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Clearing the roads for spring



One of the messiest times of the year is upon us as the snow begins to melt and creates big puddles throughout the community. These aren't just regular puddles, though, like those after a rainstorm, because these tend to be more on the muddy side. On Saturday evening, as the sun began to descend to the horizon, some folks were out for a drive and a bit of fun, too, going through puddles when no pedestrians were nearby. Some giant puddles created massive visual displays with not much speed needed to do it.



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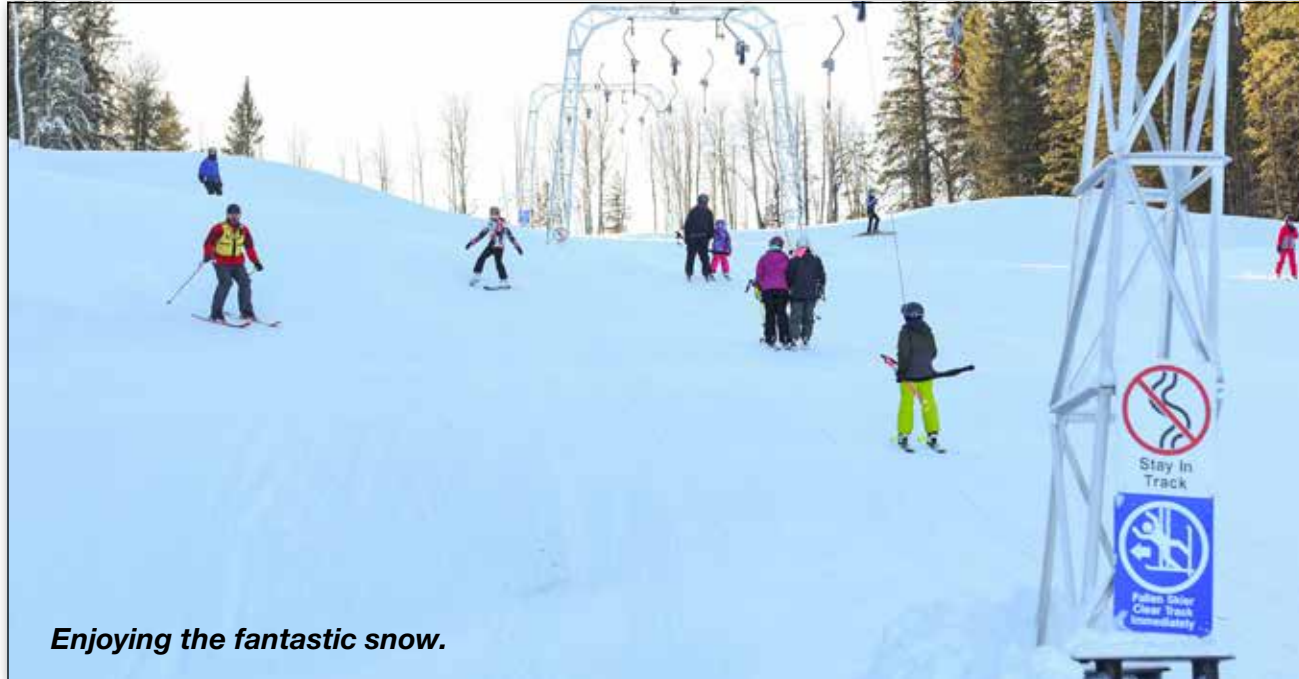
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Spring skiing and a sale to help get more families active together at Eastlink Park

By **Serena Lapointe** Local Journalism Initiative Reporter



Enjoying the fantastic snow.

With electricity prices rising skyward for everyone, the Board of Directors of Eastlink Park thought they would have to raise tickets and season passes to make up for the financial hit. Director Merv Hilland said that in talking with their partners, things changed. "The Town of Whitecourt, and Woodlands County and all of our sponsors and everybody we talked to said no, families have a challenge these days with their budgets, so, let's try and keep away from any increases this year. The board was committed to that, and staff too."

He said that to keep prices from rising, they decided to find another way to save money on electricity. Currently, Eastlink Park is open until 8 pm on Saturdays and Wednesdays for night skiing. Next year, Saturdays will be the same as Sundays, 10:00 until 4:00 pm, and rather than Wednesday night, the weekday action will switch to Thursdays and end at 7:00 pm. "When we talked to people, they said that Thursday was a better night because the Wolverines don't play that night, and it's more compact for our staff. They can work Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday," explained Hilland.

