

A march was held in Listuguj on June 11 from the wharf to the community hall, where a traditional supper has held, to mark Mi'gwhite'tm'nej. On June 11, 1981, Quebec authorities made the first of two raids on the community in an attempt to stop the Mi'gmaq from fishing Atlantic salmon. Many were arrested although the courts eventually threw out the charges. The raid sparked a greater awareness of First Nations rights in Listuguj. The Supreme Court of Canada later recognized First Nations treaty fishing and hunting rights. PHOTO: TIM JAQUES/THE TRIBUNE

Food truck operator not deterred by onerous bylaw

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THE TRIBUNE

The Bangkok Food Truck will be making its rounds of the area this weekend, including a first-ever stop in Listuguj First Nation.

It will, however, continue to skip Campbellton due to the barrier of a financially onerous bylaw meant to keep outside traders from doing business in the city.

The truck will stop in Listuguj at Dépanneur Mitchell on Boulevard Interprovincial on Saturday from 2:30 to 9 p.m. The operators apparently don't need to pay any licence fee, said Randy O'Brien, spokesman for the company.

The business is that of his wife Jariya, who started selling Thai food at farmers' markets and eventually got into the trucks. One truck is kept in the Moncton area, while the other travels.

After the food truck visited Campbellton on Mother's Day and parked near the waterfront Scottish monument, the



The Bangkok Food Truck, shown here during a visit to Dalhousie, will skip Campbellton and instead park in Listuguj on Saturday afternoon and evening, and in Atholville the next day. PHOTO: BILL CLARKE/THE TRIBUNE ARCHIVE

couple was told they would have to pay \$500 an hour for up to 10 hours a day under Campbellton's transient trader bylaw, which was drafted in 2005 to

keep transient traders away from the city.

The city's position caused an uproar on social media from furious

customers, angry about the restriction placed on their right to choose where to eat. The New Brunswick satirical website, The Manatee, posted an article entitled "Campbellton charging food truck more than total value of city."

The truck later went to neighbouring Atholville on Sundays instead, but kept up its Saturday visits to the Restigouche Farmers' Market in Dalhousie.

O'Brien said they have plenty of opportunity in communities surrounding Campbellton for the business.

After being offered the site in Listuguj, O'Brien said he and others looked it over and it "looked like it would meet our needs." The truck will be making its usual Saturday morning stop at the Restigouche Farmers' Market in Dalhousie as well.

O'Brien said the Campbellton market was an option but they have established themselves elsewhere, making that a more attractive option.

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According to the authors, there's no need to worry as the mark falls within the norm.

Savoie noted in his presentation on June 5 that the city has kept up its good practice of reducing its debt and even though it remains at about \$10 million, it is still being trimmed.

"This is certainly a positive trend the city has been maintaining over the last

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monitoring the pipeline for leaks and other damage.

"You find me another municipality in this province that can supply its citizens and businesses for \$58,000 [a year]," said Arseneault.

The \$3-million capital project is separate from the regular yearly maintenance costs. He said that regular maintenance costs the province, through the Regional Development Corporation, roughly \$300,000 a year.

The minister said that there are only

work on the toe has to be done over two years. It will be done in July and August.

"It takes six weeks to do the work, per year. So they are doing six weeks this year, and six weeks next year."

Dalhousie is also examining putting a small hydroelectric turbine in the pipeline downtown, where it could supply the fire station with electricity. Arseneault is also trying to attract Chinese investors interested in bottling water from the dam to sell in China.

tributed to the Campbellton Regional Memorial Civic Centre at \$1.7 million, with \$300,000 for the pool alone, as well as the Restigouche Gallery at \$79,000 and the Centennial Library on Aberdeen Street at \$262,000.

That also includes a \$50,000 grant to the Tigers and an additional \$75,000 to cover deficits the team incurred over the previous couple of seasons.

The total cost of snow removal for 2016 was \$913,889 with the total cost of having city vehicles on the street

Arseneault presented Campbellton's annual financial statements to a meeting of the city's finance and administration committee on June 5.

PHOTO: TREVOR MCNALLY/ THE TRIBUNE

coming in at \$3.9 million in the transportation services portion of the statements.

Garbage disposal cost \$483,760 last year, with \$210,000 being paid to Luc Enterprises for pick up and another \$242,000 in tipping fees and \$40,000 in miscellaneous fees.

The water and sewer fund summary was one page, with it coming in under budget at \$2,363,395.

