



# THE IGNACE BULLETIN

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## Council Meeting Schedule

Regular Meeting of Council

Multi-Purpose Room or Zoom  
Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
@ 6pm

Special Meeting of Council  
Multi-Purpose Room or Zoom  
Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022  
@ 6:00 pm

## Committee Meeting Schedule

**Ignace Community Nuclear  
Liaison Committee (ICNLC)**  
May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6 pm NWMO  
Office or Zoom

**Economic Development  
Committee**  
May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30 pm  
Multi Purpose Room or Zoom

The Township of Ignace would like to acknowledge the importance of the lands which we each call home, and the Indigenous and Metis Peoples of the land we are on today. We do this to reaffirm our commitment and responsibility in improving relationships between nations and our own understanding of the local Indigenous and Metis Peoples and their cultures. Please take a moment of reflection to acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and consider how we are and can, each in our own way, move forward in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

## Fibre Internet Infrastructure is coming to IGNACE

The Northwestern Ontario Innovation Centre (NOIC) is proud to announce the approval of their applications for federal and provincial funding for the Ignace FTTH project (Fibre-To-The-Home).

The total project cost is \$1,804,040 with combined provincial and federal funding of \$1,318,561. Celerity Telecom as the selected vendor partner will contribute \$485,479. The Ignace FTTH project will make fibre internet infrastructure available to 691 households in Ignace, ON. As a result of this project, Celerity Telecom will invest up to an additional \$207,300 to connect households to the new infrastructure.

"This funding announcement is the culmination of many years of work. NOIC has issued Expressions of Interest and Requests for Proposal for the Ignace area for many years, trying to find a vendor partner. Unfortunately, the business case wasn't there, and no vendors expressed interest until we met with the Celerity Telecom team. Their experience with fibre deployment in rural Northwestern Ontario makes them the ideal vendor partner for this project. It's imperative that we find ways to get all our communities online with fast, reliable internet service and it is almost impossible without the generous funding programs provided by our federal and provincial governments. Our rural communities deserve the same access to internet services as their urban counterparts and this is a significant step in closing the digital divide. I couldn't be happier for the city of Ignace, their residents and businesses, and the region as a whole." – Jeff Coull, Northwestern Ontario Innovation Centre

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# Shades of Grey

## Active Retirement Living

Also online on FaceBook

**Bingo – The line of 7 numbers is over \$350!**  
**Feeling lucky???**

### Coming Up:

- May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting
- May 4<sup>th</sup> - CPR/Defibrillator Course
- May 7<sup>th</sup> - Jamboree
- May 14<sup>th</sup> - Spring Tea, Bake sale, Penny Auction
- May 18<sup>th</sup> - Potluck
- May 19<sup>th</sup> - Book Club

### Ongoing Activities/Events:

- Exercise class – M, W, F at 10
- Bingo – Tuesdays at 1:15
- Thursday Lunch – 11:30 – 1:00 pm
- Digital Learning – now on Wed and Fri afternoons
- Drop-In – Mondays from 1 – 4:30 pm

**Drop-In** will continue on Monday afternoons in May as usual, 1:00 – 4:30.

### Two big events coming up in May!

- **Spring Jamboree**, Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1–5 pm  
Agimac Jammers (with friends from Dryden, Dymont and the area)  
Everyone is welcome for a fun-filled afternoon of music and dancing!  
Admission \$5. Tea, coffee and snack provided. Other food available for purchase  
Door prizes! Spot dances! 50/50 draw!
- **Spring Tea**, Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>  
Bake sale, penny auction

**Book Club** – We had a good discussion about *Pride and Prejudice* at our April meeting. May's book is ***The Clan of the Cave Bear***, discussion on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jackie Smyk or Liz Russell if you'd like to join the discussion and/or need a copy of the book.

### Do You Remember??

Letter writing pads... with a liner sheet that you put under the page you were writing on so you could write straight. For some reason it wasn't polite to write letters on lined paper. By the time you used up the whole writing pad, the liner was dog-eared, wrinkled, and torn because it was just stuck in loose. And when you went to mail the letter, you had to lick the envelope and the stamp – yuck!

**Digital Access** – Don't have computer or internet access at home? Remember – the computer at the Centre is available for use by Silver Tops members. Check your email, do some research, check the news and classifieds. If you need help using the computer, just let us know and we can arrange for someone to assist you.