The four hours that leave Saturday night will be placed on Friday mornings. "We hope that kids that aren't attending school on Fridays, parents and tots, homeschoolers, and anyone that wants to play hooky on a Friday, can come up and ski that day." Along with the public coming out, that is also the day that Eastlink Park staff welcome school groups for a few hours of fun. "We are trying to book ten Fridays in 2023 that the schools are going to come up. We will only have the carpet going at that time because

it's elementary school kids there at that time, but it's perfect for moms with tots and anyone else to come up at that time."

Hilland added that they encourage parents to come and ski when their children visit the hill with their class. "We hope that by the end of March to have had every kid from grade five and below up to our hill this year. We did that all in the last month. Whenever we have schools come during the week, we often get the same kids showing up on the weekend with their parents because they want to come back up and have more fun."

With a beautiful March on the go, Hilland said they are offering season passes right now that include the remainder of this season and next season. Plus, the passes are on sale too. He said that the staff hopes to see as many people as possible out enjoying the hill this month and taking in the spring skiing.

"Last year was wonderful. We were so busy. Lots of new faces and families on the hill, but this past winter was so cold that our numbers were down a little bit. Christmas was cold and even Family Day was cold. We are trying to encourage people to come out this month to enjoy the snow

and the weather. The snow is wonderful. We always have lots of snow, and this year has been an amazing year for that," said Hilland. "It was a bit of a challenge to try and keep it conditioned because of the rain and the warm-up and so forth, but Guy Lappin and the staff have done an amazing job keeping it in great condition for the spring."

He said spring skiing isn't always guaranteed but is proving to be a treat

this year. "It's especially great for little kids. If you want to bring young kids up to try skiing, now is the time to do so that you can get ready for next year. It's warm out, so you're not freezing while you learn. Now is the time to come out and enjoy the sunshine for an outdoor activity in a safe environment and see if your kids like it."

The changes to hours and days will not affect the remainder of this

season. "We are committed to season ticket holders to finish the year off with the same hours. The changes from Saturday evenings to Friday mornings, and Thursday night instead of Wednesday night, will start next season. We needed to get those hours out so that any season ticket holders for next year will know what it is," said Hilland.

Even once the changes are set, Eastlink Park is still open more hours than

any other hill in Northern Alberta of their size. The main reason behind the changes is keeping prices low and balancing out some of the cost increases from rising electricity rates. "The price of electricity has impacted us negatively, and we are trying to offset that by doing a better job of managing our hours and being more efficient."

Providing the sale of season passes is just another way that they are trying to keep the fun activity affordable for families and to encourage more to give the winter sport a try. "We've never really made it through to April, but we are going to stay open as long as the snow is good and the demand is there. We face north, so our snow holds better than anything else. Our tube run would eventually go and, the snow around the chalet, but snow everywhere else would be good to go." Visit www.eastlinkpark.com for information on current hours and pricing.

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A spotlight on Alberta's trade with Russia

By Siddhartha Bhattacharya
ATB Economics

The current conflict between Russia and Ukraine has sent shock waves through the global economy. While Russia is not one of Alberta's larger trading partners, we are still likely to see some impact on our export sector going forward.

Total goods exported to Russia nationally amounted to \$657 million in 2021. This was up 4% from 2020 and made Russia Canada's 39th largest international export destination. Aerospace product and parts manufacturing constituted the majority (18.5%) of these exports, making Quebec the largest exporter to Russia within the country. Meanwhile, Ontario sold \$227 million worth of goods (mostly machinery and chemical manufacturing products) to Russia last year, second highest in value among the provinces.

Canada, on the other hand, is a much larger consumer of Russian products. The total value of goods imported from Russia was \$2.1 billion in 2021, over three times more than what was exported that year, making Russia our 28th largest source of imports.

As with exports, manufacturing is the most dominant industry on this front, led by fertilizers, which alone con-

stituted over one-fifth of all goods imported from Russia last year. Canada also imported roughly \$348 million worth of refined petroleum products from the Russian Federation in 2021, with Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador consuming over 90% of the aggregate.

