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Rainy River Walleye Tournament 'hooks' Dimestore Fishermen

by Marlene Deschamps
Andrew Hartnell, Economic Development Officer for Rainy River and who is helping coordinate the Rainy River Walleye Tournament set for September 23rd-25th 2010 has hooked a real deal for Rainy River.
Jim Hoey, host of the Dimestore Fishermen will be down from September 23rd-29th. Jim and his crew will be taking in the tournament festivities and possibly talking with locals and being involved in the tournament in some way. They do not just come down and film a fishing show and leave, they interact with locals and take a look at the history and why locals love the town so much.
Andrew was looking at the Schreiber website because they

are working on a pellet plant in their town and as Rainy River is looking to get industry in their town he thought he would get some more information. As he was on the website he came upon a promotional video and realized how much like Rainy River Schreiber was a very active fishing and recreation community. Since the promotion committee wanted to make a promotional video but were not sure how to go about it, Andrew believes this is the best thing to happen for Rainy River and surrounding area, to promote to the country and beyond what Rainy River has to offer. The Town of Rainy River and Rainy River Future Development have picked up the cost to bring the show to

Rainy River.
During the filming of the Dimestore Fishermen from Rainy River, they will be able to use local sponsor that can be promoted with logo and contact information which will get national coverage for their business, which is a great reason to be part of this wonderful opportunity. In return, Rainy River not only gets national coverage of the town and the tournament, they also receive a promotional video they can put on the town's website and a promotional DVD to hand out at trade shows, to tourists and any other area where Rainy River wishes to promote both their great community and let the world know they are open for business opportunities.

A little girl's wonderful birthday wish



Samantha lovingly feeds one of Joyce's mini horses some hay.

Open House on proposed hydroelectric project draws interest



Stephanie Rivest, Project Coordinator from CHANT Construction and Chief Leon Jourdain from LacLa Croix First Nation.

by Marlene Deschamps
An open house on the proposed hydroelectric project for the Namakan River was held on Thursday February 18th at the Adventure Inn. The event drew interest from many as they wandered around looking at the video presentations and engineering maps that were displayed around the room. On hand were the Project Coordinator and Environmental Coordinator of CHANT Construction along with Tim Saville, P.Eng from OPEG (Ojibway Power & Energy Group) and Chief Leon Jourdain from LacLaCroix First Nation.
The hydroelectric project will see a dam built on Bill Lake and it will be done with private sector dollars. The environmental impact studies have been completed and according to the spokesperson ready to answer questions, there will be no impact on either Quetico or fish species along the water course. They are, and will continue to have, ongoing monitoring on environmental issues throughout the project's advancement. They have met with local forest management agreement holders, resource users tourist associations in the area and have kept them updated on their progress and addressed any adjustments requested. They are waiting for approval from various government ministries, both provincial and federal. MPP Howard Hampton is working in support

of OPEG and they are hopeful they will get approval and a go ahead to proceed with an access road and connection and site clearing by June of 2010.
In the introduction it is shown that OPEG is a partnership between the Ojibways of Lac La Croix First Nation and Chant Construction Limited. In this project OPEG is proposing to construct a 'run-of-river' hydroelectric generating station with a nameplate capacity of 6.4 Megawatts, approximately 90 km south-west of Atikokan and 100 km south-east of Fort Frances. The dam will be constructed at Bill Lake. The proposed undertaking incorporates the following key features: an overflow weir at High Falls approximately 40 m upstream from the crest; and overflow weir at the Back Channel of Bill Lake; bridge across the Back Channel of Bill Lake; powerhouse, sluiceway, intake and tailrace structures at High Falls; rock removal at constriction points downstream from High Falls, at upper Hays Rapids; 2.3 km access road from Flanders Road to High Falls Generation Station. 2.3 km long 44 kV wood pole power line and corridor from High Falls to connect to the existing Hydro One line on Flanders Road; a switchyard to transform power to Hydro One grid voltage; 44 kV-25 kV transformer sub-station for connection to Negaquon Lake IR 25D; staging/laydown areas with capacity for mobile crush-

