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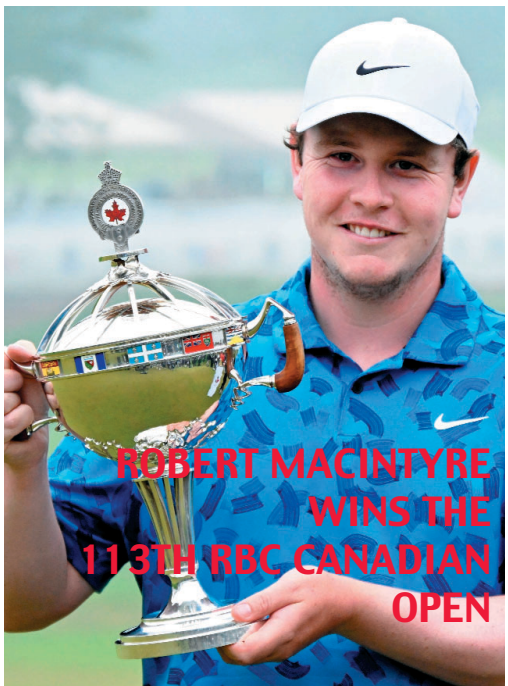
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# First Cruise Ship of Season to Thunder Bay: The Viking Octantis

BY SCOTT A. SUMNER  
*Thunder Bay BUSINESS*

We had the opportunity to tour and ask some questions about the Octantis ship after making it's first stop of the season in Thunder Bay.

*Jorgen Cardestig is the Captain of the Viking Octantis and is from Sweden.*

**How was your journey to Thunder Bay?**

“ We had a very good journey here.



Probably 10 days of the last two weeks has been sunny and the wind has been very good. We went all the way from Toronto and ended up in Duluth, so we have covered all the five Great Lakes. The transit through the Welland Canal went very well and we went to Tobermory for the first time which is a beautiful area. It was through the Soo Locks and up to Silver Islet and Thunder Bay. It takes two weeks

from Toronto. We will turn around tomorrow in Duluth with new guests and reverse the trip. After that we begin weekly cruises including to Milwaukee.

**How do the guests enjoy the voyage with the Octantis?**

“The guests like the whole itinerary to get to all these different places. The improvements we see in Thunder Bay are impressive. Every place we visit has it's own charm. The berth has improved and the Art Museum going up is nice.”

“ On this trip we have 340 guests and can take 370, so are almost full. A typical day for the guests when we come to Silver Islet is we have a lot of toys on board- submarines, special operation boats, zodiacs and kayaks. They go for a hike or a cruise. In larger cities like Detroit the guests go to museums- there are different activities on shore. Most of the time they come back for lunch and then have a second itinerary in the afternoon. We have lectures and some entertainment with classical musicians and singers.”

“ In Detroit they have a new berth and they are working in Duluth to dredge a new area so we can have a birth. In Duluth at the moment we keep the ship in the same position, don't anchor and hold in one position.”

“ The guests mostly come from the US, say 95%, and we have also have some Canadians, Australians and British.”

“ The food is good every day and it is like going to a nice restaurant ever day. We



have a crew of 265 for 370 guests.”

For instance going through the Welland Canal we have 1 foot of clearance on each side. In the Soo Locks we have 10 feet on each side. It is quite easy to navigate the ship.”

**The Octantis is an impressive ship?**

“ The Octantis is very high tech 2 1/2 years old ship and is worth about \$400 dollars. We have over 6000 HP and have been tested in up to 40 to 50 knot winds and can handle it. We are always following the weather and can alter our route if needed to avoid the weather. As well we have stabilizers more or less like on a aircraft wing to help we can use by folding them out. The normal cruising speed is 15 knots. We try to fill up on fuel when ever possible. We can go a month without fueling up so have good capacity. Also we make our own water with reverse osmosis it is called. The crew work 8 weeks on and 8 weeks off.”



**You can experience different weather conditions?**

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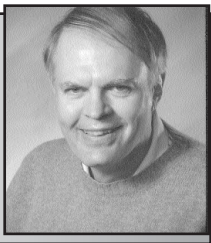
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# Pearson Airport to Union Station!

It was nice to do some travelling to Toronto recently to watch the RBC Canadian Open held at the Hamilton Golf and Country Club.

I was interested in trying out the new Pearson Airport to Union Station train service. This service takes about 25 minutes and really gives you a great view of what Toronto is like, with the freeways and overpasses near the airport and then travelling along the route towards the downtown core with so many different types of neighborhoods.

