouse gases.

Recently, the federal government followed by the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board, the public body regulating petroleum-related activities in the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador offshore area, granted oil giant ExxonMobil the green light to drill a new exploration well in the marine environment, in a region where production is concentrated off the east coast. The company has pledged to invest \$165 million in that oil exploration campaign.

ExxonMobil is expected to launch this campaign soon. The drilling will be carried out in the Jeanne d'Arc Basin, a vast area located on the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, more than 300 kilometres from the coast, where oil exploitation permits are already concentrated in the marine environment.

The ExxonMobil people have already made significant steps towards that exploratory initiative by reserving the money to do it and in particular through the rental of a drilling platform which arrived in Canada at the beginning of July. It is serious business. As if ExxonMobil, one of the largest companies in the world, needed it, part of its Jean d'Arc Basin investments will be reimbursed by the provincial government. The Newfoundland and Labrador government is likely the poorest in Canada and keeps repeating the same mistakes year after year.

The realization of the Hibernia, Hebron and White Rose projects were supposed to be the first steps towards Newfoundland and Labrador's vast and much-needed economic diversification. It essentially failed,

despite a few technological initiatives in other fields. That province's government also failed in the Muskrat Falls power dam project, conducted with the support of the federal government during the years when Stephen Harper was Prime Minister. It will only lead to a sharp increase in the province's electricity rates.

Sticking to old ways

Despite strong climate signals, the Newfoundland and Labrador government still wants to develop the oil and gas cluster, hoping that the industry will continue its efforts to find hydrocarbons, with the aim of doubling oil production in the marine environment after 2030. It would then reach 200 million barrels per year. The Newfoundland and Labrador government sees that the production of the existing oil platforms is declining and has therefore opted to put emphasis on finding more hydrocarbons instead of looking for original ways to diversify its economy. Hence the clear desire of that government to launch new exploration projects in order to stimulate the province's traditional economic fields.

The ExxonMobil project follows another venture that made the news in June, as Suncor is waiting for approval from the federal government to drill up to 16 offshore oil exploration wells, also in the Grand Banks area, despite the fact that it is "a highly productive ecosystem" essential for several endangered species. That fact is acknowledged by the company.

First filed in 2019, Suncor's Tilt Cove project is the largest since that which led to the discovery of the Bay du Nord deposit. Suncor plans to carry out 12 to 16 exploratory wells by the end of the decade. By way of comparison, the oil potential of Bay du Nord was determined after 13 drillings.

Drilling in marine refuges

However, at times, the industry experiences setbacks. Regarding the Bay du Nord project, Equinor announced in May it was giving itself three years to decide what to do next with its project, which could produce nearly a billion barrels over the next few decades. The Trudeau government has already given the green light to the project.

In June, BP decided to halt the drilling of the first authorized exploration well in a "marine refuge" on the east coast of Canada. This project had been denounced by environmental groups, worried about seeing the industry access an area supposed to protect biodiversity.

The Grand Banks of Newfoundland is an extremely rich region in terms of biodiversity and productivity, hence the importance of this area for several species of fish, birds and marine mammals. Up to 30 types of sea mammals are found in the area targeted for oil drillings.

Each Suncor drilling could last up to 120 days, in a region which is "among the exploration areas where the environmental conditions are among the most hostile and most variable in the world," can be read in the documents produced by the firm. "There is a potential period of up to five years where a blowout or spill from exploration wells could occur," under the upcoming project. But this risk is very low, according to the oil company.

According to the federal government, it is "an ecologically and biologically significant area that supports great diversity, including several declining species." Any fishing activity "coming into contact with the bottom," is prohibited there, but the door is not closed to oil and gas drilling.

In that file, some government and company representatives are making a fool out of people.

In April 2010, BP's management also considered the risk of a blowout or a spill in the Gulf of Mexico "very low" when the Deepwater Horizon platform exploded, killing 11 people, causing at least \$65 billion

in damage, and making an undetermined number of people sick or without a job.

In Canada's Atlantic Ocean, although commercial fishing remains hampered by poor results in certain types of catches, like cod, mackerel and shrimp, the annual value of landing nears \$10 billion annually in this part of the country. That is prior to processing the fish.

It is not only a source of money. It represents a way of life for hundreds of communities, and it also assures a certain wealth distribution over four provinces and three Quebec regions, the Gaspé Peninsula and the Magdalen Islands, the North Shore and, to a lesser extent, the Lower Saint Lawrence area.

As time passes, we are learning that maintaining ecosystems in balance is the best way to guarantee the long-term viability of mankind. Noise pollution and oil spills have impacts on many species, a fact confirmed by scientific data.

We are not learning fast enough that companies like BP and ExxonMobil will always look after their own interests first and foremost, if not solely.

Moreover, Canada must turn its back on new drilling in the marine environment if it wants to respect the commitments made at the United Nations' conference on biodiversity in Montreal (COP15). It is hard to understand why a project like Suncor's or ExxonMobil's can still go ahead in an area that must be protected.

The statement of Canada's Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Steven Guilbeault about Suncor's initiative is unacceptable. "It is a potential project that will undergo an environmental assessment, a process [in which] we have confidence. Our emission reduction targets remain the same."

To put it short, the targets will remain the same unreachable goals if we agree with Newfoundland and Labrador's desire to double offshore oil production after 2030.

The best quote comes from federal Labour Minister Seamus O'Regan who, on May 31, in a speech to an audience of energy sector representatives, touted the shortening of the timeframes in which exploration projects are assessed. "Don't tell me the green economy excludes oil and gas. A sustainable future requires an energy mix," he stressed.

With friends like that, Mother Nature doesn't need enemies.

Letter to the Editor...

Just a note to say how much I enjoy reading the SPEC and especially Diane's writing. Her Reflections topic, The hubris of the ultra-rich was an excellent piece and very well written, indeed! She was right on the mark about the whole topic. If only the ultra-rich could find it in themselves to spend a bit of that wealth in much more humane and considerate ways. Thanks for a good newspaper.

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# Two towns to receive modular units to house CISSS workers

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MARIA - The Government of Quebec will install modular units in the Gaspé Peninsula to quickly provide housing to healthcare professionals in an effort to promote recruitment and retention.

The towns of Maria and Gaspé have been selected for this pilot project, but the project in Maria is more advanced, according to Catherine Blouin, the Member of the National Assembly for Bonaventure, who says she has been working on this file for a long time, even raising awareness about the file to the Premier's Office.

"What I can tell you is that the pilot project was going to have 20 units in Quebec. We have two in Charlevoix. We will have 10 in Maria. I can confirm everything to you first," says Bonaventure MNA, Catherine Blouin.

On July 10, the Town of Maria proceeded with the adoption of a resolution which allowed the implementation of the project, a decision which is believed to have forced the hand of the government.

"The official announcement will take place with all the details. Phase 2 in Gaspé will come in a second step," says Ms. Blouin who is not able to give more details for the project that will involve Gaspé.

However, according to our information, Gaspé could have eight units that would be installed near the CHSLD Mgr Ross, which would complete the pilot project.

However, the mayor of Gaspé, Daniel Côté, points out that the official request submitted to the urban planning department is for five units.

"There are still some regulatory analyzes to be done, but the watchword is to do everything to make it work. We need housing, we need healthcare workers. It makes me happy to see the public sector investing in housing. The public sector creates pressure on housing. Housing responsibility lies with the Government of Quebec. Seeing that the Integrated Health and Social Services Centre (CISSS) will build housing for their own workers is music to my ears," says the mayor.