The majority of the expense in that fund was in administration at \$787,305, treatment and disposal of wastewater at \$484,973 and in the distribution of water at \$160,903.

Food truck operator not deterred by onerous Campbellton bylaw

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"If things aren't worked out now, we don't go because we've already established ourselves in other places, that's the thing that might be happening here in Campbellton. Our intent was to go to the [Campbellton Sunday farmers'] market but if Atholville Canadian Tire becomes a more attractive location and that becomes our location because it may have taken too long for the market to get off the ground. That's what I'm afraid might happen," O'Brien said in a June 12 phone interview.

The Canadian Tire in Atholville is the

truck's stop for Sunday, June 14 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The store offered access to power, water and garbage disposal - O'Brien said "we can manage without those but we really appreciate and like to have them."

Fees for Atholville are \$250 a day, which is the second highest the company has encountered in the province after Campbellton, according to O'Brien. As a long term solution, O'Brien said that "something's going to have to change for us to keep coming to Atholville."

"We'd never experienced that (high fees) until we came to northern New

Brunswick," O'Brien said.

In comparison, the city of Edmundston began a pilot project on June 14 for food trucks. The truck owners, after filling out necessary paperwork, and having proper insurance and health licenses, will pay \$250 in all for the remainder of June, July, and August, said Marc Michaud, chief administrative officer for Edmundston.

This amount is the same whether the truck originates in Edmundston or not. The trucks can park at two designated locations and only on Mondays and Tuesdays.

"We choose Monday and Tuesday

because quite frankly those are the two days that we have less offers from the businesses. Some of our businesses and restaurants are closed on the Monday lunch hour so we thought we might have better success in those two days," Michaud said in a June 14 phone interview.

Edmundston city hall and tourism office will convene in the fall to see what effect the food truck had on local businesses and tourism, and decide if any bylaw changes are warranted.

In response to a request for an interview on the subject, Campbellton Mayor Stephanie Anglehart-Paulin stated

in a June 13 text message that there are no "developments to report and that a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and local restaurants is attempting to be organized" on the question of amendments to the bylaw in Campbellton.

Anglehart-Paulin had earlier told The Tribune that council would discuss changes to the bylaw and would look at what other communities are doing. She had previously said that once council had decided what to do, it would take three months to effect any bylaw change.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Exhibit shows ghostly art from battlefield cave

By Saskia Rodenburg

Cold, tired and aching, the soldier decides to etch his name and battalion number into the chalky wall of a French cave in an effort to leave behind a small part of himself — should he never return from the battle.

A century after such scenes played out in European battlefields — including a cave near Vimy, where one of Canada's key battles was fought — an exhibit featuring reproductions of soldiers' artwork has debuted at the Canadian War Museum.

The exhibit, Preserved in Stone — Underground Art of the First World War, opened on Oct. 17 at the LeBreton Flats history centre and will show for two years.

"We have done straight up art displays, but this is the first we've ever done with 3D repros," said Patricia Grimshaw, the exhibition's project manager.

Exhibits at the museum from 2014 to 2018 are focused on the commemoration of the centenary of the First World War, which was fought from 1914 to 1918.

The reproductions represent the soldiers' sacrifices, spirit and patriotism through the art they left behind. Visitors to the museum can observe them now for the first time.

The exhibit features three-dimensional art by the Canadian Historical Documentation and Imaging Group (CANADIGM) and photographs by Brett Killington, who took photos of the cave where the soldiers' art was found.

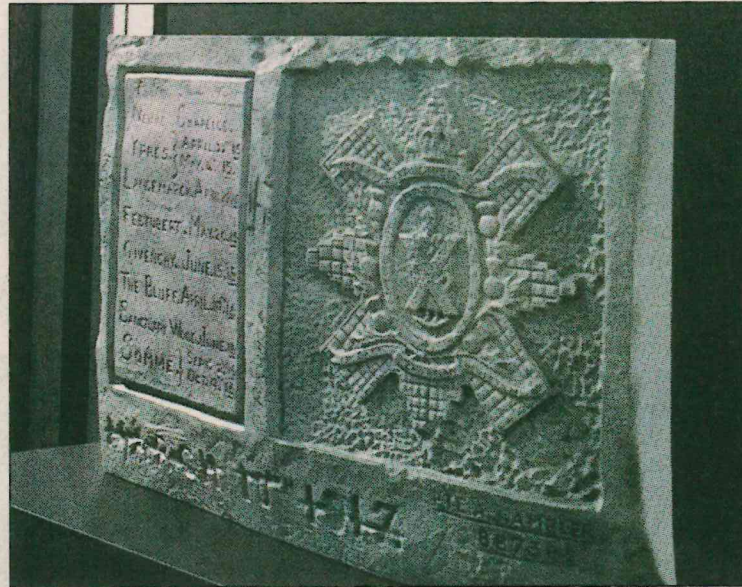
One picture of a carved maple leaf demonstrates both pride and a national symbol that was found on many Canadian Expeditionary Force cap badges, according to the exhibit's description.

