



Dent throws his hat back in the ring

Former municipal councillor Gary Dent has decided to jump back into world of politics.

With almost 20 years history in the political game, from his time as head of council in Opatatika to his time as Kapuskasing's long-time Finance Committee chair, Mr. Dent earned a reputation for blunt honesty and fiscal prudence.

He told The Northern Times that he had no particular reason for running, or platform to stand on other than his past record.

"I miss it," Mr. Dent said. "I was the first one to register."

Also registered is Mayor Alan Spacek who is, so far, uncontested in his bid to hold onto the mayor's Chain of Office.

Incumbents Martin Credger, Yvon Grzela, and David Plourde, one of the Model Town's longest serving councillors, have all put their names in. Interestingly, Mr. Plourde, who has 16 years under his belt, could be going for the record if he keeps his seat (he also is, as far as he knows, the youngest councillor elected, having won his seat at the tender age of 28). Although unconfirmed at this point, if he wins, at the end of the four-year term, his 20 years on council could make him the longest serving councillor ever.

Newcomers include local businessperson and former Chamber of Commerce president, Jody Blais; and NDP constituency office manager Émilie Lemieux.



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Workers from Ward Construction begin clearing the area in order to bring in the machinery to dig up and demolish the current monument before rebuilding the monument to its original design.

Digging up the past

➤ **Kap Internment Camp monument being reconstructed**

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The funding is in and the work has begun on the restoration and renovation of the Kapuskasing Internment and Prisoner of War Camp and Cemetery.

"The commemorative plaque, the cross and the cannonballs will

be saved and reused," explained Julie Latimer, curator of the Ron Morel Memorial Museum. "But the monument itself cannot be repaired and the surrounding base has sunk completely."

Ward Construction has begun making room for the machines to get in and over the next two weeks will completely demolish the old monument, build a new base and recreate the monument itself using drawings from Anne Juneau.

"The new monument will be like the original," said Ms Latimer. "It will include a full base and a

surrounding walkway. As well, all the larger rocks that are there will be kept and we hope to use them next year when we start work on the second phase of the project, fixing up the cemetery."

The monument was built by internees and prisoners of war in 1918.

The renovation is funded through Canada's First World War Internment Recognition Fund, which received \$10M from the Canadian Government to restore and renovate all internment camps across the country.

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NOMS hits picket line

More than 150 clerical, administrative and technical staff walked off the job Monday after contract talks with the Northern Ontario School of Medicine broke down. Picket lines have gone up at the school's two main campuses in Sudbury, at Laurentian University, and at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. In late July members of Local 677 voted 97 per cent in favour of strike action if talks broke down. Five days of mediation last week failed to bring about a settlement. No future talks are scheduled.

Visit postponed

François Cloutier, Liberal candidate for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapusksasing, announced that the luncheon scheduled with Michael Ignatieff on Monday has been postponed until further notice. Mr. Ignatieff was attending the funeral of Mario Laguë, Liberal Director of Communications, who tragically passed away in a motorcycle accident. Those who have purchased tickets will be refunded.

AMO meeting this week

Along with over 2,000 delegates, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities' Board of Directors are attending the Association of Municipalities of Ontario 2010 AMO Conference in Windsor. Issues to be discussed will include the importance of Ontario Northland Railway as an economic driver in Northern Ontario, the Northern Communities Grant, four-laning of Highway 11, the Ring of Fire development, as well as energy and water regulations.

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