



Message from Mayor Rick Hamilton

Last week, our MPP Mike Brown announced special funding for Elliot Lake's downtown. Our community was 1 of 7 in Ontario and the only one in Northern Ontario selected to receive \$55,000 a year for 3 years to hire a full time coordinator to work with our business community to develop and implement a detailed downtown revitalization strategy. The project is a joint effort of the Elliot Lake and District Chamber of Commerce, ELNOS and the City of Elliot Lake. Training and support will be provided by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines and Forestry. This project builds upon the momentum and good working relationship we've developed with the business community and the Chamber of Commerce since 2006's Business Retention and Expansion project. That BR+E process led to much improved communication and numerous projects like our retail leakage study, the new logo and website, the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and various Highway 108 corridor improvements. I'm looking forward to seeing how our community uses this latest funding, training and tools from the Province so we can build on that momentum and speed up our downtown rejuvenation plans.



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Last weekend 400 anglers braved a north wind in an effort to Reel in the Big One. One lucky angler from the Orillia area did just that, and landed a 21-inch rainbow trout worth \$20,000. This year the event was jointly hosted by the City of Elliot Lake as part of Winterfest and the Masonic Lodge. A huge thank you to Mark Hutchinson and all his Masonic Lodge volunteers and city staff for hosting this great event that keeps growing and drawing larger out of town crowds. With a big prize purse and a great organization behind it, this event is a great boon to our local economy.

The derby was but one event of the jam-packed, larger Winterfest, which despite the lack of snow this year was still a resounding success. Winterfest always provides all residents a chance to get out and be active just as the days start to get longer and the temperatures milder.

Last week we raised issues of local and regional importance to provincial Cabinet Ministers at the ROMA Conference in Toronto. Our delegations went well and we were a large contingent for the Minister of Health and Long Term Care to discuss our ongoing concerns regarding the Algoma Manor. I recently visited the Manor with Mayor Donna Latulippe to get a first hand look at the standards of the facility. All 21 communities in the region pushed the Province to stop dragging their feet and finally fund the long awaited and direly needed redevelopment of the Algoma Manor.

The 2010 municipal budget will likely be tabled at the next Council meeting on Monday March 8th. Council is waiting to see the budget details on the direction we provided to staff to reach a 2% tax rate in 2010. That agenda promises to be a healthy one, given we had to cancel the 2nd meeting in February. As usual, I will provide an update on the key elements of that meeting next week.

As always, I am open to hearing any comments or concerns on issues important to Elliot Lakers by calling 848-2287 extension 2129 or by emailing info@city.elliottlake.on.ca

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"Where arts and culture come to life"

UPCOMING EVENTS

ELATE presents

The Dining Room

March 5 & 6th at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets \$15 or Students \$10

Available at Alpine Flowers & Gifts

It's a theatrical experience of exceptional range, compassionate humour and abundant humanity.

ELATE will be presenting this production at the QUONTA Drama Festival in North Bay.

Come out and show your support for our local community theatre group as they head into competition.

For further details on community arts events and activities, contact:

Kate Matuszewski, Co-ordinator of Arts & Culture 848-2287 ext 2400

Elliot Lake Municipal Pool

2010 Spring Swimming Lessons
SPRING SESSION REGISTRATION:
 March 8, 9, 10 & 11, 2010
 Lessons: March 22nd through May 29th
 For more information: 848-2287 ext. 2500

March Break Programs - Elliot Lake Public Library

Princesses and Knights

Come join the fun as we make a magnificent tiara or a mighty jeweled sword and shield.

When: Tuesday March 16th
 Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
 Place: Reference Area of the Library
 Ages: 4 to 7 yrs. old (younger than 4 yrs. must be accompanied by an adult)
 Free Space is limited to 15 children



St. Patrick's Day

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with stories and a craft that is sure to bring you good luck.

When: Wednesday March 17
 Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
 Place: Reference Area of the Library
 Ages: 4 to 7 yrs. old (younger than 4 yrs. must be accompanied by an adult)
 Free Space is limited to 15 children.



Beading for Beginners

Come out and make a beautiful piece of jewelry to take home. We will supply all the material.

When: Thursday March 18th
 Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
 Place: Reference Area of the Library
 Ages: 7 to 10 yrs. old
 Free Space is limited to 10 children.



REGISTRATION:

Children must meet the min. age requirement at the start of the program. Register in person at the Library. Programs may be cancelled if insufficient interest is shown.

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Coordinator – Downtown Revitalization

The community of Elliot Lake is undertaking a 3 year comprehensive downtown revitalization project. Reporting to a management committee, the coordinator to lead the process of analyzing Elliot Lake's downtown economy and physical assets, manage the work of consultants and develop an action plan to implement in the second and third years.

The successful candidate will possess:

- o Post secondary degree in community economic development, business administration or a related field
- o Leadership abilities to seek consensus and define common objectives
- o Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- o A basic understanding of the local economy
- o Be familiar with municipal affairs and urban planning matters
- o Have an interest in urban revitalization
- o Have knowledge of economic development theories and practices
- o Must respect and exercise confidentiality at all times
- o Must be a team player, with the ability to work in dependently under minimal supervision

Salary: \$ 50,000 / year (includes a contract completion bonus)

If you have the ability to be a team player and to establish effective working relationships with business owners and the general public, please submit your detailed resume outlining your qualifications and experience to:

Att. Hiring Committee
 Elliot Lake and District Chamber of Commerce
 PO Box 81 Elliot Lake, ON P5A 2J6
 Fax: (705) 848-7121

E-mail: elchamber@onlink.net

A job description is available at jobs.elliottlake.ca

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS 12:00 PM (EST) MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010

All applicants are thanked but only those selected for an interview will receive further notice.