Alberta's trade exposure to Russia is lower than central Canada's. Alberta's merchandise exports to Russia stood at \$58 million in 2021, representing only 0.4% of our international exports to all non-U.S. destinations. This included \$18.5 million worth of industrial machinery and battery manufacturing products. Meanwhile, Alberta's im-

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ports* from Russia came in at \$32.6 million last year with tire and primary metal manufacturing products accounting for over 80% of the basket.

Despite the limited trade exposure, we can expect the current sanctions being imposed on Russia and the overall disruption in economic

activity to weigh on our bilateral trade volumes and prices.

*Note that customs-based trade statistics underestimate merchandise imports into Alberta because the imports are attributed to the province of landing rather than the province of purchase.

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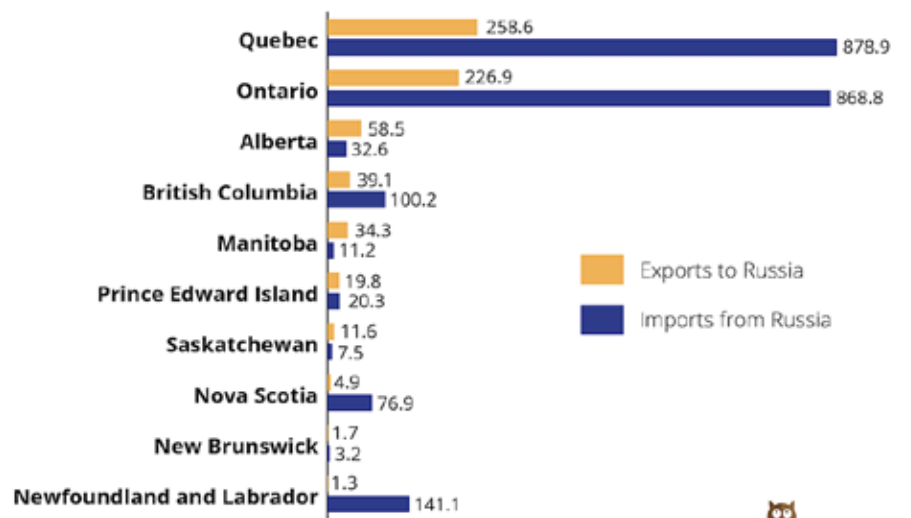
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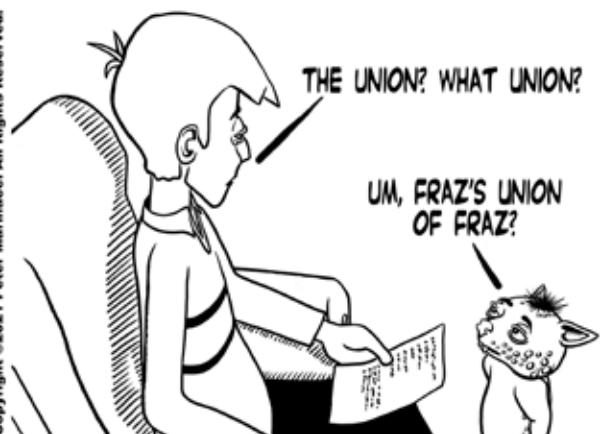
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Round two, here we come



Three layers of protection for the net.



A wicked goal attempt by #25 Cooper Smyl.

The Whitecourt Wolverines fought ferociously through the first round of the playoffs against the Bonnyville Pontiacs. The series went six games and was a thrill to watch. The final game took place on Sunday night at the Scott Safety Centre, with over 600 fans in attendance cheering proudly.

By **Serena Lapointe** Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

With regular-season action finished, the Whitecourt Wolverines turned to face the first contender of their post-season life; the Bonnyville Pontiacs. In the six games between the two rivals during the regular season, the Wolverines lost three, won two in regulation and picked up one overtime win meaning the teams pretty much split the record.

The first two games of their best of seven series saw the Wolverines in Bonnyville playing at the RJ Lalonde Arena. On Friday, March 4, the Wolverines came out of the dressing room with a serious kick, scoring three unanswered goals in the first and second periods from Smyl, Baker, and Vela. Bonnyville got themselves up on the board in the third, making the score 3-1. Less than three minutes later,

the Wolverines responded with a fourth goal on the night, this time off the stick of Mahan. The final was 4-1.

