

>> TONIGHT ON CTV NEWS.

LISTENING TO NORTHERN.

>> NEEDS OVERWHELMINGLY WHAT WE ARE HEARING IS THE NEEDS FOR HEALTH CARE AND MENTAL HEALTH.

>> COMMITTEE FROM QUEENS PARK'S GATHERING PUBLIC INPUT AND STOPPED IN SUDBURY TODAY.

>>> STUDENT SEEKING SUPPORT.

>> I HAVE HEARD FROM A FEW STUDENTS ON THE TOPIC OF THEM CUTTING DOWN THE FOOD THAT THEY ARE EATING.

>> Ashley: CANADORE COLLEGE AND NORTH BAY SAYS ITS FOOD BANK IS A SEEING A 50% INCREASE IN USAGE.

>>> SPORTSPLEX AND TIMMONS WAS TARGETED BY THIEVES OVER THE WEEKEND, "LEAVING PLENTY OF DAMAGE.

>> Announcer: CTV NEWS AT 11:30 WITH RENA MOORE AND KATIE BEHUN WITH WHETHER.

>> Marina: GOOD EVENING AND ALL PARTY COMMITTEE FROM QUEENS PARK IS HOLDING PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS IN NORTHERN ONTARIO THIS WEEK AHEAD OF THE NEXT PROVINCIAL BUDGET. IS A CHANCE FOR LOCAL AGENCIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO I OUTLINE THEIR PRIORITIES. CTV'S ALANA EVERSON HAS MORE FROM SUDBURY.

>> Reporter: THIS PANEL IS GATHERING INFORMATION FROM COMMUNITIES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS REPRESENTATIVES IN OPERATION OF THE 2023 PROVINCIAL BUDGET.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TALK DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNMENT ABOUT WHAT THEY WANT TO SEE IN THE BUDGET.

LOCAL MPP'S WERE ALSO ABLE TO PARTICIPATE.

>> OVERWHELMINGLY WHAT WE ARE HEARING IS ABOUT THE NEEDS FOR HEALTH CARE AND MENTAL HEALTH. BILL 124 AND THE EFFECT IT HAS HAD ON HEALTHCARE, AND ALSO MENTAL HEALTH LOCALLY WITH THE

CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE.

>> Reporter: TWO HIGHLIGHT SOME OF THE GROWING HEALTH CARE NEEDS, SUDBURY DISTRICT NURSE PRACTITIONER CLINICS MADE A PRESENTATION.

>> WE ARE FORTUNATE WE HAVE THREE SITES IN SUDBURY RIGHT NOW, BUT WE KNOW, THAT CURRENTLY THERE ARE 3000 PEOPLE THAT DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO KAREN SUDBURY. THERE ARE OTHER PROVIDERS RETIRING SOON.

>> Reporter: THE CANADIAN MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION SUDBURY MANITOULIN SAYS IT HAS ONLY RECEIVED A 2% BUDGET INCREASE OVER THE PASSED DECADE. THAT HAS HAD A NEGATIVE RIPPLE EFFECT ON STAFF, AND ON PEOPLE WHO NEED THE SERVICES.

>> HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCE CHALLENGES, THAT WE HAVE HAD, AND THAT IS IN RECRUITMENT AND RETAINING QUALIFIED STAFF, FOR OUR ORGANIZATION.

AND THEN OF COURSE THE OPIOID CRISIS IN SUDBURY, WHICH HAS BEEN AND IN ALL NORTHERN COMMUNITIES.

>> MONDE THEM HAVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. MOST OF THE TIME IT IS A VERY SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY, THAT WOULD GO A LONG WAY TO SOLUTIONS THAT WOULD BE RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW FOR THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN ONTARIO GIVEN THEM ACCESS TO CARE, ADDING THEM ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION, DECREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE DEATH.

>> Reporter: THE COMMITTEE WILL BE IN SAULT STE. MARIE ON TUESDAY AND ON TIMMINS AND THURSDAY FOR MORE CONSULTATIONS. FOR GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS UNABLE TO PRESENT IN PERSON, SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL FEBRUARY 14th.

ALAN EVERSON CTV NEWS SUDBURY.

>> Marina: HOMEOWNERS IN SAULT STE. MARIE ARE GETTING AN IDEA THIS WEEK ABOUT HOW MUCH THEIR

MUNICIPAL TAXES ARE GOING UPRT
THIS YEAR.

A PROPOSAL FOR A HIKE OF NEARLY
6% IS BEING PRESENTED TO
COUNCIL.

TVS MIKE MCDONALD REPORTS.

>> Reporter: THE CITY'S CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SAYS
THERE ARE NUMBER OF FACTORS
DRIVING THIS TAX INCREASE
INCLUDING INFLATION HIGHER FUEL
COSTS TAX SUPPLY CHAIN
DISRUPTIONS AND MORE FREQUENT
SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS ATTRIBUTE
IT TO CLIMATE CHANGE.

