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Dan McNee Photo

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS – Supporters, family and friends were out in full force for 'Angtravaganza' and Listowel's Ang Stratton at Between The Lines Sports Campus and the Listowel Squash Courts on Jan. 21, raising money for the local single mother who is currently battling Stage 4 breast cancer. Pictured is the event's organizing committee on Saturday. See more photos inside.

Council receives post-election report

North Perth sees only 29 per cent voter turnout

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NORTH PERTH – Clerk and Legislative Services Supervisor, Lindsay Cline, presented a report to North Perth council on Jan. 16, detailing the Post-Election report surrounding the 2022 municipal and school board elec-

tion, which was held on Monday, Oct. 24.

The purpose of her report was to provide council with an overview of the administration and delivery of the 2022 election, and to provide considerations for possible future improvements. The report was broken down into nine sections.

Firstly, voting methods were discussed in the report. A community engagement survey regarding alternative voting methods ranked internet and online voting as the preferred method of voting, from the 22 respondents, followed by traditional

paper ballots.

Telephone voting was ranked third and mail-in voting was ranked last.

“While the use of in-person voting is traditionally viewed as the most appropriate method from an electoral security perspective, feedback has been received regarding barriers that exist with only offering this type of voting method,” stated Cline.

These barriers include voters being absent during the voting period, as well as voters who cannot get to a voting location due to accessibility reasons. Staff will continue to investigate

alternative voting methods in advance of the 2026 election and plans to engage the community more on this matter.

Next, nominations were outlined in the report. Twenty-two nominations were filed for offices within council and the AMDSB. One candidate withdrew their nomination, while two re-filed for a different office. The voter's list was also discussed in detail in the report.

“An accurate voters' list is essential to the integrity and legitimacy of the election,” stated Cline.

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‘They are truly a remarkable group of boys’

Fresh off International Silver Stick win, Listowel U13 squad gives back to fellow hockey family

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LISTOWEL – Following a successful bottle drive earlier this month, parents and coaches of the Listowel U13 LL1 Cyclones left it up to the boys for what they wanted to do with the money.

They had the option of putting the \$500 towards team expenses, or even towards a

year-end party. The latter would have certainly been warranted, given the fact that the team shocked their division by winning the International Silver Stick tournament in Pelham on Jan. 15 as a late invitee. There has already been a lot to celebrate and the 2022-23 minor hockey season isn't even over yet.

But during that fateful trip to Pelham, the team was given another option. After seeing a Facebook post about Minto Mad Dogs U15

goaltender Jasper More, who was making expensive twice-yearly trips to Italy so that he could receive specialized treatment for a rare disease that he was diagnosed as having in infancy – MPS IV – one of the team moms relayed his story to the boys, and there was no longer any question to where the money would go.

“Some of them sat in my room and had tears in their eyes,” said Beckie Martin, whose son Koen serves as one of the Listowel U13 goalies. “And before I could even finish, a few of them said, ‘Jasper needs all of our money.’”

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Listowel Hockey Days set for this weekend

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LISTOWEL – The Steve Kerr Memorial Complex is typically a busy spot on any given weekend throughout the winter months, but the minor hockey action will be unprecedented on Jan. 28-29.

The first-ever running of Listowel Hockey Days is scheduled for this Saturday and Sunday, with 15 Cyclones teams slated for action as well as a number of corresponding attractions suitable for the whole family.


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U13 Cyclones squad comes up big for Minto goalie

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So Martin reached out to Jasper's mother, Pam More, and a plan was put into motion for the two sides to meet. The invite was extended to Jasper, his family, teammates and coaches, many of whom attended the U13 LL's home game on Jan. 17 in Listowel.

Following a decisive 10-2 win over Mount Forest, Jasper and company met the team in its dressing room, and was presented with a card, \$500 cheque, a Cyclones pin, and a Listowel team jersey signed by the entire squad.

In turn, Jasper presented each team member with a chili pepper key chain; the chili pepper is a token of good luck in Italy. The boys immediately fixed the gifts to their hockey bags.

"They said Jasper is with them through their games, and they always have Jasper as their good luck charm," said Martin.

Coincidentally enough, a handful of the U13 team members had recently been called up to play in a U15 game on Jan. 9 – against Jasper's Minto squad.

"It just gave the boys a bit more of that personal connection to it," said Martin.