"It is important that the work has the emotive context to allow the viewer of today to be transported back to the event to really have the experience of what has happened," Killington said.

Historian Stacey Barker, the lead researcher on the exhibit, calls the cave art an aspect of the war that is unexplored.

"We know about the war on land, the trenches and No Man's Land, but we know less about what was happening under the battlefields — and there were soldiers down there, leaving little parts of themselves behind that are still there," Barker said.

Remembrance Day on Nov. 11 offers an opportunity to remember the soldiers whose presence remains through their cave-wall etchings. And this coming April marks the centennial of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, where Canadians



Courtesy of the Canadian War Museum

Images were carved in a cave wall by Canadian soldiers in France near the scene of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, a key victory in 1917.

fought through constant fire and horrible conditions to secure a crucial victory.

The exhibit was made possible by the Friends of the Canadian War Museum, as well as Michael and Anne Gough, donors to the museum.

Volunteer Mike Braham said funds were allocated based on the museum's priorities and meetings with the Friends.

"This whole wall (of the exhibit) was funded largely by the

Friends," he said. "There's been a variety of artwork that's gone behind that. I just think art; it attracts a whole bunch of people... I think people look at the art as war in a somewhat different perspective."

The art for Preserved in Stone comes from a cave called La Maison Blanche, located near Vimy, that was used to shelter soldiers before battle, said Barker.

The cave is not easily accessible because it is located on private land and is dangerous due to cave-

ins, she noted.

Laser scans were done of the carvings, which were then given form using a 3D printer and hand painted by experts to match the patina of the originals.

CANADIGM is a non-profit organization of historians and artists based out of London, Ont. It was granted access to the cave and tunnels thanks to the Durand Group, a British organization focused on underground exploration around battlefields.

CANADIGM currently has a traveling exhibit called Souterraine Impressions (Subterranean Impressions), also featuring 3D printed reproductions of soldiers' art, which began in April 2015 and has had shows in Montreal and London, Ont.

The new exhibit will be displayed until 2018 in the lobby of the Canadian War Museum, and guests can see the art and photographs of the soldiers' work without paying admission the museum.

"They're drawing maybe their loved ones, things they remember from home, they're writing their names and their hometowns," Barker said.

"They're making their mark, saying 'I was here, I might not come back but this is what I'm leaving behind.'"

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VET WARNS STOLEN DRUG IS DEADLY

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THE TRIBUNE

A deadly drug used to euthanize animals was stolen during a break-in at the Restigouche County SPCA in Dalhousie Sunday night.

RCMP is warning the public that the

drug is lethal to humans.

"One of the drugs stolen is T-61, which is an extremely lethal drug that is for veterinary use only," said Sgt. René Labbé of the Campbellton Detachment in a news release Monday. "Anyone who has it, or suspects they may have it, is warned not to use it as it will likely

kill them."

Dr. Mary-Ellen Themens, a veterinarian associated with the animal shelter, said three drugs were stolen during the break-in, but the drug that has the police and SPCA warning the public only has one use – euthanasia.