ing station and possible temporary concrete batching plant.
There are many benefits cited for the Lac La Croix First Nation including employment, both short and long term and a long term revenue stream that can provide the required financing for other economic development opportunities. There are also benefits cited for the region in terms of direct hiring, contracting, material supplies and spin offs. The benefits to Ontario are noted as being assistance in Ontario meeting its future energy needs with electrical generation from renewable energy sources. These sources are virtually unlimited, everlasting, clean and sustainable from nature, without having to burn non-renewable hydrocarbon or use fuel with higher environmental impacts. With long term contracts it can protect ratepayers and by distributing renewal energy generation projects throughout the province the grid is made stronger and more reliable.
The project schedule would see activity starting in the spring of 2010 and the hydroelectric project coming into service in the winter of 2012. The schedule allows time for cleanup and site rehabilitation prior to commissioning. This is a very ambitious project that could benefit many in the area especially since the province is still pushing ahead for the closure of the coal burning plants in Atikokan and Thunder Bay.



A grateful Joyce Young gives Elizabeth Cousineau and Samantha a hug after receiving 14 bags of horse feed.

by Marlene Deschamps
Sandra McNay's daughter Samantha loves horses and had a chance to visit with the mini horses and feed them carrots and apples through her Mom's friend. With a 5th birthday coming up Sandra suggested that maybe instead of getting just more stuff and toys she didn't need, she might want to ask for donations and use them to help out somewhere. Samantha jumped at the chance and considering she was only going to be 5 and willing to forgo presents shows she is amazing. Samantha said she wanted to collect money to feed the little horses. Invitations were sent out requesting only home made birthday cards and a donation. Samantha ended up with the flu and couldn't even attend her own party but she collected a huge amount of cash (\$220) from her friends. This resulted in them being

able to purchase 14 bags of feed that consisted of horse cubes and pellets. Sandra said they filled the bed of a pickup with 14 bags that weighed around 50 pounds each.
Joyce Young has had to give up many of her horses and is down to two for one on one therapeutic with a few kids, but she is taking care of the mini horses. She said this gift was absolutely unbelievable. She added who would think a 5 year old would give up toys and do this. She said she was absolutely speechless but seeing the kids with the mini horses was a real treat. She remarked she wanted to do something so she gave gift certificates for the children who had participated so they could each have an hour riding the horses. Sandra mentioned she would put those gift certificates in the thank you cards Samantha would send out

to her young friends. Samantha got a chance to go out and feed the horse with a friend who also couldn't attend because of the flu. Her and her friends had a great time with the horses and received lots of hugs from Joyce.
During an interview with Samantha, she said she did get gifts from Mom and they were a real cowgirl hat and real cowgirl boots and a fancy pink ranch shirt. She added that pink was her favorite color. She said other kids should do this cause they don't need more toys and they could help the horses or friends of animals or the food bank or people who get in accidents. She appears to be quite unaware of just how special her decision to forgo presents is and just enjoyed her hot chocolate and answered whatever questions were asked.
Samantha's Mom said that this is a real mother-daughter opportunity for quality time. It gets her outdoors doing something she loves. Sandra thinks many children have far too much stuff and spend way too much time in front of a TV or computer. She strongly feels other parents and children should read about what Samantha did and consider doing the same. This is obviously one birthday Samantha will never forget. It is also a gift the horses out at Joyce's can enjoy for some time and it introduced all Samantha's little friends to the fun in giving and the fun in having contact with the mini horses. So many side benefits derived because a little 5 year old loves horses and was willing to give up presents. Very happy to have met you Samantha. It was a treat.

North Star Community School welcomes first early learning program students

On February 10, 2010, parents and their children were welcomed to North Star Community School for registration in the Rainy River District School Board's first Early Learning Program. Students that will be attending Kindergarten for first time in September 2010 had the opportunity to tour the school, visit their classroom, and meet the teacher. Each child received a backpack containing valuable information about the Kindergarten Program and how

parents can help their children to prepare for Kindergarten. This fall, North Star Community School will welcome Junior Kindergarten students to a full-day, every-day Early Learning Program to help them develop the foundational social, emotional, academic and physical skills necessary to succeed in school and in life. The Rainy River District School Board has always believed in providing its students with enhanced opportuni-

ties to learn and has offered a full-day, every-day Senior Kindergarten program for several years.
North Star Community School's staff is committed to working in partnership with parents, caregivers, and community partners in a collaborative effort to provide a solid education for all students. The school continues to welcome parents and their children to visit the school and register for Kindergarten at anytime.



