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Municipal Notes

COUNCIL NEWS

Mayor and Council are pleased to announce the approval of the 2026 Municipal Budget, which reflects an overall increase of 3.96%. Considerable time and effort were dedicated to the development of this year's budget, particularly given the number of significant capital projects planned for completion. Throughout the process, Council carefully reviewed a wide range of options to ensure fiscal responsibility while maintaining the municipality's commitment to necessary infrastructure and service improvements. Every effort was made to minimize expenses and reduce the impact on taxpayers, without compromising the ability to move forward with essential projects that support the community's long-term sustainability and growth. Council believes that the approved increase represents a fair and balanced approach, allowing the municipality to address current priorities while remaining mindful of the financial pressures facing residents.

With fishing season set to begin at the end of May, the Municipality would like to remind residents and visitors to obtain their boat launch season pass for the Vermilion Bay Dock. Passes are available for \$50 for the entire season, or a daily rate of \$5 per launch. This initiative was introduced last year by the Economic Development Committee as a way to generate dedicated funding for future improvements and maintenance at our municipal boat launches. These contributions will help ensure that our docks remain safe, accessible, and enjoyable for everyone who uses them. Please note that anyone using the Vermilion Bay boat launch is required to have either a valid season pass or to pay the applicable one-time fee prior to launching. Compliance with this program helps support ongoing and future enhancements to the launch sites. Payments can be made in person at the municipal office or conveniently online through the "Pay Now" option available on the municipal website. We encourage residents to take advantage of the season pass for added convenience and value throughout the fishing season. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support, and best of luck to everyone heading out on the water this season.

Mayor and Council would like to extend a thank you to our dedicated arena staff for another outstanding season at the Woodland Arena. Your hard work, commitment, and attention to detail help ensure that the arena remains a welcoming and enjoyable space for residents and visitors alike throughout the winter months. We would also like to recognize and thank everyone

involved in bringing back Tonydome this year. The success of this event would not have been possible without the incredible support of the volunteers. Your time, energy, and enthusiasm are truly appreciated, and your contributions play a vital role in strengthening our community spirit. A special thank you goes out to Norbert Bruyere of Bruyere's Bobcat Service for generously volunteering his time and equipment to assist with the removal of the ice at the end of the season. Your support is greatly valued and helps us prepare the facility efficiently for the transition into the off-season. On behalf of Council and the community, thank you all for your continued dedication and support.

Mayor and Council would like to extend a thank you to the volunteers who helped decorate Bigfoot for Easter this year. Your creativity and dedication brought our community mascot to life and added a festive spirit for residents and visitors to enjoy. A special thank you goes out to Leslie Burns, Rita Burns, Robert Burns, Graeme Hall, Ryan Marland, Anna Van Walleghem, and Astrid Toft-Hall for your time and effort. Bigfoot looked fantastic, and thanks to your hard work, even made his way onto the news once again! Your continued support and enthusiasm play an important role in promoting our community and showcasing the pride we all share. Initiatives like this not only brighten the season but also help highlight Bigfoot as a unique and recognizable symbol of our area. We truly appreciate your volunteer efforts and look forward to seeing what you come up with next. Thank you for helping make our community such a vibrant and welcoming place.

Economic Development:

The Municipality is pleased to share that an application has been submitted to the Ontario Transit Investment Fund to support the purchase of a new bus for our senior's bus program. This funding opportunity would cover up to 50% of the total cost, helping to significantly offset the financial burden on the Municipality while allowing us to invest in essential community services. Our seniors bus program plays a vital role in maintaining independence and quality of life for many residents, providing reliable access to medical appointments, shopping, and social activities. As the current vehicle continues to age, the need for a newer, more reliable bus becomes increasingly important to ensure the program can operate safely and efficiently. By investing in a new bus, we aim to extend the lifespan of this valuable service and continue meeting the needs of our community well into the future. Reliable transportation is especially critical in rural areas, where alternative options can be limited. We are hopeful that the province will recognize the importance of this program and the positive impact it has on our residents. Approval of this funding would allow the Municipality to continue delivering a high-quality, dependable service that supports

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MESSENGER DEADLINE

Submissions for the **Machin Messenger** must now be in by the **LAST WEDNESDAY** of the month, by noon. **The deadline for the June Messenger will be May 27, 2026.** Send your submissions to pilmar@sympatico.ca, subject line "Machin Messenger". Ads will need to be pre-paid prior to insertion in the Messenger.