"If somebody has the bright idea to

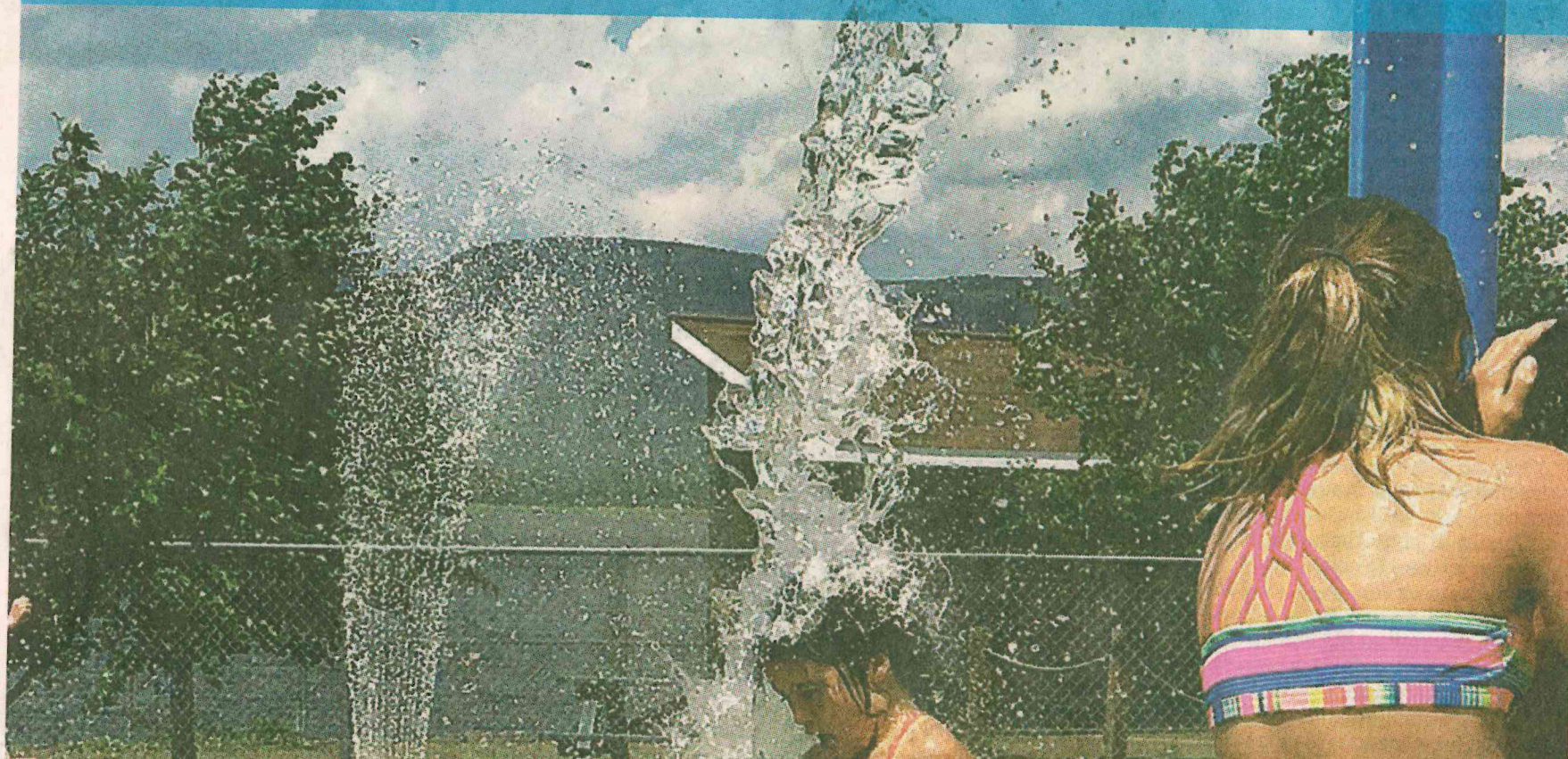
inject themselves with this drug it's a one-way trip and it's not pleasant," said Themens. "There is no street value to this."

She said the drug will not cause a high. "Return it to the SPCA, it has absolutely no street value, but it is dangerous. The one that is a major concern is

the euthanasia drug itself, because that is what it's intended for, euthanasia. It's not intended for any other use but that, and that's the thing that has to be stressed. If someone has this drug in their possession, don't try to shoot it

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Beat the heat



Charlo Summer Splash will offer new events

SASKIA RODENBURG
THE TRIBUNE

The Charlo Summer Splash is entering its nineteenth year and from July 13 to 16 numerous new events will be held during the festival, most of which take place at Charlo Beach.

Daniel Fontaine, president of the Charlo Summer Splash committee, says the event is important for all of Restigouche County.

able, really, that someone would go and take what little I had left." as they are dealt.

Stolen drug deadly: vet

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up," she said.

The break-in happened sometime between 9 p.m. on Sunday and early Monday, when one or more people entered the business and stole two safes, RCMP said. One of the safes contained an undisclosed amount of cash and the second contained drugs used to euthanize animals.

Stolen were five 50-millilitre bottles of a drug called T-61. Each millilitre of T-61 contains 200 milligrams of embutramide, which produces a strong narcotic action and concurrently paralyzes the respiratory centre. As well it contains 50 milligrams of mebezonium iodide, which produces a curariform paralytic action on striated skeletal and respiratory muscles and rapidly induces circulatory collapse and 5 milligrams of tetracaine hydrochloride in aqueous solution.