Jasper, his mother Pam More, some teammates and coaches were also the guest of honour prior to the Wingham Ironmen's home game versus the Hanover Barons on Jan. 22. Pam said that



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The Listowel U13 LL Cyclones pose for a photo with U15 Minto Mad Dogs goaltender Jasper More following a recent home game. After raising \$500 through a bottle drive, the Cyclones decided to donate all the money to Jasper, who makes twice-annual trips to Italy for treatment for a rare disease known as MPS IV. The team also presented Jasper with a signed jersey; he in turn gave each player a chili pepper key ring, the chili being a token of good luck in Italy.

Jasper was responding "really well" to his twice-annual treatments, which began in October 2019.

She added that the support her family has received from the hockey community at large as of late has been incredible.

"It started as our local team just doing a bottle drive, and it just

kind of took off from there," she said. "It's amazing, it's humbling. Just to see the hockey community rally around Jasper is just amazing."

"It's beyond anything I could have ever imagined. It's hard to find the words."

The U13 LL's bottle drive also proved to benefit the Listowel

branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. With all the cans collected, the team spent nearly four hours removing tabs for donation to the Legion, which in turn is collecting them to have a wheelchair constructed for a local youth in need. All told, 6,000 aluminum can tabs were donated.

"At the beginning of the season,

some of them knew each other and some of them didn't really know each other as well. They have really come together as an amazing little team," explained Martin. "We weren't necessarily supposed to be at Silver Stick – we came in second at Regionals – and then we got invited to go because there was an open spot. Then we came through and won International Silver Stick. It's truly been an underdog story for them."

"They said Jasper is with them through their games, and they always have Jasper as their good luck charm."

– Beckie Martin

"The fact that they had it in their hearts to give back to Jasper on top of all of that, they are truly a remarkable group of boys. I give kudos to the parents that raised them. It's been quite the amazing and humbling year."

"Because they're 11 and 12 years old, I don't think they understand how much of an impact something like that can have not only for Jasper and his family, but can also have on the community."

Inaugural Listowel Hockey Days set for this weekend

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The festivities are kicked off on Friday, Jan. 27, when the Junior Cyclones feature Listowel Minor Hockey Night. Each participating player within the Listowel Minor Hockey Association will receive a free pass to the 7:30 p.m. GOJHL match-up between the Cyclones and Caledon Bombers.

On Jan. 28, the Listowel IP1 take to the ice at the Steve Kerr Memorial Complex to get the ball rolling at 8 a.m. Games will then take place until 7 p.m. on Saturday.

Additionally, the North Perth Early ON program will be running out of the Kerr Complex community room from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The North Perth Public Library will also be conducting kids' activities in the community room from 1-4 p.m.

"Hopefully if it goes well and is well received by the community, then we'll think about coming back as an annual event moving forward," commented Listowel Minor Hockey Association President Jeremy Heibein.

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase all weekend towards a variety of assembled baskets from each team, with the draw scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 29. A 50/50 draw will also take place both days of the event, with the winning tick-

ets drawn at 7:30 p.m. each day.

Listowel Hockey Days will conclude with the U18 Rep B squad taking on the Kincardine Kinucks at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday. Admission to the two-day event is free to the public, with all proceeds being directed back into Listowel Minor Hockey.

Listowel Hockey Days Schedule

Saturday, Jan. 28

- 8 a.m. – IP1
- 9 a.m. – Goalie school
- 10 a.m. – IP2
- 11 a.m. – U7 Grey Kings v. Wallace/ U7 Red Flames v. Wallace
- 12 p.m. – U8 T1 v. Drayton/ U8 T2 v. Drayton
- 1:05 p.m. – U9 T2 v. Minto
- 2:10 p.m. – U11 LL v. Zurich
- 3:20 p.m. – U13 LL1 v. Drayton
- 4:30 p.m. – U13 LL2 v. West Grey
- 5:40 p.m. – U15 LL v. Mount Forest
- 7 p.m. – U18 LL v. Mid Huron

Sunday, Jan. 29

- 3 p.m. – U9 T1 v. Shallow Lake
- 4 p.m. – U11 Rep B v. Mid Huron
- 5:15 p.m. – U15 Rep B v. Mid Huron
- 6:50 p.m. – U18 Rep C v. Drayton
- 8:30 p.m. – U18 Rep B v. Kincardine



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