"Maybe there will be more. I know there are other units available, but I can't say more at this time. The official discussions are five on file, but there is room for others," says Mayor Côté happily.

No intentions for modular units have been mentioned for the towns of Chandler and Sainte-Anne-des-Monts.

MNA Blouin discussed the issue with the president and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Gaspé Peninsula CISSS, Martin Pelletier.



Photo: SHQ

The interior of a modular unit installed in Charlevoix.

"I think the situation was particularly critical on Maria's side. We go where it matters most first. Remember that this is a pilot project. This is an idea worth trying. We are lucky to be one of the first places where we can do it," says Mr. Pelletier.

This announcement, however, is difficult to accept in the town of Sainte-Anne-des-Monts, which is also experiencing a significant lack of housing.

"We have the same issues as other municipalities. Sainte-Anne-des-Monts is the third largest town in the Gaspésie. It's a disappointment," says the mayor of Sainte-Anne-des-Monts, Simon Deschênes.

The town already had an affordable housing project on its territory. Along the way, there were discussions with the

Gaspé Peninsula CISSS to see if it was not possible to reserve 10 to 12 units for its workforce.

"It tells me that the need was already identified for Sainte-Anne-des-Monts. We had decided to improve our project to make room, but there is a 20% down payment from the community. I was about to double my project. I ask myself the question: if Maria and Gaspé are lucky enough to have this type of accommodation for the Gaspé Peninsula CISSS, I would like to obtain the same thing," says Mr. Deschênes, who was told that his town could possibly receive units in the second phase of the project.

"Seems to me that we should have obtained a few additional units to house health care workers," says the

elected official with disappointment.

## The CISSS is satisfied

The accommodations that will be made available are intended for international nurses.

"We may need temporary accommodation for these people, but also for the independent workforce that is unfortunately still present here," explains the CISSS director of human resources, Alain Vézina.

This solution will provide more flexibility in finding long-term housing for permanent employees.

The execution schedule has not been established; that matter will be the responsibility of the Société d'habitation du Québec (SHQ).

Mr. Vézina understands the disappointment of the town of Sainte-Anne-des-Monts. "But the sectors where there is more need – in fact, it influenced the distribution of the first cohort – are those of the Bay of Chaleur and Côte-de-Gaspé sectors," adds the director.

Since the Government of Quebec must place a call for tenders for the units, the modules will not be ready for the arrival of a new cohort of 40 international nurses in the fall. Considering the huge housing shortage in the Gaspé Peninsula, it will be difficult to find a home for them upon their arrival.

# Women's groups concerned about gaps in obstetric services

NELSON SERGERIE

GASPÉ - The Round Table of the Gaspé Peninsula-Magdalen Islands Women's Groups is sounding the alarm, saying it is highly concerned about the many gaps in obstetric services in the region's hospitals.

According to the representatives at the table, the situation of instability in obstetric services is not close to being resolved.

The Women's Health Committee has been monitoring the gaps in services for several years and has prioritized the issue.

"We realize that there is an increase both in the number and in the duration of gaps or probable gaps. We are very concerned about this situation," says the coordinator of the Round Table of Gaspé Peninsula-Magdalen Islands Women's Groups, Nastassia Williams.

Among the concerns being brought to the forefront are is-

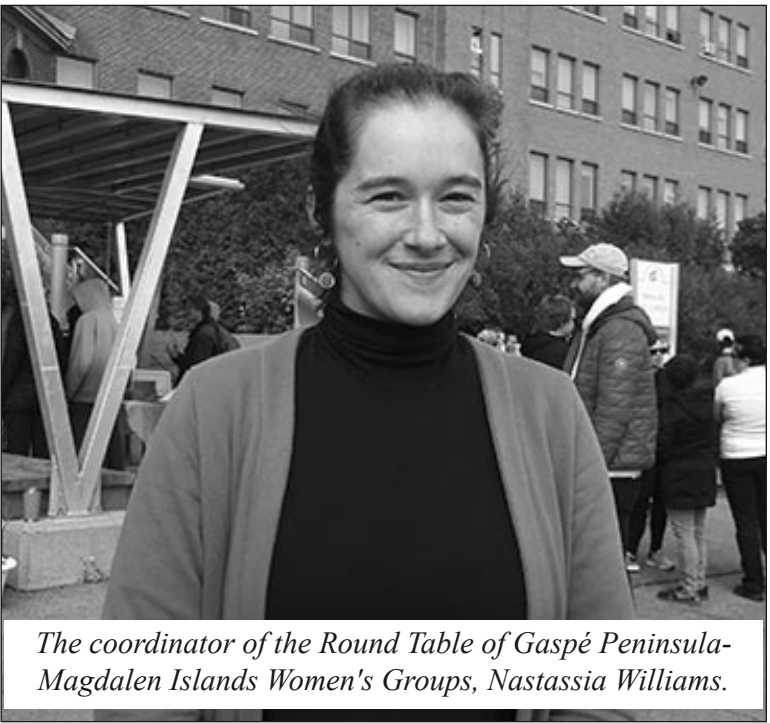


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sues of safety and the anxiety being experienced by the families.

"Just the possibility of a break (in service) is in itself something that can be anxiety-provoking for expectant families," adds the coordinator who wants these gaps to stop.

With the recent gaps at the

Gaspé hospital, for example, pregnant women about to give birth may have to travel 100 kilometres or more to get to the Chandler Hospital Centre, which is the service corridor designated by the Gaspé Peninsula Integrated Health and Social Services Centre (CISSS) when such a situation occurs.

The Table is not attacking the CISSS, but rather Christian Dubé, the Minister of Health, and the Premier of Quebec, François Legault.

"It really is a legal issue. Citizens of the Gaspé Peninsula and the Magdalen Islands are not second-class users. They have the right to physical access to health care and social services. The fact of having gaps or probable gaps in obstetrics or other departments, harms this right and it ultimately harms the free choice of women with regard to health and their pregnancy," states Ms. Williams.

Moreover, the Table notes another aspect, that the lack of health manpower has a greater impact on women who occupy several professions in the health network, but also in other public sectors.

"We're thinking of the education and healthcare networks, or the educators in early childhood centres. There's been a lack of recognition and difficult working conditions for years,

which have made these professions less attractive. People are less committed to them. As a result, we're having trouble filling positions in obstetrics or the classroom. We're asking the government to take action to offer acceptable conditions for women," says the spokesperson for the Table.

## Impacts of Bill 15 add to concerns.

"We live in regions with particular realities. This requires responses adapted to our realities. What we see emerging is more centralization with Santé-Québec and the transformation of CAs (Administrative Councils) into executive committees. It is potentially a loss of power at the local level. In the new version, will we be able to adapt to local realities? We are concerned. We are asking the (Quebec) government to consider whether this is the right path for particular regions," says Ms. Williams.

# \$1.2M invested by the Gaspé SADC

NELSON SERGERIE

GASPÉ - The Gaspé Société d'aide au développement de la collectivité (SADC) invested \$1.2 million in the Côte-de-Gaspé MRC during its last fiscal year which ended on March 31. 75 projects received financial support from the Gaspé SADC, which is a record for the organization.

"In our last 33 years, it's been one of our top three investment (years). Beyond the investments, what is really interesting is all the technical assistance where we have made a difference for 114 companies over the past year. We're really proud of it all," says the Director General Dave Lavoie.

"A lot of businesses in tourist accommodation, we've seen a lot of business start-ups and a little in agri-food. Those are really our three areas where we've made loans to businesses," says Mr. Lavoie.