The end of the trip is at the Union Station which has been quite renovated and is a very significant transportation hub in Toronto, Ontario and Canada.

My first visit in the downtown core was to the historic Fairmont Royal York hotel, which is quite iconic and almost gives you the sense of being in another era with its fancy lobby area, restaurants and classic charm.



The Pearson airport is pretty busy, the busiest airport in Canada, and it's nice to be able to get a quick passage to the downtown core of Toronto. It is easy,

the flights are out of Thunder Bay to Toronto. It seems like there is an under capacity of flights on that route now, per-

told me that there is quite a shortage of pilots and aircraft which has created this ability to have full flights, not like I expe-



haps with the elimination of any WestJet flights to Toronto and also the fact that Air Canada only offered two flights per day, including one at 5 AM which isn't really that desirable. Porter Airlines continues to offer five flights today to Toronto and also two flights to Ottawa direct, so that is quite impressive. I think that the people are now travelling more after the pandemic and that demand has created the need for more flights. One person who works in the airline industry

rienced in the past when I travelled frequently from Thunder Bay and to other locations around the globe.

At the end of the day, though it was quite fun to do this trip and get to see another part of Canada again. Toronto is definitely a glitzy city and I specifically like the downtown core with the large office towers and all the amenities that major world-class city like Toronto offer!

just sit back with good room and relax.

One thing I found out in Toronto is travelling out to Hamilton on the QEW 403 and other highways is definitely an experience you need to get used to. I did live in Toronto while attending university but things seems to have changed quite a bit since then and the traffic is pretty intense. You really have to know exactly where you want to go with the exits because it seemed like the people travelling these roadways wanted to get to their destination quickly and didn't have much patience if you don't know exactly where you want to go. It was nice to have a GPS in my rental car and it is also available on your phone with Google maps, which, if paired with your car will give you voice directions and visual directions on the screen in the car.

One other thing I learned on this trip is that the rental car companies are having trouble getting enough vehicles, so that means that they are holding their cars longer. My rental car had almost 80,000 km on it, which is something I've never experienced in the past.

Another thing that I noticed is how busy

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# Grand Opening of New EMS Base in the Municipality of Shuniah

Following the groundbreaking ceremony in May 2023, Superior North Emergency Medical Services (SNEMS) has now opened the new facility at 1801 Lakeshore Drive in the Municipality of Shuniah. Featuring two drive-through ambulance bays and a new area for paramedics to rest while on duty, this new facility will offer EMS staff a safe, clean, and modern environment from which to carry out their duties.

“It is a pleasure to be here today to celebrate this milestone in the history of the collaboration between Municipality of Shuniah, the City of Thunder Bay and Superior North EMS. This new EMS station symbolizes the innovation and progress of emergency medical services. This building embodies the advancement of the Paramedic profession and provides valuable operations infrastructure for all those who may require emergency medical services, said Shane Muir, Chief of Superior North EMS.



“Our paramedics are true professionals that dedicate their lives to the service of others. In my opinion, it is one of the most noble and demanding careers one could endeavour to achieve. Now we stand together to support our paramedics by providing facilities and equipment that allows our staff to perform their duties to the highest stan-

dards.

I want to thank our paramedics, the Municipality of Shuniah, the City of Thunder Bay, and all those who worked tirelessly to complete this project. It is an honour to be here celebrating the Grand Opening of one of the most modern buildings of EMS operations in Northwestern Ontario. I also would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication from all the those providing emergency medical response as we celebrate Paramedic Services Week.”

“This new facility represents more than just bricks and mortar; it signifies our collective commitment to supporting those who support us in our times of greatest need. It is a testament to the value we place on the health, safety, and efficiency of our emergency services. I would like to extend my gratitude to everyone who made this project possible from the planners and builders, to the community members and leaders who supported this vision. Your hard work and dedication have brought us to this proud moment.” - Kevin Holland, MPP Thunder Bay-Atikokan

The base was recommended for replacement as part of the 2021-2030 SNEMS Master Plan, which also included the construction of a new base in Kakabeka Falls that was completed in 2021. This new base in Shuniah will support the Municipality of Shuniah, Township of Dorion, and several unincorporated areas.