**The Digital Learning class schedule has changed for the month of May. Classes will now be held on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. There will be no evening class**

### Not Just About the Members!

The founding members of Ignace Silver Tops had a vision beyond club membership. As we try to find a "new normal" after a couple of years of uncertainty at the best and lockdown at the worst, it may serve to revisit that vision.

From Ignace Silver Tops By-Laws, Section 3, Purpose:

- d. To unite for the betterment of all senior citizens in the community

- a. To provide for an exchange of ideas and to investigate the problems of members through the proper channels
- b. To strive constantly for the welfare and best interests of senior citizens
- c. To manage and operate the Silver Tops Centre, including recreational, cultural, physical fitness, social, craft, fund raising, literary and educational programs

A thoughtful and insightful statement of purpose, and a great checklist to measure our operation's success!

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# Ignace's 2022 White Otter Days Hockey Tournament

**JULY 1 - 3, 2022**

**ENTRY FEE- \$650.00**

**DEADLINE TO ENTER WILL BE  
MONDAY, MAY 30TH, 2022  
A \$300 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT MUST BE MADE.**

**MEN'S NOVICE**

**WOMEN'S**

**MEN'S OLD TIMERS**

Please Contact Trista at  
recprogrammer@ignace.ca or 807-938-7749

## IGNACE CAMPS 2022

**DATES: JULY 11-15TH**

**TIME: 9AM - 3PM**

**LOCATION: IGNACE ICE ARENA**

**AGE GROUPS: U9/U11 & U13/U15**

**COST: \$487.50 + HST**

2 ON-ICE SESSIONS PER DAY (2.5 HRS TOTAL PER DAY)  
OFF ICE HOCKEY SPECIFIC TRAINING  
LEADERSHIP/TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITIES  
OFF ICE GAMES

REGISTER AT [FOX.SCHOOLOFHOCKEY.COM](http://FOX.SCHOOLOFHOCKEY.COM)



A huge  
event you  
won't want  
to miss!

## CALLING ALL VENDORS

for a vendors market in  
conjunction with Science North  
Great Northern Ontario  
Roadshow & KidsFest!

Sign up  
here!



July 9th, 2022  
Ignace Township  
Parking Lot  
11am-3pm

## REGISTRATION NIGHT April 21 at the Arena

**3:30 to 5:30**

IGGY'S EXPLORERS  
IS A FREE CLUB FOR  
STUDENTS IN GRADE  
4 - 7 WHO LIKE TO  
EXPLORE THEIR  
SURROUNDINGS AND  
LEARN NEW SKILLS.

**Iggy's Explorers**

THURSDAY'S  
3:20 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M.  
START DATE: MAY 5  
END DATE: JUNE 16



AGES JK TO GRADE 12  
TUESDAY EVENINGS  
5 P.M. TO 6 P.M.  
START DATE: MAY 3  
END DATE: JUNE 21

4 WEEKS- SOCCER. 4 WEEKS- BASEBALL

# 2022 IGNACE'S ANNUAL SLO-PITCH MIXED TOURNAMENT



**JULY 9 & 10**

**REGISTRATION & FEE**

**\$550**

**MUST BE PAYED IN FULL BY JUNE 27TH, 2022**

**Max 12 Teams**

**Register Early!!**

**MINIMUM 3 WOMEN TO A TEAM**

**PLAYERS MUST BE 16 YEARS OR OLDER TO PLAY.**

Please Contact Trista at  
recprogrammer@ignace.ca  
or 807-938-7749



Let's have  
a garden party

**Lettuce turnip the beet!**

Are you interested in using a garden box at the Ignace Community Garden?

Are you interested in volunteering at the Community Garden?

We are in need of some repairs to existing boxes and are looking at building additional ones.



It's not just a garden!  
It's the place to be this summer. Please call Yvonne at 934-2290 to reserve or request a box.



Mary Berglund  
Community Health Centre Hub  
Centre de santé communautaire  
CJF & LPP & M  
Your Centre for Health and Wellbeing

New Life Church  
630 Pine St

Sunday Morning Services  
begin with worship at  
11AM

All current provincial restrictions are followed (masking and distancing)



If you would like prayer, call the church @ (807) 934-2791, please leave a message if there is no answer. Or message us on Facebook @ New Life Church - Ignace.  
No need is too big or too small for God

**GREG RICKFORD**  
MPP - Kenora-Rainy River



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**WE ARE  
RECRUITING**  
for the  
**IGNACE**

**ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE**

Do you want to have a say in what happens in our town? Do you want to help explore all of Ignace's possibilities?