"The drug used improperly causes paralysis. If somebody has the bright idea to inject themselves with this drug it's a one-way trip and it's not pleasant," said Themens. "There is no street value to this. This is the reason why it was put in the shelter to begin with, it's not pentobarbital. If someone goes online and says 'Oh euthanasia drug. It's the same thing as a barbiturate I'll get a high from it,' but this is not the same drug."

Pentobarbital slows the activity of your brain and nervous system. Pentobarbital is used short-term as a sedative to treat insomnia, or to cause you to fall asleep for surgery. Pentobarbital is also used as an emergency treatment for seizures.

"So the danger is if someone decides that they're going to be smart and use it as a street drug, they're going to get a hell of a surprise."

She said that while highly lethal to



Dr. Mary Ellen Themens says that one of the three types of drugs stolen from the SPCA in Dalhousie on Sunday night will kill anyone who tries to use it.

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humans, T-61 does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

"It is not a controlled drug, it is not a federally controlled drug, but logs are kept and the personnel are trained on it and the certification program recertifies the people so that it's not just you learn how to use it and then it's forgotten about. These people are tracked down and they're supervised."

Two other drugs, also worthless to humans, were stolen from the shelter.

"One is a tranquilizer that was diluted down so in its format Acepromazine is hazardous and the other one, [Vilazine], is used in horses and it too is labeled hazardous so the hospitals have been contacted to know what these products are."

Police have been investigating the incident and are looking for information from the public that could further the investigation.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Campbellton RCMP at 506-789-6000 or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

will be 12 different kinds of local micro-brew available to wash down the mussels.

That night, there will be karaoke from 7 p.m. to midnight.

The festival's official opening is on Friday, July 14 with ceremonies from 5 to 6 p.m.

One new event will be a dunk tank where participants can dunk a representative of either the municipal or the provincial government and it takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. The proceeds raised by the event will go towards the Restigouche County SPCA.

There will be a talent show from 7 to 10 p.m., with a \$5 admission charge, and the winner will take home \$500. Fontaine says any person is allowed to sign up and showcase whatever talent they have.

At 10 p.m., the popular Parade of Lights takes place, with lighted boats from the Dalhousie Marina passing by.

tournament in the morning.

The Art Expo is organized by the Société culturelle de la Baie des Chaleurs. The event is outdoor painting and is open to all from 9 a.m. to noon.

From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., there will be meditation and yoga next to the sea.

The volleyball tournament starts at 9 a.m., with registration at 8 a.m.

It requires teams of four, with at least two women per team, at a cost of \$20 a team.

Also from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. that day, a Charlo Swim Challenge of either three, six or nine-kilometre courses will be held for adults and a one-kilometre course for kids.

A Giant Beer Pong tournament, at \$40 a team, will also take place at 12:30 p.m.

In its fourth year is the annual Baie des Chaleurs Poker Run and Beach Party from noon to 6 p.m., with a hot dog barbecue taking place all day.

7:30 p.m., \$16 in advance from the Heron's Nest or \$20 at the gate.

On Sunday, July 16 as things wind down, a breakfast will be held under the tent from 9 a.m. to noon, with a 10-kilometre, 5-kilometre, and 1-kilometre run at 10 a.m. Register from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the tent.

From 1 to 3 p.m. July 16, Shane Larocque and Samantha Levesque will provide music under the tent.

Also for most of Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be children's activities, with a car show also running from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

At a cost of \$250, those interested can purchase a VIP camping package that includes camping for the entire week by RV and tickets to the major events.

Fontaine says that the festival should appeal to any age and that there will be events for kids, teens and adults to enjoy.



Volleyball is always one of the more popular activities that takes place during the annual Summer Splash in Charlo.

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Bangkok Food Truck, based in Moncton, tried to get a licence for a second appearance in Campbellton on May 28, and was told it would have to pay \$500 an hour for up to 10 hours a day. The truck went to Dalhousie and Atholville instead.

Council went into closed session on Monday night to discuss the matter. The mayor said on Wednesday that the session was closed because staff was concerned that the potential applicability of federal competition law made it a legal issue. However, council came out

ject this year, which allows food trucks on Monday and Tuesday.

"We would be wrong not to open our minds up to different things."

She said the city would meet with the Campbellton Regional Chamber of Commerce "with an open mind".

"How can we make this work for them, but for our community too? How do we turn this corner?"

