

90TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

On Saturday, September 10, 2022, the Croatian Society of Schumacher celebrated the 90th Anniversary of the Croatian Hall. Members of the local Croatian community along with special guests (including MPP George Pirie and Croatian Peasant Party delegates from across Canada) came together to enjoy a delicious Croatian meal, reminisce about the past, and dance a few Kolos to live music provided by Dennis Sebalj and Tony Ciccone. In the words of Myra Cosentino, the event was “a tribute to our ancestors, to our relatives, who created a beautiful event space”.

The Hall opened its doors in 1932 as a gathering place for Croatian immigrants. It eventually became a social venue that welcomes the entire community. The 90th

Anniversary Gala served as the Hall’s grand reopening. During three years of closure due to the pandemic, Darlene Polowy and Kathy Vukobratich (members of the Schumacher Croatian Society Executive) spearheaded significant renovation projects to bring back the Hall’s original splendor. This included work on both the roof and foundation, new lobby flooring, updated washrooms, and new light fixtures. There are further plans to renovate the bar area and downstairs hall.

The rejuvenation projects would not have been possible without the generous donations made through the “Save the Hall, Buy Bricks in the Wall” campaign. The fundraiser is slated to end on December 31, 2022, at which time all donors will be publicly recognized.



The Hall sparkled for the 90th Gala.



Julia Polowy and Jasmine Chenier serve up a feast.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



When a building is torn down, a tangible piece of local history is lost. That said, when a structure falls into such a state of disrepair that it poses both a health and security hazard to the community, it needs to come down. The burnt-out building across from the schoolyard at 34 Fourth Avenue, which had sat vacant for years, was finally taken down this summer. (Photo by Vera Romanowski.)

SIGNS OF REJUVENATION

Volunteers with the Schumacher Lions Club have continued their efforts to bring the McIntyre Park back to its former glory. This summer, a new garden and wooden swingset were installed along the western shore of Pearl Lake. Signs posted in the area also hint at the efforts underway to preserve the McIntyre Mine's No. 11 Shaft. The current focus is to ensure our famous headframe is safe and secure, but others are quietly exploring opportunities to turn this landmark into something tourists and citizens can enjoy once mining operations cease.

Additional signage references the Ontario Builds program.



GOOD FOOD MARKET & CROATIAN AFTERNOON SOCIAL

Anti-Hunger Coalition Timmins (ACT) is a volunteer-driven, charitable organization working to increase food security in Timmins and area. One of their ongoing events is the Good Food Market. This year-round, pop-up style market brings affordable, fresh and healthy foods to neighbourhoods throughout the Timmins area. In Schumacher, the Good Food Market team sets up in the foyer of the Croatian Hall at 24 Father Costello Drive. Markets are currently cash only and patrons are asked to bring their own bags. For more information about ACT or the Good Food Market, please call 705-406-2721 or email team@antihungercoalition.com.

To encourage more people to attend the Good Food Market and to bring more people into the gathering place that is the Croatian Hall, the Croatian Society of Schumacher has begun hosting afternoon socials during Good Food Market hours. People are invited to drop in for some chit chat, a friendly board game, and light refreshments.

Dates for upcoming Good Food Markets and Afternoon Socials at the Croatian Hall are:

Wednesday, September 28 from Noon to 2 PM

Wednesday, October 26 from Noon to 2 PM

Wednesday, November 23 from Noon to 2 PM



Jacob and Joseph Dunkley briefly stopped by the Good Food Market and Afternoon Social at the Croatian Hall on August 24th. They purchased apples, peaches and a cucumber and enjoyed chatting with everyone. (Photo by Lisa Romanowski.)



SOUNDS OF SUMMER



The Schumacher Lions Pavilion at McIntyre Park was the place to be every second Tuesday from July 12 through September 6, 2022. The Schumacher Summer Concert Series was a partnership between Paul Sebalj Music, the Schumacher Lions Club and the Schumacher Arts, Culture & Heritage Association (SACHA). The first five concerts were blessed by nice weather and enthusiastic crowds. Darryl Rose Darryl (Wayne Covey, Rose Lariviere and William Farquhar) and Schumacher's Leslie-Ann (Dupuis) McKee kicked things off on July 12. They were followed by The 287s on July 26. Big Deal featuring Schumacher's Mark Chenier, Dan Robinson and Pat Lauziere took to the stage on August 9 followed by Shaun Melanson on August 23. Paul Sebalj & Friends performed on September 6. The final concert by The Shaftmen is set to conclude United Nations International Day of Peace celebrations at the park on September 21 (after this issue of the SOS has gone to print).