**CONTACT US TO APPLY!**

807-934-2202 Ext.1034

[projectcoordinator@ignace.ca](mailto:projectcoordinator@ignace.ca)



# Community Improvement Plan (Implemented in August 2018)

The Township of Ignace focused on strengthening its local economy through strategic approaches aimed at building the right capacity to accommodate the right type of investments as it positions itself for long term sustainable growth and development.

The Town has created a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) to allow for municipal incentives to stimulate private and public sector investment in our community.

The comprehensive set of incentive programs presented below has been developed to realize the goals of the CIP by encouraging private sector re-development and re-investment in Ignace. These programs have been developed based on discussions with community members, Township staff, Township Council, the Advisory Committee, as well as a review of municipal best practice. Applicants may use individual incentive programs, or combine multiple programs for a single site or development, unless otherwise specified. Incentive programs for eligible projects may also be combined with other federal and provincial funding programs. All programs are subject to funding allocated by Township Council on an annual basis.

Program Name	Overview
<b>Municipal Land Disposition Program</b>	Sale of municipally-owned surplus lands at up to 90% below market value where a proponent is prepared to apply for a building permit within two years of purchase.
<b>Tax Increment Equivalent Grant</b>	Grant representing 100% rebate of the municipal portion of a property tax increment resulting from redevelopment, building improvements and new development.
<b>Signage Improvement Grant</b>	Grant representing 50% of construction and design cost related to signage improvements up to a maximum of \$5000.
<b>Façade Improvement Grant</b>	Grant representing 50% of construction design and costs related to façade improvements up to a maximum of \$5000.
<b>Planning and Building Permit Fee Grant</b>	Grant representing up to 100% of the cost of Official Plan Amendment applications, Zoning By-Law amendment applications, Minor Variance applications, or demolition applications where new development is proposed.
<b>Accessibility Grant</b>	Grant representing 50% of the construction costs related to accessibility improvements to a maximum of \$2500.

To find out more about incentive programs, please contact Keith Roseborough at [projectcoordinator@ignace.ca](mailto:projectcoordinator@ignace.ca) or by phone at 934-2202.

This information can be found on the Township of Ignace website at [www.ignace.ca](http://www.ignace.ca). You can download the full community improvement plan here: <https://ignace.civicweb.net/document/7876> as well as the applications forms. If there is something that you are looking for and cannot find on the website, please send an email to [communications@ignace.ca](mailto:communications@ignace.ca) and we will attempt to get the information for you.



## 2022 Municipal Elections Important Dates & Information for Candidates & Electors

### The Nomination Period

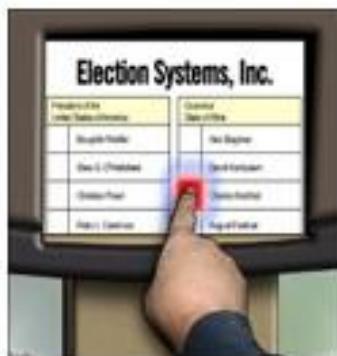
- The 'Nomination Period' runs between Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 & Friday August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Nomination Packages can be picked up at Municipal Office starting Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 between the hours of 9:00am CST & 4:30pm CST.
- Nomination Day is Friday August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at which time Nominations will no longer be accepted after 2:00pm CST.

### Election Day

- 'Election Day' is Monday October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### The Voting Period

- The 'Voting Period' will begin on Friday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 until Monday October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 8:00pm CST.



## How Do I Cast My Vote?

- The 2022 Municipal Elections will be held electronically.
- You can use your laptop, desktop, tablet or cellphone for easy convenient casting of votes.
- You can participate in the comfort of your home, office or car.
- Summer of 2022 you will receive a mailout with your unique pin code to register on the platform in preparation of the 'Voting Period'.
- To ensure that you are on the 'Electors List' please visit 'Voter View' at [WWW.VoterView.CA](http://WWW.VoterView.CA) to check your registration and eligibility.

### Please Note

We will be holding a training session for the general public Summer 2022. Please continue to watch the Bulletin, Social Media and our Website for further details. General inquiries can be made to the Clerk, Lynda Colby at:

34 Hwy 17 West  
Ignace, Ontario, P0T 1T0  
By phone: 807-934-2202 ext. 1022  
By email: [clerk@ignace.ca](mailto:clerk@ignace.ca)



**BYLAW 39.2021** being a bylaw to **Prohibit and Regulate Noise**

within the Township of Ignace.

