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## The Pros & The Cons

### Report on the wpd Environmental Review Tribunal Hearing, January 27, 2017

By Paula Peel

It was a full house to hear closing submissions for the White Pines Wind Project at the Wellington Community Centre on the last day of the remedy hearing. The hall began to fill an hour before the start time with a contingent of office workers from WPD's head office in Mississauga led by WPD President Ian MacRae and supporters of the project who showed up early clearly hoping to dominate the proceedings in numbers. However, by 10 a.m. they were out-numbered by APPEC and PECFN members and supporters.

Presided over by Tribunal members Marcia Valiante and Hugh Wilkins, the hearing began with a motion from APPEC's legal counsel, Eric Gillespie, for a ruling from the Tribunal. APPEC felt that portions of both WPD's and the Director's replies were improper. Mr. Gillespie cited examples in WPD's reply submissions, characterizing bolstering, repetition, misquoting APPEC and numerous attempts to restate issues as getting another "kick at the can". Mr. Gillespie asked that all these types of submissions be struck.

The Tribunal declined to make a ruling, noting that a significant amount of time would be needed to go through WPD's submissions. However, Ms. Valiante said that the Tribunal would bear in mind the propriety of the marked paragraphs Mr. Gillespie had provided to make his point.

Ms. Valiante outlined the process for the hearing of closing submissions. As previously agreed between them all, the respondents together had one hour. The appellants would take an hour and fifteen minutes. The respondents would then have fifteen minutes to reply.

#### **Respondents' Closing Submissions**

WPD's legal counsel, Patrick Duffy, began with submissions on the burden of proof. Mr. Duffy stated that WPD has mitigated for the harms found by the Tribunal in

Its February decision and having done so the onus now shifts to APPEC. When Tribunal Co-Chair, Hugh Wilkins, asked Mr. Duffy to elaborate, Mr. Duffy repeated that the burden of proof is now on APPEC. According to Mr. Duffy APPEC must prove that the remedy proposals will cause serious and irreversible harm.

Mr. Duffy then focussed on WPD's plans to mitigate harm to Blanding's turtles by compacting 15 kilometres of access roads to deter nesting turtles on these roads. He also discussed WPD's plan to restore 8 kilometres of upgraded seasonal roads to pre-construction standards to address the Tribunal's concerns about increased traffic and several others mitigations stated in previous filings.

Mr. Wilkins asked Mr. Duffy whether there had been a Road Use Agreement (RUA) with the County and, if so, was this in evidence. Mr. Duffy clarified that there was nothing in evidence. However, he noted that WPD is committed to following its Mitigation Plan and does not anticipate any objections from the municipality regarding work on municipal roads.

WPD's legal counsel James Wilson outlined mitigation measures for the little brown bat, including a 5.5 m/s cut-in speed from May 1 to September 30 at all turbines for the project's lifetime.

Sylvia Davis, legal counsel for the Director of the MOECC, stated that the Director supports the submissions of the Approval Holder (WPD) with the exception of their submissions on Dr. Brock Fenton.

#### **Appellants' Closing Submissions—John Hirsch**

Mr. Hirsch referred the Tribunal to the Gruver Summary that WPD relies on for its claims of an 87% reduction in bat fatalities by increasing the cut-in speed to 5.5 m/s. Mr. Hirsch noted that this 87% reduction was with a cut-in speed of 6.9 m/s, much higher than the 5.5 m/s proposed. *(Continued on page 9)*

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## The Prince Edward County Barn Quilt Trails

By Pat Dubyk

Our trail was started in 2014, with a grant from the Ontario Barn Quilt Trails (via the Trillium Foundation), and an generous sponsor for the trail has been Picton Home Hardware. Their support is greatly appreciated. Our Phase One plan was to install 30, 8' x 8' foot panels along the Hwy. 33 corridor from Picton to Wellington. Our first panels were designed and painted by school children at Pinecrest and CML Snider schools. The communities adopted 8 panels as well as each school creating one for themselves. Then the project just took off; by September 2015 we installed our 100<sup>th</sup> barn quilt at Hagerman Farms. Just today I decided to do a count to update the number. In the total I added in all the quilts that personal painters have created themselves....that number is 180....and that is not the end of it. I am sure there are many more painters out there that we don't know about and I do hope they will all contact me and we can really know what the true number of barn quilts on display in Prince Edward County is.