The SADC granted loans totalling \$785,000. The Strategic Youth Fund granted \$285,000 to 13 young entrepreneurs. The Regular Investment Fund paid \$341,000 to five companies. The Express Fund supported three companies with \$26,000 and the Temporary Fund granted three com-

panies \$133,000. In grants, a total sum of \$435,000 was awarded to 54 projects, including 28 grants of financial assistance to businesses and organizations through the Assistance Program for Small Rural Tourism Businesses, the Technical Assistance Program for Businesses and Organizations and the Virage-Vert Program.

Among all the assistance granted, four English-speaking community projects were supported in the past year.

"One of the most important projects we have supported is the Tales of Douglstown exhibition. This is the exhibition at the Douglas Centre about the Irish and anglophone heritage and heritage of the community. It's really a great achievement," explains Mr. Lavoie.

The Holy Name Hall, the community forum organized by CASA and Vision Gaspé-Percé Now and CASA's The Gaspesian Way website were also supported. In total, these projects received \$12,650 from the SADC. On its own, Tales of Douglstown received \$6,900. The Côte-de-Gaspé region is buzzing with economic activity.

Dave Lavoie speaks in particular as examples of the LM

Wind Power plant which is constantly growing, shipbuilding which is going well, winter tourism in Murdochville which is booming and Grande-Vallée which has several economic activities.

"There's a lot of good economic news on the Côte-de-Gaspé, and that brings confidence, so people are less afraid to go into business in these circumstances," says Mr. Lavoie.

The five-year agreement will expire this year with Canada Economic Development and the results of recent years are convincing. "I think we delivered the goods," says the director.

The loan portfolio is \$2.6 million as of March 31.

"The SADC's objective is not to replace financial institutions. We are there as a complement to complete the financing of a project and, above all, what is interesting for young entrepreneurs, we can provide via the Strategic Youth Fund. It is like a down payment that can allow an entrepreneur to seek more capital from financial institutions. It is financial leverage and it is interest free for two years. It's very interesting in the current situation," says the director.

## No improvement in shrimp fishery

NELSON SERGERIE

GASPÉ - The shrimp fishing season remains difficult as catch rates remain low.

A glimmer of hope appeared a few weeks ago when landings were better in the Anticosti zone, but reality quickly caught up with the shrimp fishermen.

"I spoke with one of the plant managers earlier this week and we are going back to catch rates that looked like a month or a month and a half ago in Anticosti, that is to say, 20,000, 22,000 or 25,000 pounds per trip, which is really not good," comments the director of the Quebec Shrimp Fishermen's Office, Patrice Element.

The Sept-Îles area is even worse as catch rates remain low. Shrimp boats are also rare in this sector.

"It's just not profitable," says Mr. Element.

At the current pace of catches, it could be difficult for fishermen with large quotas to amass the full permit allowable before the cold

weather sets in. "There is the economic question. Depending on factors such as the price of fuel or the size of the shrimp, there will be fishermen who will have to make decisions," says Mr. Element, who indicates that some shrimp fishermen are considering stopping fishing this season, which would be extremely difficult.

"Last year, with astronomical fuel prices, it was a season between extremely difficult and catastrophic. This year, it may be even worse. With the catch rate we currently have, it's worse! It costs us more in diesel than it cost us last year per pound caught. Even if, in fact, the average prices are a little better for small shrimp, with the average size that we currently have, the revenues per pound are also lower," Mr. Element states.

The threat of a moratorium on the shrimp fishery raised recently by Fisheries and Oceans Canada worries the industry's stakeholders.

A meeting scheduled for July 20 with the ministry in

Mont-Joli was also cancelled.

"I personally admit that I have a little difficulty understanding the reasons for this cancellation. In the context of the real crisis that the industry is currently experiencing – fishermen, processors, First Nations – this meeting would have been important. But we take note of the fact that Fisheries and Oceans has cancelled (the meeting). We can't do anything (about it)," says the director.

The industry is in discussion with both the Quebec and Canadian governments to try to find solutions.

"At MAPAQ (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), we have to recognize that they listen well and seem to understand the situation we are in, but there is nothing concrete on the table yet," said Mr. Element.

Discussions with the federal government did not go very far beyond reviewing the precautionary and resource approach.

"As far as aid is concerned, there is nothing on the table either," concludes the director.

# Return of the TDLG on foot but uncertainty for ski and snowshoe event

NELSON SERGERIE

GASPÉ – The seventh edition of the Traversée de la Gaspésie (TDLG) on foot will be held from October 1 to 7. This return after a stoppage due to the pandemic has participants eager for the upcoming event.

Reservations were launched on July 10 and the event is already almost sold out.

The organization had to review its logistical plans and set up headquarters near Saint-Georges-de-Malbaie and Corner-of-the-Beach.

"Gaspé was practically full at that time, so we thought 'why not show off places in our area?' We wanted our participants to discover them and places suitable for an event like this," says the president of the TDLG, Claudine Roy.

The organization had always chosen a relatively central site for holding activities. For this recovery, activities will take place between Forillon Park and Cap-d'Espoir.

"For example, on the first day, we want to take them to Bonaventure Island. Many people have never taken the boat and this will be the first time they set foot in this area and dinner will be held at the Maison du pêcheur restaurant. It will be different, but just as extraordinary," predicts Ms. Roy, who still hopes that the participants will leave with the Gaspé Peninsula tattooed on their hearts.

This 2.0 version of the TDLG on foot will offer different activities in collaboration with innkeepers, such as hiking boots and bikini or hiking boots and kayak days.

The number of registrations will be limited to 100,

just like last winter for the TDLG on skis and snowshoes.

"Surveys and comments were almost 100% satisfied. It was completely different. It was a small group. The people really appreciated it. It was a success. That's what we want to do with the on foot version to make them discover our part of the country on a smaller scale," says the president.

Each day, participants will have routes of 15 to 25 kilometres with alternatives for those who would like to do a little less.

A reflection will be made for the winter edition following this on-foot edition.

Climate change is starting to complicate the organization. "Winter is getting harder and harder (to plan). Last winter, the temperature was warm for the Traversée. It was about five degrees. Waxing skis was extremely difficult. We always manage to get by, but it becomes more and more complex," she says.

Even holding the event in early January would be a challenge.

"After the holidays, if we remember, often there is no snow. It's not that simple. We will see the options with the board of directors. We're going to make the on-foot event this fall, hoping for good weather. We hope to be pampered (by the weather)," says the president, while holding the event in early October will showcase the best of the fall colours in the region.

The first edition of the TDLG on foot was held in 2014, it was intended as a means of extending the tourist season in the Gaspé Peninsula.



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# The Cap-des-Rosiers lighthouse is not a priority for Diane Lebouthillier

● NELSON SERGERIE

GASPÉ - The Cap-des-Rosiers lighthouse is not a priority for the Member of Parliament for the Gaspésie-Les Îles-de-la-Madeleine riding, Diane Lebouthillier, a position she has repeated twice since the announcement of its closure to tourists on July 12.

On July 14, Fisheries and Oceans Canada indicated that it did not have the necessary budget to refurbish the historic lighthouse once the scope of the work was known, adding that a political decision would be required to obtain the funds. The results of the analysis will be known in the fall.

Questioned on the sidelines of a protest to promote the revitalization of the Grande-Grève Heritage Site in Forillon Park on July 16, Ms. Lebouthillier stated that her government is looking after the lighthouse, which is closed "temporarily", adding that she was awaiting the results of the study, due this autumn.