Please note that there are price changes for ads. Call the Municipal Office for details.

MESSENGER ADS

If you wish to advertise in the **Machin Messenger**, please call the Municipal Offices at 227-2633 to find out the charge for your ad. Ads will need to be pre-paid.

the health, mobility, and well-being of our seniors.

The Municipality is pleased to share that an application has been submitted to the Provincial Government under the Enhancing Access to Space for Everyone Grant. Through this program, the Municipality has requested \$60,000 to improve accessibility along the Pine Tree Point Trail, one of the key trails within the Pine Tree Pathways Trail System. This grant is designed to support projects that remove barriers and create more inclusive, accessible outdoor spaces for people of all ages and abilities. Funding is intended for initiatives that enhance mobility, improve safety, and ensure that public recreational areas can be enjoyed by a broader range of users, including those with accessibility challenges. The Municipality selected the Pine Tree Point Trail for this application because of its popularity and its potential to better serve all members of the community with targeted upgrades. By improving trail surfaces, access points, and overall usability, this project aligns directly with the grant's objective of creating welcoming and inclusive outdoor environments. Enhancing accessibility at this location will not only improve the experience for current users but also open the trail system to individuals who may not have previously been able to enjoy it. The Municipality looks forward to the opportunity to advance this important project and further support accessible recreation within the community.

Max Nagy, EDO

Public Works:

Public Works has been actively responding to the challenges that come with the changing season, particularly increased water build-up and runoff across the municipality. This time of year, often brings difficult conditions, and unfortunately, road washouts are a reality we must address. Our team has been working diligently to respond to these issues as they arise, ensuring roads remain as safe and accessible as possible. If you see any road issues that may need work, please contact our municipal office. We are also focused on long-term planning to help reduce the likelihood and impact of these situations in the future through improved infrastructure and preventative measures. With the 2026 budget now finalized, Public Works is looking ahead to the implementation of several proposed infrastructure projects. These initiatives will play a key role in strengthening our road network and better preparing our community for seasonal challenges moving forward.

Economic Development Committee:

The Economic Development Committee is seeking assistance

from the community with decorating Bigfoot. To help complete this safely and efficiently, we are asking if anyone has access to a bucket truck that they would be willing to lend for this purpose. Having the use of a bucket truck would greatly improve safety for volunteers and allow the Committee to properly decorate Bigfoot when needed. Your support would make a significant difference in helping us continue this fun and recognizable community feature. If you are willing to help us with this, please contact our Economic Development Officer at 807-227-3005 or e-mail economicdevelopment@visitmachin.com.

The Economic Development Committee is currently looking for additional members to join the team. This is a great opportunity to get involved and help support initiatives that promote growth and development within the community. Meetings are held once a month on a pre-determined Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Members have the option to attend in person at the municipal office or participate virtually through Zoom, making it accessible and convenient for all. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please reach out to economicdevelopment@visitmach.com or call 807-227-3005. We welcome anyone who is passionate about contributing to the future of our community.

Harbour Master:

The Municipality is currently seeking volunteers to serve as Harbour Masters at our Vermilion Bay Dock. This role involves community members helping monitor activity at the dock to ensure they are being used appropriately and in accordance with municipal requirements. Harbour Master volunteers would check that individuals launching boats, or those who have parked vehicles with boat trailers, have a valid permit from the Municipality. This helps promote fair and consistent use of our facilities while supporting their upkeep and future improvements. There is no set schedule for this role—volunteers are welcome to assist whenever they are available, making it a flexible and convenient way to get involved. Volunteering as a Harbour Master is a great opportunity to support local waterfront amenities and contribute to the community. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the municipal office.



