

# The Westend Weekly

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### Photographers' showcase



Autumn across Canada

Nestled in the woods off Hwy 95 in the East Kootenay region of British Columbia and surrounded by the colours of autumn, this abandoned cabin is slowly being reclaimed by the surrounding beaver pond.

by Dunc Malcolm, Victoria, BC

This is a new spot in the paper in which we invite readers to show off a photo they are proud of. No rules, just provide a sentence or two to describe the picture.

### Sarah Campbell is our new MPP

By Marlene Deschamps

NDP Candidate Sarah Campbell is now our new MPP. During the election held on Thursday, October 6th, Sarah garnered 10,213 votes. PC Candidate Rod McKay got 8,061 votes. Liberal Candidate Anthony Leek got 2,083 votes. JoJo Holiday, the Green Party Candidate got 371 votes while newcomer Charmaine Romaniuk from the Northern Ontario Heritage Party got 213 votes.

The Liberal Party under Dalton McGuinty has won his third

term but this time around he will be heading a minority government. The PC's gained 12 seats at Queen's Park and the NDP gained 10 seats.

Campbell is quoted as being very excited and extremely grateful for all the help she got from her team of volunteers and from former MPP Howard Hampton.

In 2007 only 52% percent of those eligible to vote cast a ballot and that was considered a new low. This time around there were only 49% of eligible vot-

ers who cast ballots despite there being more days and more ways to vote. Newscasters and political analysts were at a loss of different ways to get more people to vote. It was discussed that maybe mandatory voting could be instituted as in some of the countries overseas that fought and died to get the right to vote. But in the end they could find no solution to this growing problem where people just do not go out and exercise this precious right.

### Naicatchewenin First Nation and Mineral Mountain Resources Ltd. sign memorandum



Pictured from left, Councillor Donald Smith, Councillor, Orville Councillor, Chief Wayne Smith, Nelson W. Baker, President & CEO of Mineral Mountain, Jeremiah Windego, CEO of Naicatchewenin Development Corporation, Standing behind is Elder Gilbert Smith and Tony Marinaro, Chief Business Development Officer.

By Marlene Deschamps

A historic event took place at Naicatchewenin First Nation (Northwest Bay) on Friday, October 7th. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Chief Wayne Smith and Nelson Baker President & CEO of Mineral Mountain Resources.

The official ceremony began with Elder Gilbert Smith lighting the pipe and facing it in the four directions while he said his prayers in Ojibwa. He gave a short version in English of what he said before performing an opening ceremonial song. He noted that the Treaty signed in 1873 was part of the vision of what they were doing today. He also gave permission for people to take pictures so this event could be recorded for future generations. The ceremony was held in the beautiful round house which was built around 7 years ago.

Tony Marinaro welcomed everyone to the historical day and welcomed guests from other First Nations, Board Members, Elders, community guests and guests from as far

away as Vancouver. Because this day was also Fall Harvest Days for the students from Crosswoods and they were on site, they were also welcomed into the Round House. Tony explained to all the youngsters what a MOU was and what was happening. He explained the relationship and the benefits and expectations they could realize by working together. He went on to say this was for all their people and would create opportunities for them. He also explained how this MOU guaranteed a commitment to respect each others cultures and how they were the future.

Chief Wayne Smith spoke briefly while holding his eagle feather. He spoke to the young and echoed others in that they were the future of the community. He added this would bring employment opportunities for them and looking at the surrounding area all municipalities would benefit also. He thanked everyone for their hard work in making this day come to pass and named several people who deserved special attention. He

praised the consultation team and their strong desire to promote self sufficiency and the entrepreneurial spirit. He then signed the MOU along with Mr. Baker. Elder Smith then sang a song and the exchange of gifts followed. He explained to Mr. Baker the significance of the ribbon shirt he received. Mr. Baker said he was honoured to receive it as well as the wild rice he was given. He in turn presented Chief Smith with a number of cedar planks used for smoking salmon and presented \$5,000 towards a scholarship fund. Baker was then presented with a plaque from the Education Officer. Chief Smith was then presented with a talking stick by a representative from the Vancouver division of Mineral Mountain. Tony Marinaro then presented gifts of wild rice to the Board Members. After Elder Smith made some closing remarks everyone was invited to stay and enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by Chef Ryan Parisien, head of Naicatchewenin Development Corporation Food Services Department.

### October is Breast Cancer Awareness/Prevention Month



Eva Thornton and Angela LaForest handing out info cards on Saturday.

By Marlene Deschamps

October is Breast Cancer Awareness/Prevention Month. To highlight this there were many from the Rainy River District Breast Health Network out and about on Saturday, October 8th handing out stickers and information cards. They were not asking for any donations but instead were asking people to read the cards and support the different events being held this month.

Some of the events are:  
October 14th—Ontario Breast Screening Challenge. Breast Screening for new clients age

50 and over. By appointment only so call 1-800-461-7031. Make the call -it's free and it can save lives.

October 21st—Fort Frances Muskie Girls Hockey Tournament. Watch the Muskie Girls put their PINK on and help support the Fight against breast cancer at their home opening game.

October 22nd—Luncheon of Hope at LaPlace Rendez-vous. Guest Speaker: Diane Davies, author of "From here to There". Tickets available at Shoppers Drug Mart, Pharmasave, River-

side Health Care Facilities.

For more information on any of the October activities or if you wish to book an appointment with the Riverside Breast Health Program call 274-1900.

Most will probably remember when Scott Street was awash with pink as all the stores got involved and they decorated their windows and staff donned pink clothing and bright hats. It was a fun way to celebrate survivors and give hope to all the women who develop breast cancer and to still be positive and in good spirits.

### Bike Winner picks up her prize



Four year old Natalie Ducharme flanked by Jordan Marsh, Canadian Tire Sports Manager and Fire Chief Wayne Riches.

By Marlene Deschamps

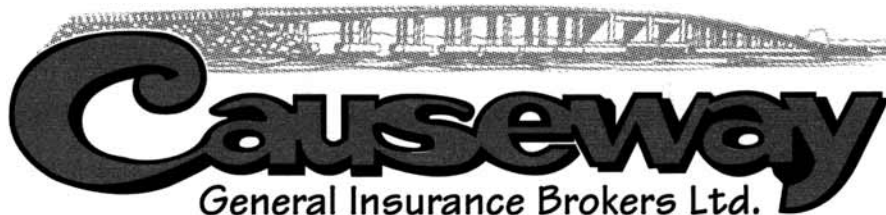
During the kick off of Fire Safety Week the Fort Frances Fire Department were at Canadian Tire with information, give-aways and a chance to win a new bike. Four year old Na-

talie Ducharme will be starting JK at J. W. Walker and she was quite excited to pose with her bike and helmet although she is a really shy youngster. Chief Riches said she answered all the

safety questions right on her ballot and he was quite impressed that she knew all the answers. He added that they really appreciate Canadian Tire's continued support of their annual bike give away.



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