"Will the lighthouse over the next year be transferred from Fisheries and Oceans Canada to Parks Canada? I can tell you that the answer is no," says Diane Lebouthillier.

The MP, however, does not want to commit to investing in its repair.

"We will start by waiting for what the study will tell us. What I can tell you for Fisheries and Oceans Canada is that we have major investments to make in small craft harbours and slipways. We see what climate change has created with rising ocean levels. We will look at the level of priorities in the riding and what will eventually have to be done," specifies the MP.

"I understand that people want the lighthouse to be transferred to Parks Canada, but it is not because the lighthouse would be at Parks Canada that there would be money allocated in the coming months. In Parks Canada infrastructures, we cover from Newfoundland to British Columbia and there are infrastructures to protect. There are a lot of challenges right now," states Ms. Lebouthillier.

Hearing the words of the elected official, the president of the Site maritime historique du phare de Cap-des-Rosiers, Sylvie Boulanger is angry.

"It's disappointing that important questions are dodged by answers that don't say



Member of Parliament Diane Lebouthillier has other priorities than the Cap-des-Rosiers lighthouse.

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much. What that tells me is that I am very pessimistic about what is to come. The lighthouse is a real issue and I'm not sure it's perceived that way. We will continue to work in the right direction and move things forward in a positive way. If you ask me if I am positive with the answers heard, not so much," says Sylvie Boulanger who does not feel there is a desire on the government's part to act.

"No way. Not at all and that's annoying. Extremely annoying," says Ms. Boulanger. Daniel Côté, the mayor of Gaspé, took advantage of a visit to Quebec City on July 14 to exchange a few words with the provincial directors of Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Parks Canada.

"I wanted to at least make contact. We had cordial discussions so far. Everyone understands and everyone has the will to perpetuate this beacon. It takes budgets and envelopes from them and it will be decided at the political level. We will continue to put pressure on the administrative and political authorities because our desire is clear: that the Cap-des-Rosiers lighthouse be restored, that it be enhanced and made permanent," says Mayor Côté.

On the lukewarm position of Diane Lebouthillier, the mayor is not overly concerned.

"There may be other ministers we should talk to. I have to speak to the Minister of Federal Infrastructure, Dominic Leblanc, in the coming weeks. There are other ministers to whom we will speak. I have already discussed this with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. We will continue to put pressure," adds the elected official who will not wait for the lighthouse to collapse.

"Let the studies be done. There is an administrative willingness to act quickly. On the

other hand, it will take political money to do better," concludes the mayor.

## A position reaffirmed a second time

In a press briefing that took place on July 18, MP Diane Lebouthillier specifically addressed the lighthouse issue.

Faced with the fact that she had put the repair of the Cap-des-Rosiers lighthouse in her electoral plan before being elected for the first time in Ottawa in 2015, she still maintained that her current priorities have not changed.

"I have always said that the lighthouse was important in terms of heritage. Since 2015,

we have ensured that investments are made by Fisheries and Oceans Canada. I have always made sure that students can work at the lighthouse in the summer. For me, there is important work that was done. Do other things need to be done? Yes, there are other things that need to be done," said Diane Lebouthillier.

On the regional request to transfer the lighthouse from Fisheries and Oceans Canada to Parks Canada, the Member of Parliament specified the content of the exchanges.

"Parks Canada is not ready to take the lighthouse in its real estate until there are significant investments in the lighthouse," said Ms. Lebouthillier.

"I don't consider myself to have failed at all," she added.

"If you ask me if it is important? Yes, it is important. If I had all the money in the world that I could invest in the riding, if my pockets had no bottom, rest assured that I would have put the money on the Cap-des-Rosiers (lighthouse) a long time ago. But there are priorities in the middle," also said the MP.

On July 13, the same morning access was banned, a demonstration to protest against the closure of the lighthouse to the public and to de-

mand that Ottawa repair it attracted nearly 100 people at the foot of the fenced monument.

Citizens, cultural organizations, stakeholders in the tourist industry and the representative for the riding of Gaspé in the National Assembly wanted to send a clear message to the federal authorities and Fisheries and Oceans Canada, owner of the monument erected between 1853 and 1858.

Every year, the site receives around 8,000 visitors who pay to go to the lighthouse.

It is a major calling card for Cap-des-Rosiers and an important source of revenue for the committee to maintain the site. This is not the first time the lighthouse has been closed due to structural issues.

In 2017, emergency work amounting to \$10,000 was done to ensure the safety of visitors following an inspection in September 2016.

At that time, the complete restoration work had been valued at \$6.5 million.

The last major works on the infrastructure dates back to 1983.

The Cap-des-Rosiers lighthouse was recognized as a National Historic Site on June 11, 1973, and a heritage building on March 31, 1994.

## Calls for the creation of a rail herbicide committee

● NELSON SERGERIE

GASPÉ - An environmental group is calling for the creation of a committee to find alternatives to the usage of herbicides on the Gaspé railroad.

This is the suggestion of Together for the Sustainable Future of Greater Gaspé, which is interested in the issue of rail transport in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

"In order to make progress on a file that has been dragging on for ten years, we are calling for the creation of a committee that would include, for example, a liaison officer from the Ministry of the Environment, the office of (Gaspé Member of the National Assembly, Stéphane) Sainte-Croix and people who are concerned about this issue, in order to come up with solutions," says Lise Chartrand, President of

Together for the Sustainable Future of Greater Gaspé.

The group welcomes the fact that the president of the Société du chemin de fer de la Gaspésie, Éric Dubé, is discussing the subject and remembers his comments to the effect that he is looking for more ecological alternatives.

"He said it was difficult and costly, and that the rail industry was looking at what was being done. We've heard that before. What we need to do is look at the proposals and come up with something different for the return of the train to the Gaspésie," adds Ms. Chartrand, especially since trains are scheduled to return to Gaspé by December 2026.

"There are new alternatives. In agriculture, for example, there are weeding robots, electric pulses, and laser beams. Let's seriously sit down with the specialists so that we do

things differently," concludes Ms. Chartrand.

On July 10, The Société du chemin de fer de la Gaspésie began its annual rail vegetation control program to eliminate weeds on the ballast of the rail corridor to ensure the safety of the public and employees.

A public notice stated that "if it is not eliminated, this vegetation can notably fuel fires along the track and affect the quality of railway infrastructure inspections."

The rail vegetation control program will run until August 31 on the entire railway section, from Matapédia to Gaspé. Recently, Mr. Dubé noted that there are no other cost-effective measures that could achieve similar results as the spreading of herbicides. He also noted that the SCFG will continue to reduce or improve methods to use less and less herbicides.



# Colonel Cédric Aspirault appointed Commander of the Valcartier Military

**NELSON SERGERIE**

CFB VALCARTIER - A soldier from Rivière-au-Renard has been given the task of directing the Valcartier military base near Quebec City, which has 3,900 regular soldiers and reservist soldiers from various divisions.

Colonel Cédric Aspirault, 43, took command of the 5th Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group on June 16.

As commanding officer, he will lead eight Regular Force units: the 5th Canadian Light Artillery Regiment, the 12th Canadian Armored Regiment, the 5th Engineer Regiment; the Headquarters and Signals Squadron; the 1st; 2nd; and 3rd Battalion of the Royal 22e Régiment; and the 5th Service

Battalion.

"I consider myself extremely privileged to find such an exceptional team. I know there are many challenges ahead and being part of this group is very important to me," says the colonel.