Now, I need to tell you and show you what is happening in your area. In no particular order you will see a "Double Aster" design on the corner of Old Milford Road and Crowes Rd., hosted by Nancy Fleck; on Bond Road, host Brian Johnson has a beautiful design on his barn; Peter Hymus and Becki Martin and their beautiful restored red barn, at 2399 County Road 10, south of Milford, displays an "En Pointe Star" (this barn quilt is featured on our most recent full colour brochure); Val and Al MacDonald at 57 County Road 18 in Cherry Valley display a beautiful green, white and red maple leaf quilt; next door, Val's mom displays a red and white "Love Quilt" at 73 County Road 18. Further down County Road 18 at number 591 is a stunning "Dutchman's Puzzle" installed between two trees. Down at the Mariners Museum is "Tall Ship" painted with the help of the 2015 Day Camp children; Blizz Max Gallery in South Bay has a stunning design displayed.

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## Looking Forward to 2017

*By George Underhill*

Well, Christmas and New Years have passed and we're now into a long hard winter. Winter is always a period in which I'm fighting depression because it's cold, bare and inhospitable. New Years is time for resolutions for many people, but not for me. Making big changes is just a new opportunity for failure. Keeping my temper, not cursing, working smarter and the like are just destined for failure. My daughter has given up smoking which is one resolution I applaud. If I still smoked, I'd make an exception and resolve to give it up, too.

Some time ago when I made resolutions, I got smart and made resolutions I could keep. No more sugar in my coffee one year, no more sprinkling salt on my food another year. I still drink my coffee black which is good I guess, but I'm generous with salt on vegetables because they don't taste very good without it. This is really a testimonial to the futility of New Year's promises to yourself.

Putting that behind you, and realizing that 2017 will not bring a new you but will further emphasize the same old flawed you, how can we make the outlook better? The newspaper is full of articles that make 2017 look exceedingly bleak. It seems like every day there's another terrorist incident, a new article about the risks of Donald Trump, a new politician or business tycoon exposed to immorality or fiscal malfeasance....I don't want to list the bad news items, they only contribute to my feelings of depression.

There are good things, though, and maybe we should concentrate on them. I won't list all the good things because that would smack of just being nice. Maybe just one: This is a good place to live. There's plenty to complain about but, all things considered, I can't think of a better place. Still, it's hard to be optimistic as I look forward to the rest of the year. Another good thing is that as of mid-January, winter is half over. It's still cold, but the days are getting longer.

There was a piece in the paper about the challenges of selling your home and moving in the depths of winter. We moved to Ontario in the winter. My kids had two turtles which we placed in a plastic container in the car when we moved to Toronto. Then we forgot them until the next day and there was ice over them. We thought they were dead, but when the ice thawed so did the turtles. Maybe we'll be like the turtles, a cold hard winter followed by waking up to a new world in the spring.

Some time ago, a *Mirror* reader suggested that I not be so negative, and I agreed with him. Not this month, though.

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# Morrison Point Road

By Bob Burkinshaw

More than twenty enthusiastic people crowded into a private home on Morrison Point Road on January 17th to discuss ways to work together to strengthen the Black River area businesses and farms. Over a third of those at the meeting operate farms or businesses that sell food locally, another third operate tourist accommodation and the remainder is artisans who operate art or antique shops. It was encouraging to have larger businesses such as Black River Cheese and Vicki's Veggies attending to work together with smaller and newer enterprises.

