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The Cult 8424 Tour Comes to the TBCA

BY SCOTT A. SUMNER **Thunder Bay BUSINESS**

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It was amazing for me to be able to see The Cult on their 8424 Tour make a stop in Thunder Bay. To experience them perform from the front row at the stage, up close and personal, some of the many hits from over their 40 year career was great.

This world class rock band had previously performed on this tour in places like Madrid, Berlin, Amsterdam, and were on an across Canada tour. Their next stops are in the US, UK and then on to Australia.





I have always enjoyed many cult songs, but there's something about being able to see them perform live with the key original members, especially when you are less than 10 feet away from them and can see all

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The weather was great, the music was awesome and the people were happy! Wake the Giant at Prince Arthur's Landing, with the Sleeping Giant in the back drop, is a special setting and really adds to the ambience of the event.

"It's hard to believe we have done five of these now and just keep on getting such great acts. We are happy to have some of our favourites back this year. Coleman Hell is great with the students, he loves Thunder Bay and is from the community and I think that really adds to the show having that connection." said Greg Chomot, teacher as Dennis Franklin Cromarty and one of the organizers of Wake the Giant.

"The event is all about seeing the students

5Th Wake the Giant Amazing!

The goal of the festival according to Greg is to be good for the whole city, bring people together, recognize all the similarity's that we have and welcome our students in a great way to this great city.

"I start enjoying everything about this time mid day as it is such a crazy week with the build up. Once the festival gets going you get to see the fruits of your labour in action and see people enjoying themselves. The smiles on the students faces make it all worth while." notes Chomot

Coleman Hell grew up in Thunder Bay and we got to talk to him after his performance.

" It is an honour to be part of this festival



"It is important to have events that centre on youth, particularly indigenous youth and make everyone feel safe, heard, seen and respected in their community. No one should not feel that. It's great to have people come together to honour that which is really special. It is great to just be one of the people here."

"I'm touring my album Joyride which is kinda jam packed with up lifting music to help you feel happy for your own health and the people around you. This album is a expression of joy and I want to bring that to the crowds I play for."

The album Joyride has around 10 million

streams to date so is doing quite well. How has it been going since your start in the music business Coleman?

"Since Two Heads about 8 or 9 years ago it has been wild to have something that big right out of the gate which was a little intimidating. I kinda had to ride that wave and find my footing to figure out what do I really want to do, what kind of artist do I want to be. So I had a little back and forth with that and now I am feeling really good about where I am at so am touring around and playing for good crowds. I just toured South Africa which was really cool. It was a blessing having Two Heads at the beginning and I hope to keep doing this for as long as I can."



integrated into all aspects of the festival. They get to meet and connect with many of the artists and write songs with them, in the lead up to the festival with the Amazing Race and DFC experience. Attendance is looking good and we have been selling some day of tickets."

and see how much it has grown and blossomed since the first time I was here 5 years ago. Playing in front of my home town, my friends and family all the beautiful people that live here is great. I like to bring energy to my shows."





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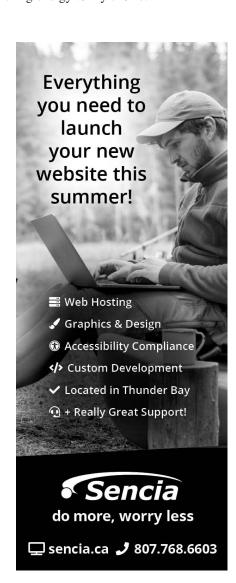
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Government of Canada investing nearly \$7 million to support Indigenous-led economic development in Northern Ontario

FedNor funds will help support 18 projects in line with the Government of Canada's commitment to economic reconciliation

By investing in opportunities for Indigenous communities, the Canadian government contributes to the development of inclusive and diversified regional economies that benefit all Canadians now and in the future. Today, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Indigenous Services and Minister responsible for FedNor, announced an investment of

\$6,899,535 in 18 Indigenous-led projects across Northern Ontario. The projects reflect economic reconciliation in action, and will support Indigenous communities across the region in self-determined economic development through locally-driven initiatives.