The goal of the Schumacher Summer Concert series was to bring people together to celebrate the 110th Anniversary of Schumacher (which officially occurred on March 1, 2022). Gratitude and appreciation are extended to the various businesses and organizations that provided financial and in-kind support to the concert series: the City of Timmins, Newmont Canada (Porcupine), Tisdale Mechanical Contracting Ltd., John's Neon Signs, Pads-K9 Protection & Detection Services, Ontario Provincial Police - North East Region (Cochrane-James Bay), Northern College, Country 93.1, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 287, GFL Environmental, and the Timmins Festivals & Events Committee. Thanks is also extended to Brad Martel who manned the sound board for the concerts.



Top: Dennis Sebalj on trumpet, Andrew Lucking on guitar and Paul Sebalj on the accordion delighted the crowd. Next: Big Deal featuring Dan Robinson, Pat Lauziere and Mark Chenier owned the stage. (Soundman Brad Martel has his back to the camera.) Middle Left: Leslie-Ann McKee crooned country tunes. Middle Right: Good weather and great audiences made the 2022 Schumacher Summer Concert Series a success. Left: This awesome group of ladies and gentlemen attended all five concerts and were brought to their feet each evening. They line danced, slow danced, and even did the polka. (Photos by Lisa Romanowski.)

CITY OF TIMMINS MAYORAL Candidates



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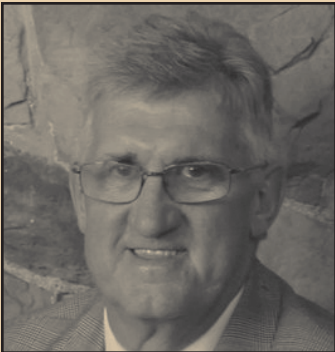
I can provide leadership with a future-focused vision for the city. Born and raised in Timmins, I've dedicated my career to bettering the socio-economic well-being of people throughout Northern Ontario. I have over a decade of experience working in the postsecondary education sector and I'm currently the Employment & Immigration Services Manager for Collège Boréal. I have a Master of Research degree in Educational & Social Research, as well as an Honours Bachelor's degree. I was elected to council in 2018, and I'm proud to serve on several community boards and committees. My most cherished role is being a mother to my two-year-old daughter, Rosalie. My husband, Andrew Morrish, grew up in South Porcupine and is a licensed carpenter.

Describe your election platform as it relates to goals and priorities in the greater City of Timmins and specifically within Ward 3.

My election platform is founded in the deep knowledge I have gained of the complex issues our municipality is facing. The pillar themes of my platform include Population Growth, Housing and Health. With operational costs continuing to rise, and aging infrastructure needing repair or replacement, a static or declining population base means the cost of living per resident will continue to go up. However, housing affordability, a lack of affordable housing and homelessness are all unique facets of the wider issue of housing. Moreover, too many residents are struggling with access to appropriate health care. We need to take action ourselves and take a proactive approach to recruiting health human resources.

An ongoing concern in Ward 3 (and other areas) stems from issues related to absentee owners and abandoned/derelict buildings. What is your plan to address this issue?

I don't believe we have strong enough recourse at our disposal to address these issues. That is why I'm proposing a major revision of all related by-laws and fine schedules. I'd also like to evaluate the feasibility of implementing property regulation ordinances for residential rental premises for the purpose of protecting the health and safety of residents. We should be aware, though, of the Ontario Human Rights Commission's concerns that these types of rental licensing by-laws may reduce the availability of low-cost rental housing and impact disadvantaged groups. Thus, I'd suggest that any such strategy should be executed as a pilot, to allow for evaluation prior to making the licensing of rental units permanent.



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I am completing my second four year term on council serving on several committees during that time, including economic development, social services, police board, municipal accessibility, audit committees for both the city and social services board and housing committee. In addition, I am Chairman of the Golden Manor Board. Schumacher has been my home for the past 76 years. The City of Timmins is a business and my 42 year career in accounting puts me in good standing to represent taxpayers in partnership with administration. For all my adult life, I have been actively involved in volunteering to make our community better. I am proud of my association with Camp Bickell having personally raised over \$4.5M over 20 years for kids.