The old debate as to whether the area should be called Black "River" or Black "Creek" seemed to be decided in favour of Black "River," at least for those in attendance. Some suggested that it be called "the hamlet of Black River" but since then others have suggested that such a designation might cause difficulties.

The area's rural heritage, including historic farm buildings, the Black River and its bridge, the large maple trees arching over the road by Vicki's Veggies and the dry stone fence along much of Morrison Point Road all appeal to locals and visitors but, it was agreed, they deserve to be better known. At the same time, none of the participants supported development that would destroy the rural peace and tranquility that makes the area so attractive, and none mentioned having major expansion plans that would attract vastly increased numbers of visitors. Yet the fact remains that for some of the farms and artisans to remain viable, and thus help preserve the area's heritage, they must attract enough people to purchase their products. Many of the group felt that it would be best if that increase came largely from local people and the visitors who already have come here rather than from great numbers of new visitors.

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Mark Trumpour is a former VP of the Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities (SSEA) and Departmental Associate at the Royal Ontario Museum. He has been presenting in Kingston and the County for over three years. He is currently involved with Queen's University's Master of Art Conservation Program in the study and conservation of three Egyptian coffins.

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**Wed. Feb. 8** – U.C.W. will have a pot luck lunch at South Bay United Church hall at 12 noon. Meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. Sandra Emlaw has devotional; roll call – wear red and bring a valentine to send to sick or shut-ins; objective is to give our offering to heart and stroke; Program - Brenda Minaker.

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## BRC

As she prepares Black River Cheese for its first full season under Gay Lea's ownership, manager Cindy Menzies is making plans to make the venerable County Road 13 landmark and destination an even more important member of the community. Plans for this year call for the addition of a selection of enhancements to the exterior of the building including window boxes, more seating, art and a picnic area; adding ornamental giftware and other products for sale in the shop; and renovating the interior of the store itself. In addition, the company is installing a 60' dock on the riverbank for use by boaters, canoeists and kayakers. Unfortunately, reviving the boat launch is not part of the plans.

It was gratifying to learn that when the company changed hands and the factory itself closed in July 2016, all the factory's employees found employment elsewhere whether at another Gay Lea location or at another business. This year, as they have in the past, Black River Cheese will support summer students by offering them employment in the store to pay for their tuition.

The company is making additional plans for 2017 and will announce them in due course. In the meantime, residents and visitors can refer to the bulletin board on the front of the building for specific activities and dates.

## The Jamboree

With considerably more space required than Milford can offer, the 2017 Prince Edward County Country Jamboree is relocating from the Milford Fairgrounds to Cherryvale Organic Farm between Milford and Cherry Valley. Best of luck to Shane and Greg for another successful event.

## Poachers!

As noted elsewhere in this issue, Doug McGregor has become the Chair of the Quinte Health Care Board of Directors and as such is playing a leading role in the planning for a new hospital in the future in Picton. Doug's exemplary performance as the secretary for the Milford Fair Board undoubtedly brought him to the attention of QHC recruiters and prepared him for this important position he now occupies. Given that his photograph graced the cover of the January 26th edition of the Picton Gazette, and he's mentioned twice in this month's Mirror, can there not be a need for a bigger scrap book in the McGregor household?

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# Life In The Past

Nelson Hicks' Journals  
January 1927

Transcribed by Sarah Moran Collier

**Tue. 1** - Royden and I got up wood on the Flats drew it up on the Ice. Dandy good skating now no snow in it

**Thur. 3** - Visitors George Hicks & wife Arthur McCrimmon & wife James Wright & wife Hilton Wattam & wife the evening was spent very lively. Floral came out with with them so as to help Mirt wait on table. rained most of the evening

**Fri. 4** - Colder this morning making it very slippery getting around Mirt and I were up to Donal Thompson for the evening had a fine time.