These projects include the expansion and development of locally-led community and business support services and the creation of locally-driven economic development corporations. They will also see new construction and renovation initiatives involv-



ing community infrastructure and land development and the completion of several critical studies and strategic plans. As well as infrastructure development and training to support resource extraction including purchasing specialized mining equipment.

These projects are anticipated to create a wide range of economic and community benefits, including the creation of new jobs, the maintenance and development of strategic alliances across sectors, and new and upgraded community and business assets. These investments will also help with training and provide other supports for new and existing local businesses, resulting in increased efficiency and pro-

duction for local businesses.

Support from the Government of Canada through FedNor helps foster continued economic growth in Indigenous communities throughout Northern Ontario. True partnership at work, these initiatives encourage continued collaboration between First Nations organizations, communities and industrial corporations. This collaboration will create opportunities for First Nations communities to benefit from business development within their traditional territories.



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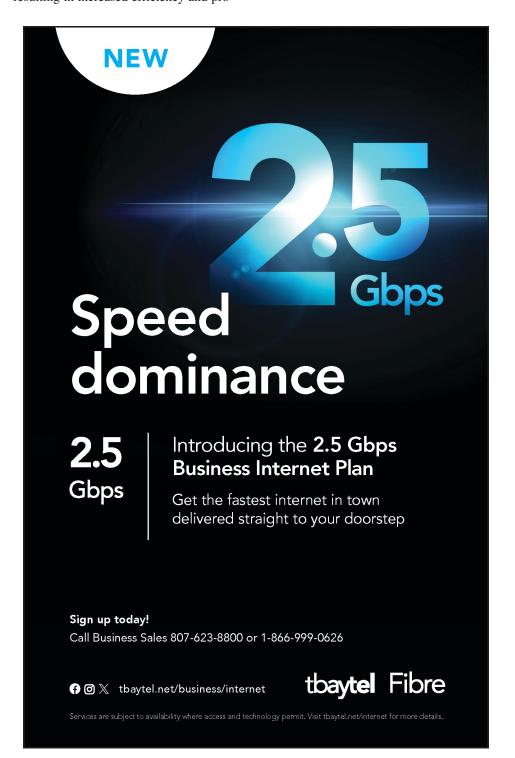
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Sovereign Dental Open Impressive New Office at **Arthur Street Marketplace**

BY SCOTT A. SUMNER Thunder Bay BUSINESS

The new Sovereign Dental location at Arthur Street Market Place features two attached locations totalling 10,800 square feet. Of that 4800 square feet is used for adult dentistry and the rest is dedicated to pediatric dentistry with Dr. Martesia Marshall.

Dr. Derval Clarke, dentist is the founder of Sovereign Dental which now has 4 locations.

In 2015 Sovereign Dental started their original location in Nipigon. In 2017 the location on Fort William Road near the beer store was opened. In 2019 this Fort William location was renovated to accommodate Dr. Marshall to specialize in kids dentistry. 2020 saw the Nipigon office totally renovated to brand new. In 2021 Sovereign Dental acquired a practice on Victoria Ave East and that practice was the inspiration to start this new



Dr. Derval Clarke, Dentist

location at Arthur Street Market place, so they could move and update that location.

The space on Fort William Road is

2965 square feet. Nipigon is about 2400 square feet and they utilize 1400 square feet. Sovereign Dental is the

only dentist office in Nipigon.

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" The previous practice on Victoria Ave East was started by Dr. Robertson who was a very nice person. I hope my patients will talk as nicely about me as they still do about Dr Robertson," said Dr. Derval Clarke. "The old location had stairs and difficulty for parking so we wanted to move, update the loca-

tion and provide more accessibility for our older patients. That was the genesis to start here at Arthur Street Marketplace. At the same time Dr Marshall was getting really busy with the children so we realized she needed her own location with more space."

" It was important for us to do this expansion having the previous practice of Dr. Robertson on the south side. I do hope Sovereign Dentistry is known for providing really good, compassionate care, patient centered and having their best interest. That reputation is what allows us to continue and expand." said Derval.