This new facility supports both local and district needs when it comes to providing paramedics with the valued resources needed for them to perform their job and respond to 911 emergencies.” - Wendy Landry, Mayor of Shuniah

“The new ambulance base in Shuniah was a great collaboration between the city of Thunder Bay and Shuniah with the support of the provincial government. The new facility was a huge improvement for the valued EMS staff to provide them with modern working and staging area to continue their valued work throughout the community and area for years to come.” - Don Smith, Shuniah Councillor

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# National Indigenous Peoples Day presented by Red Sky Metis Independent Nation at Fort William Historical Park

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“ Today, June 21st, is the National Indigenous Peoples Day and we are holding an event at the Fort William Historical

then they moved in 1821 to the East End after the Hudson’s Bay Company took it over.  
“ We wanted to bring our activities out here to the Fort William Historical Park because it is a part of our history. The first

noted Donelda.  
Parks Canada and Red Sky Metis Independent Nation in partnership, are going to be putting in the schools our history as part of the curriculum in September. This is a major goal accomplished we have had for sometime said Donelda.



Donelda DeLaRonde, Executive Director of Red Sky Metis Independent Nation.

Park with over 300 children from 3 local schools attending our activities. The event is to educate the kids about our culture and our history,” said Donelda DeLaRonde, Executive Director of Red Sky Metis Independent Nation.  
Fort William Historical Park is the site of one of two original forts the Northwest Company built in 1717. It flooded out and

fort was built by Northwest company in 1697 near the Victoria Ave and Kam River area where the boat launch was. The students have 16 different stations where they can learn more about our culture. They run around and get a stamp in their book and get a prize. The kids had a barbecue lunch and also ice cream donated by Merla-Mae which was fantastic.”





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## Sargent & Son: A Century of Care

Sargent & Son Funeral Chapel have now been operating in Thunder Bay for 100 years! That is definitely a major accomplishment for 5 generations of the Sargent family!

Their History



Mayor Ken Boshcoff, Michael Sargent and Greg Sargent  
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It was in 1922 that Lewis Sargent, then of Fergus, Ontario founded a funeral home at the Lakehead known as Thompson and

but by 1925 the business had grown and was moved to a home built on Court Street circa 1880 by Richard Vigars. In 1940, a

Sargent Funeral Directors. He officially settled in Thunder Bay in 1924 in order to become more involved in the day to day operation of the establishment.

The funeral home was originally located in the Nelson Block on Cumberland Street,

complete new facility was built and opened, which is the present day operational site.

Lewis Sargent's son Frank became a member of the staff and between his father's acquisition of the business in 1923 and 1925, broadened his knowledge of the business and apprenticed with the Winnipeg firm of Clarke-Leatherdale. In 1926, he wrote the examinations of the Canadian School of Embalming, passing with honours.

Lewis Sargent bought out his partner, renaming the firm Sargent and Son, in partnership with his son, who at age 22 took over management of the firm. Lewis continued as the head of the firm until his death in 1946.

came his son James into the business, making him the third generation of Sargents to become involved in the funeral profession. Prior to his death in 1988, Frank served in various capacities including president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. He was a past president of the Port Arthur Golf and Country Club, member of the Gyro Club of Port Arthur and Port Arthur Lodge IOOF and Scottish Rite Thunder Bay Lodge A.F. and A.M. Like his father before him, Frank also took an active part in the Port Arthur Curling Club, of which he was a past president.

Jim Sargent followed in his father Frank's footsteps through his community involvement and served as chairman of the Northern Cancer Research Foundation, The United Way and was vice-president of



In 1960, Frank, who was deeply involved in community affairs, especially in the sporting world of curling and hockey, wel-

the Protocol for the Canada Summer Games in 1981. He was also involved in business associations and was past chair of both the Ontario Funeral Service Association and the Ontario Board of Funeral Services. Jim also sat on The Funeral Service Education Advisory Board at Humber College. Jim passed away in 2016.

Thunder Bay's long-established funeral home is still owned by its founding family, now in its fourth generation, both of Jim's sons are involved with the firm; Michael completing his schooling in 1994 and Greg in 1999.

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**Says Funeral Director and Manager, Michael Sargent;**

“We’re proud to celebrate with the community that Sargent & Son has been in our family for five generations. Since 1924, the year that Lewis Sargent founded the funeral home, the Sargent family has cared for local people and their families during the most difficult times in their lives. While much has changed over the past 100 years, the most important things have not... Sargent & Son remains a family-owned business with the same caring values for local people and the community.”

**Says Funeral Director and Manager, Greg Sargent;**

“Our 100th Anniversary is not just a celebration for our family business. It’s a chance for us to honour the contribu-



**How does it feel to reach this milestone of 100 years?**

“It’s very humbling to reach a milestone like this - to be able to be part of

ment and we are so honoured to be a part of that legacy.”