Colonel Aspirault never imagined that one day he would be directing the Valcartier base. "Never! You arrive as a young lieutenant. At the 12th Canadian Armored Regiment, you appreciate being in charge of a tank team. Afterwards, commanding a squadron and commanding the regiment was something I never thought I would do. There is only one colonel position within the brigade. I never thought I'd do it. I had the prerequisites and I am extremely

honoured to have been chosen by the authorities of the Canadian army to do so," adds the career soldier.

The first challenge to be accomplished is the preparation of troops in the wake of the Canadian government's recent announcements of an increased contribution by the Canadian Armed Forces abroad in the coming year, but especially in 2024.

On July 10, Ottawa pledged an additional \$1.2 billion to support the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) battle group in Latvia. No less than 2,200 soldiers will be deployed to support special operations in Central and Eastern Europe.

"Currently, it is the Valcartier team that is targeted to



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Colonel Cédric Aspirault, originally from Rivière-au-Renard.

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# Another housing battle in the Gaspé Peninsula

**NELSON SERGERIE**

**GASPÉ** - The Government of Québec quickly revised the criteria for funding the construction of affordable housing via the Programme habitation abordable Québec (Quebec's affordable housing program) after Gaspé mayor, Daniel Côté, spoke out on July 6 about the program's criteria which dictated that there was very little need for 4½ and 5½ apartments in the region

Several stakeholders also denounced behind the scenes the fact that in the Gaspé Peninsula and the Magdalen Islands, 80% of the envelope for affordable housing projects was reserved for rooming houses or 3½ room apartments. Barely 2% of the money available was set aside for medium-sized housing (4½ and 5½) and no large housing was eligible.

For private seniors' homes (RPA), 18% of the amount was reserved for small dwellings.

It was indicated in the Société d'habitation du Québec (SHQ) document that projects

including large dwellings, for example, projects mainly including medium-sized housing, as well as projects including seven or more medium-sized dwellings are not eligible.

RPAs that include units with two or more bedrooms are also ineligible.

In the document, the Société d'habitation du Québec estimated the needs using Statistics Canada data., The analysis is based of the size and type of households making up unsubsidized renter households, taking into account core housing needs, regardless of income, according to the 2021 census.

On July 6, the director of Groupe ressource en logement collectif Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine, Ambroise Henry, also reported this situation to the Member of the National Assembly for Bonaventure, Catherine Blouin

"I immediately called the office of the Minister of Housing. The need for housing is great in Gaspésie, I know that. I have often spoken about it with the minister, so she knows

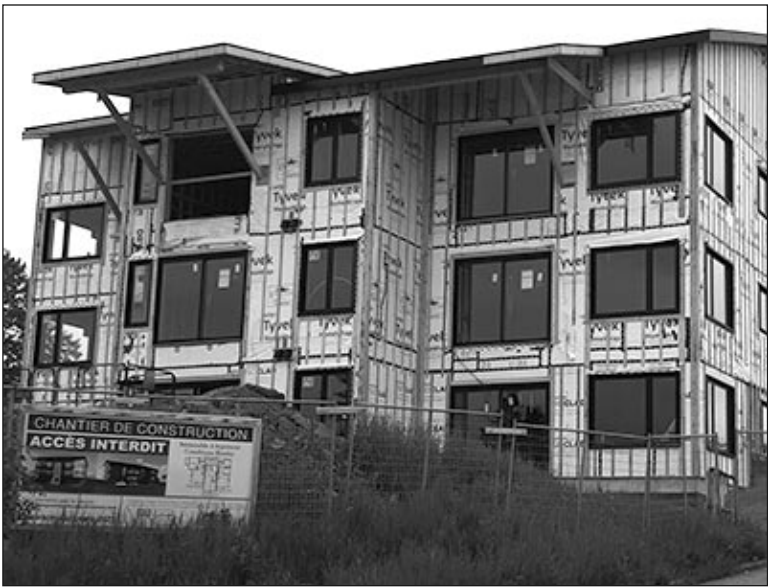


Photo: N. Sergerie

*An apartment building under construction in Gaspé.*

it," says Ms. Blouin.

"We corrected the situation on Friday morning (July 7) and Mr. Henry should also receive communication from the Société d'habitation du Québec. The documents will be adjusted online so that projects can be submitted. Any project that holds up is analyzed. We are continuing in this philosophy," adds the MNA, who highlights how quickly Minister France-Élaine Duranceau

acted.

When asked why these criteria were established for the application of the program. Ms. Blouin stated: "That's an excellent question. I think it's the kind of thing that can happen when you have big machines like the government or Statistics Canada when you combine everything with criteria and parameters. I can't really explain what happened, because it doesn't reflect the current situation."

The mayor of Gaspé, Daniel Côté, who launched the public debate, is also satisfied with the quick and favourable turn of events.

"I want to salute the pragmatism of Minister France-Élaine Duranceau. Honestly, the version of the program came with a criterion that did not make sense for the region. It raised a flag among several

of us. The minister has changed course so that the Gaspé Peninsula can also finance 4½ and 5½ and two bedrooms in residences for the elderly. The file seems settled to us," says the mayor.

It only took a few hours to adjust the situation. "Someone dropped the ball somewhere and everyone recognized it pretty quickly," adds Mr. Côté. It was the second housing issue that has involved the region in the last few months.

In November 2022, the MRCs started working towards obtaining the power to intervene in the construction of housing via the Regions and Ruralty Fund component 4. They finally received the go-ahead in June.

On May 31, the prefect of the Rocher-Percé MRC, Samuel Parisé, declared that he did not understand the government of Quebec's reluctance, arguing "that someone, somewhere, seemed to be blocking the progress preventing us from intervening in the housing crisis."

The president of the Gaspé Peninsula Prefects Table, Mathieu Lapointe, explained that these were technical and legal details where there were challenges to be raised and a solution had been found to allow the MRCs to act while respecting the current legal framework.

This solution made it possible to avoid going through a legislative process.

## **CEDRIC ASPIRAULT:** **Cont'd from page 8**

be the first wave of this increase (in presence). The next year will be busy for preparation, especially once we have more details on the exact contribution and how we will proceed," says the commander.

"Operation Reassurance is based in Latvia where we contribute directly to the NATO mission and to the increase in the forces present," he adds.

Canada is leading this 10-nation operation whose mission is to increase NATO's presence near Russia's borders in response to the attack on Ukraine.

### **Early Career**

Colonel Aspirault began his "career" in the Gaspé cadet corps at the age of 14.

He entered the Canadian Armed Forces at age 17 and was posted to the 12th Armored Regiment of Canada in August 2002 as a troop leader in the reconnaissance squadron. During this assignment, he was first deployed to Afghanistan, as part of Operation ATHENA Roto 1 in Kabul in 2004.

Upon his return, he was sent to the Armored School in Gagetown, New Brunswick, as a tactical instructor and course officer for troop leader training.

In 2007, upon his return to the Regiment, he held the positions of Battle Captain, Deputy Squadron Commander and Regimental Operations Officer. During this period, he was deployed

a second time to Afghanistan as the operations officer of the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team.

In 2011, he was posted to the Strategic Joint Staff in Ottawa as Expeditionary Current Operations Officer Africa and Europe.

In June 2017, he joined the headquarters of the 5th Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group as Chief of Staff.

He assumed command of the 12th Armored Regiment of Canada from August 2019 to June 2021.

During his command, he deployed twice on Canadian territory: first in the Arctic as commander of the Joint Task Force employed on Operation NANOOK-NUNALIVUT, then in the Montreal region, during the COVID-19 pandemic, as commander of Task Force 1.1 in direct support of long-term care facilities as part of Operation LASER.

