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## February is Black History Month

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**ABOUT BLACK HISTORY MONTH**  
 During Black History Month, Canadians celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Black Canadians who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation it is today.

Black history in Canada: People of African descent have been a part of shaping Canada's heritage and identity since the arrival of Mathieu Da Costa, a navigator and interpreter, whose presence in Canada dates back to the early 1600s.

The role of Blacks in Canada has not always been viewed as a key feature in Canada's historic landscape. There is little mention that some of the Loyalists who came here after the American Revolution and settled in the Maritimes were Blacks, or of the many sacrifices made in wartime by Black Canadian soldiers as far back as the War of 1812.

Few Canadians are aware of the fact that African people were once enslaved in the territory that is now Canada, or of how those who fought enslavement helped to lay the foundation of Canada's diverse and inclusive society.

Black History Month is a time to learn more about these Canadian stories and the many other important contributions of Black Canadians to the settlement, growth and development of Canada, and about the diversity of Black communities in Canada and their importance to the history of this country.

**RECOGNIZING  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH**  
 The commemoration of Black History Month dates back to 1926, when Harvard-

educated African American historian Carter G. Woodson proposed setting aside a time devoted to honour the accomplishments of African Americans and to heighten awareness of Black history in the United States. This led to the establishment of Negro History Week in 1926. Celebrations of Black history began in Canada also shortly thereafter. During the early 1970s, the week became known as Black History Week. It was expanded into Black History Month in 1976.

In December 1995, the House of Commons officially recognized February as Black History Month in Canada following a motion introduced by the first Black Canadian woman elected to Parliament, the Honourable Jean Augustine. The motion was carried unanimously by the House of Commons.

In February 2008, Senator Donald Oliver, the first Black man appointed to the Senate, introduced the Motion to Recognize Contributions of Black Canadians and February as Black History Month. It received unanimous approval and was adopted on March 4, 2008. The adoption of this motion completed Canada's parliamentary position on Black History Month. (Source: <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/black-history-month/historic-black-communities.html>)

The Government of Canada's theme for 2021 is "The Future is Now/L'avenir c'est maintenant". This theme was inspired by the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent, Black History Month's 25th Anniversary and the global Black Lives Matter movement.

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### MINISTERS OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL DEFENCE COMMEMORATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

OTTAWA – The Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence, and the Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan, Minister of National Defence, issued the following statement to mark Black History Month in Canada:

“Black History Month is a time to honour Black Canadians, both past and present. It is also a time to reflect and learn more about their distinguished service, which dates back to long before Confederation. This is particularly true this year with the theme, Canadians of African descent: Going forward, guided by the past.

“Black Canadians have served in all of our country’s major conflicts since the founding of Canada. During the First World War, many Black Canadians experienced significant barriers and racism, which hampered their efforts to join the military. As a result, the first large, Black-only unit in Canadian military history was formed. Nova Scotia’s No. 2 Construction Battalion included soldiers from across Canada and served in France from 1917 until the end of the war. Some 2,000 additional Black Canadians would also serve with other regiments during the conflict, many of them seeing action in the trenches of the Western Front.

“Since this time, Black Canadians have served in many branches of the military.

They served during the Second World War both on the home front and abroad. They served during the Korean War, the Cold War and on international peacekeeping efforts, such as the major United Nations mission in the aftermath of the Suez Crisis of the 1950s. Many also served in Afghanistan and today are contributing members on current Canadian Armed Forces’ missions and operations.

“We are forever grateful not only for their service, but for their resiliency, courage and leadership in ensuring their ability to serve our country and protect peace and freedom. For their exceptional efforts, a number of Black Canadians have recently been recognized and honoured for their service.

“In 2017, Chief Warrant Officer Claude “Ollie” Cromwell became one of many Black Canadians to be recognized for his service in uniform when he was inducted as a member of the Order of Military Merit. In May 2019, construction began on a new Royal Canadian Navy Arctic and Offshore Patrol ship that will be named HMCS William Hall. This is in tribute to Able Seaman William Hall, the first Black person and first Canadian sailor to receive the Victoria Cross.

“We recognize the commendable service of Black Canadians who continue to serve our country today, helping ensure Canada remains strong and free. The determination of Black Veterans continues to inspire us through the generations who serve in the present.

“We call on all Canadians to learn more about Black Canadian stories and take part in the various Black History Month events held across the country this February.

“We remember.”



