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The Soo Turns 'Blue'

DID YOU NOTICE IT when you looked out your window on Tuesday morning? Monday night's election results brought some changes to the political map of Northern Ontario. The Sault Ste. Marie Electoral District, which includes St. Joseph Island, changed from NDP Orange to Tory Blue, as Conservative candidate Bryan Hayes edged NDP incumbent Tony Martin out of office by an almost 1,800 vote margin.

This will be the first time a Conservative Member of Parliament represents our riding since James Kelleher, from 1984 to 1988.

Our local turnover was only one of many electoral surprises, as Canadian voters chose to not follow the predictions of the pollsters. Instead, a larger than expected voter turnout handed Stephen Harper and his Conservative Party the majority government that it has been seeking for the past five years. Mr. Harper becomes just the third Conservative leader since Confederation in 1867 to win three times in a row.

In his victory remarks, Mr. Harper reiterated that "We are and must be the government of all Canadians, including those that did not vote for us."

While they were at it, Canadians also made political history, sweeping Jack Layton's New Democratic Party into the role of Official Opposition with 102 seats, more than double their previous best showing. The third place Liberals have effectively ceased to be a significant factor in our next Parliament, with only 34 seats.

The Bloc Québécois took a terrific beating as well, with leader Gilles Duceppe losing his own seat and with only 4 Bloc candidates elected, they no longer even have official political party status.

For the first time in its long history, the Liberal party did not place in the 'Top Two' spots of either forming the government or being the official Opposition. It wasn't even close! Was it due to the unpopularity of the leader they chose? Perhaps. Michael Ignatieff couldn't even hold on to his own riding as his party went down to its worst defeat ever.

One thing is for sure: both the Liberals and the Bloc Québécois will be doing a lot of head scratching and looking long and hard at why they had such a dismal showing.



Bryan Hayes

Of the 44,107 votes cast in our riding, Mr. Hayes drew 18,257 votes (41.4%) to Mr. Martin's 16,464 (37.3%). Liberal candidate Christian Provenzano was a far distant third with 8,293 votes while Green Party candidate Luke Macmichael received 945 votes.

Although his party benefitted the most nationally from the Liberal collapse, Mr. Martin wasn't able to share in the dramatic NDP surge. His Northern Ontario colleagues, Carol Hughes of Algoma-Manitoulin, Glenn Thibeault of Sudbury, Claude Gravelle of Nickle Belt and Charlie Angus of Timmins were all re-elected by wide margins.

In our riding, as Liberal candidate Christian Provenzano's chances for election evaporated, the swing in votes went not

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to Mr. Martin, but to Mr. Hayes.

Although it's certainly not an official explanation, the most commonly held opinion is that Tony Martin's loss was due to the stance he took on the controversial long-gun registry. Politics, like hunting, truly is a blood sport!

No matter what the underlying cause of it, Mr. Martin was gracious in accepting the wishes of the voters. He told his supporters that democracy must prevail and the community must support newly elected Conservative MP Bryan Hayes in his efforts to represent Sault Ste. Marie in Ottawa.

"The people of Sault Ste. Marie have spoken, and in an election, when the people speak, they're always right," he said. "We will move on and we will give our support to Bryan Hayes in his effort to represent this community. He is our new Member of Parliament. He represents all of us and we need to get behind him and his efforts to be all that he can be as the MP for this wonderful community."

He is also proud of his accomplishments while in office. "We did some phenomenal things and I will never regret any of it. We stood up and were counted on some pretty controversial issues. We didn't flinch. We did the right thing. We moved the yardstick and for that, all of us need to be tremendously proud," he told his supporters.

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Tony Martin

Newly-crowned Leader of the Opposition Jack Layton offers a positive but firm working relationship with the new majority government. "I've always favoured proposition over opposition," he told his own supporters. But we will oppose the government when it's off track. I will propose constructive solutions focused on helping Canadians."

Nowhere was the NDP victory so sweet as in Quebec, where they grabbed 58 of the 75 seats, mostly from the Liberals and the Bloc. Then there's the riding of Berthier-Maskinongé, where the NDP candidate is Ms. Ruth Ellen Brosseau, a single mother from Gatineau. She doesn't speak French, doesn't live in the riding (in fact, may never have even visited it!) and spent part of her campaign vacationing in Las Vegas. Nonetheless, she still won with over 40% of the vote, soundly trouncing the Bloc, Liberal and even Conservative candidates!

For their part, the Conservatives needed to win big in Ontario to gain a majority, and they sure did that – taking several seats in Toronto, which has traditionally been strongly Liberal territory, and unseating prominent Liberals Michael Ignatieff in Etobicoke-Lakeshore and Ken Dryden in York Centre.