"The Canadian government has decided it is time to invest in dental care with the Canada Dental Plan. So far

2.5 million Canadians has accessed the program. The size of our new office here will allow us to accommodate new patients that have not accessed care before. We will have the capacity and compassion to serve the new patients."

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Dr. Derval Clarke is almost 40 years old and has had an interesting career path. He started in Toronto after leaving high school in Jamaica. He then went to the University of Toronto for undergraduate studies and on to Washington, DC for dental school. After that Derval went to Rochester, New York for basically a general practice residency. He then began practicing throughout Nunavut, to Timmin's and all over NW Ontario including Ear Falls, Schreiber and Nipigon.

Today Sovereign Dental, with their 4 offices, have a staff of 35 and are actively looking for an additional 15 to 20 staff including dentists.

Dr. Derval Clarke goes home to Jamaica each year for a week to provide dental care to the people there as a team. " My mentor in dentistry started this mission and I join his team. This year we had 3 of our dental assistants go down. The team saw over 600 people in one week."

"Building the new offices was a huge



began working on since March 2021 so there was over 3 years of planning and work. The landlord, Prime Site Properties Ltd., have been amazing to deal with," said Derval.

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"I am still working as a dentist seeing up to 25 patients daily so it is busy. Being a dentist in NW Ontario is a

very fulfilling career. The need is beyond what I have ever seen and the appreciation of the patients is excellent. The need is great here so you can expand. It is also a very safe place to conduct your dental practice."

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"Some of the nicest people I ever met in my life I have met here in NW Ontario. When you meet so many people that are so kind to you, it gives you the confidence to expand. We were going to create these new offices anyway, but the timing of the new Canadian Dental Plan is also very helpful to our operation. The timing works well. This plan is expanding the



number of new patients available to us. One other point to consider through is we haven't built any new dental schools or facilities to train new dental hygienists or assistants. We are going to have difficulty in getting new dentists, hygienists and assistants but we do have a facility now to accommodate new patients."

undertaking for us. RBC was a main factor in helping us do this. Aurora Construction were super helpful in competing the building which we



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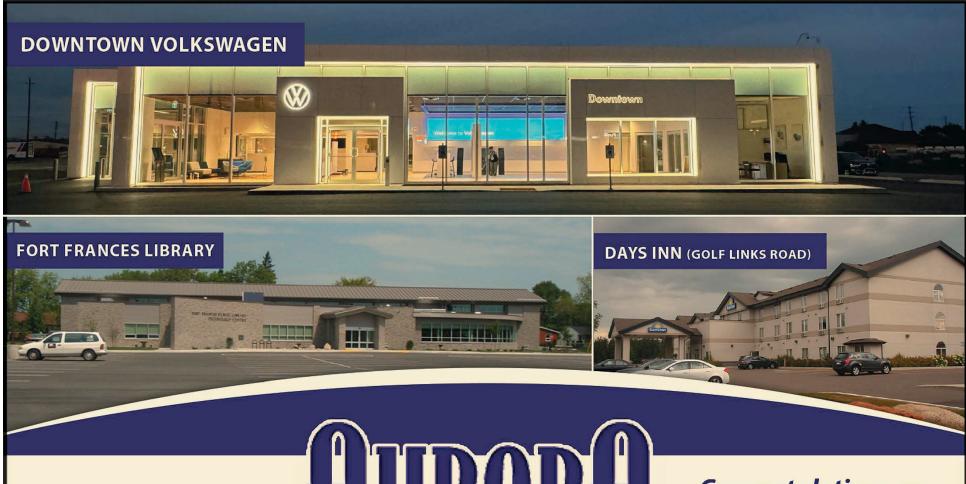


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Atikokan Generating Station will keep 400 well-paying jobs

Ontario Protecting Energy Jobs in the North

The Ontario government is protecting 400 well-paying jobs in the North through a new five-year contract to enable the largest biomass-fuelled plant in North America. The Atikokan Generating Station will continue to provide affordable, reliable energy as Ontario expands its clean energy network to attract new investments and support its growing population.