Members of No. 2 Construction Battalion, Canada’s first and only Black Battalion, are seen in a photo from November 1916. (Photo: Department of National Defence)



## Dear CCMS: Canadians observe Black History Month in February

Canada is made up of individuals with diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds who bring a richness of perspectives, experiences, language, traditions, and foods.

The importance and preservation of culture and language was identified and Parliament passed the Canadian Multiculturalism Act in 1988, the first country in the world to do so.

The Multiculturalism Act also focuses on reducing discrimination, enhancing

cultural awareness and understanding, and promoting culturally sensitive institutional change.

The Defence Team is a cross-section of society and it, too, acknowledges and embraces the diversity of those who serve within the organization. The support of diversity and inclusion is revealed within our policies and directives; we all play an important role to uphold this through our behaviours and words. Respect the dignity of

all persons is one of our organization's ethical principles and expected behaviours and we have an inherent responsibility to maintain and demonstrate this and all additional ethics and values set out by our organization.

If you or someone you work with is being affected by words or behaviours that do not fit within our organization's ethics, values, or expected behaviours, please reach out to the staff at your local Conflict and Com-

plaint Management Services (CCMS) centre. We are here to support.

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- United Nations website: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/decade-people-african-descent/programme-activities>

## A message from the National Defence and Canadian Armed Forces Ombudsman Military families

It is easy to see the vital role the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) play in keeping Canada safe and secure. Families are a major source of support and strength to CAF personnel and integral to military success. They also face challenges and make sacrifices; it's not just the member who enrolls and serves.

Families act as a support system for members as they deal with the unique challenges of military life. My office is the only formal re-

course mechanism for issues related to the Department of National Defence (DND) and CAF available to them -- a role we take seriously. We address military family concerns through a variety of means, including answering calls through our toll free number and investigating complex issues. We can help get processes back on track and ensure family members are treated fairly by the DND and CAF.

We help connect military families with resources

to address their concerns as well as regularly update information on our website and social media channels to help them navigate the complex DND/CAF system. We hope this helps them better understand their eligibility for services and benefits.

When issues arise that appear to be more systemic in nature, we consider an investigation to dive deeper into the issues. We produce public reports with recommendations to the Minister of National Defence, as necessary, and follow up with progress reports on our website.

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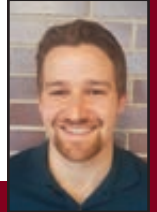
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# PMFRC Fireside Chat highlights mental health, Grn Petawawa's Family Violence Advisory Team

By Patricia Leboeuf

Petawawa Post

The Petawawa Military Family Resource Centre (PMFRC) understands the unique stressors that Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members and their loved ones can experience.

As part of the Bell Let's Talk initiative, the PMFRC focused its Jan. 27 Wednesday Fireside Chat on the subject of mental illness with a spotlight on the Garrison Petawawa's Family Violence Advisory Team (FVAT).

"Mental health influences how we think, how we feel and how we behave in our everyday life," said Lieutenant Ashley Jones, acting psychosocial team lead at Warrior Support and Acting Chairperson of the FVAT.

"Your mental health plays an important role in your relationships," she added, urging those who are struggling to reach out to someone.

FVAT was first created to address family violence issues, which have increased in recent months as a result of families having to stay at home and self-isolate in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The confidential group brings together experts and advisors to help the Chain of Command better understand family violence while also providing help to those experiencing it.

But it isn't just about family violence.

"Although we talk about family violence, and that's in the title, it really is about healthy relationships," said FVAT Champion Lieutenant-Colonel (LCol) Iain Clark, 4th Canadian Division Support Base Petawawa Personnel Services Commanding Officer. "We talk about the spectrum. Although, we can certainly help when it's gotten really, really bad. We can also help if things

are just trending in a bad way. There are some great tools out there and resources."

They offer help for other circumstances, though other organizations may be better suited to a family's need.

During the Fireside Chat, local organizations were invited to discuss their programs and services as the PMFRC and FVAT firmly believe in partnerships.

They included Personnel Support Programs (PSP), the Women's Sexual Assault Centre of Renfrew County (WSAC) and Family and Children's Services of Renfrew County (FCS) as well as Garrison Petawawa itself.

"All MFRCs work together in the community to raise awareness about the unique stressors that military families and their members deal with and our collective impact really is significant," said PMFRC Executive Director Claudia Beswick. "And it really identifies what the stressors and barriers are that they are dealing with on an ongoing basis."

Their shared values and mission allows them to work in tandem to better serve the military community at large.