The next night, the Whitecourt Wolverines hoped for more of the same, so they could keep building space between them and the Pontiacs as they pushed through the series. Wolverine Teydon Trembecky, #28, from Christiano Aiello, put the visitors on the board first, 1-0. In the second, the Wolverines continued to push, scoring again. This time it was from MacDonald. A few minutes later, the Pontiacs answered back on the powerplay, bringing themselves within one. In the third period, See, Mahan, and Aiello riffled pucks past the Pontiacs netminder, which outdid the two goals scored by Bonnyville. The final score was 5-3 Wolverines, who now had a 2-0 lead in the series.

Heading to Whitecourt for the next two games, Bonnyville had something to prove. On Tuesday, March 8, they entered the Scott Safety Centre with a chip on their shoulders and used it to power their plays. The first and second periods saw zero puck-in-net activity. The third, however, was when Bonnyville made their move, scoring two. The Wolverines failed to get past their defence and dropped game three 2-0.

The next night, March 9, Whitecourt knew they had to show their fans what they missed seeing in person in Bonnyville. They knew they had to win. In the first period, Travis Baker, assisted by Tyler Mahan and Alex Dominique, put the home squad on the board first, 1-0. In the second period, Tyler Mahan was in the right place at the right time to assist Vela on one goal and score one

for himself, bringing the Wolverines up to 3-0.

In the final period, Mahan once again found himself with the lucky touch, zipping one past the netminder thanks to assists from Dominique and Bohan. Though the Bonnyville Pontiacs did manage to score twice in the frame, it wasn't enough to quell the Wolverines. The home team won the game 4-2, taking their series lead to 3-1.

Back to Bonnyville, they go! On Friday, March 11, the Whitecourt Wolverines and Bonnyville Pontiacs were once again in the RJ Lalonde Arena. With three games already in the bag, the Wolverines had the chance to win the series that night. Knowing that, the Pontiacs came out screaming. They scored once in the second period and three times in the early part of the third before the Wolverines managed to finally get on the

board. By the time Chase Broda scored on the powerplay, Whitecourt was in a 4-1 hole. The Wolverines quickly responded, scoring two more goals and getting themselves within one of tying things up. In the final minutes, they rolled the dice and pulled their goalie. Unfortunately, it didn't end up panning out for them, as the Pontiacs scored the empty netter, making it 5-3.

Game six saw both teams back in Whitecourt at the Scott Safety Centre with the chance for the home team to win the series in front of their fans. Christiano Aiello, assisted by Travis Baker, struck first, giving the Wolverines a quick lead. In the second period, the Wolverines scored two more goals, Komzak and Bohan, making it 3-0. Towards the end of the period, Bonnyville riffled one in the Wolverines net, making it 3-1 after forty

minutes.

The third and final frame saw back and forth action with several close calls at both ends. The Whitecourt Wolverines stood firm and protected their lead. As their last attempt to get back into it, the Pontiacs pulled their goalie and pushed deep into the Wolverines zone. A lucky bounce for Wolverine Thomas Vela led to him scoring an empty netter, solidifying the win for the home team. The Scott Safety Centre exploded with excitement as fans rose and cheered.

Next up for the Wolverines is the second round of the playoffs! As of this writing, their contender is not yet known. So, get ready, Wolverines fans. The boys have more hockey to play and will need you in the seats. Go, Wolverines, go!



Saluting the fans following the big win.



The series had players flipped on their heads, literally.

School fees for transportation could be on the rise for NGPS, inflation impact

Trustee Steinke asked for more information on contractor fees.

By Serena Lapointe Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

During a recent Northern Gateway Public Schools Trustee Meeting, board members discussed the variables around raising transportation fees for grant-ineligible students. Superintendent Kevin Bird explained that the proposed rise was "in keeping with our regular practice to make an increase base upon, more or less, inflation over the period of the next year."

He stated that school fees are something that he spends a lot of time "scrutinizing" to make sure that "we are charging reasonable amounts and for the right reasons." Bird explained that the reason the fee increases is because every time they add a student to a bus rotation, they owe the contractor money for that student. "The cost of doing that is a little bit hard to calculate because it involves many factors across many communities. What we've arrived at here is a number that takes into account the average cost of adding a student throughout our communities. (In) some communities, it's a little bit cheaper to add a student because of the geography and the closeness of buildings and our infrastructure, and in some communities, it's a little more expensive to add a student. We sort of average that out."