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Non-missing Mint Gold search cost \$1.4 million

Access to Information documents obtained by the Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF) reveal that the Royal Canadian Mint spent at least \$1,374,846 to determine that the \$20 million in gold that the Mint thought was lost or stolen wasn't missing or stolen after all.

The \$1.4 million in costs do not include the costs of an RCMP investigation, a public relations contract to Hill and Knowlton or polling research conducted by Angus Reid

regarding the issue.

"The good news is that taxpayers aren't out \$20 million. The bad news is it cost us \$1.4 million to find out it wasn't missing in the first place," said CTF Federal director, Kevin Gaudet. "The irony is rich here."

In June 2009 Canadian media began reporting that the Royal Canadian Mint was investigating 17,514 missing troy ounces of gold. That is the equivalent of 44 - 400 ounce - gold bars. The investigation included accountants, computer specialists, security experts and the RCMP. International media across the world picked up the tantalizing story of a possible theft of more than \$20 million in gold from the Mint.

In November 2009 the investigation revealed that \$3 million worth of gold was sold to

the United States as slag, for almost nothing, and 1,500 ounces were recovered. The rest were accounting and inventory errors. However, the \$1.4 million cost of the investigation is equivalent to losing 44 bars of gold.

"Even though the gold wasn't actually lost, Canadians still come out losers with this pricey investigation," continued Gaudet.

Gaudet concluded, "executive bonuses had been suspended pending the outcome of the investigation. It is unclear whether they were reinstated. A mess like this certainly should not merit reward by bonus!"

Summary Table Of Expenses: Name of Firm Chosen to Conduct Verifications

Description	Amount
Value of Contracts	\$12,173.63
Deloitte and Touche LLP Financial Services	\$669,126.34
IBI Group Technical and Engineering Review of Operations	\$587,473.95
The Banks Group Inc. Security Review	\$30,212.00
Microsoft Services Computer System Review	\$12,173.63
Mooiman, Michael Inventory Reconciliation Review	\$39,168.03
Eggert, Jim Inventory Reconciliation Review	\$36,693.02
Total	\$1,374,846

Obituary

Emily Jane Embury



Emily Jane Embury (nee Hartnell) age 90 years, passed away on February 18, 2010 at Rainy River Health Centre Long Term Care, where she had been a resident for five years to the day.

She was born August 14, 1919 in Blue Township to Walter and Mary Hartnell (nee Martin). Emily was married to William Martin Embury February 25, 1936 in Rainy River, ON. They farmed in Blue Township until 1972 and then moved to Rainy River.

Emily started cooking at tourist camps on Lake of the Woods in 1952 while Dad stayed home looking after the younger children and the farm. She worked at Calvert's Camp and Obabikon Bay Camp. She also worked at Black Bear Camp and Gill's Snack House in Sioux Narrows, cooking for the tourists.

She was predeceased by her husband William on May 8, 1976, her parents Walter and Mary Hartnell, two daughters - Edith Fraser October 03, 2002 and Evelyn Godin February 17, 2009 and son in law Charlie Johnson November 24, 2009, one brother - Walter Hartnell Jr., one sister - Doris (Leslie) Tausendfrende, and brothers-in-law Henry Peters and Vernon Wrolstead.

She is survived by two sons - Harold (Janet) Embury and Cliff (Ruth) Embury, two daughters - Ilene Johnson and Mim (Dan) Johnson, sons-in-law Don Fraser and Almer Godin, 16 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren. She is

also survived by her brother, Fred Hartnell, sister Lorna Peters Wrolstad and sisters-in-law Vivian Hartnell and Jeanne Hartnell, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mom liked nothing better than going for rides in the country to visit her daughters, going fishing with her son-in-law Almer, and visiting her sons in Huntsville, ON. and Saskatoon, SK. She also enjoyed going to church on Sundays when she was able and going to the Seniors Drop In Centre.

Cremation has taken place. At Mom's request there will be no funeral. Interment will take place at a later date in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Rainy River, ON. Arrangements in the care of Northridge Funeral Home.

If friends so desire In Memoriam donations may be made to Evangelical Covenant Church of Rainy River P.O. Box 376, Rainy River, ON P0W 1L0.