The past year has been difficult for many people. Stressors accumulate when things are uncertain, and lockdowns have amplified the challenges faced by families and Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members.

"The effect of this pandemic on people's mental health has been significant, to say the least," said PSP Health Promotion Specialist, Kevin Strachan

These challenges may not be clear, and getting mental health help may look like a complicated maze.

Chris Quigley, Crisis Intervention Coordinator at the PMFRC, invites those who may be unsure of what help they

require to contact her directly. It is also beneficial for those who do not want to go through a military-run program.

She and her team can provide mental health help, providing therapy as well as tools and support. She also helps direct people in crisis to the correct organization, whether that's the FCS, the WSAC or something completely different.

When people find themselves in difficult situations, they often feel alone. Having somebody like Quigley to guide them makes a huge difference as she knows the system and its people.

"Often people refer to me as the human phonebook because I am able to navigate where they need to go without getting frustrated," said Quigley.

Those struggling with mental illness due to sexual assault should reach out to the WSAC directly. Despite its name, the organization offers programs for men and women who have undergone trauma. And it doesn't have to be recent. Many of the cases they deal with occurred years ago.

"One key piece is our 24/7 crisis line, which is 1-800-663-3060," said Janey Brown, WSAC Communications Coordinator. "You give us a call and we are there for you. Whether it is a referral or you just want someone to talk to or you can't get to sleep in the middle of the night because of what happened. We are just there for you."

Their Rapid Access Program (RAP) has been designed for military members, veterans and their families to access and receive tailored help. This is completely anonymous and separate from a CAF member's Chain of Command.

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## Military families ... continued from page three

The recommendations made in our reports are intended to bring long-lasting positive change to the Defence community.

In 2013, we released our first report on families, On the Homefront: Assessing the Well-being of Canada's Military Families in the New Millennium. This report focused on the vital role played by military families. We made 18 recommendations to address issues such as continuous employment for military spouses, access to housing and health care as well as long and short term financial well-being. Over the years, we have worked closely with the DND and the CAF to implement these recommendations. Our progress report is available on our website.

Last year, we looked at issues affecting Defence Team personnel and their families posted outside Canada (OUT-

CAN). All postings, whether within Canada or international, can disrupt and put strains on military families, triggering many challenges when they must relocate. An OUTCAN posting allows participants to develop unique skills, knowledge and expertise. It also provides personnel and their families with the opportunity to live in a foreign country. However, there can be some issues that are unique to the OUTCAN experience for which they were not prepared. We look forward to a formal response from the DND/CAF to our 13 recommendations.

In the coming year, we will begin our next systemic investigation which will look into compassionate postings. CAF Members and their families experience unique challenges resulting from frequent relocations, which are part of the military

lifestyle. They must remain mobile and able to deploy at all times. Exceptions may arise that temporarily limit a family's ability to move.

In these often challenging personal circumstances, special consideration may be granted following a specific administrative approval process. It is important that the policy and process in place to support members during these challenging times does so to the fullest extent possible.

We all have an interest in a happy and healthy Defence community—and part of that is a well-supported family. If you feel you have been unfairly treated or have questions on any of our reports, more information on our office is available at [www.ombuds.ca](http://www.ombuds.ca).

We are ready to help. *Gregory A. Lick is the National Defence and Canadian Armed Forces Ombudsman*

## PMFRC Fireside Chat highlights mental health ... continued from previous page

Getting help for mental health when it is still in the early stages is paramount to prevent a crisis and to keep families together and safe.

Though it is primarily a children's aid group, FCS also helps families before they reach the boiling point.

"We help families resolve and prevent the

situation that led them becoming involved with our agency," said Paul Henry, FCS Intake and Assessment.

"The notion of reaching out for help is seen as a strength, not a weakness" he added.

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# Town of Petawawa council approves 2021 municipal budget

By Patricia Leboeuf

Petawawa Post

During its Feb. 1 meeting, the Town of Petawawa council agreed on an increase of approximately \$19.25 per \$100,000 home assessment as part of its yearly budget.

"As always council remains committed to seeking sustainable efficiencies which will positively impact future residents," said May-

or Bob Sweet.

This property tax hike will vary per household as the average home within the municipal boundaries has been assessed at \$252,000. The average home on realtor.ca is currently selling at \$359,875.

Flat water rates for residents per unit will increase by \$14.49 and will be set at \$366.78. Commercial owners will pay \$495.15.

