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Feds commit \$7.5 billion in national child care deal

THE CANADIAN PRESS

OTTAWA — The new national child care deal the Liberal government has signed with the provinces might not be a universal program, but Families Minister Jean-Yves Duclos said it could make way for one later down the road.

"It's an aspiration and long-term vision that is coherent with universality," Duclos said Monday after he signed a multilateral agreement with the provinces and territories, excluding Quebec, which decided not to join, and British Columbia, still working through the impact of its recent election.

The Liberal government negotiated the agreement — called the Multilateral Early Learning and Child

Care Framework — to set out the parameters for billions in new child care spending unveiled in the 2017 budget: quality, accessibility, affordability, flexibility and inclusivity.

"This agreement will help give more Canadian children the best possible start in life and provide more support to families across our country," Duclos said. "This is the start of a vision and aspiration to help all Canadian children and all Canadian families live the fulfilling lives that they want to live and that they expect to live."

The multilateral framework is meant to pave the way for separate bilateral agreements to be hammered out with the provinces and territories over the next few months, which will allow a total of \$1.2 billion to flow into their coffers over the next three years.

That is part of the \$7.5 billion the Liberals have promised to spend over a decade on child care, beginning with \$500 million this year and increasing to \$870 million annually by 2026 in order to fund spaces — or improvements — in provinces and territories, as well as indigenous child care both on and off-reserve.

Quebec, which has had its own universal child care program for 20 years, did not join the framework. The province wants to keep child care solely within its jurisdiction, but said it supports the general principles and is expected to reach a bilateral deal with the federal government to get its share of the money flowing.

"It's a good sign that other provinces want to have a system like this because at the end of the day it's very good for the economy," said Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard.

As The Canadian Press reported last week, the framework stipulates that any new federal funding for child care cannot be used to displace existing money, meaning that it must be put towards creating new subsidized spaces, improving quality or other areas that fall within the guiding principles.

The Liberal government also wants the provinces and territories to prioritize investments in regulated child care for children under six.

Still, Duclos stressed the Liberal government will make flexibility a priority for the bilateral agree-

ments, as provinces and territories will be able to choose which areas they want to focus on in order to meet their needs.

The framework outlined a few of the options that could work their way into the bilateral agreements, such as increasing the number of providers who are certified in early childhood education, making non-traditional options such as day cares with flexible or irregular hours more available, or increasing the number of children from diverse populations, such as recent immigrants and refugees, who have access to programs geared to their needs.

The framework said that governments will have to report annually on their progress.

Girl injured when wind carries away trampoline

THE CANADIAN PRESS

HUNTER RIVER, P.E.I. — A five-year-old Prince Edward Island girl is in hospital after a trampoline she was playing on was carried about 40 metres by wind gusts and landed on top of her.

Ella Hurry was jumping on a trampoline Sunday in Wheatley River, P.E.I., when high winds carried the trampoline across the yard, tearing the clothesline off a pole and landing on her.

"She just went outside to play," her grandmother Siella McNeill said Monday. "She was only out a couple minutes when they heard a loud bang."

Ella's father ran out and lifted the trampoline off her, but she was unconscious, McNeill said. "She's only 37 pounds," she said. "It's a big trampoline and it landed right on her."

The girl regained consciousness after about five minutes and then started to cry, McNeill said.

Paramedics took Ella to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Charlottetown, where doctors ran several tests before she was airlifted around midnight to the IWK Health Centre in Halifax.

Ella has a concussion and a badly bruised lung, but McNeill said doctors expect she will make a full recovery.

"The breathing tubes have all come out and she's breathing on her own," she said. "They say the bleed is very small on her brain, so things are going very good."

McNeill added: "She's quite a little spitfire."

McNeill is urging parents to tie down trampolines to prevent a similar accident — or worse.



Daniel Dahlberg rides his electric longboard without engaging the motor, while posing for a photograph in Vancouver, B.C.

Longboarder fined \$598 for uninsured electric ride

THE CANADIAN PRESS

VANCOUVER — A Vancouver man has pulled the plug on his electric skateboard after receiving a \$598 ticket the first time he took it out on the street.

Daniel Dahlberg said he was riding the longboard, marketed as a Boosted Board, on Friday down a hill in Vancouver's Kitsilano neighbourhood when he was pulled over by police.

The board can be used as a normal skateboard but also has a battery attached to the bottom, giving the wheels enough torque to push a rider up a steep hill.

Dahlberg said he hadn't even engaged the battery yet, but his maiden voyage was also the first time he learned from a police officer that riders need insurance.