To all mothers we wish you a very Happy Mother's Day!
On May 9th.



**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MACHIN
FILING OF NOMINATIONS
2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS**

This notice is for anyone proposing to be a candidate in the Municipal Election on October 26, 2026. Section 33(1) of the *Municipal Elections Act* provides that a person may be nominated for an office by filing a nomination with the Returning Officer in the Municipal Office in person or by an agent. The nomination form shall be in the prescribed Form 1 (Nomination Paper) available from the Clerk-Treasurer. The nomination fee is to be paid in cash or certified cheque or money order: the fee is \$ 100.00 for Councillors and \$200.00 for Mayor. Facsimile signatures are not acceptable.

The nomination form may be filed at anytime during normal office hours (8:00am -4:00pm) beginning May 1, 2026, up to and including Nomination Day, August 21, 2026, with a 2pm deadline, for the following offices:

MAYOR (1 to be elected)

COUNCIL (4 to be elected)

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD (1 to be elected)

City of Dryden has been designated to receive nomination for the following Candidates:

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SEPERATE SCHOOL BOARD

FRENCH LANGUAGE CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD

Tammy Rob

Clerk-Treasurer and Returning Officer

Municipality of Machin

75 Spruce Avenue

Vermilion Bay, ON

P0V 2V0

Phone 1-807-227-2659



Emergency Preparedness Week May 3 – 9

Knowing what to do during an emergency is an important part of being prepared.

Three simple steps to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies:

Know the risks

Make a plan

Get an emergency kit

Make a Plan: Every household needs an emergency plan. It will help you and your family know what to do in an emergency – and it only takes 20 minutes. Make the plan part of your emergency kit.

Get a Kit: In an emergency you will need some basic supplies. You may need to get by without power or tap water. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. Make sure your kit is easy to carry and everyone in the household knows where it is.

Emergency Kit List:

- Water – at least 2 litres per person per day
- Food that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods
- Manual can opener
- Crank or battery-powered flashlight (and extra batteries)
- Crank or battery-powered radio (and extra batteries)
- First aid kit
- Extra keys (vehicle and home)
- Cash in smaller bills, and change for payphones
- A copy of your emergency plan and contact information
- Special items such as prescription medication, infant formula, and equipment for people with disabilities

Steps to take in emergency situations:

- Make sure you are safe before assisting others.
- Follow your emergency plan.
- Get your emergency kit.
- Monitor radio, television and online for information from authorities. Follow their instructions.
- Stay put until it is safe or you are ordered to evacuate.
- Limit phone calls to urgent messages only. Keep the lines free for emergency responders.

Keeping in Touch in Emergencies: Being able to communicate with family, friends and emergency responders during an emergency is critical. However, keep in mind that everyday communication devices may not work properly during an emergency. If possible, use non-voice channels like text messaging, email or social media, as these use less bandwidth than voice communications and may work even when phone service has been disrupted.

Visit GetPrepared.ca for more information on emergency preparedness, to complete an emergency plan online, and for a guide on what to do in different situations.

Contact Machin Volunteer Fire and First Response if need a smoke/CO alarm, fire safety information, or if interested in volunteering with the department. Volunteer applications can also be picked up at the Municipal Office. No experience required.

Facebook / Instagram: @machinfire | email: machinfire@bellnet.ca | mail: PO Box 249, Vermilion Bay, ON P0V 2V0



Effective April 1st to October 31st, 2026

NO DAY BURNING – Fires can only be ignited 2 hours before sunset, or later, and must be extinguished 2 hours after sunrise, or earlier.

MNR can fine and hold you responsible for the cost of putting out the fire and for any property damage.

To report a Forest Fire call 310-FIRE
or 1-888-284-3473

NOTICE:

The Cascade Bridge will be closed for inspection

May 18th through

May 22nd, 2026.

For any questions, please contact the Municipal office at

807-227-2633.