Following his command, he was posted to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to complete the US Advanced Leadership and Strategic Studies program, as well as a Masters degree in Strategic Studies at the US Army Graduate College.

"We have a lot to contribute, despite the fact that we are a much smaller army than the American Army. Our expertise in planning and efficient use of resources is very important and attractive to other armies. They appreciate the other perspective that we can bring to the offi-

cers," says Mr. Aspirault.

Finally, he spent the last year teaching at the US Army School of Advanced Military Studies.

Colonel Aspirault and his wife, Geneviève Leduc, are parents of two boys, 14-year-old Alexis and 9-year-old Olivier.

It is not easy for them when military life requires frequent moves.

"I have moved on average two or three times in the last 26 years. It is a challenge for the family. But what we create is a tight family nucleus. This core becomes the stability in instability. We had the opportunity to live in several places in Quebec and Canada, but especially the last year we lived in Kansas together. We met amazing people and made some great friends. The children came back perfectly bilingual, an investment that we consider to be long-term," explains the career soldier.

Does he want to go even further in the Canadian Armed Forces?

"As long as the Canadian Armed Forces continue to challenge me, I will continue to do my job. If there is a promotion or another promotion that requires greater responsibilities and the Canadian Armed Forces believe I am capable of doing it, I will be happy to do it. Otherwise, I have fun doing my job every day," concludes Colonel Aspirault.

## 40 international nurses finally expected this fall

*Nelson Sergerie*

**GASPÉ** - A second cohort of forty new international nurses are expected this fall at the Gaspé Peninsula Integrated Health and Social Services Centre, in its efforts to counter the shortage of caregivers in the region. This is a decrease from the 51 new nurses previously announced by the organization.

"There has been a change in the program. From the outset, there had been announcements. For the first cohort, we were talking about forty people, and for the second cohort as well," explains Human Resources Director for the CISSS, Alain Vézina.

So far, contacts have been established with 14 people in collaboration with the Ministry of Immigration and the Cégep de la Gaspésie et des Îles, which will offer the one-year refresher training course to the international nurses.

"The immigration process is underway for 40 individuals and their families who will come to the Gaspé Peninsula this fall. The exact date remains to be confirmed, but we are talking about September or October," adds Mr. Vézina.

For the time being, future nurses will be distributed evenly across the CISSS's four local health networks.

These new nurses will come from Algeria, Benin, Ivory Coast, Congo and Morocco.

Meanwhile, the first cohort is underway. "The 37 students from the start are still in place and should join the organization. These people are already working for us as beneficiary attendants and are continuing their knowledge acquisition process with a goal of becoming nurses within the organization (CISSS)," says the human resources manager.



# Shigawake Music Festival and Agricultural Fair: back to “normal” after three challenging years

GILLES GAGNÉ

SHIAGAWAKE – The Shigawake Agricultural Fair and Music Festival will take place between August 17-20 at the local fairgrounds. The 2023 event will mean a return to normal, after three challenging years due to the pandemic. Dave Felker, who is the director of the event and coordinator of the music festival part, points out that the 2022 event went well, but the aftermath of the pandemic still impacted the attendance and lineup.

“Last year was not bad, but even the Thirsty Thursdays leading to the fair and music festival were not well attended because people were still scared. Some people we used to see at the fair were not there last year. This summer, the first two Thirsty Thursdays and Barn dances were very well attended,” explains Mr. Felker.

As music director, Dave Felker typically doesn’t pick favourites, but when asked which sets are a “must see” he shared which sets he will be sure not to miss. Although, in his task as master of ceremonies under the big top, he will likely see every band.

“There are two main things. We are greeting Steve Hill this year, an outstanding guitarist. I have never seen him and I am really looking forward to seeing his show. When we called him, he said that he would be happy to come. Secondly, one of the complaints we received last year was that there was not enough country music. It is true but six bands cancelled last year because of Covid.

This year, I decided to keep the Trough (bar) open. Normally we’d shut it down around 5 p.m. and we still will, but then, we’ll open it back up for an evening country show between 7-9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday while things non-country are on the main stage. People will see Tammy Adams and Nash Stanley, among others, in the Trough,” explains Dave Felker.

As always, the Agricultural Fair part of the event will be a big drawing card.

“I haven’t put together the whole schedule yet. We will still hold the lawn tractor race, starting at 5 p.m. on Saturday. We will have the horse haul on Sunday and the family games on Friday. On Thursday, we will organize the “cinq à sept” (happy hour) wine and cheese. For certain activities, it will pretty much be the same lineup. We will come back with animal shows. We started this last year, with Sadie Galibois and Josh Hayes. They bring calves, rabbits, sheep and so on. The kids love it. It allows us to have many animals on site. There are so many restrictions now when we want to bring big farm animals. It has become a bit of a nightmare. That’s why Sadie and Josh’s participation is so appreciated,” says Mr. Felker.

Admission fees will be \$30 for a weekend pass purchased before the fair and festival. The price at the gate for a weekend pass is \$35. Thursday evening is free. Tickets for the other days can also be purchased daily: Friday (\$10), Saturday (\$20) and Sunday (\$10).

“I will spend a couple of

days at the fairground during the week prior to the event, for the people who are not familiar with online transactions,” concludes Dave Felker, mentioning that additional details about the schedule will be available soon.

On Thursday, August 17, attendees looking for music will have an open mic evening featuring A little bit of Metal and the Eastern Connection, with local musician Alan Walker.

On Friday, Max Bujold and the Milestones, Jonny et Marie, in full band version, the Barr Brothers duo, and the band Trilogy, who will present a tribute to Rush, will be featured under the big top.

On Saturday, Boots Fine Line Dancing, Socalled Puppet Party, Ten Gallon Hat, The Clemville Outlaws, Steve Hill, Pamela Rooney and Cropduster will take care of the music.

Sunday’s music will start with the Gospel Hour, the complete recordings of Hezekiah Procter, Nash and the Narrows, Gaspé-based Mother of Cups, Thanya Iyer, and Beatrice Deer.

In the Trough, a wide array of musicians playing a variety of genres will present their sets, artists such as Pierre Yergeau, Jonny et Marie in duo, Jean-René Martin, Tammy Adams, Nash Stanley, Thierry Haroun, Rubberband, Gesgapegiag’s Hank Gromelski, Melissa Furlotte, Laurianne Francoeur, URockaoke’s famous live Karaoke, Willett and Brash, Max Bujold, MLou and Jam, the Drooling Banjos, Norm Parent and Gesgapegiag’s Roger Lee Martin.

## Reflections

by

Diane Skinner Flowers



### The Emperor’s New Clothes: Greta was right

#### THE FAIRY TALE

The Emperor’s New Clothes, a fairy tale by Hans Christian Anderson tells the story of an emperor who vainly cares about his fancy clothing above all else. One day, two tricksters told the king about the magic cloth they could weave that only the wise could see. There was no cloth at all, and the King went about his business in the kingdom dressed only in his undergarments because he did not want to admit he could not see the cloth and be thought a fool. The townsfolk were warned that they should say they saw the King’s new clothing, or they would be thought to be fools. Then one young child loudly exclaimed that the emperor was not wearing any clothes! Turns out the biggest fool was the king. It took a truthful and outspoken child who was not afraid to speak the truth.