"I asked him, I had no idea, how do I get insurance, and he told me that there isn't any to purchase, it doesn't exist," Dahlberg said.

"I kinda started at him. I was trying to think of a way to respond to that because it doesn't make any sense to me, and then he hands me a \$598 ticket."

"Not once was I warned about this or did I read about this."

Dahlberg has filed notice that he intends to dispute the ticket and said he had already received offers of support after posting about his predicament online.

"I've had a lot of attention from that and a lot of people reaching out to me with advice, retired B.C. lawyers who are interested in offering me advice," he said.

The local boarding commu-

nity was also rallying, Dahlberg said.

Online checks show the boards sell in shops in Vancouver for more than \$2,100 and Dahlberg said the store where his board was purchased has been selling them for at least two years.

But Dahlberg said his board isn't rolling anywhere, anymore.

"Luckily the manufacturer of the board has a 30-day return policy. So I have already been in touch with them and I'll be sending back my board for the time being because I don't really see a reason to use it if I'll get another fine like this," he said.

"And then I'll contest the ticket in court."

The court process is just beginning and Dahlberg said he didn't know when the matter might be heard.

Canada considers role in Afghanistan

THE CANADIAN PRESS

HALIFAX — Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan says Ottawa is considering a NATO request to send police trainers to Afghanistan, but he says Canada's military focus remains in Iraq.

Sajjan made the comments Monday in Halifax after a news conference highlighting the Defence Department's new, 10-year defence policy, which was rolled out last week.

The minister says that even though Canada continues to provide funding for development and security personnel in Afghanistan, the military mission there ended three years ago.

However, he says his department would look into the NATO request, "as any good allied partner does."

As for Iraq, Sajjan says Canada remains committed to maintaining a long-term military presence in that country, but he followed up by suggesting some changes were in order.

Pistol contestant dies after shooting himself

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KAMLOOPS, B.C. — A Vancouver man who fatally shot himself in the torso at a handgun competition appears to have dropped his weapon and it went off, says the president of a target sports association.

Cpl. Jodi Shiekie of the RCMP in Kamloops, B.C., said officers were called to an outdoor range Sunday afternoon after the 50-year-old man accidentally shot himself.

Witnesses immediately began providing first aid and the man was taken to hospital, but he died of his injuries soon after, Shiekie said.

Injuries are exceptionally rare in shooting competitions, said Jim Sloper, president of the Kamloops Target Sports Association.

"The end result was horrific, but it's just so rare," he said.

The competition was a two-day event involving about 120 people from across B.C. who fired at a number of targets for speed and accuracy, Sloper said.

A number of safety protocols were in place, including range officers who shadowed competitors to ensure safety, he added.

"It appears that he just fumbled his gun, it dropped, he tried to grab it and it went off."

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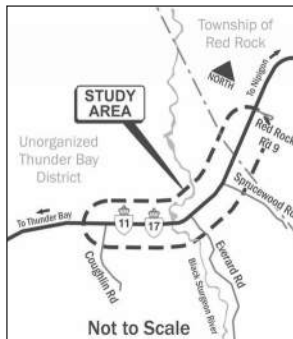
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Primetime TV 6/13/17

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CHFO	NCS "M.I.A." The team re-investigates a murder case. ◊	Bull "Beside Manner" A surrogon is sued for malpractice. ◊	The Appends With Steve Paikin (N) ◊	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory
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KARE						
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Lifestyle TV 6/13/17

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APTN	Mohawk Girls "Building the Nation"	Worlthout "Belly of the Beast"				
Bravo	Pretty Little Liars "Choose or Lose" The police turn up the heat. (N) ◊	Famous in Love "Fifty Shades of Red" Paige learns that Jake could be leaving. (N) ◊				
Food	Kids BBQ Championship Four new kid grill masters cook up a pork feast. ◊	Beat Bobby Flay (N) ◊	Beat Bobby Flay (N) ◊	Chopped "Latin Cuisine Dream" Favorite foods from Latin America. (N) ◊		
HGTV	Love It or List It "Hunters 'Al-son & Frank'" ◊	Tiny House Hunters (N) ◊	Tiny House Hunters (N) ◊	House Hunters International (N) ◊		
Learning	Little People: Big World: Back to the Farm Any conflicts Chris; with bonus scenes. (N)	Little People: Big World: Tori and Zach may need a C-section. (N) ◊				



New Roof for Pool House

The public works employees were busy last week, firstly removing the shingles from the swimming pool roof and then putting up a green tin roof. Although the shingles lasted well, the tin roof should now last the life of the building.