She said she had read the mocking article posted on the satirical web site The Manatee entitled *Campbellton charging food truck more than total value*



Mayor Stephanie Anglehart-Paulin

PHOTO: SUBMITTED

of city, as well as online comments from the public.

"The gist of what they said is 'why are we so closed-minded? Why are we trying to not change Campbellton?' We get that. We so get that. But we also

follow the book right to the end...my position was I have a bylaw to uphold"

She said it was "the restaurant people" who were behind the complaint.

The mayor said the fact it was Mother's Day made the local restaurateurs feel they were losing business on one of the big days of the year. She said a lot of money left the community.

Nonetheless, the mayor said, "it is time to have conversations that are difficult to have."

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port will have to be presented to local municipal councils before any curbside recycling can become a reality, because it is ultimately the municipalities that will be paying for it. Thus, she said, she wanted to make sure the report was fully understood first so that they would know "the real economic impact".

"We're going to sit down and do a proper analysis of the costs."

Commissioners were told that the analysis of the cost issue would not take "months and months" but a matter

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National chief says to be 'thrivers, not just survivors'

SASKIA RODENBURG
THE TRIBUNE

National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations in Canada Perry Bellegarde spoke to truth, education and reconciling a long history of First Nations peoples at L. E. Reinsborough elementary school in Dalhousie on May 29.

After a prayer by elders, a performance of a prayer by Rosalie Labillois of Eel River Bar First Nation, and the Voices of The Garden performing "The Honour Song" with drums and singing, Bellegarde spoke as keynote speaker.

The crowd of First Nations peoples, students and teachers, mayors, chiefs and invited guests listened intently to the chief's words on the past, present and future of First Nations.

Bellegarde began by stressing the importance of language and the multiplicity of First Nations communities across Canada. Languages are who we are, Bellegarde said, adding that there



Perry Bellegarde, National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, spoke on the important role First Nations play in Canada at LER school in Dalhousie on May 29. PHOTO: SASKIA RODENBURG/THE TRIBUNE

are 58 First Nations languages spoken across the country.

Speaking of students specifically, Bellegarde underlined the importance of

education and what he hopes his talks produce for students.

"The main message was about how we can work together to make Canada a better country than it is now by listening and learning from each other and really embracing reconciliation ... Education leads to awareness will lead to understanding which will lead to action," Bellegarde said in a later interview.

The national chief also pointed to the numerous historical acts that put down First Nations including the Royal Proclamation of 1763, the Indian Act and others.

"When people say what do the First Nations people give to Canada, I say look out the door. That's a lot of land and resources we're sharing," Bellegarde said.

According to Bellegarde, a major issue in Canadian society is the gap

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He said that money spent locally goes around the community "seven

by auction or private sale and whether conducted by the applicant, its agents,

who started selling that food at farmers' markets and eventually got into the trucks. One truck is kept in the Moncton

swallow an additional fee. It is just too much. We could adjust our prices but we don't want to do that. We will find

ive alternative imposes unnecessary costs on Canadian consumers and businesses."

National chief urges audience to be 'thrivers, not just survivors'

CHIEF → A1

between First Nations and people who are not First Nations. He remarked that people who are not First Nations in Canada ranked sixth overall in quality of life around the world according to the United Nations, but First Nations in Canada's quality of life falls to 63 on the same index.

Another issue that First Nations face according to Bellegarde is identity. He says many do not vote in federal elections and that he did not for some time. However, he voted for the first time two or three years ago and embraces what he calls "dual citizenship."

"To the First Nations men and women that are having difficulty embracing this identity issue, I always say just embrace dual citizenship. You're a citizen of Canada, you can vote if you want to but you're always a citizen of your nation and tribe, first and foremost," Bellegarde said.

Bellegarde put forward several

challenges for the crowd, including moving beyond the Indian Act and "exercising jurisdiction over your own citizenship and membership and creating 'your own First Nations law.'" A second challenge he proposed was for students to embrace an alphabet that he coined "three A's, three D's, three E's and five P's."

The alphabet referred to adjectives encouraging young people to try their hardest, persevere, have pride and keep the right attitude.

Bellegarde closed with thoughts on Canada 150, and encouraged participation in events despite a difficult history.

"In spite of the residential schools and the genocide, in spite of that Indian Act and colonization and control, we're still here and we're getting stronger and healthier. We're going to start being thrivers, not just survivors of that system anymore. And that's how we're going to rebuild this country," Bellegarde said.