#### GRETA

Greta Thunberg is a young environmental activist, born in 2003 in Sweden and she has been raising the alarm about climate change since she was eight years old. At the age of 11, she stopped speaking because climate change and the consequences for the planet alarmed her so much. Greta has Asperger’s syndrome, on the autism spectrum, a condition she terms her superpower because she sees the world in black and white. She believes that there are no grey areas when it comes to climate change.

She decided to act on her belief that climate change was threatening the survival of the planet. She was angry that adults and governments were not taking the threat of climate change seriously. She made a sign that read “School strike for climate” (Translated from Swedish) and she sat outside the Swedish parliament. Greta was partly inspired by American teens who were protesting gun violence.

The media started to cover her actions and her message spread throughout much of the world. In 2019 the first Global Strike for Climate inspired by Greta had over 1.5 million people protesting. Greta carried on her mission and has given speeches to various government groups and the United Nations, appeared in documentaries and has had many articles and books written about her. She has even been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize. In 2019 Greta travelled from the United Kingdom to New York on a wind and solar-powered boat. That journey took 15 days.

Greta continues to “scold” world leaders and was recently charged with disobeying a police order to leave a climate protest. She stated, “The climate crisis is already a matter of life and death for countless people. We choose to not be bystanders, and instead, physically stop the fossil fuel infrastructure. We are reclaiming the future.”

Is she annoying to some adults and governments? Absolutely. Has her protest made a difference? It has. It has raised awareness and fuelled the discussion around climate change and the planet-altering use of fossil fuels. It has awakened the attention of young people around the globe.

How do we know that Greta was right? Temperatures are shattering records all over the world. People are dying from the heat. There are more fires, and those fires are more devastating. More flooding. Sea ice is disappearing at a rapid rate. The Arctic is warming faster than any place else on the planet. We are at the edge of a cliff and the planet is in trouble.

Sometimes it takes a child to speak the truth loudly.

## Camp Fort Haldimand Celebrates 75th Anniversary

Cynthia Patterson

GASPÉ: - Camp Fort Haldimand (CFH) marks its 75th anniversary this summer as a children and youth camp serving the larger Gaspé area since 1948. Celebrations begin at the official opening on Wednesday, July 26 at 7 p.m. and run through to the afternoon of Sunday, July 30.

Favourite activities such as the Saturday breakfast and silent auction will be held, as well as an open air church service, to be led by Bishop Bruce Myers, of Quebec.

The festivities are preceded by a day camp running from July 17 to 21. The 25 places were almost immediately filled by eager parents registering keen campers. A new camp director, counsellors-in-training and volunteers, all with police checks, will provide a range of activities including music, crafts and story-telling. The beauty of the site inspires setting nature at the heart of things as we share caring for creation.

CFH suffered from the consequences of the pandemic, as did most volunteer groups, churches and many businesses. Shut-down meant no revenues, no maintenance of the aging buildings and only skeletal involvement of the volunteer board.

All that has changed since a public meeting held in March, which was attended by 43 people. Management, policies, infrastructure and activities have all been renewed thanks to the herculean efforts of volunteers, including plenty of new faces and an encouraging age-range.

Repairs have been largely financed by the awarding of a \$13,000 successful grant application to The Anglican Foundation.

Come to share your camping stories and join in the celebrations of our 75th. For a full schedule of events, visit Camp Fort Haldimand’s facebook page.

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20  
Don't rush in and act combative this week, Aries. Take a more delicate approach to convince others to see things your way. As the saying goes, "You catch more flies with honey than with vinegar."  
TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21  
Are you feeling like you may want to be a wellness warrior of late, Taurus? Start by taking inventory of the foods in your home and making some healthier changes.  
GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21  
Gemini, if you are looking to make a few new friends, ask others to connect you with like-minded individuals. You never know who you might meet until you give it a try.  
CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22  
Cancer, if a delicate issue has been troubling you, reach out to someone you can trust and begin to talk things through. You will likely feel better just getting things out.  
LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23  
Leo, are you ready to take your project to the next level? Brainstorm with a coworker about the best way to get ahead and make a mark with this endeavor.



VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22  
It could be time for a move and you just aren't ready to admit it, Virgo. You may have gotten comfortable in one place, but a move could prove the right decision.  
LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23  
Libra, there are a lot of ideas swimming around in your head. You may need to put some things down on paper to see what really might be worth doing in the days to come.  
SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22  
Connect with a friend or even your partner for an intimate dinner this week. You've been moving in different circles and it's time to get on the same page.  
SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21  
Invite people to stop by and cheer you up, Sagittarius. You've been going through a rough patch and there's nothing like happy faces and new perspectives to bring about a smile.


CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20  
Capricorn, be sure to check your bank account pretty regularly; otherwise, you may lose track of spending and get yourself into a financial mess that could be tough to get out of.  
AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18  
Aquarius, you may be your own worst enemy this week, especially as it pertains to thinking that someone may be trying to cause trouble with you at work. Get the facts before acting.  
PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20  
Pisces, there is a process to everything. Remain patient and stay the course no matter how excited you are. Rest assured that things will work out if you can hang in there.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- JULY 23: Daniel Radcliffe, Actor (34)
- JULY 24: Bindi Irwin, Activist (25)
- JULY 25: Meg Donnelly, Actress (23)
- JULY 26: Sandra Bullock, Actress (59)
- JULY 27: Maya Rudolph, Actress (51)
- JULY 28: Cher Lloyd, Singer (30)
- JULY 29: Dak Prescott, Athlete (30)

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# Announcements



## Obituary



**BAKER: Julia**

Julia passed away with her daughter Lise by her side after a brief fight with cancer in Wakefield, Quebec, on Saturday July 8.

Julia was born to Enid Miller (Wadsworth) and John Baker in beautiful Gaspé, Quebec, where she spent her formative years never far from the family hotels, the Ash Inn and Baker Hotel. As the eldest child of a young mother with several children, the defining quality of a caregiver was instilled on her early in life. She developed a love of the piano at a young age and would oftentimes play for hotel patrons and school dances. She moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, with her family before returning alone to Gaspé where she married a pilot (Jean-Guy Arsenault) and had three children.

After moving to Quebec City in the early 1970s, with her husband stationed away for weeks at a time and with her parents and siblings on the West Coast, she proved her resourcefulness and resilience. Regardless of distance, she always prioritized maintaining strong ties with family and friends through the years.

She was warm and generous and her house was always a welcoming gathering place for visitors and for her kids' friends. When her marriage ended, she relocated to Montreal where she earned a certificate as a nurse's aid and became manager of a senior's residence (Borden Place) for 20 years, where she succeeded in creating a true sense of home. She remained in Montreal until 2019 when she moved to Aylmer, Quebec, and resided at L'Initial, where she resumed playing piano for fellow residents several times a week.

Julia has been cremated and her remains will be interred in a private ceremony at Beechwood Cemetery. She will be deeply missed by her children Len (Amelia), David (Lucy) and Lise (Michel), her grandson Nathan and her siblings Lani (Baker Mitchell), Jay, Cory, Chris and Tim, her extended family and many friends.

The family would like to thank the staff at L'Initial for their years of service and friendship. The family would also like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the exceptional physicians, nurses, personal support workers and volunteers at La Maison des Collines palliative care centre in Wakefield, Quebec.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to La Maison Des Collines.

An informal gathering was held from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on July 29 at Beechwood Cemetery and Funeral Services, 280 Beechwood Avenue.



## Visitation and Celebration of Life



**VIBERT: Keith**

The family of Keith Vibert would like to thank you for the lovely messages of sympathy and wonderful memories of him that you shared with us since his passing. They have meant a lot to us.