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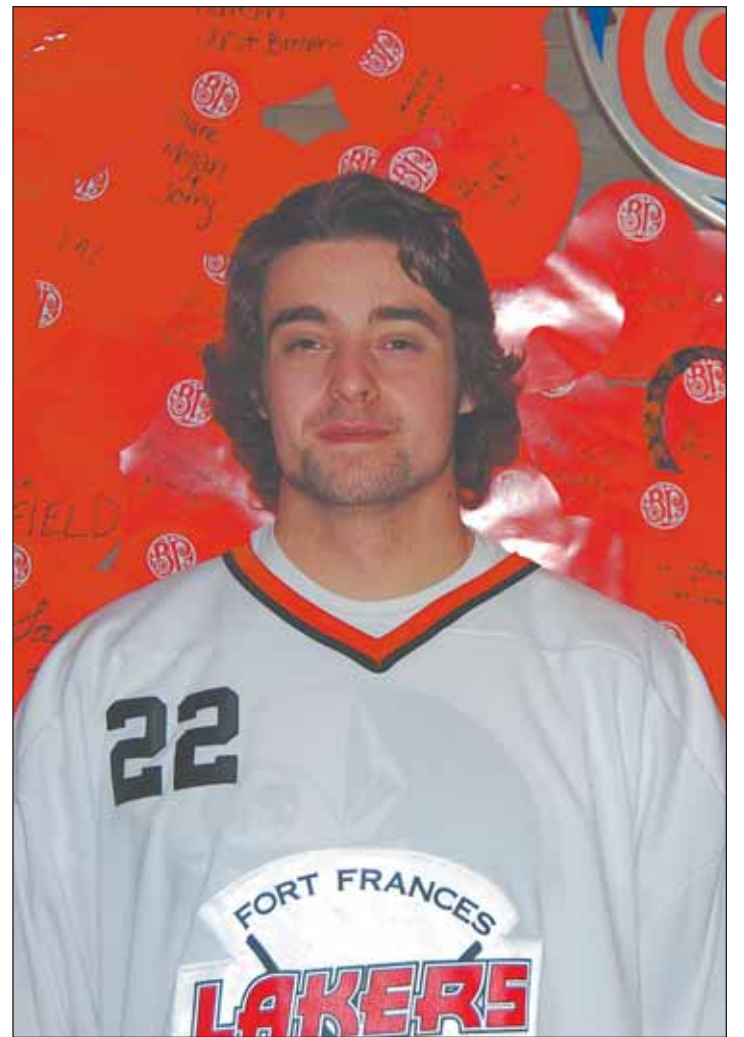
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Meet the Lakers



by Marlene Deschamps

Brett Williams is a Fort Frances Lakers defenseman. He wears #22 and he hails from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. He is 5'11" and weighs in at 185 pounds. Brett

was born September 21, 1991 and is a real asset to the Lakers as they try to extend the season.

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908 Rainy Lake Air Cadets receive donation from Lions



Picture features Fort Frances Lions President, Jacques Fiset presenting \$900 cheque to Commanding Officer, Margaret Somerleigh. With him are Lions, Joe Gervais, John Pohank and Lance Halstead.

by Marlene Deschamps

On Wednesday, February 10th, during a regular meeting of 908 Rainy Lake Air Cadets Squadron, the Fort Frances Lions Club made a presentation of a \$900 cheque to Commanding Officer, Margaret Somerleigh to assist with any costs in maintaining the Squadron. The Fort Frances Lions, along with other service clubs, support this valuable program, but although they have quite a strong group of cadets and a great body of volunteers, they do need more officers in order for the Squad to continue and flourish. Commanding Officer Margaret Somerleigh is planning on leaving this spring. Also attending that evening was Captain Garrett McKenzie from Winnipeg who is in charge of Canadian Cadets east of

Winnipeg areas.

The Air Cadets meet each Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Sports Plex auditorium. It costs no dollars to join and there is no commitment to serve in the armed forces required. Any cadet can quit the program whenever they choose. Squadron 908 has had many of their cadets remain until age limits. Some have gone on to receive their pilots license. Many have attended the summer camps available each year. The Department of National Defence and the Air Cadet League of Canada proudly support Air Cadets. Many local citizens have met the Air Cadets at the Annual Fly-In at the Fort Frances Airport where they supply a great pancake breakfast and afternoon BBQ. They also greet everyone who attends this popular event.

