

Unheard of Program for Family Physicians in the Works at York University



In the October 11, 2022, Lake of Bays Council meeting, Chief Administrative Officer, Bryan Brown, announced that York University is attempting to create a physician's program that is "unheard of" in the province's education system, and that Canada has never done.

Brown indicated that a program specific to family physicians, where "anybody that goes there will not be becoming a specialist" is in the works at the university.

Regarding how students would be encouraged to become General Practitioners, given the current method of taking general studies first, then easing into a specialty, the university is considering changing the types of programs in first and second year.

Brown indicates the university is attempting to change the system in a big way, and said, "They're not just going outside of the box, and this is really the community of Ontario now dictating to the medical community

that 'no, it's not just going to be a system where it's the same old, same old... We're going to think differently because the problems we have today are different than they were yesterday.' And it's actually pretty exciting if they're able to pull it off."

According to Brown, "What they're proposing is that around 750 graduates would be available for the marketplace across Ontario in about 10 years."

Apparently, the university still needs approval from the province to offer these programs, and Brown adds, "That's why it's so important for municipalities and agencies across Ontario to support them."

Brown expressed confidence that the university will succeed, and added, "They're being encouraged by the province. They've spoken to them twice and both times they were told back and tell us how you're making out in the communities."

Research for New Cures for Brain Tumours and Blindness in the Works

New research at Nova Scotia's Dalhousie University is getting support from CIHR grants.

The university received \$4.8 million to pursue health innovations that give new meaning to the term "advanced research," including "killing brain tumours with ultra-sound induced bubbles to curing blindness with bioengineered corneal tissue," according to the Faculty of Health.

CIRH Project Grants support health related studies across Canada that have a high potential for advancing both applied and fundamental research for maximum physical health impacts to the public.

President of the University's Research and Innovation, Alice Aiken, said, "The potential for this research to make a profound difference in people's lives is inspiring."

Aiken added, "Imagine that you have a brain tumour, and a physician says that they can treat it without the detrimental side effects of chemotherapy. Or that you've been told that your severe vision loss can be corrected without waiting for a corneal transplant. Dal researchers are striving to make these innovations and more a reality with the support of CIHR."

Other current Dalhousie research includes a link between schizophrenia and gait, how the damage of chemotherapy can be limited by bacteria, and more.

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A New Generation of Wireless Technology for Canada

Canada is strengthening its position in digital innovation with a new generation of wireless technology called 5G.

On October 17, 2022, Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, met with the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford, Nokia President and CEO, Pekka Lundmark, and Canadian Nokia President, Jeffrey Maddox, regarding a new \$340 million project to help the country progress to 5G.

The goal of the project is to take Nokia's research and development to the next level by expanding it's Otta-

-wa location and revitalizing its labs to support innovative technologies.

5G wireless technology will improve connections, devices, impacting areas such as clean energy, telemedicine, transportation, healthcare, and emergency services.

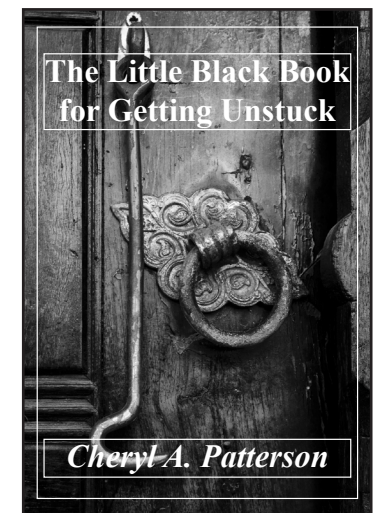
The innovation will also help connect communities, and create middle-class jobs for Canadians, and grow the economy.

According to the Government of Canada, "The next generation of 5G wireless technology is expected to add \$40 billion annually to Canada's

economy in the next four years."

The Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, Hon. Francois-Philippe Champagne, said, "Canadians rely on wireless and internet services for virtually everything: working, school, commuting, as well as staying in touch with loved ones. That is why it's essential we have access to the most advanced digital telecommunications tools. [This] announcement will help enable exciting new technologies that will have a transformative effect on Canada's economy and day-to-day lives of Canadians."

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District Integrated Watershed Management Engage Page Launched

The District of Muskoka received \$4.16 million for Integrated Watershed Management (IWM) initiatives.

Projects for the IWM include twelve separate technical projects, three task forces, and a round table.

One of the goals of IWM is to increase understanding of water movement through the watershed and its effect, climate impacts, and land use changes upon flooding. For instance, according to the IWM update, they're finding that climate change, including snowfall and spring melt, has the largest impact on the way water flows.

An Operational and Adjustment Study allowed for recommendations to the River Water Management Plan and strategies regarding what can be done, such as drawing water levels down in the spring and adjusting how water is transferred between lakes, and communication processes during high flow conditions and how the community is notified in advance.

An IWM Engage Page is launched for the public, providing regular articles with information about projects. The District will also be having community events, including conferences and seminars, to share findings and provide opportunities for feedback from the public this fall, and a public forum in the New Year.

For more information or to participate, visit: <https://www.engagemuskoka.ca/integrated-watershed-management-home-page>.

BUSINESS PROFILE

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throughout the years, going from our ring candles to helping people celebrate the special times in their life, such as wedding favours to special thank you gifts at baby showers. This year we added promotional items to our list of accomplishments.

From housewarming gifts with the realtor's logo on it (see below) to tea lights for a tea company and many more. If you can think of it I am sure we can design it for you.

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The Green Bouquet will be launching their "Garden Tour promotion." Complete the given number of stamps on your card by visiting the store or ordering online, and win a custom wood rolling tray. For more information, call 705-385-9333.

HOW WE'RE HELPING

Charities/Non-profits

Muskoka Environmental Alliance is trying to save the environment, one petition at a time. They're advocating for the air you breathe, the water you drink, the roads you drive on...

The MEA are currently trying to save the Bracebridge's Bonnie Lake Road area from a mega quarry that can impact all of Muskoka. To learn more about their efforts and how to help, visit: <http://nmmq.ca/>

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IAGM LOCAL HISTORY TRIVIA CORNER

Question: What are two Indigenous artifacts discovered on an island in Lake Muskoka called Eileen Gowan?

Answer: A sharp cutting tool and a 2.5 inch arrowhead. The latter about 500 years old.

Trivia question courtesy of Huntsville Public Library.

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SPORTS MEMOIRS



By Peter Cassidy

Does fighting belong in the N.H.L.?

This is a question that has been asked for years. It appears it remains a state of opinion, as we know there are no winners in that area.

If we take a trip down memory lane, even before my day, there was fighting.

Today, players are bigger, stronger, and faster, and this has changed fighting. It is more brutal.

In my day, there were some tough boys, like John Ferguson, Gordie Howe, Rocket Richard and Tim Horton, to name a few. If they had an issue, they dropped their sticks and gloves. They threw a couple of punches, went to the penalty box and sat it out for five minutes.

Let's fast forward to the 80s. These years were dominated by "Big Bad Bruins" and the "Broad Street Bullies," (AKA) the Philadelphia Flyers. These guys fought to win the Stanley Cup.

Now, in my opinion, fighting has revolved to nothing more than street brawling.

I watched a Stanley Cup contest once between the Leafs and Montreal. It was what we expect from a game involving these two. Exciting up and down - skilled hockey. Yes, there was the usual bump and grind, but it was great hockey.

Under International rules, fighting is an automatic suspension. All I saw was beautiful skilled hockey. My wife will watch a game with these conditions. Every Boxing Day I eagerly wait for the annual World Junior tournament without fighting. The Olympics fall under these same rules. NO FIGHTING. Just skilled hockey.

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