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Relay For Life Date Change

The Relay for Life to be held in Manitouwadge has change dates and location.

The new dates are June 26-27, 2009 and will be held in the Recreation Centre Ballfield. For more information, contact: Canadian Cancer Society Thunder Bay Unit, nw@ontario.cancer.ca (807) 344-5433 or 1 800 227-5557

Marathon Assisted in Finding Mill Investors

"Our government is committed to helping small northern communities take advantage of new economic development opportunities. By investing in these projects, we are positioning the Marathon-Terrace Bay area for future growth," states Michael Gravelle, the Minister of Northern Development and Mines. The Town of Marathon will assess the viability of new owners to operate the local pulp mill with help from the Ontario government.

The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) will provide \$67,500 for a feasibility study on the purchase and operation of the local pulp mill by former employees. The project will also explore alternate uses for the site's infrastructure and equipment.

In addition, the communities of Marathon and Terrace Bay will receive \$94,815 to help implement the North Shore Information System, an electronic database that will use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology. This more secure system will modernize municipal land records and improve access to information.



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Skyline at Manitouwadge Corner Changed Forever



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Another one hits the dust. The former Newmont headframe at Hemlo falls to the ground.

The end of an era occurred in early 2006 when the Golden Giant Mine of Newmont Canada Corporation ceased operations after extracting all the economical ore from the underground mine and pouring the last gold bar in the mill. The Golden Giant Mine located just west of Manitouwadge corner was a major employer in the area from 1983 to the fall of 2006. The majority of the employees lived in Manitouwadge with some liv-

ing in Marathon, and White River, Mobert and Heron Bay. Some of the former employees still call Manitouwadge home and commute to remote mines in many parts of the country and the world from our community.

Fortune Minerals; a diversified natural resource company purchased the mine buildings, equipment and spare parts inventory from Newmont Canada Limited (Newmont) and Mindecom Industrial

Constructors Limited (Mindecom) in 2006 and 2008 for the purposes of relocating selected components to the Company's NICO cobalt-gold-bismuth project in the Northwest Territories. In early 2008 Fortune Minerals; owners of the assets awarded the deconstruction/demolition contract to Tri Venture FE&C LTD. All project management for safe demolition and salvage of the buildings and equipment was performed by Tri Venture

FE&C Ltd over a period of the last 9 months.

This is commendable as it occurred mostly during the winter months adding to the complexity of the task. This contractor employed many local and area residents some of which worked at the mine while it was operating. Before any of the buildings were demolished all useful equipment was salvaged and removed. Material as small as light bulbs up to larger items such as cranes, mills and crushers are being recycled. Appropriate disposal of the non recyclable material is also being completed.

The skyline at the location of the Golden Giant Mine site was changed forever with the three largest structures being demolished last week. Over a period of 3 days the expertise of an explosives company utilizing explosives and the weakening of structural elements reduced the structures to scrap steel and concrete rubble to be recycled for use on site and elsewhere.

On May 10, 2009 the headframe was successfully brought down by the precise placement of explosives at the base support columns to allow the steel structure to topple over after detonation. Then on May 11th and 12th, 2009 the tallest portion of the mill building including the grinding area and the ore storage bins was demolished by selective cutting of the support steel and then assisting the collapse with the use of heavy equipment. Finally on May 14, 2009 the large concrete fine ore bin was also demolished with the use of explosives.

After being landmarks for more than 20 years, each individual structure was removed over the course of a few minutes. Congratulations to Advanced Explosives and Demolition for completing this task safely.

Videos can be found on YouTube by searching for Golden Giant Mine.

MPP Brown Announces Funding for Manitouwadge

Government invests in Aging at Home Program

QUEEN'S PARK – Mike Brown, MPP. Algoma-Manitoulin, is pleased to announce that Ontario is expanding its successful Aging at Home program by investing over \$23,000 in Manitouwadge to help more seniors live independently and reduce pressure on Ontario's emergency rooms

"Our government is investing in community-based services so that seniors can have the quality of life they deserve at home." said Brown. "By providing more services to seniors at home and in their communities, these investments have the added benefit of reducing emergency room wait times."

This is part of a province-wide investment of \$272 million to help seniors receive needed health services in the comfort and dignity of their own homes and communities. The funding will also help to decrease the number of alternate level of care (ALC) patients in hospitals and

support more timely discharge of patients waiting to move out of the hospital to more appropriate services.

- \$1,350,000 for the Aging at Home program in North West Local Health Integration Network (NW LHIN)

- \$821,000 to NW LHIN to invest in local solutions that will address ALC pressures
- \$1,255,000 in NW LHIN for increased home care, personal support and homemaking services provided by Community Care Access Centres

ALC patients are individuals in hospital beds who would be better cared for in alternate setting, such as long-term care, rehabilitation or at home. Having more home care and community services enables ALC patients to leave hospital sooner, making more beds available to ER patients.



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