During the 2009 event the Civilian Instructor, Doug MacDonald, who has an aviation background and is a private pilot said he liked working with the kids and had been doing so for five years. But he said he couldn't do all he did without the dedicated volunteers. But now, since the Commanding Officer will be leaving they are looking for officers for the Air Cadets to continue with their valuable programs. You can find out more about what this entails by attending one of their Wednesday night meetings. There is no obligation in your attendance but you just might find this is a perfect fit for wanting to get more involved with the community of volunteers and young people and a chance to make a big difference in their lives.

From the house

Submitted by: John Rafferty M.P.

Week of February 19 - 26, 2010.

Watching the Olympics and the great performances put on by Canadian athletes, including those from the Thunder Bay region, one can't help but feel a great sense of pride. For me, that pride doesn't just come from the winning of medals, but also from the monumental effort that is put forward by all of our athletes and the values and principles they uphold while competing at the highest level.

On the national side of things there is little doubt that Alexandre Bilodeau has emerged as a superstar among superstars. While Bilodeau captured Canada's first gold medal at a home Olympics, it is his demeanour and personal story that has elevated him to the status of national hero. Unlike many of his fellow competitors, Alex isn't flashy and doesn't talk a lot; he just goes out and competes at the highest level. He is a humble family-oriented young man and it was a great Olympic and national moment when he hugged his brother Frédéric and dedicated his victory to him. It's great that a Canadian finally won gold on home soil, but it was extra special because it was a person of Bilodeau's character

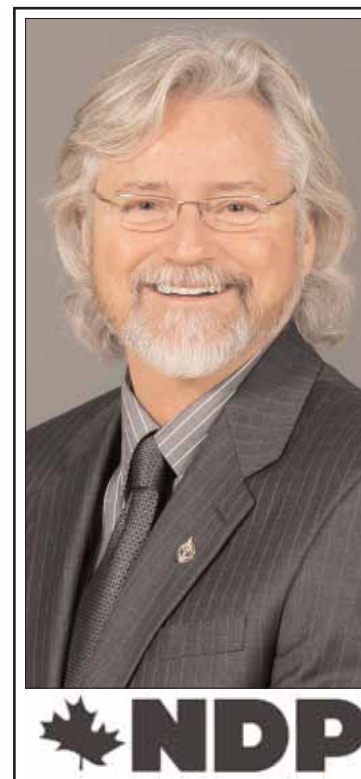
and stature.

We can also take a great sense of pride from the participation of athletes from the Thunder Bay area who are competing with tenacity and excellence. Two athletes from our area – Eric Staal and Haley Irwin – are members of our national hockey squads and both have an excellent chance of winning gold. In his spare time, Eric is the captain of the Carolina Hurricanes and one of the most offensively gifted players in the NHL, and Haley is a standout with the Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs who was named NCAA Rookie of the Year in 2007-2008 and helped her team win the women's national championship. Both Eric and Haley are at the top of their sport and it is fun and exciting to watch them compete and excel against the best players from the rest of the world.

Jason Myslicki is another area athlete who may not be as well known as Eric or Haley, but is still competing hard and doing Northwestern Ontario proud. Jason is competing in his second Olympic Games in the Nordic Combined events, each of which is comprised of two separate events - ski jumping and cross country skiing. Instead of dwelling on a lack-

lustre performance by his standards after his first event, Jason used his time in the spotlight to honour his late father who would have turned 82 on the same day; "Normally, I have more time to think about him but today, in the end, it was all about competition. Now, tonight, I'll definitely give thanks and celebrate his birthday and everything he did for me." Jason made us all proud first by giving it his all in one of the Games' most mentally and physically demanding events, and again after the event by reminding us that we never succeed alone or without the support of those around us – especially family.

All told, despite some setbacks on the organizational and logistical front, the Vancouver Olympics are off to a pretty good start and some wonderful personal stories are emerging. We take great comfort that our youth in Thunder Bay and Northwestern Ontario have such outstanding role models like Alexandre, Eric, Haley, and Jason. They work hard, compete at the highest level, are humble and family oriented athletes who realize that winning is important, but not the only thing that matters both at the Olympics and in life.



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John Rafferty, MP

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NRAC members serve to improve government decision-making by advising the Ministry of Natural Resources District Manager on resource management issues, and by communicating with the public.

NRAC members act in the broad public interest and promote fair, reasoned advice based on all available facts and information.

NRAC members are expected to attend regular meetings and other special functions such as public forums. Funds are available for out-of-pocket expenses to attend meetings.