Thumbs up 👍 👎 Thumbs down

Thumbs up 👍 to Norbert, Gord and Ken for all your help with my water problem, it is greatly appreciated.

Thumbs up 👍 to all the people who came out for the Spring Clean Up, your help was greatly appreciated in making our municipality look clean and ready for spring/summer.

Thumbs up 👍 to all the people responsible for the Tonydome Curling Bonspiel. The Broom Hilda's had a great time and we enjoyed ourselves thoroughly.

Thumbs up 👍 to Nicole Rob for her talent in creating the Broom Hilda T-Shirts. We appreciated them very much.

Thumbs up 👍 and thank you to Tasha, Tony, Norbert, and everyone else that helped at Tonydome. Thank you also to all the teams that participated. It was great to watch the games.

Thumbs up 👍 to Randy McGogy and Bobbie Elliott for helping out Machin Public Works. Thank you.

Thumbs down 👎 to the individuals who own the Unfixed Male Cats fighting and spraying all over my house in the Willow Street area!!! Please get your pets spayed or Neutered! One Orange cat and a Fluffy Black and White cat.

Mayor, Council and Staff wish everyone a happy and safe May Long Weekend.

The Municipal office will be closed on Monday May 18th for the holiday.





EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Municipality of Machin is seeking applications for
**Part Time (Call In) Custodian for the
Eagle River Recreation Centre Position**
(Wage \$21.59 per hour)

Please submit your resume no later than May 15th, 2026, to:

Tammy Rob, Clerk-Treasurer
Municipality of Machin
Box 249, 75 Spruce Ave.
Vermilion Bay, Ontario
P0V 2V0

or

Fax to: 807-227-5443

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Municipality of Machin is seeking applications for

SUMMER PARKS CREW

Public Works

(40 hours per week @ \$20.99 per hour)

Interested applicants must be 18 years or older. Please submit their resume no later than May 15, 2026 to:

Tammy Rob, Clerk-Treasurer

Municipality of Machin

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Vermilion Bay, Ontario

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Fax to: 807-227-5443



IS EXCITED TO PRESENT

“TALKING ABOUT DEATH WON’T KILL YOU”

THURSDAY MAY 21ST 8:30AM - 4PM

The Centre, 100 Casimir Avenue, Dryden

We've designed our full-day conference to actively engage patients, families, caregivers, and loved ones, with a focus on:

- Finding the courage to talk about future care
- Ensuring your wishes are respected
- Building a plan and making informed decisions

Conference Highlights:

- Keynote speakers (attend one or all)
- Community resource display
- FREE Draws

“It promises to be a day of inspiration and preparation for life’s journey.”

Register now! Scan the QR code to sign up on Eventbrite or email us at drydenrpsc@yahoo.com



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Municipality of Machin is seeking applications for

SUMMER STUDENT PARKS CREW - Public Works (40 hours per week @ \$16.60 per hour)

Interested applicants must be 16 years or older. Please submit their resume no later than May 15th, 2026 to:

**Tammy Rob, Clerk-Treasurer
Municipality of Machin
Box 249, 75 Spruce Ave.
Vermilion Bay, Ontario
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or

Fax to: 807-227-5443

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Spring Market & Plant Sale

Sunday May 24

A COMMUNITY CRAFT & GARDEN GATHERING

There has been a change this year, instead of our large plant sale at the arena, we're excited to be hosting a Spring Craft Market & Plant Sale at the *Vermilion Bay Lions Hall* — a little different event that brings together gardeners and crafters.

WHAT YOU WILL FIND:

- Handmade crafts & creative goods
- Community plant sale — buy, sell, or trade plants

10 AM - 2 PM

Donations of plants for the Lions Plant Table are welcome, proceeds to help with Hall Maintenance.



To reserve a table:
Contact Helen
807-220-3649
blueberrybroad@gmail.com

Community Garden Plots



Garden Plots are available for Machin Residents, located next to the Municipal Office. Raise beds, fenced, garden hoses, shared shed for tools, locked gate are great reasons to rent a plot.