We would also like to inform you that a funeral service will be held on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at St. James' Church, Wakeham.

Visitation will take place at the church from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., funeral will begin at 3 p.m., followed by interment of ashes. A reception and celebration of life will follow at the Gaspé Legion.

## Thank you

On behalf of the York Anglican Church Women, we would like to thank all those who came out to support us at our summer sale on July 15, 2023.

Special thanks to all those volunteers who sold tickets, made handicrafts, cooked and prepared food, donated used books, puzzles, etc., prepared and set up the tables and chairs, sold goods, served tea / coffee and lunch and overall made our afternoon a success!! We made a profit of \$3,032.40. Fantastic!!!!

Our raffles were won by the following people: The grocery / business gift cards were won by Sueie Palmer, Stacy Clark, Vernice Roberts and Tony Patterson. The crocheted rabbit was won by Michael Fournier. The afghan was won by Clothilda Adams and finally the three cushions were won by Lisa Bond.

Once again "Thank you!!!"

## St. Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us.

Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. On the eighth day your prayer will be answered.

R.B.

## Look who's 90!



Born in 1933, Harvey Flowers celebrated his 90th birthday on May 23. Celebrating with him was his wife, Jane Crozier, who he married in 1954.

Years later, they now have a beautiful family of ten children and have welcomed many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Harvey is a one-of-a-kind role model and we look forward to celebrating many more birthdays with him.

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COAST ROUND-UP

**GASPÉ:**  
**Camp Fort Haldimand 75th Anniversary**  
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**CORNER OF THE BEACH: Historical Society**  
The Corner of the Beach Historical Society is pleased to present a series of eight concerts every Wednesday at the Corner of the Beach Cultural Museum (former St. Luke Anglican Church). The church will be entirely lit with more than 200 candles for the occasion. The full schedule is available on the Musée culturel de Coin-du-Banc Facebook page.  
**August 2:** Claude Hurtubise trio in concert beginning at 9 p.m.  
**August 9:** Flore Laurentienne solo in concert beginning at 9 p.m.

**August 16:** Char in concert beginning at 9 p.m.  
**August 23:** Ibal Zadok on sitar and Shawn Mativetsy on tabla in concert beginning at 9 p.m.

**PORT DANIEL: Three Star Golden Age Club**  
**Tuesdays:** Pétanque from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. every Tuesday evening to have fun and learn a new game. Cost is \$3.

**SHIGAWAKE: Tea and Bake Sale**  
**August 3:** The St. Paul's and St. James' Anglican Church will be holding a tea and bake sale from 12 (noon) to 2 p.m. at the Shigawake Community Centre. \$10 per person, under 6 years old free. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there.

**HOPE: Hope Baptist Church**  
**Sundays:** Sunday School starting at 10 a.m. Worship service beginning at 11 a.m.

**NEW CARLISLE: Bible Chapel Meetings**  
**Sundays:** 9:30 a.m. Breaking of Bread for believers. 2 p.m. Gospel meeting and Sunday School.  
**Thursdays:** 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting and Bible Study. Everyone welcome! For more information: 418-752-3372 or 418-752-6011.

**NEW CARLISLE: Marché Local Market New Carlisle**  
**Every Saturday:** Saturday mornings, come and join us in the municipal park, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. There is music, community and conversation, not to mention shopping for local products. Every Saturday including the Garlic Festival on September 23.

**NEW CARLISLE: SPEC AGM**  
**September 12:** Save the date! SPEC AGM, more details to follow.

**NEW CARLISLE: Royal Canadian Legion Branch #64**  
Please be advised that Le-

gion memberships are available for \$45. Returning and new members welcome.  
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Why do we say ... by Gary Briand

I've heard it before in Douglastown but now the phrase seems dormant. "Don't have a conniption fit," appears to have fallen out of use. I last heard it about five years ago when a five-year-old girl went berserk at the Douglastown post office when some package had not arrived as expected. She began to sob and strike her small feet on the outside cement. Her mother upbraided her for the demonstration of childhood rage.

The expression has an exclusively American origin. While it is associated with the Middle English word "canapshus," meaning ill tempered, it first appeared in modern English in 1833 as "...Aunt Keziah fell down in a conniption fit."

A person can go into a conniption, have a seizure of rage or go into a fit of anxiety and end in the same result — to completely lose one's composure.

How did the expression get to the Gaspé is an enigma. Perhaps from Ireland with our forbearers. I really don't know.

ON THE GRILL WORD SEARCH

R V N D Y A C C N H B W L C T E U M N W  
V A F L I P S F M X K C F E V X Y O M E  
W H B A C K Y A R D M C M V W Y U O U W  
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K I L U N C E P O S S D O B M C B F P X  
R E R I F K S L A W H R W C S E T L D S

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

ASH  
BACKYARD  
BARBECUE  
CHAR  
CHARCOAL  
DELICIOUS  
ENTERTAIN  
EXTINGUISH  
FIRE  
FLAVOR  
FLIP  
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GRILLING  
HARDWOOD  
MARINATE  
OUTDOORS  
PATIO  
ROTATE  
SEAR  
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SPIT  
TEMPERATURE

Kale, Potato and Chorizo Pizza

Serves 4

- 1 recipe Stir-Together Flatbread and Pizza Dough (see below) or 1 pound frozen pizza or bread dough, thawed  
All-purpose flour, for sprinkling
- 8 kale leaves  
Olive oil, for brushing and drizzling
- 8 ounces cooked and crumbled chorizo, Portuguese or other spicy sausage
- 4 new potatoes, cooked and sliced thinly
- 1/2 cup chopped green onion (about 6 green onions, white and light green parts)  
Coarse black pepper



Divide the dough into four equal parts and press or roll each piece into an 8-inch circle. Sprinkle flour on two large baking sheets and place two rounds of dough on each sheet.

Prepare a hot fire on one side of your grill for indirect cooking. Oil a perforated grill rack and place over direct heat.

Brush the kale with olive oil. Grill leaves for 1 minute on each side, or until slightly charred and softened. Quickly trim off the bottom of the stalk and strip the leaves from the stems. Finely chop the leaves and set aside.

To grill directly on the grill grate, brush one side of each pizza with olive oil and place, oiled side down, on the direct heat side. Grill for 1 to 2 minutes, or until you see the dough starting to bubble. Brush the top side with olive oil and flip each pizza, using tongs, onto a baking sheet. Quickly brush with more olive oil, then spoon on a fourth of the sliced potato and grilled kale. Sprinkle with sausage and green onion. Drizzle with olive oil and season with pepper. Using a grill spatula, place each pizza on the indirect side of the fire. Cover and grill for 4 or 5 minutes until the kale has slightly wilted and the topping is hot. Serve hot.

Stir-Together Flatbread and Pizza Dough

Makes 1 pound dough for 4 individual pizzas or flatbreads

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons instant or bread-machine yeast
- 1 cup lukewarm water
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

In a medium bowl, stir the flour, salt and yeast together. Combine the water, honey and olive oil and stir into the flour mixture. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and let sit at room temperature (72°F) until doubled in bulk, about 1 hour. Cover and refrigerate for up to 3 days. Bring to room temperature before rolling out.

SUDOKU

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7	4	2	5	6	9	8	3	1
4	1	7	9	3	8	5	6	2
5	8	4	9	6	7	1	3	2
3	1	7	8	5	2	6	9	4
2	9	6	4	3	1	5	7	8
1	4	5	2	8	3	7	6	9
9	6	3	7	1	4	8	2	5
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