Metered water rates will be \$1.4079/m<sup>3</sup> for commercial/industrial/institutional and bulk water sales with a minimum of \$123.79 per quarter. Garrison Petawawa will pay \$1.139/m<sup>3</sup>.

As for sewer rates, residents will see no increase and continue to pay \$463.70, and commercial property owners will pay \$644.54.

Meter rates for commercial, industrial and institutional properties will be set at \$1.4856/m<sup>3</sup> with a \$161.14 minimum rate per quarter. Garrison Petawawa will pay \$1.3378/m<sup>3</sup>.

Garbage, recycling and organic waste collection and disposal will cost each resident \$215.

These tax dollars will provide high-quality services and help maintain the area's infrastructure, confirmed Sweet.

"The rates have been calculated in support of the current provisions of efficient service and ensure the sustainability of these vital assets well into the future," said the mayor. "Our reputation for providing high levels of service at reasonable public costs remains unchanged."

The town is looking to spend \$4.6 million on its roads and related projects in 2021. This includes the rehabilitation of Portage Road, Hilda Street, Scott Avenue, Laura Street, Airport Road and Biesenthal Road in addition to the replacement of the

culvert at Kramer Avenue.

Active Transportation works include improvements at Laurentian Drive and the erection of road signage. The Petawawa Fire Department will receive a new bush truck, and the department has put money into reserves for a future pumper truck. A community service pickup truck was added to the budget as was a backhoe for Public Works. Community Services will move forward with their design work for Laurentian Highlands' Park with much-needed boat launch repairs and solar

lighting replacement for the highway.

Several other projects were also agreed upon, notably the rehabilitation of the Petawawa Civic Centre.

Over \$1 million has been budgeted for renovations at the facility. This project will include renovating the arena floor and boards as well as the washrooms upstairs.

The town will also continue to pursue partnerships with neighbouring communities to provide top-notch programs, activities and services to residents.

In total, the town has set

aside a budget of \$20,729,682 for 2021 expenses.

The breakdown includes \$1,868,302 for general governance expenses, \$1,165,300 for fire protection, \$1,790,193 for policing, \$207,050 for animal control and bylaw enforcement, \$233,727 for building inspection, \$7,672,353 for transportation expenses including renovations, \$2,030,808 for environmental services which includes waste disposal, \$5,068,049 for community services and culture expenses and \$687,555 for planning and development.

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## 4th annual Connect to Care Radiothon

PEMBROKE - On March 4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Pembroke Regional Hospital Foundation (PRHF) will be taking over the airwaves as MyFM hosts the 4th annual Connect To Care Radiothon.

Due to gathering restrictions and COVID safety measures, this year's Radiothon will take place exclusively on MyFM and fundraising will happen throughout the month of February.

Leading up to the Radiothon, the PRH Foundation is inviting local individuals and businesses to get involved by hosting their own fundraisers as "Community Ambassadors".

"We would love to see everyone participate and pull together to bring best-in-class care to local families, even during these unforeseen times," said Community Fundraising Specialist Leigh Costello. "This is an opportunity to beat those 'quarantine blues', have fun and get involved in your community in a safe, positive way throughout the month of February."

As part of the event, all contributions will be celebrated live on MyFM with Art Jamieson, PRH Foundation staff and MyFM hosts.

All proceeds will support the Cancer Care Campaign, raising funds for the Pharmacy, Chemotherapy and Medical Day Care units. When residents from across the county donate to the Connect to Care Radiothon it will bring the Foundation one step closer to reaching their community goal of \$1.65 million to improve the lives of local cancer patients.

"We are super excited for this year's Radiothon for two reasons," said PRH Foundation Executive Director Roger Martin. "First, it's providing those who have always supported the hospital or those who wish to support it with a continued way to do so amid the pandemic, while doing it safely through online giving. Secondly, it will help raise the much needed funds for our Cancer Care Campaign in order to make a difference in the fight against cancer, and keep cancer care close to home."

If you or someone you know would be interested in sponsoring the Radiothon, becoming a community ambassador or making a donation, please email leigh.costello@prh.email or call (613) 732-2811, extension 6129.



## Pembroke launches Snow Angels initiative

PEMBROKE - The City of Pembroke introduced a new initiative to help match volunteers with residents in their area who require assistance removing snow from their driveways and walkways.

Through the Snow Angels initiative, individuals in need of assistance can register and be paired with a volunteer. The program is free as it is strictly volunteer-based.