This election saw the reversal of a steady decline in voter turnout. According to Elections Canada, 61.4 % of eligible voters cast their ballots this year, compared to 60.9 % in 2004 and the record low of 58.8 % turnout in October 2008. By comparison, the highest turnout rate was 79.4 % in 1958, when John Diefenbaker and his Progressive Conservatives won a majority government in a landslide victory.

Looking west to Manitoba, incumbent Conservative MP Candice Hooppner trounced her opposition to re-claim her riding of Portage-Lisgar. Ms. Hooppner visited St. Joseph Island last fall to meet with the Hunters & Anglers Association about her bill to abolish the long-gun registry. That bill was defeated by a vote of 153 to 151.

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Although we haven't taken the time to research each vote cast, it certainly appears that many of the bill's opponents (75 Liberal MPs, 48 Bloc MPs and 30 of the NDP's 36 MPs) may no longer be in office. And, we now have a supportive Conservative majority government. Hmmm.

The Island Clippings offers its congratulations and best wishes to our new Member of Parliament, Bryan Hayes. We also recognize and thank Tony Martin for his many contributions over the years and wish him well in his future endeavours. We know that our community will be hearing more from him in the future!



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PARTICIPATE IN THE PURINA WALK for Guide Dogs at Kent's Corners on Saturday, May 28, 2011 at 10 am.

Noah and Zachery are two young friends who share many life parallels: both have fathers in the Canadian Forces, both come from large families, and both were diagnosed with autism at an early age. Last December they added another thing to the list when they both received Autism Assistance Dog Guides from Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

Living with autism has presented many challenges to Noah, Zachery, and their families. Lacking the ability to understand threats to their safety and unable to carry on conversations are just some of their common daily hurdles. Both of their parents have dedicated countless hours to finding new ways to help their boys develop social skills and cope with their stress and anxiety. Acquiring guide dogs has gone a long way towards accomplishing these goals and has had a huge calming effect on both boys.

Since graduating from the program, both parents have noticed positive changes in their boys. Noah has come from a non-verbal state to making gains in communicating with his Dog Guide, Argo. "Noah feeds Argo all of his meals, and through this routine we are introducing new words to him to help his communication with Argo," says his mother, Alison.

A big accomplishment for Zachery has been his willingness and ability to sleep a full night in his own bed, thanks to the companionship of his Autism Assistance Dog Guide, Iris. Tammy, Zachery's mother, also cites safety as an area of improvement. "Being tethered to Iris allows us to give Zachery more freedom without having to constantly worry that he might wander into traffic, dangerous situations or become lost."

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OREA is working to create as much awareness as possible among consumers about the reality of the HST and resale homes.

HST AND RESALE HOMES - THE FACTS!

The HST is only levied on the various transaction fees associated with purchase of a home that has been previously occupied. Currently the average price of a resale home in Sault Ste. Marie is around \$160,000. Therefore, this confusion leaves some Ontarians wrongly believing that the HST will add more than \$20,000 to the transaction cost.

The results of the survey were consistent across all age groups. However, there were some differences across other demographic categories. For instance, of those surveyed half of university graduates, 71 per cent of northern Ontarians, 59 per cent of those living in eastern and southwestern Ontario, and 54 per cent of GTA residents all mistakenly believe the HST applies to the full purchase price of resale homes.

HST HIGHLIGHTS

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REAL ESTATE

Lot for sale on Lewellyn Drive in Richards Landing. 220' x 105'. Water & sewer hook-ups plus drilled well. For more info, phone 705 246-2860.

Private House Sale: Reduced price St. Joseph Island Jewel! Go to www.propertyguys.com ID# 126201 Call for appointment (tenant in house) or to discuss. 705 971-1802.

HELP WANTED

Island Springs Golf Resort has a number of restaurant waitress and kitchen positions available for this season. Interested parties should apply in person with their resume to Restaurant Manager Terry See.

WORK WANTED

Pressure wash and treating decks, ceramic tile or other small jobs. Call Buck & Terry at 705 246-3657.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be doing the annual leaf raking at Grace Cemetery on Saturday 14th May, at 9 am. Any and all volunteers are welcome. Please bring a leaf rake. Refreshments will be served.

Plant Sale: The St. Joseph Island Horticultural Society, May 21st 8 am to noon, downtown Richards Landing. If you have extra plants to donate and would like us to dig them, please call Maria at 705 246-2483.

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DEADLINE: 4:30 pm Wednesday, May 11, 2011
Applications received other than by mail will not be considered.

The Matthews Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, in conjunction with the Trefry Centre and St. Joseph Island Cancer Society Branch will be hosting the annual Health Week Luncheon on Thursday, May 12th, from 11 am to 2 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion in Richards Landing. The cost is \$7. with proceeds going to the hospital and local health and seniors programs. There will be draws, door prizes and information display tables. Everyone is welcome. Your support is greatly appreciated.