**Sat. 5** - Not feeling very good up late last night didn't do very much to day.

**Sun. 6** - Lloyd and Luise came down. no body went to church to day. Garnet stayed down Lloyd went home towards night I went home with him Floral went over to Picton with us. Very bad driving going back Ice freezing on the windshield

**Mon. 7** - K. was back to Lloyds we went over to Belleville we had to drive across the Ice as they were repairing the Bridge. Lloyd was out at Fred Lee's repairing old machinery I helped also. Come home for Dinner as he had to fetched out his new Butter printer fetched it with the truck not long coming you know.

**Tue. 8** - Lloyd and went to Belleville worked till noon the came home Lloyd turned calks lovely weather

**Wed. 9** - Finished up his calks and after dinner Lloyd fetched me down to Picton and I got a chance on home found everything fine and dandy at home.

**Thur. 10** - Leslie Snider were here. Wind from the North West. Some colder.

**Fri. 11** - I went over to Picton took over some Grain to get ground Floral and Hilda Wealch came home with me. Went with the car. Mirt and I were down to John Loney's for the evening had a grand good time.

**Sat. 12** - Visitors again to night Lloyd and Luise were down Kathleen and Floral home Hilda Welch visitng and Lela Collier Moras Head & wife Donal Thompson & wife Elmer Collier & wife Harry Rose & wife John Loney & wife it was a lively crowd and they all seem to enjoy themselves fine.

**Sun. 13** - Lloyd and Luise went out to Mr. Hudgins. Stayed till after Dinner the came out here and went home Floral Kathleen went over to Picton with them.

**Mon. 14** - Snowed some last night I went over to Picton took my Hogs over went with the sleigh crossed the Ice. roads were fine.

**Tue. 15** - Started to trim some trees. A very nice day Mirt wash Went out to Geo. Hudgins for the evening. Wolf gang were there. it was a lovely night

**Wed. 16** - Snowed most all day making the sleighing some better

**Thur. 17** - Royden went over to Picton with Karn Duetta Took a load of Hay over. I drew out some manure nice warm day. When they came home got three Horses in the Ice at the creek. Karn got pretty wet. Mirt I John Floss went up to Morass Heads visiting it was a lovely night. Very warm.

**Fri. 18** - Turned colder this evening Royden and I cleaned up some Oats I had on the floor in the Barn Garnet in here and he is a very busy boy.

**Sat. 19** - Quite cold this morning I took some logs up to Milford sleighing was very good

**Sun. 20** - This has been a real winter day snowed and drifted all day wind from the North East and very cold Kathleen and Floral stayed over and they were lucky.

**Mon. 21** - Roads were filled up some I drove Royden and Wrex up to school some warmer to day but snowed most all day. Collin pigs two weeks old to day.

**Tue. 22** - Mirt and I visiting at night down to Collins had a nice time

**Wed. 23** - I went over to Picton took over some grain to get ground good sleighing going over not as good coming home nice warm day.

**Thur. 24** - Mirt washed warm and snow going very fast We were invited to James Wright Picton and went over Stopped and took Arthur McCrimmon and Maggie with us. Had a nice time and the roads were good for cars.

**Fri. 25** - I went up to Irvine Hicks and moved down that Boat house John Loney helped me draw it down.

**Sat. 26** - Floral came home with Collin Hudgins. Collin was out to Earls Hicks to a dance Kathleen stayed over to Earls. Mirt and I went down to Mrs. Walt. Hudgins Birth day party.

**Sun. 27** - Floral went over to Picton with Milton Dulmage had some more snow last night and making the roads quite heavy for cars. Another new milk cow last night.