**Fireworks are illegal to use** in the Township of Ignace without written permission.

Those found in violation may be subjected to a **\$250 FINE**



**Fact Sheet: Standards of Care for Dogs Kept Outdoors under the PAWS Act – Summary of Requirements (As of July 1, 2022)**

**Shade, Shelter and Protection from the Elements:**



**Sufficient protection from the elements** to prevent heat or cold-related distress, and **shade** as required by the weather, including to protect from direct sunlight



**A dog shelter**, available at all times, that:

- Is waterproof and provides protection from the elements
- Is structurally sound and does not cause injury
- Has an insulated roof, a level, elevated and dry floor, and is ventilated
- Has a doorway free from obstructions
- Has bedding at least 3 inches thick, changed as needed to stay clean, dry, comfortable and unsoiled

A dog "kept outdoors" is a dog that is outdoors for more than 60 minutes without its owner or custodian present



**Size of the shelter** must allow all dogs using it to turn around, lie down with their legs extended and stand with their heads held at normal height



**Livestock guardian dogs** and dogs with access to a structurally sound building used to house livestock do not require a dog shelter

**Food and Water:**



**Food** that meets daily caloric requirements, is fit for consumption, not spoiled and does not contain dirt, feces, urine or toxic substances



**Water** at all times that is not frozen, does not contain dirt, feces, urine or toxic substances, and is replaced at least once every 24 hours

**Food and water containers** must be constructed to avoid injury and difficulty accessing food and water

**Health and Grooming:**



**Daily health and welfare checks**

**Isolation** from other healthy dogs if the dog is at high risk of or suffering from a contagious disease (with exceptions)

**Dogs must not be kept outdoors** if they have an injury or illness that affects their ability to regulate temperature or restricts mobility (with exceptions)



**Grooming**, as needed, of nails and to avoid matting of the dog's coat or accumulation of ice or mud on its coat or under its paws

The full text of the regulation is available at the [Ontario e-Laws website](https://e-laws.gov.on.ca/ont/e-laws/eng/PAWS/PAWS.htm). This document is intended to provide a summary only and is not legal advice. If there is any conflict between this document and the regulation, the regulation is the final authority. Produced April 2022.

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## Regulated waste can't simply be thrown into a garbage bin, poured down a drain, or taken to a landfill

### Regulated Waste Disposal

- Waste industrial water (including wash water sludge)
- Empty containers (including empty metal drums and oil fluid containers)
- Remediation & demolition waste (tank bottoms, contaminated soil, mercury spill clean-up, asbestos disposal)
- Any regulated waste materials generated from an industrial process, or waste by-products slated for disposal including solids, semi-solids and sludge
- Waste paint and stains
- Spent lamps (mercury-bearing and non-mercury-bearing)
- Waste oil and lubricants (including hydraulic oil, lubricating grease, coolants and effluent solutions)
- Spent batteries (alkaline, nickel, UPS, lithium, car, cadmium, lead acid, laptop, mercury, rechargeable, silver oxide etc.)



## Pâques et un atelier de bande dessinée chez Immaculée-Conception, c'est amusant!

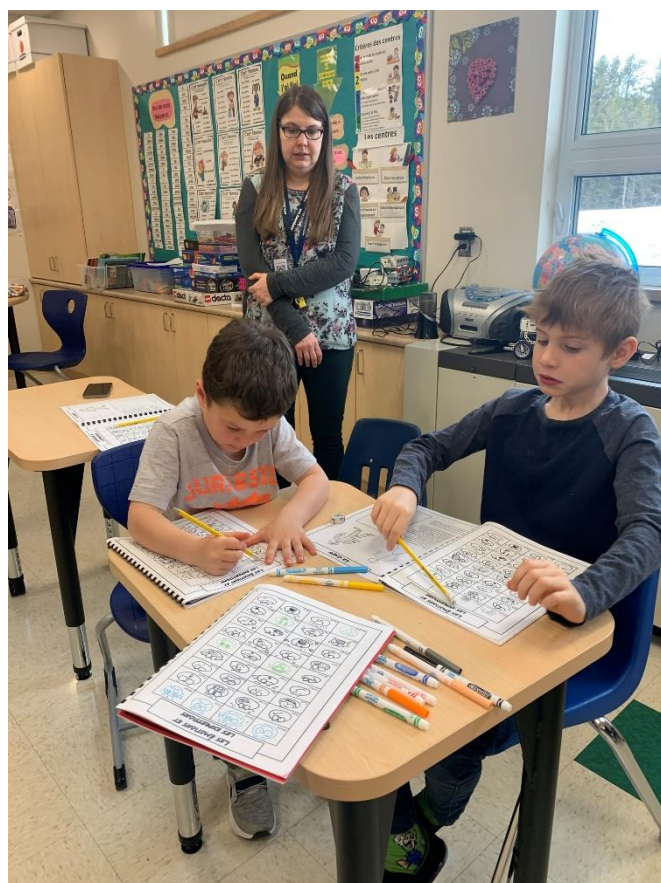
Lors du mois d'avril, les élèves de l'École Immaculée-Conception ont célébré la Semaine sainte avec des activités thématiques de Pâques ; ils ont souligné la fin du carême avec une célébration de chemin de croix et une prière dans le gymnase.