Glena Clearwater & Jim McCullough - Photos



Celebrating 50 Years Together



Monty and Betty Kerr are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary! They will be marking this special occasion in Toronto with their daughters, sons in law and grandchildren. Mom and Dad your love is an inspiration. Love, Monta, Jodi, Kristi and families

Send us your Letters to the Editor...

Operation Freeze is Helping Youth "Cool" Down this Summer

Demonstrating positive behaviour and participating in random acts of kindness is the "cool" thing to do this summer.

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is proud to be partnering once again with Mac's Convenience Stores across Ontario for this year's for Operation Freeze 2017.

OPP officers will be on the lookout and if they catch a youth showcasing positive behavior in their community they may receive a thank you in the form of a ticket for a Mac's Froster drink.

A youth may receive a "positive ticket" from an officer for a number of positive behaviours: helping others in need, being leaders, doing a good deed and/or participating in community activities. Officers may also use the positive tickets as an 'icebreaker' to interact with youth.

In the summer of 2016, the OPP distributed over 27,500 Operation Freeze tickets throughout the province.

"The positive ticketing program allows OPP officers to engage with youth in a positive way and help to build relationships and trust," said OPP Inspector Robyn MacEachern, OPP Community Safety Services.

"Positive community engagement is an essential first step to breaking barriers and

building trust," said Sean Sportun, ICPS - Manager, Loss Prevention & Security for Mac's in Central Canada.

A/Staff/Sergeant Peter Leon

Be More Informed About Your Community....

Attend weekly council meetings. Phone your local Township office for Dates, Times and Meeting locations. Get Involved in Your Community & See the Difference it Can Make!

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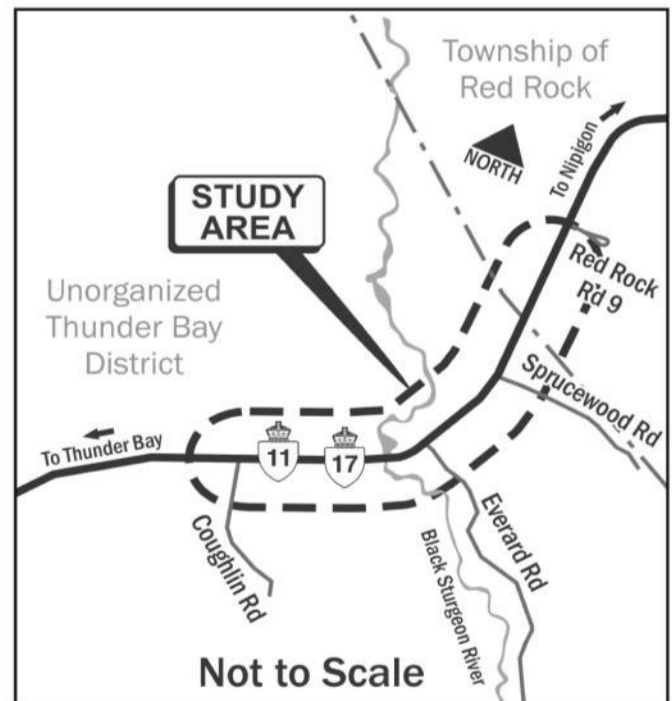
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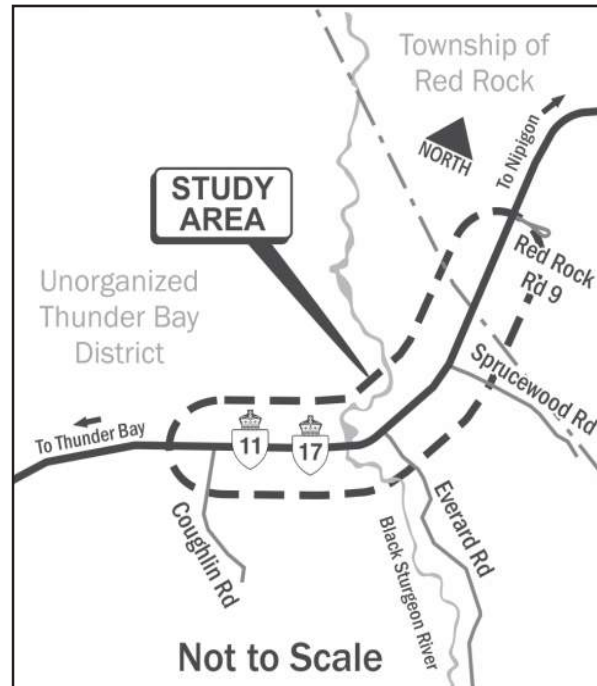
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Agency / Organization Name & Division or Branch:	
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COMMENTS:

1. Does your organization wish to participate in this project? YES NO

2. If yes to the above, please provide the contact name, telephone #, address and e-mail for future correspondence.

Contact Name:	
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3. Please identify any concerns/comments your agency may have at this time.