"We are aware that clearing snow can be a barrier for many people, including older adults, people with disabilities, someone with an injury, or even a parent with young children with difficulties leaving the house," explained Operations Committee Chair Deputy Mayor Ron Gervais. "The inability to remove snow can affect an individual's ability to stay active in our community and to live at home as safely and as independently as possible. With the launch of this initiative, we aim to help to remove this barrier for

Pembroke residents."

The Snow Angels initiative is not a City of Pembroke program. It relies completely on volunteers. To volunteer or to register for assistance, visit Snow Angels Canada, [snowangelscanada.ca](http://snowangelscanada.ca).

Those with questions regarding the program or how to register may contact Linda Rook at 613-735-6821 ext. 1410.

To encourage involvement and to recognize the efforts of the generous snow angels, volunteers will have the chance to win some City of Pembroke swag. If you are being assisted by the program this winter and wish to recognize your snow angel, you can nominate the volunteer and they will be entered in a draw. Nominations are accepted by completing the nomination form on the City's website, by phone at 613-735-6821 ext. 1515, or by email at [emckeown@pembroke.ca](mailto:emckeown@pembroke.ca). The draw will be held the end of March.

## Town welcomes McGuire's Doughnuts

By Patricia Leboeuf

Petawawa Post

Out of a mobile truck next to the Petawawa Civic Centre baseball diamonds, Connor and Kristina McGuire and their staff are now serving up fresh, handcrafted doughnuts.

McGuire's Doughnuts is one of the newest additions to Petawawa's business landscape with the opening of this extension to their Pembroke brick-and-mortar location.

"The wonderful people of Petawawa kept asking us to," said co-owner Kristina. "They were incredibly welcoming."

The location is ideal as it is central and during the summer, once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, it is a busy hub for athletes and spectators alike.

There is no difference between the offerings at both locations.

"We are keeping the menu exactly the same," said Kristina, adding that each doughnut is made fresh and with love.

"We really have a lot of fun coming up with different recipes and toppings and things like that," she said.

The original location has been open for two years, and a few days after that anniversary, the doors opened on

the mobile restaurant.

The food truck is part of Petawawa's street food vendor program which has seen great success.

Mayor Bob Sweet, council and members of the Petawawa Business Advisory Network (PBAN) welcomed the McGuires at a meet and greet on Dec. 18.

"At our house, a box of McGuire's Doughnuts last exactly two days as we are showing great restraint," said Councillor Theresa Sabourin. "They are absolutely fantastic."

They are currently open Wednesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or until everything sells, which happens regularly.



McGuire's Doughnuts opened a food truck location in Petawawa and co-owner Kristina McGuire served up some treats during a meet and greet on Dec. 18. Council members and the Petawawa Business Advisory Network came out to try them. From left are Councillor Theresa Sabourin, Councillor Murray Rutz, Kristina McGuire and Councillor James Carmody. (Photo by Patricia Leboeuf, Petawawa Post)

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## Fire destroys Art-E-Motive Repairs

A January 28 fire destroyed Art-E-Motive Repairs at 3197 Petawawa Boulevard. (Photos by Patricia Leboeuf, Petawawa Post)



PETAWAWA - A fire on Jan. 28 destroyed long-standing Petawawa business Art-E-Motive Repairs.

Firefighters responded to the structure fire at 1:18 p.m., ready to extinguish the difficult blaze that left the building razed. Reports of explosions could be attributed to acetylene tanks, flammable and combustible materials in the garage.

Upon their arrival, fire crews from the Petawawa Fire Department faced heavy fire exiting the front of an automotive repair garage.

Fire crews initiated a defensive attack as everyone from within the structure was accounted for, and fire conditions prevented them from conducting an interior offensive attack. Heavy smoke conditions, high winds and cold temperatures challenged firefighters.

It took approximately two hours, twenty-one firefighters, three pumpers, and a heavy rescue pumper to bring the fire under control. Garrison Petawawa Fire Department assisted with apparatus and force.

At this time, there are no reported injuries to civilians or firefighters. Fire crews remained on scene throughout the night and into Friday

morning, checking for fire extension and overhaul operations.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

Members of the Up-

per Ottawa Valley Ontario Provincial Police, Renfrew County Paramedics, Hydro One and Enbridge also attended the scene, located at 3197 Petawawa Boulevard.

## Pembroke council appoints Diversity Advisory Committee members

PEMBROKE - At the Feb. 2 meeting of Pembroke City Council, members of the newly created Diversity Advisory Committee were appointed.