Some of the main issues facing residents of Schumacher and the city that I will prioritize are:

1. Affordable Housing - work with partners to access new programs announced
2. Excessive Taxation And Fees Taxes - Hold the line on increases
3. Inflation - support low income and seniors hurt by inflation
4. Crime - While waiting partners plans to evolve - get tough of criminals roaming the streets
5. Transparency/Accountability - Restore transparency to get our residents engaged in city affairs
6. Crumbling Infrastructure/Roads - Allocate additional funds to speed up road repairs across the city.
7. Derelict Houses - get tough with owners.

Communication & Transparency: As mayor I WILL have an open line of communications with our citizens. I will introduce "Mayor's Corner" through a media outlet answering questions and concerns from our citizens. As mayor I WILL be transparent in decisions that council makes.

Fiscal Responsibility: We have all suffered the strains of the pandemic and rising costs of living. Timmins has many activities we need to promote to attract people to come and visit (ex: kayak races, snowmobile trails). We need to take action to showcase our city to attract future businesses and people to Timmins.

Social Issues: We must address and fix these issues now. It can only be achieved with a strong leadership with the cooperation of all agencies.

Since being elected to council, I have constantly pushed for a plan to deal with derelict houses. The past two years, I asked for \$500,000 in the budget, without success, to start the process of turning these buildings back into livable spaces or tear them down. It was almost a weekly topic with administration. Currently, the process to accomplish those tasks is a bureaucratic nightmare with unnecessary delays. As Mayor, this will be a priority to speed up the process. With respect to absentee owners, the penalties for not maintaining their properties need to be increased. If after receiving notification, if nothing is done to meet standards, I will advocate for a plan for the city to do the work and add it to the owner's tax bill.

We need to make owners of properties and buildings be held accountable for upkeep and maintenance. A new by-law should be introduced and to be enforced to make sure that any buildings that are abandoned or in need in repairs are done so in a timely fashion.



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I grew up in Timmins with my 3 siblings and my parents Maurice and Lorraine Lafleur. As a young teen I was an active member of the Timmins Sea Cadets for 5 years. I graduated from Ecole Secondaire Theriault in 1983. After high school I was employed with the Ministry Of Correctional Services as a Correctional Officer. In my later years I moved away and changed careers and pursued a long career in the automotive industry. Once I was financially successful I returned to Timmins to invest in my hometown of Timmins. In 2015 I invested in Dr Wrench Automotive Inc & Vets Taxi & Dispatch service Inc. Successfully growing the companies employing over 400 people.

Another issue, particularly in built up areas of Ward 3 and the City in general, relates to theft from yards and vehicles along with vandalism / graffiti. What is your plan to address this issue?

I was glad to have contributed to the recent revisions of the Downtown Community Improvement Program (CIP), which included parts of Schumacher into the CIP area. We also introduce the Safety Improvement Grant which provides a grant opportunity up to a maximum of \$5,000 towards the purchase of security measures such as security gates, security camera systems and motion sensor lighting. I recognize that only a portion of Father Costello Dr. and Lioncrest Ln. are included in the Schumacher Project Area which does not cover all of the affected areas in Ward 3. Therefore, I'd like to explore an expansion of the Safety Improvement Grant program beyond the designated project areas throughout the city at large.

As Mayor, I would seek to have additional police street patrols to attempt to discourage these individuals from committing these crimes. The formation of a neighborhood watch program was a step in the right direction and the individuals involved in getting it up and running are to be commended. At the start, I brokered a meeting with the Timmins Police Services. Until, the courts get tough with these people, it will have to be a co-operative effort with all the citizens keeping an eye out for issues and reporting them. In addition, citizens of all communities have to insist that their elected council follow up with our concern of the light sentences, if any, that are handed out to these lawbreakers.

We need to provide education on crime prevention to the public. We need more involvement from the public, creating more active neighborhood watch programs as well as more police presents.

What is your plan to address large-scale national issues (e.g homelessness, the Opioid Crisis, food insecurity, a collapsing healthcare system, the economy) at the local level?

Many compounding factors negatively impacting the social determinants of health of our residents, notably the lack of resources and poor access to specialized health care services, especially mental health services, due in part to the shortage of human resources. I have touched on the need for aggressive recruitment strategies to bring skilled professionals to our city. On the other hand, many of these issues can be improved if not eradicated by ensuring that transitional and supportive housing is available for the most vulnerable in our communities. If elected mayor, I will strive to secure the necessary funding for purpose-built housing for the health care system, justice system, people with disabilities, and youth aging out of care.