**Mon. 28** - Young sow had 11 fine Pigs last night all smart. Very good sleighing again

## Sarah's Research Notes Insight, Information & Anecdotes About Nelson Hicks' Journal Entries

*The production of food was being commercialized and mechanized, assisted by tools like butter printers. Nelson mentions Lloyd's butter printer, (Feb. 7); they were mostly used in small*

*factories and home dairies. It was a machine designed to cut, weigh, print and package butter. A pamphlet of the time encouraged farmers to expand their market by using parcel post to*



*distribute their butter across a wider geography. Improved transport, as well as packaging methods like this enabled them to do so. Here is a butter printer from the period.*

# Druella Acantha Malvina's Column

*Gem for the month: Middle of the road politicians get hit by traffic from both directions.*

## His Mother's Cooking

He sat there at the dinner table, with  
a discontented frown.

The potatoes and steak were underdone.

And the bread was baked too brown.

The pie too sour, the pudding too sweet.

And the roast was much too fat.

The soup so greasy, too, and salty

'twas hardly fit for the cat.

"I wish you could eat the bread and pies

I've seen my mother make.

They are something to like and 'twould do you good

Just to look at a loaf of her cake."

Said the smiling wife, "I'll improve with age.

Just now I'm a beginner.

But your mother has come to visit us

And today she cooked the dinner."

A businessman hired a new assistant to take phone calls. One day the phone rang and when the new assistant answered, he hung up immediately.

"Who was that?" asked his boss.

"Some fool saying it was a long distance from New York. I told him everyone knows that."

## A Few Signs of Aging

- ◆ You turn off the lights for economical not romantic reasons.
- ◆ The gleam in your eye is from the sun hitting your bifocals.
- ◆ You get all your exercise acting as pallbearer for your friends who exercised.
- ◆ The best part of the day is over when the alarm clock rings.

Donncha and MacArthur are preparing to be blasted into space and had just left the mission briefing when one turns to the other and asks, "Mac, where are you goin'?"

"Well, the man in charge says we're goin' to the sun."

"Okay, but won't that be a bit hot, it bein' the sun?"

"Don't be stupid, Donncha," says MacArthur, "the man said we'd be goin' at night."

Some neighbours gave a pumpkin pie as a holiday gift to grandparents that lived beside them. As lovely as the gesture was, it was clear from the first bite that the pie tasted bad. It was so inedible that the grandmother had to throw it out.

Ever gracious and tactful, she still felt obliged to send the neighbours a note. It read, "Thank you very much for the pumpkin pie. Something like that doesn't last very long at our house."

## Here are some more paraprosdokians to enjoy.

- ◆ Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- ◆ Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- ◆ War does not determine who is right – only who is left.
- ◆ They begin the evening news with "Good Evening" then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
- ◆ To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- ◆ You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

*Exit Line: A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money so I woke up and searched with him.*

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## Municipal Council Update

By Steve Ferguson, Councillor for South Marysburgh

A very hectic month for council, all beginning with the well-attended Mayor's Levee at MacAulay Church on January 8<sup>th</sup>. The highlights of January's general activities included approving motions to place a moratorium on the closing of rural schools, an issue that is of great concern to council because our schools have been (and are) one of the foundations of our communities. Without them how will the municipality attract or keep young people? Although Athol/South Marysburgh School is not affected, you can expect to hear much more about this issue in the coming weeks.

We heard deputations from Andy LaCroix, the Executive Director of Stakeholder Relations at the newly opened Shorelines Casino in Belleville; Ken Howe representing the Emmanuel Affordable Seniors Co-housing Initiative was successful in receiving council's support to aid in securing funding from CMHC; the Save Picton Bay group represented by David MacKinnon, David MacKay and Victor Lind updated council of their concerns about Picton Terminals' business and its effect on the harbour; and Barbie and Bruce Cordick made a presentation regarding their concerns about vehicular traffic and other issues on the Millennium Trail. In addition, council was alerted by Councillor Jamie Forrester that Lion's Park in Cherry Valley was up for sale and that action should be taken to preserve this valuable public space.