The City of Pembroke received an overwhelming number of applications from community members interested in joining the Diversity Advisory Committee, making for a tough decision for council in the appointment process.

"It was wonderful to see how many people in our community felt passionate enough about diversity, equity, and inclusion to apply to be a member of the Committee," said City of Pembroke Mayor Mike LeMay. "I look forward to working with the members of the Diversity Advisory Com-

mittee to make Pembroke a more welcoming place for everyone."

The Diversity Advisory Committee will hold their first meeting in early March.

Members of the Diversity Advisory Committee are as follows:

- Suli Adams
- Harry Alorgbey Sardina
- Duane Gastant Aucoin
- Elsa Lucas
- Julianna Morin
- Michael Parent
- Karthi Rajamani
- Garland Wong
- Deputy Mayor Ron Gervais
- Councillor Christine Reavie

Resource appointments for the committee are:

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## War Amps Key Tag Service celebrates 75 years



Michaela rides her bike with the help of a special device.

(Submitted photo)

The War Amps begins its 2021 key tag mailing to Canadian residents this week with the theme "You Are a Part of What We Do," marking the 75th anniversary of the Association's Key Tag Service and paying tribute to the public for helping make it a success.

In the letter accompanying the key tags, parents Tracie and Jeremy describe how The War Amps has supported their family, from the day their daughter, Michaela Blakslee, 6, was born missing part of her left arm, as well as some fingers and toes.

As a member of The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program, Michaela receives financial assistance for artificial limbs and devices and also attends regional seminars where Champs and their parents learn about the latest in artificial limbs, dealing with teasing and staring, and parenting an amputee child.

Michaela's artificial arms, which she calls her "helper hands", include one for everyday use and another that she uses for activities like bike riding. "Without the funding from The War Amps, it would be very dif-

ficult for us to get her any prosthetics at all," says Tracie and Jeremy. "Whatever isn't covered through our workplace insurance and the government, The War Amps steps in so she has these devices to help her through daily life."

The Key Tag Service was launched in 1946 so that returning war amputee veterans could not only work for competitive wages, but also provide a service to Canadians that would generate funds for the Association's many programs, including

CHAMP. The Key Tag Service continues to employ amputees and people with disabilities and has returned more than 1.5 million sets of lost keys to their owners.

Each key tag has a confidentially coded number. If you lose your keys, the finder can call the toll-free number on the back of the tag or place them in any mailbox in Canada, and The War Amps will return them to you by courier, free of charge.

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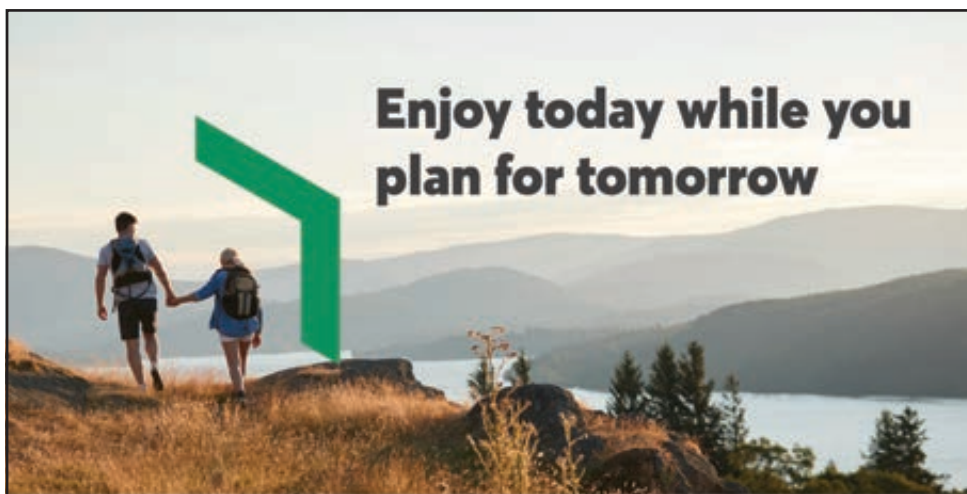
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Start building your resume for the Summer! PSP Youth 1st is offering Virtual Red Cross Babysitter and Virtual Youth 1st Home Alone. These are the same quality courses you have heard about, but that can be taken from the comfort of your own home. Visit [CAFConnection.ca/Petawawa](http://CAFConnection.ca/Petawawa) for details.