All are complex issues that will require many partners to achieve any kind of success. The community safety and well-being plan is a collaboration of those many partners to address homelessness, the opioid crisis and food insecurity. The plan needs to be allowed to evolve and show some positive progress before we can fairly assess the results. Not all homeless people are addicts and not all addicts are homeless but there is a strong correlation between the two in many cases. Covid 19 has played a major role in the collapse of the health care system with staff shortages. Underfunding by other levels of government is also a major contributing factor. We need to continue to support requests for additional funding.

As stated in my platform we all need to work together to find solutions and not just ban-aids. By going to the source only then can we understand the issues at hand. Homelessness, opioids crisis, crime, these all are layers that together contribute to deterioration our society as a whole. We have people in our city that suffer all these issues all alone. We need to help these people on a one by one basis .When other people see a success story they will be more motivated to ask for help When you help one you help all .

What is your position regarding the importance of documenting and sharing Schumacher's distinct history as well as preserving historical buildings and landmarks in Ward 3?

As a member of the Municipal Heritage Committee (MHC), I've helped identify many buildings and landmarks in Ward 3 to be of cultural and heritage value. The McIntyre Headframe is emblematic of the City of Timmins; the McIntyre Community Building has cultivated athleticism and a sense of community; and the Schumacher Public School has fostered children for over a century. The significance of these buildings must not be forgotten. That being said, there is no actual budget line for heritage preservation in the city. This undermines the importance limits our ability to celebrate our rich culture. We must invest in efforts to attributes that tell the stories of our culturally rich communities.

Schumacher has such a rich, and storied history, of which, all city residents, not just Schumacher, should be justly proud. During my two terms, I advocated repeatedly for major repairs, that have been completed, to the McIntyre Headframe and the McIntyre Community Building. They are, by far, two of the most distinguishable landmarks for the entire city. In addition, Schumacher Public School was part of all who lived in Schumacher. All should be preserved as historical buildings. In addition, the history of Schumacher is more than just buildings, it is about a diverse society where people came from all over the world, to settle and make a life for themselves while still maintaining their cultures. That's our history to be preserved.

It is very important that we preserve our historical buildings and landmarks because it tells our future generations how Schumacher and Timmins was born and grown. The people of our city are proud of their heritage and we must honor our forefathers for all the sacrifices and hard work they did to give us what we have today in our great city.

Is there any other information voters in Ward 3 should know about you?

I truly believe that our community has great potential which can be fulfilled with positive progress. A vote for Michelle Boileau is a vote for the future. To learn more about me and where I stand, visit my website: www.michelleboileau.ca

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A NOTE FROM SACHA

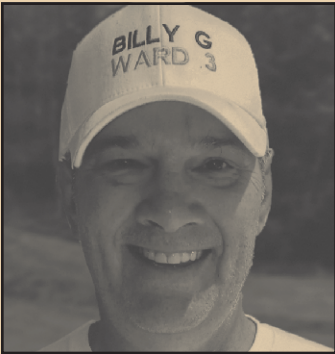
Candidates for Mayor and Ward 3 Councillor were invited to participate in this Question & Answer feature through Facebook Messenger on August 24, 2022. A Google Form was then emailed to each candidate's preferred address. Question responses were limited to 750 characters. Submissions were due by September 4, 2022. With the exception of minor formatting, responses have not been altered.

SACHA would like to thank the candidates for their participation. Eligible citizens are reminded to exercise their right to vote. Election Day is October 24, 2022.

I am committed to providing better accessibility for our citizens to the mayor. An open communication line is one of my top priorities if elected mayor. If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact us: admin@votelaflaur.ca



WARD 3 COUNCILLOR Candidates



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Introduce yourself by outlining your background, relevant personality traits, related life experiences, and your connections to the communities within Ward 3.

My intentions to run in Ward 3 have been known for months. I served this Ward for 10 years and was able to negotiate to get things down but at the same time I never backed down from anyone. I served while my kids were just newborns and now that they are grown up my energy level is where it needs to be for the challenges in the next 4 years. I was born and raised in this Ward and the people know that I do not look down on anyone. It does not matter to me whether you have a million dollars or a dollar, I will treat you the same. I am a Croatian through and through and make a very good cabbage roll. I have a great sense of humor that you need for this position.