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- Fort William First Nation
- Nishnawbe Aski Nation
- Nipissing First Nation
- Red Rock Indian Band
- Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation (Rocky Bay)
- Animbiigoo Zaagi'igan Anishinaabek
- Métis Nation of Ontario
- Pays Plat First Nation
- Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (Sand Point)
- Pic Moberg First Nation
- Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation
- Michipicoten
- Long Lake No. 58 First Nation (Long Lac)
- Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek (Gull Bay)

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Former Sears executive criticizes creditor protection process

THE CANADIAN PRESS

TORONTO — Sears Canada's former executive chairman defended his plan to turn around the embattled retailer, and said his bid to buy the company and save it from liquidation was hampered by a creditor protection process biased towards liquidation.

Brandon Stranzl, speaking pub-

licly for the first time since the retailer began a full liquidation of its remaining stores earlier this month, told reporters the creditor protection process which Sears Canada entered in June was structured as a sale rather than a rehabilitation from the beginning.

"Everybody wanted there to be a going-concern solution that saved the jobs, but there were many obsta-

cles and many rules that seemed to be in place to get in the way," Stranzl said during a press conference on Monday.

Stranzl stepped away from his role in August and had been in weeks-long discussions with the embattled retailer to buy it and continue to operate it. However, no deal was reached.

Sears Canada began liquidation

sales at its roughly 130 remaining stores across the country on Oct. 19. The retailer got the green light from an Ontario court to proceed with its full liquidation earlier this month as it moves towards putting another 12,000 employees out of work.

Stranzl's comments on Monday also came after Eddie Lampert, the chairman and chief executive of Sears Holding Corp., blamed Sears

Canada for exacerbating its problems before it filed for creditor protection.

Lampert, whose ESL Investments is the largest shareholder of Sears Canada, said in a blog post last week that the retailer's reinvention strategy was "untested" and a "less risky strategy... could have avoided the unfortunate conclusion."

Oilpatch wants flexibility on methane emission cuts

THE CANADIAN PRESS

EDMONTON — Thousands of jobs in the oil patch are at risk if governments try to impose the wrong approach to cutting back a highly potent greenhouse gas, says an industry lobby group.

"Let's take the best opportunities as opposed to being very prescriptive," Tim McMillan, head of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, said Monday.

The federal and Alberta governments, with industry support, have announced plans to reduce emissions of methane by up to 45 per cent by 2025.

Methane is a greenhouse gas considered about 30 times more potent than carbon dioxide. Reducing emissions during energy extraction is considered to be one of the easiest and most cost-effective ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

While the province is still considering its approach, Ottawa released draft regulations in the spring.

Environment Canada says its rules would cost about \$3.5 billion over 18 years, offset by \$1.6 billion in recovered and saleable gas.

But in slides prepared for a meeting with Environment Canada and released to Greenpeace under freedom-of-information legislation, industry pegs the tab at \$4.1 billion over eight years.

Energy producers want to reduce that difference through flexibility, said McMillan.

Inspections of wells and other facilities should be focused on sites that are likely to yield the highest reductions, he said.

"A blunt instrument would say that all sites, no matter high risk, low risk, big, small, would need to get inspected three times a year."

But companies should be allowed to focus on "high-risk, high-consequence" sites and inspect others as little as once annually, he said.

The slides suggest industry's plan could achieve 70 per cent of the re-

ductions at one-third the cost. It would, however, cut about two fewer megatonnes of methane.

Industry also wants to be able to average out reductions over the entire industry. McMillan argues that for some processes, such as ones used for heavy oil in Alberta, methane reduction is harder.

"The technology doesn't exist to have the same reduction ability as it does in other parts of the province. We can have a geographic challenge or opportunity where we can maybe invest more heavily for the bigger prize."

Recent research suggests heavy oil sites emit 50 per cent more methane than what industry estimates. McMillan said that research isn't conclusive.

Keith Stewart, climate campaigner with Greenpeace, suggested industry is inflating the costs of the government's proposed approach.