Key Deposit \$10 Small Plots \$5 Large Plots \$10

Whether you are a beginner or seasoned gardener, this is an excellent opportunity.

Please call 807-227-2633 or come to the Municipal Office if you have questions.

Let's Green the Place up!!



Visit the Screen for Life Coach in Dryden

To ensure cancer screening services can continue without interruption, the Screen for Life Coach, a mobile cancer screening bus, will be screening residents of the Municipality of Machin AND surrounding communities in Dryden this year.

This is a temporary arrangement for 2026 due to mechanical issues affecting the Coach's ability to travel long distances; plans for a new mobile screening bus are underway.

The Coach will be located at the Dryden Regional Health Centre from August 8 - October 5, 2026, offering breast, cervical, and colon cancer screening in one convenient visit.

Who should get screened?

- **Breast cancer screening:** Women, Two-Spirit, Trans and non-binary people between the ages of 40 and 74 should have a mammogram every two years.
- **Cervical cancer screening:** Anyone with a cervix between the ages of 25 and 69 who has ever been sexually active should have a cervical screening test every five years.
- **Colon cancer screening:** Individuals between the ages of 50 and 74 with no first-degree family history of colon cancer should complete a take-home colon screening kit every two years.

Screening on the Coach is available at no cost for those with a valid OHIP card. A doctor's referral is not required for average-risk individuals within the recommended screening age ranges.

To book your appointment, call (807) 684-7777. For more information, visit tbrhsc.net/screenforlife.



Need a Ride to Dryden?

Try Out Our Seniors Bus.

This is a Door to Door Service – you do not have to worry about parking or walking. We drop you off right at the door of your medical appointment or essential shopping and return to pick you up.

The cost is \$15.00 per person to ride to and from Dryden on Tuesday or Thursday. Should you have mobility issues both getting on and off the bus or shopping and carrying your items, thanks to the Happy Go Lucky Seniors Club they have provided funding for an Assistant to ride on the bus to help with these issues. Please call the Municipal Office at 227-2633 to book your ride or if you have any questions.

You do not have to be a senior to use this service. Any adult can ride, however seniors do come first for this service.



Spring Covid and RSV vaccines are available at the clinic if you fit into the following category.

Call to book your appointment at the clinic at 807-227-2675 or if you have any questions

Older Adult RSV Prevention Program – FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS

The full cost of RSV immunization is covered for Ontario residents who have not previously received a publicly funded RSV vaccine and are:

- aged 75 and older
- aged 60–74 and meet one of the following criteria:
 - ◇ resident of a long-term care home, Elder Care Lodge, or retirement home including similar settings (for example, co-located facilities)
 - ◇ patient in hospital receiving alternate level of care (ALC) including similar settings (for example, complex continuing care, hospital transitional programs)
 - ◇ patient with glomerulonephritis (GN) who is moderately to severely immunocompromised
 - ◇ patient receiving hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis
 - ◇ recipient of solid organ or hematopoietic stem cell transplants
 - ◇ individual who is homeless
 - ◇ individual who identifies as First Nations, Inuit, or Métis

Spring doses of covid vaccine are available for:

Spring COVID-19 Campaign – Starting April 1

A spring dose is **recommended** for:

- Adults aged 80 years and older
- Residents of long-term care or other congregate living settings
- Moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals (6 months of age and older)
- Indigenous adults aged 55 years and older (First Nations, Inuit, Métis) and their household members aged 55 years and older (household members do not need to be Indigenous)



COMMUNITY NEWS

On Saturday, April 18, the Broom Hildas hit the ice at the Tonydome Bonspiel at the Woodlands Arena in Vermilion Bay.



Stacie Rusten won \$84 in the 'Split the Pot' prize!



Skip Jana Illman lined up her shot.



Cara Manner and Janet Hartley discuss rock placement.



Stacie Rusten does some serious sweeping.



Juanita Taylor hooks up her rock and Janet Hartley checks out the house.