Bird said that the number \$600-\$700 has floated around the office as the approximate cost to bus a student. "While that number is true, the purpose here is not to have these passes reach that number at all. These students do not significantly alter the overall cost of providing transportation, but they do alter the small cost of providing transportation, so we're not chasing that \$600-\$700 number with these all we're doing is cost recovering for the students when we add them based upon our contractor's needs in the contract."

He said that the recommendation also included



rounding up the fees so that costs didn't require change. The proposed increase would see the annual bus pass for grades 1-12 go from \$371 to \$390 per student. The Early Childhood Services (ECS) cost per pass depends on if the student is half-day or full-day. A full-day student cost would be the same as the regular bus pass mentioned above, while the half-day price would increase from \$185 to \$195.

"If a family has several students who are riding the bus, they pay to a maximum of \$975. Replacement passes are \$6.50, and that takes into account the time it takes of our staff to replace those passes when they are lost and also places a bit of an emphasis on not losing them, which creates issues within the efficiencies of our structures" explained Bird.

He said that one of the more significant changes proposed had to do with the alternate seat passes and fees for ECS students. "They have not gone up the same amount and have actually become the same as the regular passes, so the alternate passes and the regular passes are now the same price. They used to be between \$10 and \$15 more, and we've looked at that and don't find a reason for that now. So, all passes are now the same exact fee." Bird stated that the goal was not to make money. "The goal is a break-even

on these. When we add students, it costs us money to have them transported, and our goal with these is simply to recoup that money so that we aren't subsidizing extra riders on our bus system."

Trustee Steinke wanted more information on how the contractor charges the school board for picking someone up within the 2.4km walk zone or if they have an alternate seat pass and are dropped off somewhere else on the route. Bird said that it came down to not owning their own buses. Having worked with school divisions previously that owned a fleet for transporting students, he could see how it worked on both sides. "Because we don't own our own buses, we have a contractual cost when we add a student to a bus. So, the student that we are picking up, even though they are not very far away, there's a cost. There's mileage pieces, and of course, there are also administrative pieces. When we add up all the riders who are not funded who are riding our busses, that does place a burden on our administration, so we have to employ more people to work through the numbers of people who are riding the bus, and it's increased by these riders. So, potentially, we could cut back on staff if we didn't have so many people riding the bus."

Bird explained that divisions who own their own buses don't have the

same problem. He said that if bus drivers picked up students that are not funded, it wouldn't actually increase the cost of transportation because the

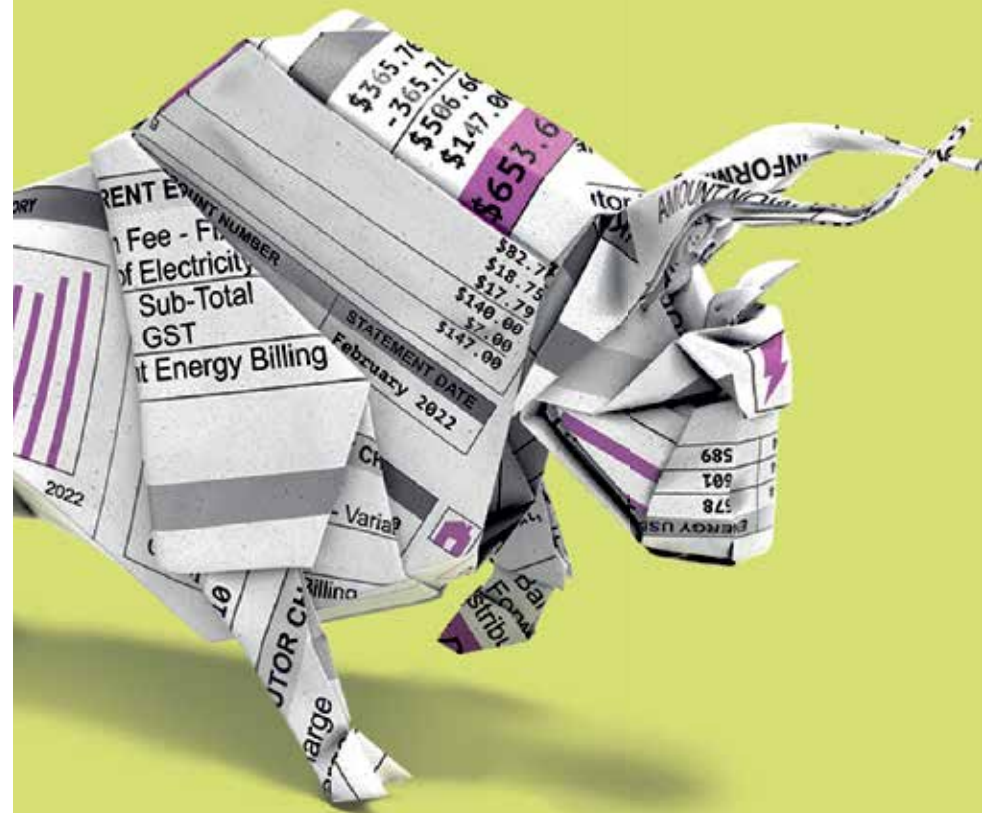
buses are already running. "If we owned our own buses, this cost could probably be a little bit different because we could figure out that