"The provincial government needs to reject the oil lobby's request to set their own rules on when and how they inspect their facilities. We need clear, well-enforced rules on methane because a so-called flexible approach hasn't worked."

The petroleum producers say their approach would cost the industry as little as \$700 million over eight years.

In a release, they say it would also lead to \$710 million reinvested in Alberta and "prevent the cumulative loss of nearly 7,000 jobs."

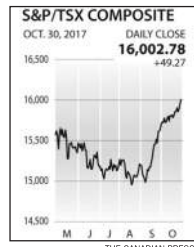
Both industry and government may be underestimating the cost of methane reduction. The same paper that concluded heavy oil sites were releasing more methane than previously thought concluded Alberta would have to cut almost twice as much of the gas as it planned to meet the 45 per cent target.

Industry still believes the goal is reachable, said McMillan.

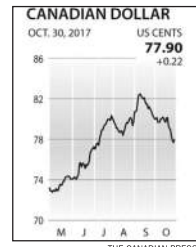
"We've been investing in methane reduction and seeing real gains. I'm quite confident we have a grasp on what the opportunities and the costs of those opportunities are."



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TSX closes above 16,000

BY DAVID HODGES THE CANADIAN PRESS

TORONTO — Canada's largest stock index marched further into record territory Monday, closing above the 16,000 mark for the first time, despite modest declines on Wall Street.

The S&P/TSX composite index rose 49.27 points to 16,002.78, led primarily by strengthening oil and gas shares, with some additional lift coming from healthcare stocks. The energy sector was 1.76 per cent firmer as the December crude contract plumed six month highs, advancing 25 cents to US\$54.15 per barrel.

"The broader take-away from today is that we've seen a bit of strength certainly coming from the energy sector, which is an area that has plagued the index for much of this year," said Craig Pehr, a Canadian markets strategist at Edward Jones in St. Louis.

"So in terms of the supply side we've seen a little bit of a bump to oil prices and that's clearly helping the TSX to day broadly."

Pehr pegged the rising price of crude on expectations that OPEC production cuts or freezes could be extended following news that Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil producer, supports extending an agreement by other major producers to limit output beyond next March. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries is expected to take up the agreement at its next meeting on Nov. 30. Energy gains also came on the back of better U.S. third-quarter GDP data reported last Friday, which boosted demand prospects for oil.

In New York, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 85.45 points to 23,348.74. The S&P 500 index was down 8.24 points to 2,572.83 and the Nasdaq composite index edged back 2.30 points to 6,698.96. In currency markets the Canadian dollar was trading at an average price of 77.90 cents US, up 0.22 of a U.S. cent.

Elsewhere in commodities, The December gold contract was up US\$5.90 to US\$1,277.70 an ounce. The December natural gas contract was unchanged at US\$2.97 per mmbTU and the December copper contract added a penny at US\$3.11 a pound.

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Coal test plant coming to Wyoming

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GILLETTE, Wyo. — A company that is developing a process to produce cleaner burning coal plans to begin work next month on establishing a test plant in northeast Wyoming, a company official said.

Robin Eves, CEO of Clean Coal Technologies Inc., said his company is close to starting the commercial designs of the coal refining process it has been working on for more than a decade.

Along with producing more energy than untreated coal, the refined coal product also produces fewer harmful emissions when burned, including carbon dioxide, the company said.

The company will use coal from the Powder River Basin in northeast Wyoming in the new test plant.

A location of the test plant will be announced soon. Eves told the Gillette Times Record in an email.

Through CCTI's proprietary process, coal is treated in a way that extracts much of its moisture, which makes it lighter.

While dehydrating coal isn't a new idea, being able to do it in a way that the coal remains stable is, said Richard Horner, director of special projects and emerging technology with the University of Wyoming's School of Energy Resources.

"It's one thing taking the moisture out of coal, but if you do not consume that de-watered coal pretty quickly, you have spontaneous combustion problems," Horner said.

"What CCTI has done, which makes it intriguing, is that they've taken volatiles out of the coal together with the water, which improves the BTU value. Then, they're taking those volatiles and spraying it back on the coal, which stabilizes it. That's what's original."

Horner said that UW receives proposals for about three or four energy-related technologies a month.

"For the first time, there's something serious to look at here," he said. "This seriously needs to go to the next level."

After CCTI establishes its test plant in Wyoming, Horner said he expects to have a good handle on how viable and marketable the technology can be for Wyoming coal.