FUNTIMES AT TONYDOME 2026!



Winning team: "Brooms for Improvement"



What a great weekend to end our season! Thank you to Tony for passing the torch and dedicating his time and patience with making curling sheets! Special thanks to Mike Thibodeau for coming out assisting with the process and designing and donating the shirts! Thank you to the organizers of Tonydome Lydia Robinson and Deha Reimer for all their hard work and organization. What a fantastic meal prepared by Lydia and tasty cupcakes from Joy Robinson! Thank you to Ryan and Cassidy Nelson and Tyler and Alexa Colegrove for donating their prize money of \$300 to the Woodland Arena Ice Plant project and the generous donation from the Tonydome organizers of \$1000! Thank you to Tracey, Brent, Mia, and Bush Whiskey for hosting the social! Thank you to all the curlers for coming out and contributing to making Tonydome 2026 a success!

Looking forward to Tonydome 2027!



**Mother's Day
Tea, Fashion Show
& an Afternoon of Pampering**

Sat. May 9, 2026

Light Lunch 12:30 Fashion Show 1:30

Clothes modeling from Ella Lynn's, McTaggarts,
Warehouse One, Casually Hip & Michelle's Top Drawer.

Activities for extra charge: Foot Care, Professional Photographer

**For tickets: Call Linda: 807 529-4420
or Email: ublions.tickets@gmail.com**

Admission: \$20 Presale. \$25 At the Door.
A fun day for the ladies!

Join us at the Vermilion Bay Lions Hall

Hosted by





Doors open - 4:30 pm
Draw 5 pm
@VBay Lions Hall

Dinner right after
the Raffle Draw

June 21, 2026 Celebrate Father's Day in the Village

Save the DATE

Experience a Fun Day in Vermilion Bay

Parade



Craft Market
@ Woodland Arena



Pennie Auction



Bail & Jail



live music



Family Games



Call 807-220-4446
for a table

PRESENTED BY





Rustic Antler Kitchen



Funds Raised Support:

- the Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- the Eagle Lake Skating Club
- the Special Olympics

Vermilion Bay Walk for Dog Guides Sunday May 31st



Place: The Vermilion Bay Lions Hall
Registration @ 10:00 AM
Walk Starts @ 11:00

You can contact a Vermilion Bay Lions member to donate now.



For more information

Contact: Karen Clinker

Email: cannonballgranny1@gmail.com

Call: [807-755-1573](tel:807-755-1573)

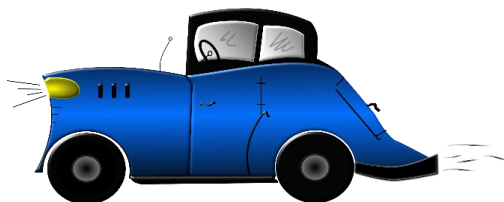


Father's Day Parade

Everyone Welcome- Bring your Floats, Old Cars, Tractors, Bikes, Four-Wheeler, Side by Sides etc.

June 21st, 2026, at 10 am

Starts at the Vermilion Bay Firehall and ends at the Woodland Arena.





Welcome Spring from Lillian Berg!!

It's been a long winter, but the finish line is in sight! While our students have been having a blast playing "engineer" by building mud dams and waterways with the melting snow, we are all ready for a change of scenery.

We are eagerly awaiting the first sight of green grass, budding trees, and our school tulips peeking out from the wall. A special shout-out to our hardworking custodians, Ms. Gina and Ms. Jocelyn—we know they're looking forward to dry ground and cleaner hallways just as much as we are!



Our Kindergarten and Grade 1/2 classrooms are chirping with excitement! This week marks the start of the "Chick Hatching" project.

As a hands-on extension of their lessons on plant and animal life cycles, students will get a front-row seat to see exactly what animals need to thrive at different stages of life. Keep an eye out for updates on our new feathered friends!



In honor of Mental Health Month, we were privileged to host Elder Mr. Victor Lyon last week for a foundational visit. These moments of reflection and connection are vital to our school community.