Perry Bellegarde, members of the Voices of the Garden hand drumming group and Everett Martin stand together on stage at LER Theatre in Dalhousie on May 29 where, Bellegarde. PHOTO: SASKIA RODENBURG/THE TRIBUNE

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Making waves: Campbellton swimmer off to Queen's University

SASKIA RODENBURG
THE TRIBUNE

One week before a race, Gabrièle Lagacé visualizes her swim so that when she arrives she knows what she has to do.

Ten minutes before, the Grade 12 student at Polyvalente Roland-Pépin, listens to her favourite remixes and thinks about the race.

Right before she gets on the block, she stretches, does a certain jump to get pumped and then begins her race.

However, Lagacé admits she gets nervous before races because of all the training that she commits to.

"I get really nervous. I find at the beginning it was more for fun and I was more excited to swim races but now with my goals it's gotten more like nerves because I don't want to do badly because I've worked so hard," Lagacé said.

Lagacé was born and raised in Campbellton and began swimming at the age of three. When she finished all of the swimming levels at age 10, she was unable to continue into lifeguarding because she had not reached the minimum age.

"My parents said, 'we don't want you to lose your style in swimming' so they actually forced me into the swim team. And I remember crying for the first month every time I had to go to practice but after awhile I realized that I was a little bit good at it and I did my first swim meet here and really liked it," Lagacé said.

Lagacé, now 18, swims for the Aquatika swim team from Campbellton as well as her school team. She trains six times a week, with Saturday mornings dedicated to training and the other five



Gabrièle Lagacé sits on one of the start blocks at the Campbellton Regional Memorial Civic Centre pool, wearing her Queen's University t-shirt.

PHOTO: SASKIA RODENBURG/THE TRIBUNE

training sessions completed on her own after school.

She says her best year was 2014, where her performances began to improve, her times got better and marked the first year she made it to the National Eastern Championships.

Though she enjoys swimming and racing, Lagacé admits the work she has put in has meant some sacrifices.

"I had to sacrifice a lot because I have practices on Friday nights and Saturday

mornings so I miss out on a lot of social aspects but I'm really competitive so that takes that part of me and I focus on that in the sport," Lagacé said.

Despite making sacrifices, Lagacé has worked hard to make it to the National Eastern Championships three years in a row, marking the highest competition she has attended. At age 15, she earned eighth in the finals in the 15-and-under

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Tigers to address needs at June 10 draft

TREVOR MCNALLY
THE TRIBUNE

Head coach and general manager of the Campbellton Junior A Tigers Greg Leland said that he and his staff will be looking for a few missing pieces at the upcoming Maritime Hockey League draft.

The Tigers had a strong start to the 2016-2017 season but stumbled after Christmas and missed the playoffs for the first time in three years. Leland said the draft will help build on last year's team.

"We have 14 picks at the upcoming draft (of which two can be territorial) and Kevin Mitchell (assistant GM/head scout) have been in communication daily since the season has ended. Kevin, with his experience as a member of the QMJHL Central Scouting team as well as the fact that he is the Atlantic Regional scout for Hockey Canada's U17 Program, is a huge asset to the Tiger organization. He has been watching players all winter and has a great feel for players and an extensive database with scouting reports on all the kids in Atlantic Canada and Quebec. He will lead us through the draft and we are very comfortable knowing we are in experienced and knowledgeable hands."

In the weeks leading up to the draft, Leland pulled the strings on a pair of trades.

The Cats picked up goaltender Ryan Hale from the Miramichi Timberwolves on May 26 for a sixth-round pick in the draft and forward Curtis Scales from the Valley Wildcats for future considerations.

Hale divided his playing time last season between the Ottawa Jr. Senators

(CCHL) and the Sunny Corner Thunder (NBJHL).

"We did pick up Ryan Hale and we will give him the opportunity to be one of our goaltenders this year," added Leland on June 2. "The reports we received about Ryan are positive and knowing that our goaltending situation is up in the air we felt that a sixth-round pick was good value for a kid who has the potential to play Junior A hockey. He will get that chance."

It is not yet known if Riley Akerman will be back with the Tigers this year and Rowan O'Brien, last year's starter in the second half of the season, has already told team management he will not be returning to the team as he has decided to attend university this autumn.

Leland thinks Scales has a good shot to make the team.

In 26 games with the Wildcats last year, Scales had three goals and nine assists.

"We did trade for Curtis Scales who has played in the league and expressed interest in staying in the league. We assume all kids will report to camp until they tell us otherwise. We have great facilities, a great fan base, and a nice community in which to play Junior A hockey and continue your education."