actually every rider we added wasn't really costing us money and therefore we're actually

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2022 ANNUAL ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

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| Secondary 658 - Goose Lake to Hwy 33 | |
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| Secondary 658 - Christmas Creek to Hwy 43 | West Mountain Road |
| Secondary 751 - Hwy 43 to Secondary 647 | East Mountain, Tower and Cutacross Road |
| Secondary 647 - RR100 and Secondary 751 south to TWP560A | Old Ferry Road |
| Hwy 32 South to TWP 580 | Old Blue Ridge Highway Pavement |
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All interested groups should contact:

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saving money by having more riders, so we would probably actually want a lot of riders, and we would fill up the buses because we would reduce our overall transportation costs. But, because of the fact we are contracted, every time

somebody has a seat on that bus, not unlike on an airplane, we have to pay more money out for it."

Turning back to the costs, Bird said that the \$390 fee is not a direct cost but rather a mid-point. "There is some inference work that goes into that to establish that cost. It's the people in the

department looking at the overall costs and then trying to find a number that matches across our communities to provide us with the money we need to transport all of these students and administer the whole program."

The question of students who have a perma-

nent seat on one bus, who then go somewhere other than home and take up a seat on another bus, was then brought up. Bird explained that an alternate seat pass is needed because, technically, the student is taking up two seats. "Our requirement from the government is that there is subsidized

travelling from home to school and back again so if they are travelling somewhere else they're taking up another seat, so there is a fee charged for that other seat. It's not so different than an airline in my mind. If you take up two seats, then each of your seats needs to be paid for because it's a

seat that somebody else can't be in," said Bird.

The discussion ended with the decision to table the vote until the next meeting so that Trustees could hear more on the financial side in-committee (privately).

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The Community Lunchbox Celebration Night is back and ready to raise funds while providing a fun night out

By **Serena Lapointe** Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

With restrictions disappearing, non-profit organizations can finally hold the public events that have helped fund them for years. For the Community Lunchbox, their yearly Celebration Night is the biggest fundraiser they have and rely on to help support their much-needed program.

"We had this planned before the new year, cautiously, that maybe this was the year that

we would get to hold our celebration night," explained volunteer Brigette Moore. "It takes a lot of effort to put together something like this, and we would hate for volunteers, especially, to put in all this work and then have everything cancelled last at the minute." She said they decided not to go through with it but didn't cancel their hall rental yet. That proved to be a great choice.

"We weren't optimistic that we should hold it. We

were also cautious about holding a public gathering and possibly contributing to the spread of covid. When things took a turn for the better and restrictions started going away, and other community groups started announcing events, we felt more comfortable doing it and decided to move forward."

Moore said they hope to sell out. "After two years of being at home and not doing as much as they want, we hope

that people come out and have a great time. We didn't plan anything too elaborate for this one because we weren't sure if we would have to cancel it at the last minute. Also, because we think at this point in the game, we know that people just want to get together anyways and visit and be

amongst other people, so we went with something a little more on the simpler side. Great food, drinks, and dancing."

She said that from talking to people that they hire, the sentiment is that people are very excited to get back to work. "Not everybody donates their time as we want to give

back to the community through our event too. Our DJ, the food and security, those people have also been hurting through this. It's nice to get back to having an event and give those people some business. Just because the doors opened for

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Volunteer Brigette Moore with a van full of bottles following pick up day.