Describe your election platform as it relates to goals and priorities in the greater City of Timmins and specifically within Ward 3.

Give us the best of the best of the basic services is a good beginning. We need a piece of equipment in Ward 3 to deal with the increase in snow storms. There is no use plowing the main drag down to the pavement if we are stuck with no service to get there and our roads are impassable. Picking up the garbage and getting it off the street in the morning is a big problem we face. If we need more equipment then get it and get the garbage off the street. We do not ask for much here in Ward 3 but certainly we deserve the best of the best of the basics.

An ongoing concern in Ward 3 stems from issues related to absentee owners and abandoned/derelict buildings. What is your plan to address this issue?

It is very easy to say that we should just knock it down but there is a frustrating process that the City must adhere to. It is not as easy as just bringing in a piece of equipment and knocking it down. When I was an elected official I drove around and reported many people for piling garbage and junk on their properties and followed it up until it was cleaned up. I will continue to do that for sure. No need to call the City, just call me if a property has been overlooked and I will address it.



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I lived in Schumacher for 19 years. I'm been happily married to my wife Darla for 30 years. We met at the Macintyre curling club. The father of 4 girls who grew up in Schumacher, 2 of my daughters still live in Schumacher, and my future grand kids will be raised in Schumacher. I'm a graduate of Northern College. I'm involved with in the community for more than 40 years and I do volunteer work with my church. I love reading, walking and specially helping people. I'm the best candidate to be the councillor of ward 3 because I have a special attachment to Schumacher. We need someone that will work with the other councillors to assure that Schumacher get its fair share of the money from the city.

I have 3 priorities for Ward 3.

1. Revitalization of Father Costello. How can we accept that the main street of Schumacher has abandoned buildings, garbage left everywhere, grass not cut, graffiti, etc.? We named that street in Honour of the work that Father Costello did for this community. Do we really honour him with a street that looks like that?

2. Amelioration of the services from the city. (Snow removal, garbage picks up, street cleaning, respect of the bylaws, etc.)

3. Make sure that every decision taken by the council will be good for Schumacher and ward 3. Time to get our fair share.

The city has to take ownership of the abandoned houses, Fix the ones that can be fixed and resale it. That would cover the cost of the renovation and help to alleviate the housing crisis in our city. The ones that we can't fix should be demolished and resale of the lot to covert some of the expenses. I never understood why the city accept that situation in Schumacher, would they accept this in other wards. To my knowledge, the city of Timmins has bylaws that address that situation. Houses and yards have to be kept clean, grass trimmed, etc. I will make sure that the bylaw officers address this situation and that they are enforcing the bylaws which is written. THAT WOULD BE A NICE CHANGE.



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I am semi retired from a very diversified background, with over 50 years experience in large and small vehicle sales and service. The last ventures were to assist with equipment, parts and service procurement for the Dome Pit start-up, DeBeers Diamond Mine, Detour Lake, and Baker Lake Nunavut. Some of these initial start ups for equipment requirements exceeded 60 million dollars. These projects require years of dedication and teamwork. 7 years teaching trades at Northern College. Volunteering 18 years as an active firefighter for Schumacher Fire Dept. that also administers the Mr. Schumacher XMAS Gift fund, food drives for the food banks. 6 years flying Young Eagle Flights for children under 16 to get a bird's eye view of their community.

We have 5 Wards that need to work together as a team, influencing council members decisions to advance our city for growth and sustainability. Fiscal responsibility with best management practices and transparency. Change is needed to improve our infrastructure like road maintenance, town cleanliness, parks and recreation, snow removal for all streets, public transportation improvements. Policing with more patrolling, maybe a few security cameras. I would like to see by-laws to address tenant littering. The noise and dust issues need to be addressed. It would be nice to eliminate garbage bags unless inside of a garbage can. Add trash cans to city sidewalks to eliminate tossed debris. We need a long-term plan to attract transient workers.

The derelict home/property issue is growing everywhere. The root cause must be identified with the owner. Proper notices need to be issued with a fair resolution period, acceptable to all parties. If the issue is not resolved an action plan would need to be issued. If the homeowner refuses, is it in the cities realm to improve or remove the substandard issues? If it is an affordability issue, the city could have the action plan resolved with whatever is needed and have it billed back to owners or responsible person(s). The derelict homes need to be addressed for safety concerns that could attract vagrancy, fire hazards, and property depreciations. Vacant would be acceptable if it is in condition to move in, monitored and insured.