Concerning matters of decisions council had to make, appointments were made to the Healthcare Advisory Committee and our own South Marysburgh recreation committee; and the Site Plan Control Agreement with the Sorbara Group for the Royal Hotel was passed. In spite of John Thompson's December deputation and the comments of several farmers, council supported staff recommendations and voted in favour of maintaining the 25% farm tax ratio for 2017. An OFA proposal to reduce the ratio to 20% would have had the net effect of all residential homeowners in PEC paying the difference. While all on council sympathize with farmers dealing with MPAC's higher assessment of farmland – particularly younger farmers – it was felt by many councillors that more information was required about relief programs before a change could be decided upon and implemented.

In addition to those activities, I was pleased to attend the Prince Edward County Memorial Hospital announcement along with Mayor Quaiff, MPP Todd Smith and other councillors and hear that we are that much closer to getting a new hospital in Picton. I was particularly proud that two South Marysburgh residents play such important roles in this vital initiative: Doug McGregor, as Chair of the QHC Board of Directors, and Monica Alyea, as President of the PECMH Foundation.

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I also attended the Chamber of Tourism's Mayor's Breakfast Briefing along with MP Neil Ellis and several other councillors. Flawlessly orchestrated and executed by South Marysburgh resident and chamber Executive Director, Emily Cowan, the breakfast was an opportunity for the mayor to brief the business community about his vision for the coming year as well as the accomplishments of 2016.

On January 27<sup>th</sup> the wpd/White Pines Wind Project ERT reconvened in Wellington to hear final summaries from the lawyers representing APPEC, wpd Canada and the director of the MOECC. In addition to their comments to the chair and co-chair of the tribunal, John Hirsch, representing himself, gave an exemplary presentation in defence of the south shore. Paula Peel of APPEC has written a report about the proceedings which is printed elsewhere in this month's Mirror.

Finally, I attended some of the events of this year's Winter Carnival including the pancake breakfast at the Town Hall. Sitting around the breakfast table or talking with local residents including Wilbur and Alice Miller, Randy York, Bill Cowan, Dick Jones and George and Sandra Emlaw, while supporting the Boy Scouts organization reminded me why I feel so lucky to live in such a community.

Have a terrific February!

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Mr. Hirsch discussed recently acquired data of bat fatalities at wind projects in Ontario from government documents obtained through a Freedom of Information request. Mr. Hirsch noted 26 little brown bat fatalities reported at the Mohawk Point Wind Project in 2012. As summed up by Mr. Hirsch, Stantec is proposing to experiment on the little brown bat population in Prince Edward County. He noted that the target of this experiment is an endangered species.

Mr. Hirsch asked the Tribunal to consider the Statement of Environmental Values including the ecosystem approach and the fact that the Province has changed direction and is no longer supporting large wind energy projects.

#### **Appellants' Closing Submissions—APPEC**

Eric Gillespie began with the issue of the Tribunal's jurisdiction. Mr. Gillespie noted that APPEC is relying on the remedy hearing for the Settlers Landing Wind Project (SLWP) where mitigations were dealt with in a different way. He noted that at this hearing on the White Pines Wind Project, the Director has provided zero evidence that he has even considered the proposed mitigations. There is no possible way the Tribunal could "stand in the shoes of the Director" at these proceedings, and in fact to do so would be an error of law. The correct remedy is to revoke the REA.

Mr. Gillespie noted that all Parties have agreed that the onus is on WPD. However WPD is now trying to reverse the onus and put it back on APPEC when it is the Approval Holder's very mitigations that will cause harm. Mr. Gillespie clarified that the onus is on WPD to address the Tribunal's findings and show that no potentially serious adverse effects will follow from their mitigations.