The Community Lunchbox Celebration Night is back after a two-year hiatus! Staff and volunteers are happy to get back to doing what they love and bringing the community together for a fun night while raising necessary funds for a fantastic cause.

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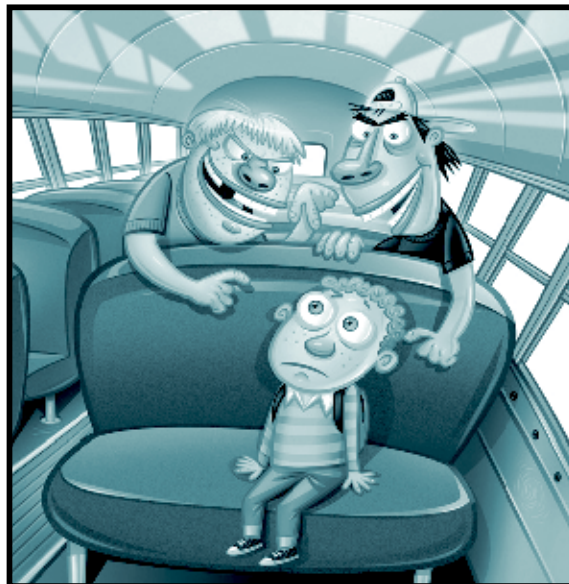


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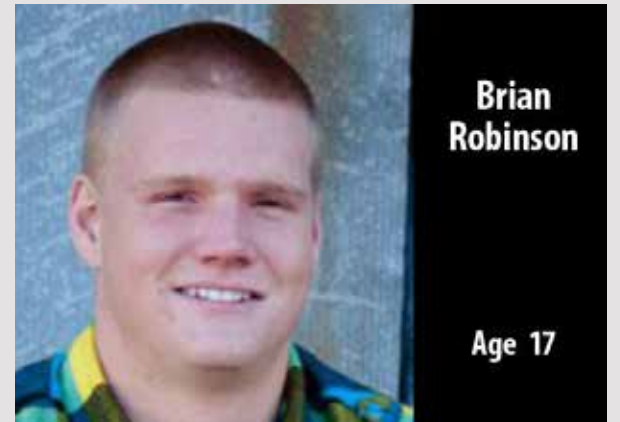


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A few cents more for technology fees when NGPS classes start in September

By **Serena Lapointe** Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A slight increase in the fees for technology at Northern Gateway Public Schools is coming in for the next school year. Students from grade one through to grade twelve will see a fifty-cent increase from \$31.50 to an even \$32, and ECS students will see a half-day increase from \$15.75 to \$16, while full-day ECS students will do the same fifty-cent roundup to \$32.

Superintendent Kevin Bird said that the slight increase would go towards helping to cover the increase in costs for technology use, adding that it wasn't passing on the total price, just a tiny increment. "We want the value that's returned for these fees to be high, and in this case, our technology access program allowed us to be in a rather unique place in this province. Through the COVID situation with our technology ready for our students to be able to switch to online learning, I think it's proven its worth. This slight update to the numbers is not significant and was really just to round it out so that we're not requiring people to reach for change when they pay them."

Trustee Steinke asked for clarification on something from when the program first began. "The concept was that students would be getting, essentially, their own device and would have a fairly new device all the time. At that time, the question came up as to what happens to the outdated devices. There was a suggestion that perhaps the family could just keep that device once it's at its life expectancy for educational purposes. Someone in administration, I think, said, let's just play it by ear. It does seem to be a reasonable way to show some respect for the people that are paying for these, that if they pay for the device, may-

be they could just keep the old device, and I assume some of them are now being replaced."

Bird said he hadn't heard of that before and would investigate further. He added that older devices have helped keep the life expectancy of devices higher. "I do know that devices travel down the hill with the level of technology, and one of the advantages of standardization is that because of standardization of devices, the ones that are nearing the end of their life are able to be cannibalized to replace different parts keeping them serviceable for longer." He gave the example of a student on their second or third screen.

Trustee Petryshen asked if the fees were being increased to cover rising costs or if they were being increased so that it would be more convenient for payment. "There's a substantial increase in costs. We aren't passing along the whole entire cost because we have such efficiency here that we don't need to. It's not a specific percentage because we didn't want to have change dancing all over these things anymore, so they're rounded to the nearest dollar, but there's always an increased amount of money coming into the division to continue the program. It's not a great amount,"

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Trustee Jim Hailes said the technology fee is similar to a textbook fee.