We are excited to welcome him back in early May for a Smudging and Drumming ceremony. A big thank you to our Student Councilor, Ms. Kusnick, for organizing these meaningful cultural experiences.



This week is all about our Volunteers! From reading with students and cooking Hot Lunches to packing the Friday "NOW" bags, our volunteers are the heartbeat of this school.

To show our gratitude, students have been busy creating handmade cards and small gifts. To everyone who lends a hand: Thank you for everything you do!



Our Grade 7/8 students dove into entrepreneurship and skilled trades this week! We were thrilled to welcome back alumni and Skills Ontario competitors Cece and Johnny, who shared their inspiring journey, and competing at the Skilled Trades Competition in Toronto in May!

Following the presentation, students put their own skills to the test by perfecting "land-based" cupcake designs for their upcoming sale. From exploring new career pathways to fulfilling real-world orders, it was a day of sweet success and hands-on learning!



Our athletes brought their "A-game" to the recent Intermediate Badminton Tournament at Open Roads with impressive skill and sportsmanship. We were well-represented on the courts by four singles players and three doubles teams, all of whom displayed fantastic hustle and determination throughout the day - A huge congratulations to Tom and Owen for their outstanding performance in the Boys Doubles division. After a series of hard-fought matches, the duo secured 3rd Place overall! Whether they were diving for saves or cheering on their teammates, our entire squad made us proud. Way to go, Bears!





MAY, 2026

HAPPY GO LUCKY SENIOR CLUB

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Room Rentals 227-2818 or Text 807 227-5329					1 COFFEE MAHJONG	2
3 D.Haisell	4 COFFEE	5	6 COFFEE EX.MTG. 9:00 K.Henrikson	7 RENTED U.C	8 COFFEE MAHJONG	9
10	11 NO COFFEE LUNCHEON/ MTG	12	13 COFFEE	14	15 COFFEE MAHJONG G.Stewart	16 RENTED
17	18 NO COFFEE VICTORIA DAY	19	20 NO COFFEE RENTED	21 RENTED U.C L.Kornas	22 COFFEE MAHJONG	23
24/31	25 COFFEE	26	27 COFFEE C.Korzinski	28	29 COFFEE MAHJONG	30



<p>HAPPY GO LUCKY EXECUTIVE:</p> <p>PRESIDENT -GARRY PARKES 1ST VICE - JOY ROBINSON 2ND VICE - RICHARD LERAY SECRETARY - LINDA HUITIKKA TREASURER - MARTIN HELLSTEN</p> <p>DIRECTORS - BILL LONDROY SUE PELLAND VERONICA LERAY</p> <p>807 227-2818 happygoluckyseniors@gmail.com</p>		<p>MONTHLY ACTIVITIES</p> <p>LUNCHEON & GENERAL MEETING - 2ND MONDAY AT NOON</p> <p>MORNING COFFEE - 7AM TO 9 AM MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAYS</p> <p>MAHJONG - FRIDAYS 10 AM TO ABOUT 2 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> </p>
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The Eye Van is Coming!



The Eye Van is a fully equipped mobile eye care unit

We provide critical medical eye care to rural and remote areas of Northern Ontario, where these types of services are not typically available.



To book your appointment

Please obtain a referral from your family doctor, optometrist, or nurse practitioner. Visit your local health care provider if you are interested in an appointment on the Eye Van.



1-705-408-6789

No referring health care provider In your community?