Applications for NRAC can be picked up at the main counter of the Ministry of Natural Resources, 922 Scott Street, Fort Frances, Ontario between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Previous applicants are encouraged to reapply.

Applications should be submitted to:

Chairperson
Natural Resources Advisory Committee
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Deadline for applications will be **Friday, March 5, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.**

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<p>Pre-Health Sciences The purpose of this program is designed to assist students in meeting further science pre-requisites for some of our Health Science programs or to upgrade existing marks in science subjects.</p>	<p>Personal Support Worker Students will learn to assist persons with the tasks of daily living such as personal care, home management, family responsibilities and social and recreational activities.</p>

TWO YEAR PROGRAMS

<p>Social Service Worker Students will focus on a generalist approach to social service education as an introduction to the field of social work. Upon graduation, students are ready to work as a professional in the community. Prospective positions include Social Service Worker, Outreach Worker, Case Manager, Intake Worker, Support Worker, Facilitator, Family Worker or Program Coordinator.</p>	<p>Hospitality Management – Hotel, Restaurant and Resort This goal-oriented program will prepare students to enter the hospitality industry in supervisory and managerial positions in hotels, motels, resorts, restaurants and allied institutions. Students will enhance classroom training with actual on-the-job work as part of the fieldwork program.</p>
<p>Paramedic Students will learn the skills and knowledge to practice emergency pre-hospital medical care and to function as an integral member of the health team in assisting victims of accident or illness. Graduates can pursue positions in air and land ambulance services, hospitals, fire departments, government agencies, manufacturing firms or in the private sector.</p>	<p>Educational Assistant The Educational Assistant Program prepares you to work under the supervision of a professional in a variety of educational settings with children of diverse abilities and backgrounds. You will acquire skills as a member of an educational team and learn to perform the duties of an educational assistant in an ethical and professional manner while maintaining a safe environment for the children. The program gives you specific strategies and techniques to assist children who experience cognitive, physical, social/emotional and behavioural difficulties.</p>

<h3 style="text-align: center;">THREE YEAR PROGRAM</h3> <p>Child & Youth Worker This program will give students the knowledge and skills to support children and youth who may be experiencing emotional/social/behavioral difficulties. Students will develop a positive belief system and higher levels of understanding about themselves and children/youth.</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">FOUR YEAR PROGRAM</h3> <p>Bachelor of Science in Nursing (with Lakehead University) The Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program will prepare you to practice in various environments (hospitals, clinics and other community settings) and provide you with a foundation for further studies at Masters and Doctoral levels in nursing. Learning takes place in the classroom, lab and a variety of clinical settings. In addition to Nursing, you will take courses in Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Microbiology, Psychology,</p>
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Nature imposes the real bottom line

In December, Canadian specialty TV channel Business News Network interviewed me about the climate summit in Copenhagen. My six-minute interview followed a five-minute live report from Copenhagen about poor countries demanding more money to address climate change and rich countries pleading a lack of resources. Before and after those spots were all kinds of reports on the Dow Jones Industrial Average, the price of gold and the loonie, and the implications of some new phone technology.

For me, this brought into sharp focus the inevitable failure of our negotiating efforts on climate change. BNN, like the New York-based Bloomberg channel, is a 24-hour-a-day network focused completely on business. These networks indicate that the economy is our top priority. And at Copenhagen, money dominated the discussions and the outcome.

But where is the 24-hour network dealing with the biosphere? As biological creatures, we depend on clean air, clean water, clean soil, clean energy, and biodiversity for our well-being and survival. Surely protecting those fundamental needs should be our top priority and should dominate our thinking and the way we live. After all, we are animals and our biological dependence on the biosphere for our most basic needs should be obvious.

The economy is a human construct, not a force of nature like entropy, gravity, or the speed of light or our biological makeup. It makes no sense to elevate the economy above the things that

keep us alive. But that's what our prime minister does when he claims we can't even try to meet the Kyoto targets because that might have a detrimental effect on the economy.

This economic system is built on exploiting raw materials from the biosphere and dumping the waste back into the biosphere. And conventional economics dismisses all the "services" that nature performs to keep the planet habitable for animals like us as "externalities". As long as economic considerations trump all other factors in our decisions, we will never work our way out of the problems we've created.