Les élèves ont également participé à un atelier de création d'une bande dessinée via Zoom avec une dessinatrice grâce à *Éduc-Action*. Toujours un plaisir d'apprendre en s'amusant !

## Easter and cartoon workshop fun at Immaculée-Conception

In April, students at École Immaculée-Conception celebrated the Holy Week with Easter themed activities and marked the end of Lent with a Stations of the Cross and a prayer ceremony in the gym.

The students also participated in a comic book workshop with a cartoonist via Zoom thanks to *Éduc-Action*. It's always a blast to learn while having fun!



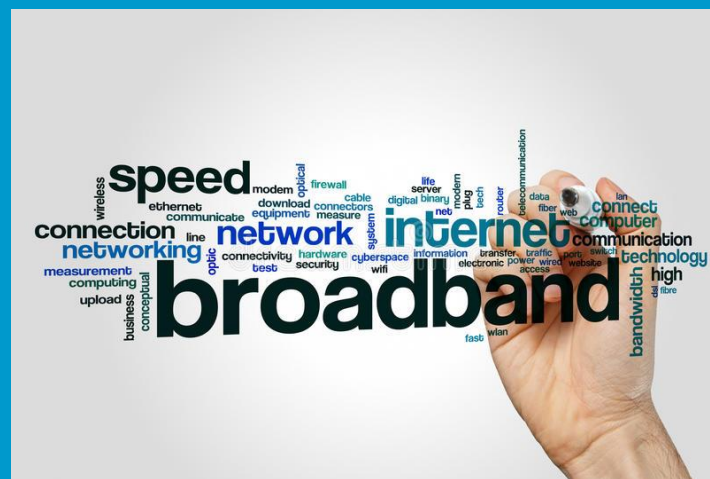


## Cont'd from Page 1 – Fibre Internet coming to Ignace

"Celerity Telecom Inc is thrilled to bring the most advanced fibre technology to the residents and businesses of Ignace, ON. This project builds on Celerity's commitment to bring the fastest and most reliable internet to unserved and underserved regions of Northwestern Ontario. With the help of our strategic partners at NOIC, ISED, and MOI, we will install fibre-to-the-home service to 691 households, further closing the digital divide. This is an exciting and positive step forward for Northwestern Ontario." – Tom Motyka, Celerity Telecom

"Expanding broadband service in Ignace will benefit our current and future businesses and community members. It will close the digital divide in many different aspects of our lives, whether it is business related, online learning or social connections" says **Mayor Penny Lucas**. Lucas also says "This project has been in the works since last year and worked on by Township staff in collaboration with the Northwestern Ontario Innovation Centre (NOIC). Broadband will provide our community with access to the highest quality internet services; it is an exciting step in the right direction"

As the region's ICT champion, the NOIC continues to solve the private sector business-case issue, delivering over 37mil in broadband infrastructure in Northern Ontario over the last decade and NOIC is excited to ramp up those deployments with this new project. Over the next 5 years, NOIC forecasts deploying over \$44mil of fibre infrastructure in the region. NOICs strategic partnerships between non-profit, private and public sector stakeholders allows NOIC to build infrastructure that not only hits the 50/10 guidelines, but far exceed them, building future-ready infrastructure while providing service at a price that's similar to urban markets.