Mr. Gillespie pointed to a number of holes in the Approval Holders evidence. The Gruver survey is not published or peer-reviewed and was created by a wind company consultant. The survey gives no information on project size, turbine size, location, topography, wind speed and other variables. Also, and most importantly, the survey fails to show that cut-in speeds, post White Nose Syndrome, are effective. With respect to the Approval Holder's Blanding's turtle mitigations, Mr. Gillespie noted that compacting over 15 kilometres of

access roads by up to 95% will radically alter hydrology in areas already prone to flooding. Mr. Gillespie also noted the potentially disastrous results of planting alien vegetation in a sensitive ecosystem. The plans the Approval Holder has produced at this hearing, he suggested, are completely untried and untested anywhere in the world let alone on the County's South Shore.

Mr. Gillespie noted that APPEC's expert witness, Tom Adams, is highly qualified to provide evidence on the province's energy requirements. Mr. Adams has provided evidence that the White Pines Wind Project is not needed (the province has more than enough energy to meet demand for the next ten years) and that the energy produced from this project would be a "drop in the bucket". Mr. Gillespie noted that Mr. Adams' evidence was not contested by either the Approval Holder or the Director.



Mr. Gillespie clarified the Director's position that economic and social considerations need to be considered even if they are secondary to the environment.

#### **Respondents' Reply**

Ms. Davis restated the Director's position that SLWP had a wider range of changes. She also noted that Mr. Hirsch's submissions concerning the FOI request are not in evidence.

Mr. Wilson restated the mitigation process for bats in simple terms: line up wind speed, curtailment and the impact on little brown bats. He noted that the Gruver survey does exactly that.

Mr. Duffy began by reminding the Tribunal of some aspects of their mitigation plans at which time a series of objections were raised by Mr. Gillespie on WPD's conduct in Reply. Mr. Gillespie again asked the Tribunal for a clear ruling on Reply Submissions but the Tribunal once again deferred the matter.

The Tribunal closed on a solemn note with no indication of a decision date other than that it would come before April.

## The Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area Management Plan

Environment and Climate Change Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service is updating management plans for its 54 National Wildlife Areas (NWAs) across Canada.

These management plans provide the framework through which management and permitting decisions are made on NWAs. Management of each National Wildlife Area is required in order to maintain the ecological integrity of the protected area and maintain the attributes for which the area was designated and protected under the Canada Wildlife Act.

The proposed Management Plan for the Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area has been posted for a 60-day public comment period. **The comment period will close on March 31st, 2017.** The proposed management plan can be found here: Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area webpage:

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/ap-pa/default.asp?lang=En&n=741BB7B6-1>

Environment and Climate Change Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service hosted an information session on August 24, 2016 in Picton, Ontario, regarding the proposed Management Plan for Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area. Information and comments received at this session have not yet been considered in this posted version of the management plan. Upon conclusion of the 60-day comment period, the Department will review and consider all comments received to inform the final Management Plan.

Comments on the proposed Management Plan can be directed to Environment and Climate Change Canada via email to:

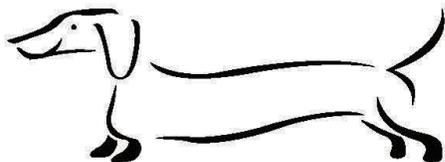
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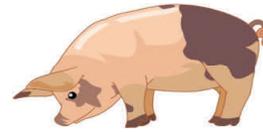
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## What's going on at The Library

By *Jeanette deBoer*

### Social Media at the Library

Social media is always in the news these days. People are sharing their opinions, thoughts and ideas about politics, religion and everyday life on the Internet. Approximately 1.79 billion people are sharing a slice of their lives with their friends and family on Facebook and other social media platforms. The new President of the United States is tweeting and even the Prince Edward County Public Library and Archives is on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. There is so much going on and it is not always easy to keep up.

The Library can help! With a grant through Canada's Youth Internship Program for Innovation, Science, and Economic Development, I have been tasked to provide education on social media to our patrons. Over the past number of weeks, I have been creating a workshop and seminar series to introduce you to the world of social media. I will help you begin to gain an understanding of how and why it is used.