“It is a great testament to how close we are as a family. Not many businesses can say they have lasted this long and remain with the same family ownership. There was no obligation that we had to this, we wanted to be part of it and that is the way it has worked from generation to generation. We have tried to provide a positive impact in the community.”

“Our great grand father Lewis came up from Fergus, Ontario and brought my grandfather Frank shortly after

that. Then my father Jim began and my brother and I are the fourth generation with my son and nephews potentially shown some interest in getting involved, so we will see what they decide.”

**The Sargent and Son was founded in 1924 after buying out Mr Thompson. The family has enjoyed working in this field over the years.**

“It is an honour and privilege for us help people at what is probably the worst time of their lives. Our goal is to take them to a place where it is the best it could have been for what it is. You take people on a journey from the worst possible place to at least where they can move forward to the next phase of their lives.”

**The industry has changed over the years.**

“The industry has come a long way from the horse and buggy sort of funeral coach with everything from vehicles to livestreaming technology and different video tributes. The technology has changed.”



tions of local people and the resilience of the community through the decades. We want to take a pause to acknowledge all the amazing people who have made a positive impact in our community and who continue to inspire future generations. We’ve got a lot to celebrate in 2024.”

One hundred years on, Sargent & Son is still looking to the future and planning for what’s next

“Caring runs in our family,” continues Greg Sargent. “We hope to continue the legacy of Sargent & Son for another 100 years by continuing to evolve, modernize and meet the expectations of local people. We’re committed to remaining independent and to keeping things local so that we can support the community in the way it has supported our family for generations.”

**Funeral Directors, Greg Sargent & Michael Sargent**

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# ‘Let’s Build Thunder Bay’ banner unveiled at City Hall

Mayor Ken Boshcoff, along with members of the Mayor’s Task Force on Building More Homes, unveiled a banner today at City Hall that will launch the city’s “Let’s Build Thunder Bay” campaign as part of the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF).

The City of Thunder Bay was approved for up to \$20.7 million dollars in federal funding from the HAF in February 2024 to support development of over 600 new housing units over the next three years, to reach a total of 1,691 new permitted homes by February 2027.

“These funds provide an opportunity to shape the future of Thunder Bay, and that is what we are here to achieve!”, said Mayor Boshcoff, Chair of the Mayor’s Task Force on Building More Homes.

“After the Housing Accelerator Fund was announced in February, the Mayor’s Task Force assembled. Our goal is to help guide and deliver the housing initiatives that this new fund allows, and to recommend additional strategies and actions to accelerate development in the community. City Council’s vision is for a city that is prosperous, compact, affordable,

vibrant and sustainable.”

The City’s HAF Action Plan outlines eight initiatives aimed at increasing housing development. Financial incentives are available to everyone starting



a building project. Funds will be allocated in the form of grants, helping to achieve a range of housing options and affordability levels.

They will also help improve the city's financial position by adding density within existing serviced areas. Two grants are now available, including the Affordable Rental Housing Funding Program and the Construction Assistance Grant Program. Coming soon are the Additional Dwelling Units Grant, Servicing Grant, and a Multi-unit Residential Grant.

“Thunder Bay is growing, and that growth is projected to accelerate. Our goal is to ‘Build Thunder Bay’ for the

future,” said Joel DePeuter, Director of Development Services. “These funds provide an opportunity to shape the future of Thunder Bay and change the way that we grow. The entire community can be a part of building a Thunder Bay for the future and maximize our growth momentum!”

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# The Ninth Annual Mining Day

BY SCOTT A. SUMNER  
*Thunder Bay BUSINESS*

The Ninth Annual Mining Day celebrated Thunder Bay’s rich mining heritage. This year’s event emphasized mining and mineral exploration focused on critical minerals used in electrical vehicles.

The host groups came together to present a day of activities for the public to enjoy.

For more information please visit [www.thunderbayminingday.ca](http://www.thunderbayminingday.ca).

About NWOPA: The objectives of the Association are to represent and further

encourage continued education, professional and personal development, and networking for women connected to the business of mining, while raising the level of mining education in secondary and post-secondary institutions

I was able to talk with some exhibitors at the event.

**Ryan Lepage, is Site Trainer for Newmont Musselwhite Mines and has worked for 13 years at the mine located 200 km north of Pickle Lake.** The mine is about an hour flight from Thunder Bay using their Dash 8 aircraft that just got repainted. They have a complete camp with bunkhouses with some



Newmont is the largest gold producer in the world based in Denver, Colorado. The mine is fully underground at 1.5km deep. They have staff that live in Thunder Bay and all over the country. It is a 2 weeks on 2 weeks off job.