Or if you require more information, please contact the VLRC Eye Van office



Date

August 12-14,
2026



Town

Dryden, ON



Location

Regional Health
Centre
58 Goodall Street

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All your plumbing needs



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 • RENOVATIONS
 • CUSTOM BATHROOMS
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Bob McGogy



The Vermilion Bay Co-op would like to let the shoppers know the following monthly dates for 2026

STORE HOURS: 9 A.M.— 6 P. M.
MONDAY—SATURDAY
CLOSED SUNDAYS

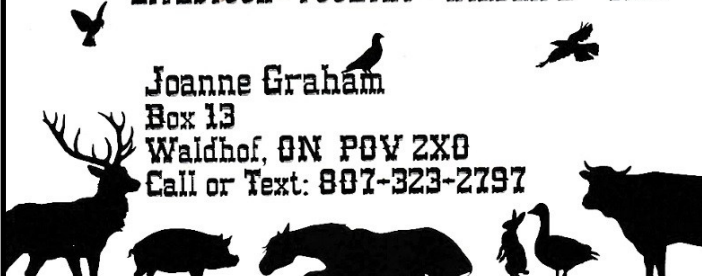
Shareholder Days	Senior Days	Flyer Days
May 8th	May 20th	May 1st—May 7th May 15th—May 21st May 29th—June 4th
Happy Mother's Day! Closed on May 18 for Victoria Day.		

Just a reminder that you can view the Co-op Flyers online at www.coopconnection.ca

Thank you for your patronage.

G & G SPORTS
 Need something fixed or repaired
 Sports Equipment
 Bike Seats
 Zippers
 Call Garry @ 807-227-2895 or
 807-529-4363

LITTLE JOE FEEDS
 LIVESTOCK - POULTRY - WILDLIFE - BIRD



Joanne Graham
 Box 13
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The Reading Room



The Reading Room will be open during Municipal Office business hours (8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.).

Contact Information for Mayor & Council

Mayor:
Gord Griffiths 807-227-2074, 807-221-8717 (cell)

Deputy Mayor:
Dennis Peterson 807-220-1558 (cell)

Councillor:
Tony Blair 807-227-5410 (cell)

Councillor:
Ray Pilkey 807-220-1502 (cell)

Councillor:
Greg Swanson 807-220-3615 (cell)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Machin Council Meeting: Monday May 11 immediately following the Public Works meeting, and Monday May 25 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Machin Municipal Office.

Public Works Meeting: Monday May 11th at 6:00 p.m., in Council Chambers in Machin Municipal Office.

Happy-Go-Lucky Seniors - Lunch and general meeting, Monday May 11th, 12:00 noon.

Lions Club—First and third Wednesdays of every month, 7:00 p.m., Lion’s Hall.

AA - 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Sundays at the Evangelical Mission Church, 55 Willow St., Vermilion Bay.

Seniors Friendship Club of Eagle River—Third Wednesday of each Month.

Waldhof Wranglers—Contact Emma Benham at 807-220-0554, waldhofwranglers2011@gmail.com , or check out the Waldhof Wranglers Facebook page.

Building Permit Applications and general inquiries are available at the Machin Office. Any questions on building, please call the Chief Building Office, Shawna Alberts at (807)-216-8285 or the Municipal Office at 807-227-2633.

Area Church Services



Our Lady of Fatima
Roman Catholic Church
Hwy 17 Vermilion Bay
Mass—Friday at 5:30 p.m.

St. Mark Lutheran Church
Hwy 17 Vermilion Bay
Services: Sundays 11:30 a.m.
Sunday School
Sunday mornings @ 10:15 a.m.

Evangelical Mission Church
55 Willow Street, Vermilion Bay
Services: Sundays 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School—10:00 a.m.

Upper Falls Baptist Church
Hwy 105 North
Worship: Sundays 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School/Bible Study:
10:00 a.m. (all ages)

Vermilion Bay United Church
May 7 & 21
7:00 p.m.,
Happy Go Lucky Senior Centre



WASTE DISPOSAL SITES Spring/Summer hours:

Starting on: **MAY 2nd to SEPTEMBER 29th**

SITES	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
VERMILION BAY	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	8 a.m. - 12p.m.	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
EAGLE RIVER	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Copies of the water systems monthly summary, annual reports and the financial plan are available for viewing at the Municipal Office if any of the general public would like to review them. Also available at the Municipal Office the public may access the Water Quality System Policy for the Vermilion Bay water treatment plant and distribution system which forms part of the Operational Plan. Should anyone have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Shawna Alberts at 807-227-2064.