We often describe the triple bottom line – society, economy, and environment – as three intersecting circles of equal size. This is nonsense. The reality is that the largest circle should represent the biosphere. Within that, we have 30 million species, including us, that depend on it. Within the biosphere circle should be a much smaller circle, which is human society, and within that should be an even smaller circle, the economy. Neither of the inner circles should grow large enough to intersect with the bigger ones, but that's what's happening now as human societies and the economy hit their limits.

We also draw lines around property, cities, provinces, and countries. We take these so seriously that we are willing to fight and die to protect those borders. But nature pays no attention to human boundaries. Air, water, soil that blows across continents and oceans, migrating fish, birds and mam-

mals, and windblown seeds cannot be managed within human strictures, yet all the discussions in Copenhagen were centred on countries that, in turn, were divided into rich and poor. In science-fiction movies where an alien from outer space attacks and kills humans, national differences disappear as we join forces to fight a common enemy. That is what we have to tap into to meet the climate crisis.

Nature is our home. Nature provides our most fundamental needs. Nature dictates limits. If we are striving for a truly sustainable future, we have to subordinate our activities to the limits that come from nature. We know how much carbon dioxide can be reabsorbed by all the green things in the oceans and on land, and we know we are exceeding those limits. That's why carbon is building up in the atmosphere. So our goal is clear. All of humanity must find a way to keep emissions below the limits imposed by the biosphere.

The only equitable course is to determine the acceptable level of emissions on a global per capita basis. Those who fall below the line should be compensated for their small carbon footprint while those who are far above should be assessed accordingly. But the economy must be aligned with the limits imposed by the biosphere, not above them.

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The Uncomfort Zone

by Robert Wilson

Sometimes you have to rip the cover off the book

On a summer weekend in 1977, my friend Tony and I made plans to go waterskiing. When he picked me up there were two people in the car that I did not know. He introduced his new girlfriend Sue, and her brother Bubba.

Bubba was the quintessential redneck. Within minutes of getting on the boat, he stuffed a wad of chewing tobacco the size of a baseball in his cheek, then chugged several beers. In less than an hour we were dealing with an irritable drunk. He belched loudly, spit constantly, complained incessantly, and couldn't string two words together without inserting a profanity. In short, Bubba made our visit to the lake completely unpleasant. Eventually he passed out in the back of the boat and we enjoyed the rest of the day.

My opinion of Bubba's character, talent and intelligence could not have been lower. I looked upon him as a total loser. A dimwit who would never amount to anything.

At the end of the day, Tony drove Sue and Bubba home first. When we arrived at their

home, Bubba was awake and somewhat sober. Sue asked Tony to come inside and see the new dress she'd bought. Then she turned to Bubba and said, "Why don't you show Robert your chickens?"

We walked around to the back of the house and Bubba pointed toward a miniature barn. It was the cutest little building I'd ever seen. Rounded roof, little windows, bright colors and lots of lacy gingerbread all around. "Where'd you get this?" I asked. "I built it," replied Bubba.

"From a kit?" I asked. "No, I built it after my grandfather's barn."

For the first time that day, I was impressed by Bubba. When we went inside, the first thing I saw was a display case full of blue ribbons. Dozens of them. These were first place awards from around the country that Bubba had won for his chickens. Then he started showing me his chickens and telling me about them. Suddenly the cussing and complaining Bubba became eloquent.

As we walked around the barn he showed me more than 50 of the most beautiful and exotic looking birds I'd ever seen. Unusual looking birds that I would never have known were

chickens. These were not birds for eating or laying eggs – these were prize show chickens.

He explained to me that chickens originated in the jungles of Asia. He told me how he bred and raised them. What he did to make their plumage bright, colorful and plentiful. I was amazed by the extent of his knowledge and I listened eagerly to everything he said. He spoke with an enthusiasm and energy that I could not have imagined earlier. The difference was that I had entered his real world. The world he loved and was excited about. Here was his hobby, but he was so motivated by it that it brought out the very best in him.

I learned a big lesson that day. I'd always heard my teachers say, "Don't judge a book by its cover," but until then I had not witnessed the truth of that proverb. I decided then and there that I would never judge another person completely by my first impression. That if time and opportunity allowed, I would look further, deeper.

When you discover someone's passion, you have discovered what motivates them. And, that is the key to communicating with them in the most productive way possible.

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**Personal
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