26 Sun	1 Mon	2 Tue	3 Wed	4 Thu	5 Fri	6 Sat
Handprint Fish 8	Playtime Schedule 6-7:30	Playtime Schedules 1-2:30 & 3-4:30	Play Pals 10-11 am Playtime Schedule 6-7:30	Playtime Schedules 1-2:30 & 3-4:30	Play Groups Schedules 10-11:30 & 1-2:30	Playtime 10:30 to 12 noon & 12:30 to 2
Handprint Butterflies HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY 9	Playtime Schedule 6-7:30	Playtime Schedules 1-2:30 & 3-4:30 Baby Sitter Course @ 3:30	Play Pals 10-11 am Playtime Schedule 6-7:30	Playtime Schedules 1-2:30 & 3-4:30 Baby Sitter Course @ 3:30	Play Groups Schedules 10-11:30 & 1-2:30	Playtime 10:30 to 12 noon & 12:30 to 2
Tissue Paper Fish 15	Playtime Schedule 6-7:30	Playtime Schedules 1-2:30 & 3-4:30 Baby Sitter Course @ 3:30	Play Pals 10-11 am Playtime Schedule 6-7:30	Playtime Schedules 1-2:30 & 3-4:30	Play Groups Schedules 10-11:30 & 1-2:30	CLOSED "Gone Fishing"
Wheels on the Bike 22	CLOSED VICTORIA DAY	Playtime Schedules 1-2:30 & 3-4:30 Baby Sitter Course @ 3:30	Play Pals 10-11 am Playtime Schedule 6-7:30	Playtime Schedules 1-2:30 & 3-4:30 Baby Sitter Course @ 3:30	Play Groups Schedules 10-11:30 & 1-2:30	Playtime 10:30 to 12 noon & 12:30 to 2
Planting our Garden 29	Playtime Schedule 6-7:30	Playtime Schedules 1-2:30 & 3-4:30 Baby Sitter Course @ 3:30	<b>Scoop for a Scoop Bike Helmet Safety</b> Program runs June 1 to Aug. 26, 2022 Get a FREE Ice Cream for wearing your bike helmet <b>Bike Rodeo @ Ignace School - Wed. June 15th @ 4-6</b> All ages Welcome!			

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Hours  
Mon. & Wed. 6 - 8:30 p.m.  
Tue. & Thurs. 1 - 5 p.m.  
Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



## IGNACE OPP INVESTIGATE COLLISION

On April 24, 2022 at approximately 5:26 p.m. members of the Ignace Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) along with Northwest Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Ignace Fire Department responded to a report of a two-vehicle collision on Highway 17, McNevin Township.

The investigation revealed that a westbound vehicle crossed into the eastbound lane and collided with an eastbound vehicle.

Both drivers were transported to hospital by EMS for minor injuries sustained from the collision.

As a result of the investigation, a 47-year-old resident of Cambridge, ON has been charged with the following offence:

Careless Driving - Highway Traffic Act 130(1)



## Food Bank Days

May 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>

## NEW Ignace Community Nuclear Liaison Committee (ICNLC) Opens



Pictured to the left are Mayor Penny Lucas, ICNLC Chair Brad Greaves, ICNLC Committee member Cindy Stark, Counsellor Debbie Hart along with President and CEO of the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO), Laurie Swami and Wayne Robbins, chair of the NWMO Board of Directors.

The ICNLC officially opened on April 28<sup>th</sup>, but Ignace is officially launching the Willingness Journey. Over the next year, we will continue to learn about the project through various community studies, events and venues. This work is vital to the determination of Ignace's willingness or not,

to become the host community for a deep geological repository (DGR) for the storage of Canada's used nuclear fuel as per Canada's Adaptive Phased Management (APM) plan. Our journey will provide several opportunities to allow our residents to express their thoughts and have their say about the project.

This centre is dedicated to the community and is a place for debate, dialogue and discussion. I encourage members of the public to visit the office often with their questions. The Willingness Study and other working group studies currently underway, will help determine and guide Ignace's course for the future. This centre is a place for all of us to gather and learn together – helping us to make an informed decision about this project.