The Ontario SPCA Renfrew County Animal Centre is asking supporters to raise funds for animals in need in their community by baking a difference at home with the National Cupcake Day Decorating Contest. The cupcake with the most votes in each of the four categories wins. Visit the National Cupcake Day website before Feb. 22 to vote for your creation and make a donation to your online personal fundraising page. To take part in National Cupcake Day, visit [nationalcupcakeday.ca](http://nationalcupcakeday.ca) to register, fundraise and submit a photo of your cupcake creation for a chance to win.



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## NOTICE



### WINTER PARKING AND SNOW REMOVAL RESTRICTIONS

#### Parking

Town of Petawawa Parking By-law 257/2003 states;

“No person shall park a vehicle on any highway within the municipality:

- From 1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., November 15th to March 31st;
- At any time when accumulated snowfall exceeds or is expected to exceed 5 cm; or
- During any snow removal or clearing operation.”

**FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE REGULATIONS MAY RESULT IN THE OFFENDING VEHICLE BEING TICKETED AND/OR TOWED AT THE OWNER’S EXPENSE.**

#### Snow Removal by Residents

Town of Petawawa Snow Removal By-law 683/11 (General Prohibitions)

- No person shall place, or cause to be placed ice or snow from private property or from a boulevard, onto a sidewalk or traveled portion of a highway (\$250.00 fine)
- No person shall deposit, or cause to be deposited ice or snow on a boulevard that is not directly adjacent to their property, including but not limited to snow pushed or deposited across a roadway or highway (\$125.00 fine)
- No person shall place, or cause to be placed, ice or snow from private property or from a boulevard, onto the private property of another person (\$125.00 fine)
- No person shall place, or cause to be placed, ice or snow from private property or from a boulevard, in such a manner as to obstruct or hinder the access to any fire hydrant or emergency water stand within the Municipality (\$500.00 fine)
- No person shall pile, redistribute or otherwise cause the accumulation of snow on a sidewalk or traveled portion of a highway, within the municipality, in such a manner as to obstruct traffic, the view of traffic, or obstruct in any way, the movement of snow clearing equipment under the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department (\$250.00 fine)
- No person, shall move, place or operate any equipment, vehicle or material on any part of a road or highway such that damage to the road surface, curbs, sidewalks or municipal services results from their actions (\$500.00 fine)

#### Snow Forts

As snow banks emerge throughout the town, Public Works crews remind parents to warn children that snow forts and tunnels are extremely dangerous. Playing in snow forts and tunnels poses a very serious risk of snow collapsing and of trapping a child. There is also great danger to children playing in areas where snow removal and clearing takes place.

#### Waste & Recycling Pick-up

Snow banks also present problems for refuse and recycling collection crews.

**PLEASE PLACE GARBAGE CONTAINERS, RECYCLING AND GREEN BINS FIVE (5) FEET BACK FROM THE CURB OR PAVEMENT EDGE IN THE DRIVEWAY TO PERMIT PROPER SNOW REMOVAL AND AVOID DAMAGE TO COLLECTION CONTAINERS.**

The Town of Petawawa thanks the public for its co-operation and assistance in keeping children and workers safe during the winter season.

## NOTICE

### SEEKING ADOPTED BROTHER

I have just recently found out that I have a big brother and would like to find you.

You were **born in November 1969** in Pembroke, ON and were given up for adoption. Your birth mother’s last name was **Vermeesch**. You were adopted by your foster family on **December 7, 1970** and I believe you grew up in the Pembroke area.

I would really like to find you. Please get in touch with me, **Jody**, at [siblingssearching@gmail.com](mailto:siblingssearching@gmail.com).

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## PET ADOPTION

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## IN MEMORIAM

*In loving memory of Judy Duplisea who passed away February 2nd, 2016.*



*“To those I love & those who loved me”  
When I’m gone, release me, let me go...  
I have so many things to see and do.  
You must not tie yourself to me with tears;  
be happy that we had so many years.*

*I gave to you my love, you can only guess how much you gave to me in happiness.*

*I thank you for the love you each have shown, but now it is time I travel on alone.*

*So grieve awhile for me, for grieve you must, then let your grief be comforted by trust.*

*It’s only for a little while that we must part; so bless the memories within your heart.*

*I won’t be far away, for life goes on.*

*So if you need me, call and I will come.*

*Though you can’t see or touch me, I will be near.*

*If you listen with your heart, you’ll hear all my love around you soft and clear.*

*And then when you must come this way alone*

*I’ll greet you with a smile and say,*

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### OUR ASSOCIATION

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### OUR MISSION

The CAVUNP mission is to bring Veterans together in comradeship, advocate on their behalf for the defence of their rights and to watch over and promote their interests.