The Introduction to Facebook workshop is a hands-on class that will guide you through many aspects of Facebook, from adding friends, to commenting on their posts, to adding posts of your own. While you may not be an expert by the end of the three-hour class - that only comes with practice and regular use - you will have some basic knowledge about the social media platform that you can expand upon.

Following the workshop, I will be hosting two seminars. The first will focus on Facebook and Instagram, and the second will focus on Twitter and Snapchat. These seminars will take the format of a Q&A, or discussion, so you have the opportunity to ask your questions and get some answers. These seminars will not go into the same depth as the workshop, but you will walk away from them with more of an understanding of how the world of social media works.

The workshops are currently being offered at the Picton Branch Library on February 16 and the Wellington Branch Library on February 9. The seminars are being offered at the Picton Branch Library on February 22 (Facebook and Instagram) and March 3 (Twitter and Snapchat) and at the Wellington Branch Library on February 24 (Facebook and Instagram) and March 1 (Twitter and Snapchat). However, if there is enough interest, we may also be offering these workshops at our other branches, including Milford. Registration is required, so please contact Tracy at 613-399-2023 or [register@peclibrary.org](mailto:register@peclibrary.org) as soon as possible to reserve your spot. If these dates or locations do not work for you, please let us know so we can plan future workshops accordingly.

If you are unable to participate in our workshops or seminars, but are still interested in learning about social media platforms, we can still help! Our staff in the Technology Resource Centre is always available to provide one-on-one education. These appointments can be held at any branch upon request. To book an appointment, please contact Julie at [jlane@peclibrary.org](mailto:jlane@peclibrary.org).

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I hope you will take some time to drive around and see these beauties, as well as our latest installation on December 15<sup>th</sup> "Points for Care" at PEC Memorial Hospital in Picton. Then perhaps you might like to join us on the PEC Barn Quilt Trail. Check out our website at [www.pecbarnquilttrails.com](http://www.pecbarnquilttrails.com). If you are interested in owning and displaying a barn quilt, email us at [pecbarnquilttrails@gmail.com](mailto:pecbarnquilttrails@gmail.com).

If there are groups in the area that would like to sponsor a quilt for the community, please let us know. South Marysburgh has some beautiful venues for barn quilts (Mt. Tabor, Town Hall, Library, Athol South Marysburgh School, Cherry Valley Town Hall are just a few possibilities.).

Cheers and Happy New Year from all of us at PEC Barn Quilt Trails!



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Trevor Crowe, coordinator in the County's Community Development office, offered encouragement to the group and indicated that several developments underway should help sub-communities such as Black River. New road signage is being developed by the County over the next year or two and it should help people find the smaller centres. Community Development is taking over tourism from the Chamber of Commerce and in March of this year it will be operating the official tourism "Visit the County" website. Free listings on the directory, which attracts up to 25,000 visitors per month, will be offered to all County businesses serving tourists. The listings of a sub-community such as Black River can be clustered together onto one page.

South Marysburgh councillor Steve Ferguson also offered encouragement for the local initiative and offered to assist with process. At the same time, however, he noted that he was responsible for trying to promote the success of businesses throughout South Marysburgh and not just Black River. The group agreed with Steve's priorities but stated that while our own focus is in on the Black River and its immediate area, we want to increase mutually beneficial links with other businesses in South Marysburgh.

The group agreed to meet again February 21. The agenda will include planning of events in which all the Black River businesses could work together in the upcoming season, including the Black River Cheese Factory's Dock Launch party in June, and the potential beautification of the Black River bridge. In the meantime, work is being done to prepare a map and a directory of local businesses for posting both on the "Visit the County" website and on the wall of Black River Cheese.

For more information about this initiative, feel free to contact me at [Robert.Burkinshaw@gmail.com](mailto:Robert.Burkinshaw@gmail.com) or Conrad Biernacki at [BlackRiverBB@gmail.com](mailto:BlackRiverBB@gmail.com)

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