>> WE HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO
TRIM THINGS DOWN TO WHERE IT IS
RIGHT NOW.

WITHOUT HAVING ANY IMPACT ON
SERVICES.

>> Reporter: CITY COUNCIL HAS
A COUPLE WEEKS OVER THE BUDGET
AND RETURNED TO THE TABLE WITH
PROPOSED CHANGES, WHICH INCLUDED
OFFERING SOME ITEMS OR PROJECTS
STAND NEXT YEAR OR ELIMINATING
THEM ALTOGETHER.

THE MAYOR SAYS COUNCIL HAS A
TOUGH JOB AHEAD.

>> THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASES
ARE HIGH.

WE EXPECTED TO BE SOMEWHAT
HIGHER THAN PASSED YEARS BECAUSE
OF THIS YEAR'S HIGH INFLATION,
THE PASSED YEAR'S HIGH
INFLATION, BUT THE NUMBER, I
DON'T THINK IT IS SOMETHING THAT
THE COMMUNITY WOULD ACCEPT.
IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE WILL
HAVE TO SHARPEN OUR PENCILS TO
BRING DOWN.

>> Reporter: THE CAO SAYS
WHILE THIS IS A CHALLENGING YEAR
FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET THE
LOCAL ECONOMY CONTINUES TO
RECOVER.

>> IS ON A SUSTAINABLE PASS.
TO NARIS MAKE SIGNIFICANT
INVESTMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY.
WE HAVE A NEW OWNER OF THE
STATION MALL, A NEW OWNERSHIP
AND OPERATIONS OF OUR PRIMARY
TOURIST ATTRACTION.
AND SO REALLY IS A COMMUNITY WE

ARE WELL-POSITIONED FOR THE FUTURE.

>> Reporter: THE CITY ASKS FOR FEEDBACK FROM RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET, SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS CAN BE SENT THROUGH THE CITY'S WEBSITE.

BUDGET DELIBERATIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 13th AND 14th.

MIKE MCDONALD CTV NEWS SAULT STE. MARIE.PL

>> Marina: THERE IS MORE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE. WE HAVE A STORY ABOUT HOW SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES AND DELAYS HAVELL SEEN THE BUDGET FOR THE SAULT NEW DOWNTOWN PLAUSIBLE -- PLAUSIBLE INTO TWICE THE 616 MILLION COST THAT WAS APPROVED BACK IN 2019.

YOU CAN REDO THAT STORY AT CTV NEWS NORTHERN ONTARIO.CA.

>>> TO MANITOULIN ISLAND, WERE A BUILDING IN -- TRIBAL POLICE ARE TREATING IT AS AN ARSON CASE, AT HAPPENED AT AN ABANDONED STRUCTURE IN THE EARLY HOURS, OF SUNDAY MORNING.

POLICE SAY THE INVESTIGATION IS ONGOING.

>> TIMMINS PLEASE OFFICERS RC

CHARGED A MAN AND WOMAN ON WEEKEND FOR

BREAKING IN AND CAUSING DAMAGE AT THE ARCHIE DYLAN SPORTSPLEX -- ARCHIE DILLON SPORTSPLEX.

POLICE LOOK FOR A THIRD SUSPECT. THE STORY FROM CDS LYDIA CHUBAK.

>> Reporter: TIMMINS POLICE SEE THREE PEOPLE FORCED THEIR WAY THROUGH A BACK DOOR OF THE ARCHED -- ARCHIE DILLON SPORTSPLEX EARLY SATURDAY MORNING THIS MUNICIPALLY OWNED A BUILDING HOUSES ONE OF THE CITY'S MAIN ARENAS AND A SWIMMING POOL.

POLICE SEE THE SUSPECTS MADE THEIR WAY TO THE CONCESSION AREA, WHERE THEY TRIED TO GET

ACCESS TO TWO VENDING MACHINES
AND AN ATM.

>> THE SUBJECTS PROCEEDED UP TO
DAMAGE TWO VENDING MACHINES AND
AN ATM.

NEVER SUCCESSFULLY MAKING ENTRY
INTO THOSE MACHINES.

THEY THEN VENTURED FORTH INTO
THE CONCESSION AREA, CAUSED SOME
DAMAGE TO A CASH REGISTER THERE.
SOME OFFICE SPACE WAS
COMPROMISED AND THEY DAMAGE THEM
PROPERTY THERE.

MADE OFF WITH OTHER ELECTRONIC
ITEMS.

>> Reporter: THE STAFF MEMBER
AT THE ARENA DISCOVERED TO THEIR
PRESENCE, AND THE PERPETRATORS
RAN AWAY ON FOOT WITH A HOCKEY
BAG CONTAINING STOLEN PROPERTY.
POLICE SAY IT WAS EASY TO FIND
TWO OF THREE SUSPECTS.

OFFICERS FOLLOWED THE FOOTSTEPS
AND THE FRECi.