### THANK YOU

Iolanda & Toni Taddeo would like to thank everyone involved at a time of the loss of Antonio Taddeo (husband of 71 years, father, Uncle & great Uncle: All the condolences from relatives, friends, phone calls and personal visits in the sharing of stories in his memory, the special letters in the sympathy cards was very touching – The abundance of fruit & food baskets, baking goods, glowers, anonymous gifts left at the door – To the people who paid masses to the Catholic Church in the repose of his soul – The donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation – To the friends who travelled for the service – To Father Al Campeau for being at the hospital with us on a regular basis, also to the friends who came to the hospital in a time of need – To Reverend Jeanne Bryan for playing the organ at the church service and for her tribute at the cemetery for honouring Antonio who was a World War II Veteran and a Legion member of over 60 years – To Lynda Colby and the Township Crew who did an AMAZING job removing all that snow at the cemetery – To Cheryl Manchulenko and the Silver Tops members for the lovely luncheon – To the Dryden Regional Health Centre staff, nurses and Dr. Bester for their compassion; was truly appreciated – Dryden Community Funeral Home who did a great job – Pallbearers George Taddeo, Nathan Taddeo, Tony Pizzi, Sandy Russell and Ron Pateman – George & Sue Taddeo; we cannot thank you enough. Thank you everyone – Iolanda & Toni Taddeo



## Tell Me a Story

A few years ago, my friend and I decided to take a trip to Scotland. My father was born and raised there; my friend's family a couple of generations back had also come from Scotland. We went with a tour and saw beautiful castles and lovely cathedrals and chapels. The tour took us to the Orkney Islands.

One of the sights I will never forget is the Italian chapel built on one of the small islands. It was built by Italian prisoners from the hulls of the sunken German war ships (to this day you can see the wreckage of those subs in the channel).

Now you would think that was the highlight of the tour, but no, we hadn't seen the chapel yet. When you walk in your breath is taken by the beauty of it.

There are no pews as it is a small structure; there is an altar. It is the painting that keeps you in awe of the talent that these men shared with their guards.

You see, one of the men was a very talented painter and painted biblical scenes on every space of the ceiling and walls, in beautiful colours that the guards would bring him to continue his work, and keep it fresh for the years they stayed there.

The prisoners and guards became friends, and after they were released at the end of the war, the painter came back to refresh the paintings. When he grew older, he brought his son every two years till his death to repair and refresh his artwork.

It now has been taken over by the Scottish Trust and kept the same. The guards would bring a priest or chaplain on Sundays so the prisoners could have Sunday service and they would join them. I think we all walked away from there more than a little in awe of what could happen in a small place, where they were just people being people, and enjoying each other amid the tragedy happening so close. It is a place everyone should have a chance to see and feel the peace and stillness.

- from Heather Falyboga

**Photos** – Spring has arrived – at least in the Silver Tops Centre! Birds and butterflies, flowers and bunnies – they're here!





## The NWMO's 2021 annual report celebrates a year of progress



The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) has now published our 2021 annual report, [Guided by science. Grounded in knowledge. Committed to partnership](#). The report highlights the NWMO's activities throughout the year as we implement Canada's plan for the safe, long-term management of used nuclear fuel. The report also provides an audited update on the organization's finances. In accordance with the Nuclear Fuel Waste Act, the report was submitted to Canada's Natural Resources Minister Jonathan Wilkinson on March 28, 2022.

"In 2021, the NWMO continued to adapt to the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and ultimately celebrated a year marked by progress and success," said NWMO President and CEO Laurie Swami. "Our progress to date will serve as a foundation. Great teamwork and a collaborative spirit will be the key to future success."

Key highlights from the annual report include how the organization has continued to travel a path together with Indigenous peoples on the journey towards Reconciliation, including rolling out additional staff training and educational opportunities, as well as interweaving insights from Indigenous Knowledge throughout the NWMO's work.

In 2021, vaccinations and reopening of communities allowed us to meet face-to-face again – critically important to our engagement process, where safe, in-person meetings help us build a better understanding of each other. Re-establishing these connections was crucial to keeping us on the path to partnership.

The NWMO also deepened our knowledge of the environment in the siting areas through borehole drilling work. Testing and analysis of core samples from deep underground is now well underway, a significant step that will enhance our understanding of whether the geology at the potential project sites can meet robust regulatory requirements.

The report also shows how the NWMO's Engineering team took big strides forward, with significant work done to prepare the organization for full-scale emplacement trials in 2022 that will simulate conditions in the deep geological repository, including prototyping and testing of our innovative engineered-barrier system.

In addition to the annual report, the NWMO has also released our five-year implementation plan – [Implementing Adaptive Phased Management 2022 to 2026](#) – a living document that outlines our activities for the next five years. Learn more about that report and fill out the [online survey](#) that accompanies it as your feedback is essential to the NWMO's work.