A minor adjustment to the technology fees at Northern Gateway Public Schools will start in September. Though small, the increase will help remove the need for change to pay it and help cover the rising cost for the equipment.





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explained Bird. Trustee Hailes asked about students who have their own devices. He wondered if they used them if they would still have to pay the fee. "There's a value to making sure that the devices have the things on them that they need and don't have the things on them that are potentially problematic. The purpose behind this program is to provide the level that is needed within the classrooms for the programming. Many kids are carrying around their own devices these days, but those devices won't necessarily meet the require-

ments that we need them to meet." He said there could also be compatibility problems between the devices if students had different kinds. Bird added that providing them gave the best possible technology integration into the educational program.

Trustee Hailes then commented the technology fee is similar to a textbook fee, to which Bird agreed. "It's a necessary part of what we are doing right now," said Bird. "I think we've seen the benefits of the program over the last little bit. It enabled us to do things that would've been nearly impossible to do or would have produced in

a far worse result if we hadn't had this in place."

Bird said that while teachers can teach without technology and that a lot of teaching happens without it, they rely on the available devices. "One of the things we are having conversations about is bus days. When buses don't run, what do we do? These things play into those conversations right now as the principals are devising plans for their schools about how we can continue education through whatever disturbances get in the way. These types of programs help with that," he explained.

Trustee Steinke asked about whether the tech-

nology fee was necessary for kindergarten students.

"There's always a bit of a debate about whether or not kindergarten students really need to have that much technological introduction. Are we satisfied as a school division that ECS or kindergarten children require as much exposure to screens as maybe the other grade levels?"

Bird said the fee is applied across all students and then based upon full or part-time status. "The approach is to look at these (fees) and to make sure they return good value. So, the question you're asking is whether the access to technology at these very young ages is actually represented in the fact that we are charging this fee." Bird said that he would speak to teachers in that grade. "I've certainly seen the use of technology in those areas, but I would have to go study that further." The motion then passed.

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brick and mortar businesses doesn't mean that everybody has picked up in terms of those out-of-your-home-type event-specific businesses. We are really excited, and so are the vendors to be able to come back and start doing things again," said Moore.

Tickets are sold by the table, and tables are \$400, seating eight. "We are thinking that all those people who missed having a Christmas party will want to jump on this opportunity. There's free transportation at the end of the night for anybody who shouldn't drive, and we've got the whole party planned for you. All you have to do is grab your tickets."

As they pulled all the pieces together, talking to local businesses and collecting silent auction items, Moore said several people said they would be purchasing items at local businesses. "It's businesses helping businesses to keep our dollars in town, and I think that is so wonderful coming out of this economic time. It's beautiful."

The importance of the Community Lunchbox program, especially today, is potentially even more significant than before. "As we come out of the pandemic and see how many people were affected in the pocket-book, it's more important now than ever to support an organization such as this that addresses the basic needs of our most vulnerable population in

society, and that's kids," said Moore.

"There is less, perhaps, food at home now, and kids can go to school, just like they have since we've started, and they know that there is a snack there for them. They know that they won't go hungry while at school, which everybody knows helps kids learn better. That's the main goal of the Community Lunchbox to make sure no kids have to learn on an empty stomach." The Lunchbox also provides meaningful employment in the recycling garage to those with barriers to finding work. "We also provide volunteer opportunities, and our pool of employees is small in comparison to the number of wonderful volunteers that make this all happen, and of course our sponsors as well."

Last week, there were fourteen tables bought and paid for and many available. "We have no doubt that the community will come out, not only to celebrate but to support the important work that the Community Lunchbox does." The Community Lunchbox Celebration Night will be held on Saturday, March 26, at St. Joseph Parish Hall. Festivities will kick off at 5:30 pm, and there is free transportation available at the end of the night to keep everyone safe. Email hello@communitylunchbox.ca or call 780-778-8252 to purchase tickets.

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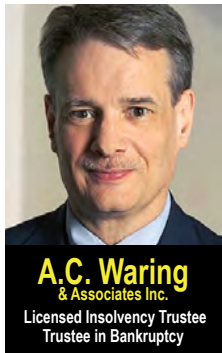
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