Another issue, particularly in the Schumacher/Gold Centre areas of Ward 3, relates to theft from yards and vehicles along with vandalism / graffiti. What is your plan to address this issue?

We need to continue with police presence with regular patrols and people need to be vigilante by locking their vehicles and sheds so thieves know that we are keeping an eye out for them. They will then move on if they have no success. As for the graffiti, it needs to be cleaned up.

What is your plan to address large-scale national issues (e.g. homelessness, the Opioid Crisis, food insecurity, a collapsing healthcare system, the economy) at the local level?

This is a federal and Provincial issue that was downloaded to us. As elected officials we need to rely on options presented to us by administration to make the community safe for our residents. While we are empathetic to the homeless people we have a place in the community as well. Our main focus should be safety and it should be funded by upper levels of government. If our policing costs have escalated then the Federal and Provincial government must pay for it.

What is your position regarding the importance of documenting and sharing Schumacher's distinct history as well as preserving historical buildings and landmarks in Ward 3?

Ward 3 has a wonderful history and so many people have made it that way and we should never forget that. The arena and the head frame and the school is what made us in the past and there are so many wonderful memories. Sure would be nice to bring back a Croatian picnic to the McIntyre Park. I would certainly be there to help and of course eat some lamb. Actually quite a bit of it.

Is there any other information voters in Ward 3 should know about you?

I will be meeting with the citizens in the near future and will have all that information for them. I am very visible in the community and very approachable, plus you can hear me coming from a mile away.

Timmins police service needs to be present in Schumacher 24 hours a day and seven days a week. I would like to have an active discussion with the new chief of police to reinstate community policing, that will help with crime prevention. We could look into a neighbourhood watch program, but it's the Police Department has the responsibility for the safety of Schumacher.

Those issues are taking a toll on our community. As a citizen of Timmins, I try to do what I can to help. But it's not the taxpayers of Timmins to pay for those services. The city of Timmins doesn't have the resources and the budget to deal with those social issues. It's the provincial government has the responsibility of financing health care, social housing, and welfare of the citizen of the province. We have to make sure to work with our new MPP, minister of mines and my good friend, George Pirie, to bring back the money needed in Timmins to resolve these difficulties.

It is vital for Schumacher that we document its history and its importance in the development of Timmins. The city has to invest major money in our historical buildings and landmarks. As we know, the head frame needs lots of repairs. Macintyre arena would need upgrading. Schumacher public school is the centre of the future of our children. We need to make sure that DSB1 will invest money to keep the school open for the generations to come. I would like to study the possibility of opening a small museum in Schumacher teach and share the history of our community.

I will always put Schumacher first in every decision and vote that I will be taking around the council table. I want to continue the work that Councillor Campbell did for this community. Let's look ahead and vote Sylvain Lacroix, ward 3. I love Schumacher.

This is a huge concern and growing. We know there will not likely be 24-hour surveillance, unless it is electronically administered. Increased police patrols would help reduce, but certainly never reduce it to zero. Again, what is the root cause? Are the perpetrators transient or locals? Can the city not install more lighting to darker areas of the city. Trim vegetation to allow better visibility. Could the city not offer an incentive with provincial/federal grants to homeowners that add motion lights or security systems? The city should have a dedicated K9 or contracted K9, that would help locate these individuals that are roaming yards with an agenda to damage or remove said property. Would contract services be an added security benefit?

Drugs, alcohol, mental illness and homelessness is more than any one community can handle, and it is increasing. I agree we should help individuals that require aid. This aid should not jeopardize regular citizens from medical help when required. Like Ontario Bill 7 that can relocate patients in need of long-term care, the individuals in need of higher levels should be moved to a region that can better assist. The people that are causing threats, harm, littering and no intent to improve themselves or the community need to be addressed. It may require sending them back to their communities, it's the harsh reality. We are witnessing medical delays to regular citizens. The Provincial and Federal governments need to champion these issues.

Simply put you cannot have a community without landmarks. As a city we lack direction in establishing Preserved Historical Landmarks. We know where Elvis Presley lived, but we do not know where Mr. J.P. Bickle, one of the founders of the McIntyre mine, the McIntyre Community Center, Mr. Hollinger, Mr. Sandy McIntyre or others that put stakes in the ground to form our mark on the map. The profits of the McIntyre mine helped fund the building of the Maple Leaf Gardens in the early 1930's. With a new community you need structures like the Schumacher Public School, train stations, stores etc. Many of these buildings have been removed or identities unknown. It would be great to have plaques or markers identifying these landmarks in public view.