"Our government is supporting forestry and energy jobs in the Atikokan community while investing in new energy generation to help meet the province's growing electricity demands," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Electrification. "The fiveyear contract will also support the government's ongoing work to deliver clean, reliable, and affordable energy for families and businesses. We will continue to invest in our workers and deliver affordable power, while standing strong against the punitive carbon

The new five-year contract with Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) will help support jobs and economic growth for the local community, local mills and forestry operations that supply the facility, while also providing affordable and reliable clean energy to Ontario families. Additionally, this agreement will work to protect the environment by utilizing wood waste that could have otherwise been diverted to landfills.

"I'm pleased to see our government supporting the residents of Atikokan through the recontracting of the Atikokan Generating Facility. By securing 400 well-paying jobs and supporting local forestry operations, we're not only contributing to Ontario's clean energy future but also providing economic stability for families in Atikokan," said Kevin Holland, Associate Minister of Forestry and Forest Products. "This agreement ensures our community will continue to play a key role in powering Ontario while utilizing sustainable resources and protecting our environment."

As part of Ontario's commitment to phasing-out coal, OPG successfully converted the Atikokan Generating Station from coal to biomass. As Ontario continues to be a global leader in clean energy, this facility is now the largest 100 per cent biomass facility in North America and the largest consumer of industrial wood pellets in Canada.

"Today's announcement reaffirms our government's commitment to supporting meaningful economic opportunities for families and businesses in the North," said Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development and Minister of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation. "Under Premier Ford's leadership, we are not only preserving 400 wellpaying jobs for families in the Northwest, we are also advancing Ontario's forest sector and clean electricity system for future generations."

Supporting jobs in the North is just one part of Powering Ontario's Growth, the government's pragmatic plan outlining the actions the province is taking to meet growing energy demand and reduce emissions by expanding Ontario's reliable, affordable and clean grid, including:

Nuclear Energy -Advancing reliable, affordable and clean nuclear power through pre-development work at Bruce Power, four small modular reactors at Darlington and supporting



OPG's plan for refurbishing the Pickering Nuclear Generation Station.

Competitive Procurements - Acquiring 4,000 MW of electricity generation and storage and launching more competitive procurements for non-emitting electricity resources including wind, solar, hydroelectric, batteries and

Infrastructure – Designating and prioritizing transmission lines in Southwestern, Northeastern and Eastern Ontario that will power job creators including EV and EV battery manufacturing and clean steel production.

Keeping Costs Down -Launching new energy efficiency programs on January 1, 2025, building on the government's \$342 million expansion of existing energy efficiency programs which are helping families and businesses reduce their electricity use so they can save money on their energy bills.

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Many Outdoor Events to Attend!

BY SCOTT A. SUMNER Great Outdoors

There's always so many events happening in the great outdoors of the thunder Bay area. Recently in September, I was able to

The Thunder City dirt track racing facility, which is in Rosslyn near the Oliver, Paipoonge municipal offices, continues to amaze me with so much interest from the people of Thunder Bay and area. This past September weekend they held their final event of the year, which is an invitational



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with racers of Thunder Bay and area. The weekend began with a pit party, including live music and followed with two days of racing with over 150 car entries. If you attend this event, you should be prepared to walk because it seemed like there was at least 1000 cars parked for spectators, and the walk to the track is quite long. The spectators attend-

ing really know the dirt track racing and follow their favorite drivers from Thunder Bay and area. For this event many US drivers were in attendance.

The Thunder Bay area has had great weather this summer, and that adds to the success of all of these outdoor events for sure.

attend Rural Heritage Days operated by the Rural Heritage Agricultural Society, which included the historic 92nd Slate River Plowing Match. Located in Oliver Paipoonge, this event attracts hundreds of people and this year on a beautiful sunny day was a very fun event.

As well, the last KBMX motocross race of the season in Kakabeka was held, with riders of all ages, including young youth and even some 50 plus riders taking place in competition on this track. The enthusiasm is always evident when I attend this event, especially with the families and youth. It seems to be a great family time.









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