>> THEY WERE FOLLOWED TO THEIR
RESIDENCE, AND ARRESTED ON
SCENE.

THIS IS NOT EXACTLY A CRIMINAL
MASTERMIND AT WORK.

IT IS NOT AS THOUGH THEY STUDIED
THE BLUEPRINTS OF THE BUILDING
AND THEN BROKEN.

OUR MESSAGE IS A STRONG ONE THIS
TYPE OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY NEVER
PAYS OFF.

>> Reporter: A MAN AND WOMAN
BOTH BOTH 23 HAVE BEEN CHARGED
WITH VARIOUS RAKE IN OFFENCES
AND MISCHIEF OVER \$5000.

POLICE ARE STILL LOOKING THE
24-YEAR-OLD THIRD SUSPECT.

THE MAYOR OF TIMMINS SAYS THAT
THE CRIME FORCED THE
CANCELLATION OF HOCKEY FOR THE
DAY AND SAYS IT IS A MATTER TO
BE DISCUSSED.

>> IT REINFORCES THE FACT, THAT
THESE KIND OF SOCIOECONOMIC
ISSUES WE ARE FACING ARE NOT
JUST RESERVED TO THE DOWNTOWN
CORE.

THEY REALLY ARE HAPPENING ACROSS
THE CITY.

AND SO IT IS IMPORTANT THAT

COMMUNITY LEADERS ARE MINDFUL OF THAT, AS WE PUT TOGETHER A PLAN ON HOW WE WILL ADDRESS THIS, INCLUDING ALL OF THE DIFFERENT NEIGHBOURHOODS IN THE CITY OF TIMMINS.

>> Reporter: SOME OF THE STOLEN PROPERTY HAS BEEN RECOVERED, BUT THE DAMAGES TO THE MACHINE IS IN THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. LYDIA CHUBAK CTV NEWS TIMMINS.

>> Marina: CANADA'S PREMIERS HAVE EXPECTED THE PRIME MINISTER'S INVITATION TO TALKBA HEALTHCARE FUNDING NEXT WEEK. COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION CHAIR AND A MANITOBA PREMIER HEATHER STEFANSONN PICKED OUT A STATEMENT SAYING THAT THEY LOOK FORWARD TO THE MEETING, WITH THE PRIME MINISTER ON FEBRUARY 7th. PROVINCES HAVE BEEN PUSHING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO INCREASES ITS SHARE OF THE HEALTHCARE FUNDING AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS SIGNALLED THAT IT IS OPEN TO GIVING THE PROVINCES MORE MONEY, BUT IT IS ALSO ASKING FOR TRANSPARENCY AS TO HOW THEY SPEND IT.

>>> THE ONTARIO NURSES ASSOCIATION THUD BARGAINING FOR A NEW CONTRACT TODAY FOR HOSPITAL NURSES. THE UNION IS PLANNING A SERIES OF ACTIONS TO BOLSTER ITS PUSHCK HIGHER WAGES. THE UNION STARTING WITH HAVING VERSES WHERE STICKERS WHILE AT WORK TO HIGHLIGHT THE BARGAININGNT PRIORITY OF HER WAGES BUT A STAFFING AND BETTER CARE.AL LATE NEXT MONTH, NURSES WILL HOLD INFORMATION TICKETS AT VARIOUS HOSPITALS, AND THE UNION PLANS WHAT IT CALLS A SHUTDOWN. PROTEST ON MARCH 2nd OUTSIDE OF THE TORONTO HOTEL WHERE BARGAINING IS TAKING PLACE. THE NURSES DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO STRIKE AND THE UNION SAYS THATAT THERE WILL BE NO ILLEGAL

LOCKOUTS.IZ

>>> A NEW POLL SUGGESTS DOCTORS AND MEDICAL STUDENTS ARE ON BOARD WITH ONTARIO'S PLAN TO QUICKLY RECOGNIZE LICENSES AND TRAINING FROM OTHER PROVINCES. SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SHOWS IN 95% OF RESPONDENTS ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE, OR SOMEWHAT SUPPORTIVE OF PENN CANADIAN LICENSING.

THOSE POLLS SUGGESTED ROLLING BACK BARRIERS WOULD IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE AND RURAL, REMOTE AND MO NORTHERN COMMUNITIES, AND TO PRIMARY AND SPECIALTY CARE.

TO BEGIN TOMORROW SHOPPERS DRUG MART WILL NO LONGER BE OFFERING PLASTIC BAGS TO CUSTOMERS THAT CHECK OUT.

THE RETAILER MAKING THAT ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY AND ADVISING PEOPLE TO BE PREPARED TO BRING THEIR OWN BAGS.

BA THE COMPANY SAYS IT STORES WILL OFFER REUSABLE ALTERNATIVES, THE FIRST PHASE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BAN CAME INTO EFFECT LAST MONTH.

>>> CANADORE COLLEGE NORTH BAY HAS A BUSY STUDENT FOOD BANK.