I was born, raised and still live in Schumacher. Our town was clean, prosperous, self sufficient and safe. We have gone from a peaceful community to one of minimal services, crimes of the highest nature, homicides, domestic violence, thefts and break and enters during all hours of the day. Residents are looking for police patrolling in a proactive manner to deter crimes. Regenerate McIntyre Park for multi cultural events. The 1973 amalgamation was to preserve the communities, their origins and services. Many items cannot be added due to space restrictions. I am asking for your vote to address our needs. VOTE FOR ME IN WARD 3.





PRO TACKLE COMPANY

You could say that the story of Pro Tackle Co. is but one chapter in the “Days of our Lives”. This story began over 30 years ago in the mining town of Timmins, Ontario. My husband, Shawn Johnstone, and I (Jeannette) started out in the fishing industry by running a 16-foot cargo trailer full of tackle from Timmins to my hometown of Red Lake, Ontario. It was an easy trip of 16 to 18 hours, pulling a trailer along the TransCanada Highway, stopping along the way to sell our wares to tackle shops. It was also an opportunity to see my family, work and fish all at the same time.

With the portable tackle shop, we worked sportsman shows, trade shows, group gatherings, home and bachelor parties (much like Tupperware). We were also growing into the next step of opening a retail location. Starting our retail business together was a big step; we needed to be fully self-reliant and self-sufficient as we worked side by side every day.

We found our first rental spot on what was then First Avenue in Schumacher. As the universe would have it, that space was in the same building we are in now. Pro Tackle began in a 400 square foot space facing the laneway with a large highway sign proclaiming we were open for business. We put up peg board on every wall, installed a few plastic tanks and set up displays.

After a few years of operating out of the trailer and small tackle shop, the opportunity came to purchase the building and open a larger tackle store. In the past our building housed many types of businesses including a bank, a restaurant, a carpet store, and a secondhand store. With a lot of construction put into it, our small tackle shop became a full blown outdoor sporting goods store. For the past 30+ years, 19 Father Costello Drive has been a great location for Pro Tackle.

The reason we got into this business is simple.

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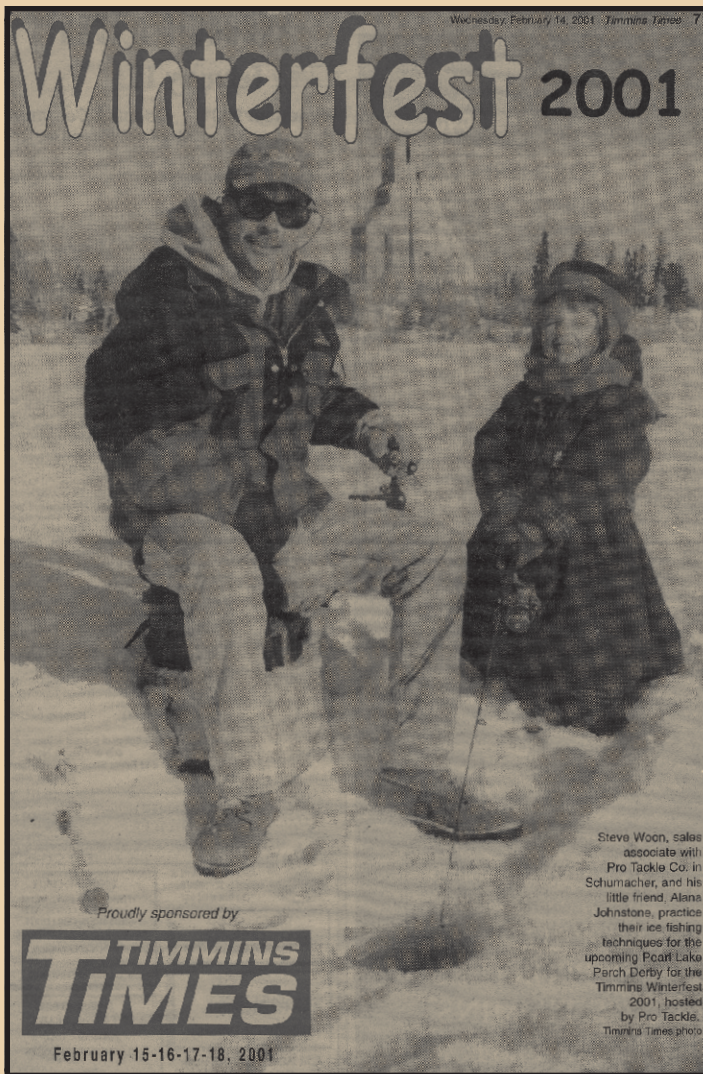
Pro Tackle's Grand Opening with Mayor Vic Power in 1991.