**Pam Fox, is the HR Superintendent for Barrick Hemlo near Marathon.** The first gold pour for them was in 1985 with their 40th anniversary coming next year. There were three mines operating in

Barrick Hemlo have a published 10 year life and pour about 155,000 oz of gold per year. They are an underground operation with a processing facility.

“We currently have 250 employees at Barrick Hemlo and run a contract mining method so have people working that way, including from Manroc. Our staff live in Marathon, Manitowadge and White River as well as other communi-



**Pam Fox left above, is the HR Superintendent, Barrick Hemlo with other staff** the interests, serve the needs, and support the aspirations of the individual prospectors in Northwestern Ontario. NWOPA is a proud sponsor of Thunder Bay Mining Day. Northwestern Ontario Prospectors Association P.O. Box 10124 Thunder Bay, ON P7B 6T6 [www.NWOPA.net](http://www.NWOPA.net) About WIM-NWO: Women in Mining promote and support women in the mining industry in Northwestern Ontario, new three storey units being completed now with 180 rooms each.

“We have about 500 to 600 people working on site all the time, on 24-7 365 days of the year. The mine has been operating for 25 years now with lots of gold still available underground. We pour north of 200,000 oz of gold each year.” said Ryan Lepage.



**Ryan Lepage, is Site Trainer for Newmont Musselwhite Mines**

the area at one time- Williams Operating Corporation, David Bell and Noranda and later Newmont. There were three separate headframes. Barrick has assumed the other properties that have decommissioned.

ties,” said Pam Fox. “Mining Day is exciting for us to get out in the community and talk with people looking for jobs as well as getting the kids excited about the field.”

## Metered parking to include short-term rates

The minimum amounts required for on-street parking at meters and surface

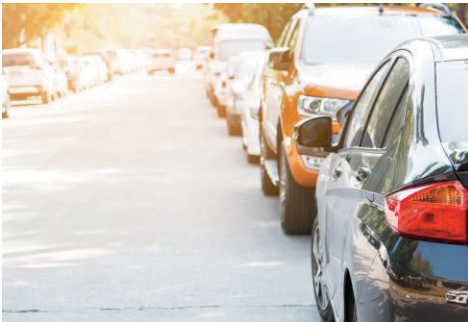
parking lots will change in response to concerns from the business community.

City Council decided on Monday night to reduce the minimum amount required to start a parking session at an on-street meter, and in surface lots.

After ratification by City Council on June 24, parking rates in all lots and on-street spaces will change, with the

minimum rate being 50 cents for 15 minutes. Parking in metered lots and on-street spaces, including at the Marina, will be pro-rated at 50 cents for 15 minutes, or \$2 per hour. Parking at Market Square will be 75-cents for 15 minutes, or \$3 per hour. These rates are as approved by Council earlier this year in the Parking Financial Plan.

“This new rate gives people more flex-



ibility when parking in our downtown cores,” said Jonathan Paske, Supervisor – Municipal Parking Services.

Additional security measures are already being investigated for the Waterfront Parkade, including enhanced security patrols, and improved lighting on all levels. There is also the possibility of adding more security cameras to the parkade to improve security.

To learn about parking rates and options, visit [www.thunderbay.ca/parking](http://www.thunderbay.ca/parking)

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## ROBERT MACINTYRE WINS THE 113TH RBC CANADIAN OPEN

BY SCOTT A. SUMNER  
*Great Outdoors*

Robert MacIntyre fired a final round of 68 to finish at 16-under and one shot clear of Ben Griffin to win the 113th RBC Canadian Open at the Hamilton Golf and Country Club on Sunday.

MacIntyre took a four-shot lead into the final round and stayed atop the leaderboard despite a lot of movement behind him. Corey Connors of Listowel, Ont. fired a 5-under 65 to finish as the low Canadian and with it, claim the Rivermead Cup for the second time.

MACKENZIE HUGHES QUALIFIES FOR THE 152nd OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP AT ROYAL TROON



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Mackenzie Hughes, Ben Griffin and Maverick McNealy have qualified for The 152nd Open at Royal Troon through the RBC Canadian Open. The RBC Canadian Open was the sixth event in the Open Qualifying Series and was played at Hamilton Golf & Country Club in Toronto.



### ABOUT THE 2024 RBC CANADIAN OPEN

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