He said it's still a bit of a mystery why players who are drafted or for whom trades have been made don't come to the North Shore.

"We feel that there are many reasons why Campbellton is a good place to play and we attempt to convince players and their families why that is true. It's an ongoing process that will always be a challenge but one we tackle

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Chief Darcy Gray of Listuguj presented Senior Athletic awards of merit to Sage Bernard, Kelsie Arseneau-Petryk and Darragh Ryan. Also receiving the award was Paige Claridge. PHOTO: TREVOR MCNALLY/ THE TRIBUNE

Sugarloaf honours student athletes

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Felix-Comeau.

The Henderson Award for playing an active role in supporting school sports went to Lucas Ouellette-Loisel.

The Fan of the Year was Debbie Robertson, Ouellette-Loisel's grandmother. She was present at most school sports events even when her grandson might not have been playing.

The Friends of Sugarloaf Athletics Award was given to the Campbellton Lions Club.

The following is a list of awards given to athletes on the sports teams at SSHS this past school year.

Senior Girls Soccer: Most Improved Tristen Condo-Firlotte, Best Defensive Paige Claridge, Rookie of the Year Erin Lyons and MVP Alissa Caplin.

Senior Boys Soccer: Best Rookie Sean Thompson and Russell Irvine, Most Dedicated The entire team, Best Defensive Brandon Parker and MVP Kyle McNally.

JV Boys Basketball: Best Defensive Sean Thompson, Top Rookie Everest Johnson, Most Improved Trey Ricketts-Adams and MVP Je'gopsn Metallic.

Senior Girls Basketball: Most Dedicated Amy O'Hearn, Best Defensive Megan Isaac, Best Rookie/Most Improved



Banquet guest speaker Chief Darcy Gray of Listuguj presented Holton awards to Jessie Barnaby and Kyle McNally for being the athletes of the year.

PHOTO: TREVOR MCNALLY/ THE TRIBUNE

Gracelyn Condo and MVP Jessie Barnaby.

Senior Boys Basketball: Best Defensive Ovo Grant-Oyeye, Most Improved Matthew Lodge and Nic Duguay, Top Rookie Joey Claridge and MVP Andrew Thomas.

Junior Girls Volleyball: Most Improved Kessa Bourque, Most Dedicated Emily Mann and MVP Shaelyn Cooling.

Senior Girls Volleyball: Most Improved Amy O'Hearn, Most Dedicated Hannah Thenes and Irmak Beltas and MVP Paige Claridge.

Senior Boys Volleyball: Most Improved Matthew MacNaughton, Best Rookie Harley Roberts and MVP Nolan Craswell and Kyle McNally

Athletics: Most Dedicated Russell Irvine and MVP Elliot Parker.



The Belledune Storm Novice Minor spring hockey team won the gold medal and the 2017 Championship Tournament Trophy in Charlottetown May 21. In front are Kayden Drysdale, Blake Daley, Evan Chiasson, Jacob Larocque, Mathis-Olivier Landry, Frederik Lanteigne, Noah Godin, Maxime Rousselle, Trevor Driscoll (coach), Matthew Driscoll, Anthony Desforages and Lukas Leger and in back are Keven Landry (coach), William Armstrong, Gavin Thibodeau, Connor Culligan, Abby Fitzpatrick, Brian Fitzpatrick (coach), Logan Leger, Luc Leger (coach) and Marc Armstrong (coach). PHOTO: SUBMITTED

Swimmer off to Queen's

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category which she called "really unexpected."

This year, in the 16-and-over category at the same competition Lagacé placed 23rd.

Although her recent achievements have gotten her noticed by several university scouts, she admits that there have been numerous hardships to overcome including attempting to meet the standards to go to Olympic trials three years ago. She added on extra hours of training and sacrificed much, but the 200-fly race she swam to qualify "went really badly."

"There was so much riding on it, the expectations were so high and I was expecting a great race. I gave it my all in the first 50 but the other three 50s I just couldn't hold the pace," Lagacé said.

Lagacé says she is no longer going to try for the Olympics because she would likely need to put off her education for at least two years and train for up to eight hours a day. Her new focus is on her career with a goal of reaching the U Sports Swimming Championships at the end of next year.

She will be attending Queen's University in the fall to study commerce and swim for their varsity swim team, but she says her focus is on her studies above all.

However, she loves her sport and will continue to try to swim her best at Queen's.

"It's something that, although it takes a lot of discipline, the outcome when you do well means so much more because it's an individual sport so you know that you've done it all and it's not like a team has helped," Lagacé said.