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Sharing a Friendship and a Tradition

Ryley McMillan, 9, and Myles Newton, 5, of Stratford spotted each other for the first time through a fence that separated their neighbouring school and daycare. Noticing that they both share something special, they would often give each other a wave. Today, the boys share a strong friendship as well as a Remembrance Day tradition.

Ryley was born a left arm amputee and Myles a right leg amputee. They are both members of The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program. War amputee veterans created The War Amps in 1918, its Key Tag Service in 1946, and later, the CHAMP Program. Since 1975, thousands of child amputees have received financial assistance for their artificial limbs through CHAMP and have attended regional seminars where they learn about growing up as an amputee.

For the past couple of years, Ryley and Myles have laid a wreath together at their local Remembrance Day ceremony on behalf of The War Amps Operation Legacy. By doing this, they pay tribute to the sacrifices of the war amputee veterans who started the Association.

Rebecca, Myles' mom, says it is important for her son to mark Remembrance Day by laying a wreath. "To know that veterans were part of creating the CHAMP Program, which we are so grateful for today, makes it important for him to have that connection."

It was at a War Amps CHAMP Seminar, an annual regional event for child amputees and their parents, that the two boys met for the first time without a fence separating them. Ryley has attended many seminars, which his mom, Crystal, describes as a powerful experience. "It put us at ease to know that he was going to be OK. The War Amps has supported us emotionally and supported Ryley to do things like any other child."

But the boys' friendship extends beyond the seminars and Remembrance Day. Rebecca says Myles looks up to Ryley, who often plays hockey on their backyard rink in the winter. To see Ryley not letting his amputation stop him from being active reminds Myles that he too can do anything he sets his mind to.

When war amputee veterans started The War Amps nearly 100 years ago, they could not

have predicted that their legacy would be remembered and carried on for years to come by

young amputees like Ryley and Myles. Thanks to the public's support of the Key Tag Service,

The War Amps vital programs for amputees across Canada will continue long into the future.



Myles (left) and Ryley (right) laying a wreath on behalf of The War Amps.



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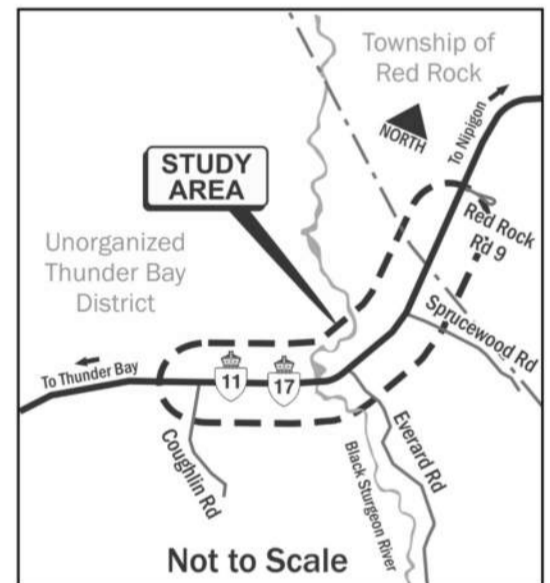
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**RE: Highway 11/17 Four-Laning from Coughlin Road to Red Rock Road #9
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Following PIC #1, an Addendum to the 1997 ESR will be completed to document changes to the original Approved Four-Lane Plan for Highway 11/17 and will be made available for a 30-day public and agency review period. The Notice of Addendum filing will be posted on the project website, published in local newspapers, and mailed to individuals on the mailing list at that time to explain the review process and identify the locations where the report will be available for review. If after consulting with ministry staff and consultants, you have serious unresolved concerns, you may request a Part II Order ("bump-up") from the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (77 Wellesley Street West, 11th Floor, Toronto, ON M7A 2T5). There are no opportunities to request a Part II Order for the approved four-lane project, only for concerns associated with the proposed changes to EA approved plan.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

PIC #1 will be held as a drop-in style, open house format as follows:

Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2017
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Red Rock Recreation Centre, 39 Brompton Road, Red Rock, ON

Members of the Project Team will also be available to answer questions and receive comments. The PIC venue is fully accessible and all PIC material presented will be compliant with the requirements under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*. If you have any accessibility requirements to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed below.

COMMENTS

If you wish to obtain additional information or provide comments or if you would like to be added to the study's mailing list, please contact the individuals listed below, or visit our website at www.hwy11-17-coughlintoredrock9.com.

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Comments and information are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act*. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and, with the exception of personal information, may be included in study documentation and become part of the public record.