### OUR ACTIVITIES

CAVUNP activities serve as a social focus for Veterans to permit them to manifest their pride, uphold their dignity, and obtain the recognition which they deserve.

### OUR MEMBERSHIP

We are serving and retired military service personnel, police and other peace officers who have served in peacekeeping operations with the United Nations and other international organizations or with multinational missions. Our membership criteria is the Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal (CPSM) or the equivalent for all other veterans.

### OUR COMRADESHIP

We encourage unity, comradeship, and self-assistance, ease the return to civilian life, and promote the welfare of our members by commemorative, social, and community activities. We are all Veterans, we care for and we take care of our own.

### OUR ADVANTAGES

Membership in CAVUNP offers

- Respect & Recognition;
- Veteran's Networking;
- Ceremonial, Honours & Awards;
- Humanitarian involvement; and
- Comradeship;
- PTSD Peer Support;
- Veteran's Uniform & Blue Beret;
- Leadership Opportunities.

### Our Motto

*Proud to serve, proud to have served, in the Service of Peace.*

### CAVUNP IS FOR YOU

CAVUNP has Chapters all across Canada to welcome you. A Chapter is made up of Veteran's like you. When you join us, you are family, no matter what your age, active or retired, or who you are, or what you were. There is no rank among Veterans. We offer unconditional peer acceptance. Membership is voluntary. When you join you get:

- The CAVUNP Identity Card;
- Your CAVUNP Lapel Pin;
- A Free Veteran's Newsletter; and
- A very, very large Veteran family!

### OUR COMMITMENT

We help our members obtain professional help, service records, long service pins and identity cards. Accoutrements and uniforms are available from our Kit Shop.



TO FIND A CHAPTER NEAR YOU,  
**VISIT [WWW.CAVUNP.ORG](http://WWW.CAVUNP.ORG)**

Or contact Paul, CAVUNP Membership Chairperson,  
613-746-3302 or E-mail [cavunp@rogers.com](mailto:cavunp@rogers.com)

## Ontario invests \$25 million to support the ongoing widening of Highway 417/17

**New interchange will be built at Highway 17 and Calabogie Road.**

RENFREW - John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, announced last week that Ontario is moving forward with widening Highway 17 from two lanes to four between Arrprior and Renfrew by investing approximately \$25 million in a new interchange at Highway 17 and Calabogie Road.

Twinning the highway will improve safety, strengthen the connection between communities, and drive economic growth and job creation in the region.

"Building a new interchange at Highway 17 and Calabogie Road provides increased safety and traffic improvements for this area while also laying the groundwork for the widening of Highway 17," said MPP Yakabuski. "We have made significant progress on this project and I can't wait to see the positive impact it will have once completed."

The construction of the new interchange at Calabogie Road in the Township of McNab/Braeside is Stage 1 of the project to widen 22.5 kilometres of Highway 17 in Renfrew County. The \$25 million contract to design and build the new interchange was awarded to Aecon Construction Ontario East Limited.

"Investing in local infrastructure projects helps put the province on the road to economic recovery," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. "The construction of the new interchange puts local people to work and provides Renfrew County, and the province, with better highway infrastructure that allows people and goods to move

more efficiently."

Ontario is committed to maintaining a long-term working relationship with the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation, the Algonquins of Ontario and other affected Indigenous communities to ensure the successful completion of this project. The government supports the creation of meaningful economic opportunities for local Indigenous communities within the Ottawa area.

"I am pleased with the collaborative spirit and level of engagement that MTO has shown my Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation Consultation team," said Wendy Jocko, Chief of Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation. "We look forward to continuing that relationship in support of this important initiative."

The detailed design for the new interchange is expected to begin immediately. Construction will start once the design and environmental assessment are complete and is expected to be finished by the end of 2023.

### QUICK FACTS

- Stage 2 of the project will include building three additional new interchanges and widening Highway 17 from two lanes to four from Scheel Drive in the Township of McNab/Braeside to just west of Bruce Street in Horton Township.

- Highway 17/417 is the longest provincial highway in Ontario, stretching for more than 1,900 kilometres from the Ontario/Manitoba border to the Quebec border in Eastern Ontario.

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