From bait & tackle to snowshoes & kayaks, Pro Tackle has it all.



Pro Tackle owners Jeannette and Shawn Johnstone in 2002.



We felt that as avid fishermen we could offer a convenient location to grab bait, tackle and outdoor gear. We also envisioned a place for likeminded people to meet, talk and shop - the full monty. We've sponsored many fishing derbies and tournaments over the years. We've even hosted a few Pearl Lake perch ice-fishing derbies!

From the start, we lived and breathed our business. I remember answering the store door at 5 AM in my pyjamas. (I am sure those customers remember that as well.) But, what else can you expect when people want to go fishing at 5 AM and the store officially opened at 6 AM? Our three children grew up in the store. I have memories of my children sneaking into the store, running naked, free from the diaper, and our customers laughing and cheering them on.

From the mothership of Pro Tackle grew other business opportunities. Pro Tackle expanded with the launch of sister company, Timmins Adventure Tours. Located on the shores of the Mattagami River, Timmins Adventure Tours offers sales and rentals of kayaks, SUP boards, canoes and mountain bikes. It also offers paddling clinics and tours.

Almost twenty-three years ago, we also launched the Timmins Boxing Club. The club started out in the garage of Pro Tackle before moving to the old Feldman Timber Building and then to its current home at the Confederation Sports Facility.

We've always had an entrepreneurial spirit. Our journey actually started in 1987 with A La Carte Catering based in Calgary, Alberta, followed in 1990 by both Northern Carpet Cleaning and Product & Service Promotions based in Timmins. The Pro Tackle Company opened in Schumacher in 1991, followed by the Timmins Boxing Club in 2000 and Timmins Adventure Tours in 2009.

We are very proud to be a part of this northern community. We look forward to continuing to offer our services with Pro Tackle open year-round and Timmins Adventure Tours open during the summer season. Serving our community is what we love to do. We are incredibly thankful for all the support we have received operating in Schumacher.

We invite new and longtime customers to stop by the store; we are well stocked with live bait, tackle, gear, kayaks, SUP boards, mountain bikes, e-bikes, guns, ammo, snowshoes, back country skies, ice fishing huts and sleighs, and more!

Contributed by Jeannette Johnstone



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EDITORIAL

This issue of the SOS is out a bit later than planned, but the delay allowed for the inclusion of information shared by the mayoral and Ward 3 councillor candidates in the upcoming municipal election. Not only is it important that people vote; it is important that people make informed votes. We hope the Q&A feature is helpful and we encourage you to get out to the polls on October 24th!

As I wrap up this summer issue of the SOS, it's pouring rain outside and fall is definitely in the air. Flower gardens and lawn chairs are being replaced by pumpkin-spice and warm sweaters. Summer seemed to fly by this year, perhaps due to the return of events like the Schumacher Summer Concert Series. It was awesome to see hundreds of people enjoy live music provided by local entertainers at McIntyre Park. The Schumacher Lions Club has done (and continues to do) so much work to bring the park back to its former glory.

The SACHA board extends best wishes to the Schumacher Croatian Society and Pro Tackle as they celebrate milestones and plan for the future. If there is a Schumacher business, organization or group that deserves celebrating, please get in touch so we can feature them in an upcoming issue of the Spirit of Schumacher newsletter.

Until next time, take care of yourselves!

Lisa Romanowski,
SOS Editor

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Saturday, October 8 from 8 PM to 1 AM
Schumacher Lions Club Octoberfest
 featuring music by Paul & Dennis Sebalj
 Schumacher Lions Den, 85 McIntyre Road
 Tickets (\$10) available from Lemongrass,
 Porcupine Timber Mart, McIntyre Coffee Shop

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Harvest Moon: Dinner & Silent Auction
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