AlgomaTrad Fundraiser Weekend: June 3 & 4 at the Hilton Beach Community Hall, featuring Friday night concert with The O'Schraives and champion stepdancer Ariel Hyatt, Saturday afternoon student recital, Saturday evening contra/square dance, silent auction throughout all events. Auction donations accepted, call 705 246-0684, 705 246-0188 or 705 782-4311. Proceeds to AlgomaTrad educational programs. www.algomatrad.ca.

Attention All Senior Golfers – Island Springs Seniors League will start on Monday, May 9th. Sign in is 8:30 with shotgun start at 9:00 am. Hope to see you all there.

Hi Ladies, it's that time of year again to be blowing the dust off our golf clubs. Island Springs Ladies League will be starting up Tuesday May 10th with tee off at 4:30 pm. All ladies are welcome!

Lights! Camera! Fashion! On Friday, May 13th there will be a FASHION SHOW at CASS to help support the school's dance program. Tickets are \$10/adult and \$8/student & seniors and can be purchased at the door or by calling 705 782-6263. Doors open at 6:30, show starts at 7:00.

A physician and her four-year-old daughter are driving to preschool. The doctor had left her stethoscope on the car seat, and her little girl picked it up and began playing with it. Be still, my heart, thought the doctor, gee, my daughter wants to follow in my footsteps and be a doctor! Then the child spoke into the instrument: "Welcome to McDonald's. May I take your order?"

An afternoon at the Spa! Saturday, May 7th from 1:30 to 4:30, at the school gym. Ladies only, must be 18 or over to attend. Less than 50 tickets available. Opportunities for massage, manicure, reflexology, make-up, hairstyling and displays by Everyday Style, Country Way and Mary Kay. All proceeds to the Build it for Kids initiative. For more info, call Jen Stinson at 705 246-3776.

THANK YOU

I'd like to recognize and thank the Island's maple syrup producers for their kindness and generosity in donating syrup to people who are confined to nursing homes and hospitals. Dan McLean, Lynn Kent, Arden Irwin, Albert Crowder, Bell's, Gilbertson's, Ches Wallace, Wes Stevens, Jim Cruickshank, Bill Smith, Edgar Hachey, Mark Henderson, Doug Thompson, Dave Stadnyk, Dr. Steve Roedde, Jim Jackson, Brian Biggar, and Keith (Farmer) Brown have all helped to make a difference and put a big smile on these folks' faces. Thanks too to the Island Clippings for their help and support. *Rockin' Ronnie Hawdon. So proud to be here!*

Thanks to all who supported our "Relay for Life" garage sale. To Doug Hook, we appreciated the use of your residence and the help you offered. Our "Smartie" draw winner was Bonnie Cardinal. If you still have bottles to donate, drop off same location, 1183 Richards St. for the month of May. *"The Island Girls Relay Team"*

Deadline for display ads is 3 pm Mondays.
Deadline for Classifieds is noon Tuesday.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Township of St. Joseph invites applications for the following summer student positions beginning in June:

Marina Attendant

Works Assistant

Applicants must currently be enrolled and returning to school in September 2011.

Interested students should submit a cover letter and resume to:

Carol O. Trainor, Clerk/Administrator
The Township of St. Joseph
1669 Arthur St., P.O. Box 187
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or
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Application deadline is 4:00 p.m.
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Ads can be placed by: **Email to:** islandclippings@gmail.com or by phone 705 246-1635 (**from 9 – 5, Mon-Fri**) or fax 705 246-7060. **Mail to:** Island Clippings RR1, Hilton Beach, ON P0R 1G0 Or simply put it in one of our pick-up boxes conveniently located at Ambeault's, Kent's Corners and the Hilton Beach Post Office.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON ST. JOE

Friday

Hens & Stitches, Dr. Trefry Centre - 10 am to 12 pm
Island Cast-a-Weights, Calorie Watchers, Hilton Community Hall (rear door, basmt) - 8:30 am
Friday Foods at the Legion
AA Meeting, United Church (new addition, side door) - 8 pm

Saturday

Childrens Library - 10 am to 3 pm
Story time - 10:30 am
Hilton Union Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm - New phone number: 255-3520.
St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm
Nordic Walking Group, Tranter Park - 10 am
Free pool all day in the Legion lounge
St. Boniface Roman Catholic, Hilton Beach at 4:30 pm.
Jam Session, Legion - 4 pm to 6 pm

Sunday

Holy Trinity Anglican, Jocelyn, 11 am.
Free Methodist, 10th Side Rd. Coffee, tea and friendship at 10:30 am. Worship service 11 am.
Island Bible Chapel, Richards Landing.
Lord's Supper 10 am, Family Bible Hour 11:15 am.
Grace United, Hilton Beach. 9:30 am.
Harmony St. Marks United, Richards Landing. 11 am.

Monday

Bridge, Dr. Trefry Centre - 1 pm to 5 pm (Open to all seniors)
60+ Exercise Program, Dr. Trefry Centre - 10:00 am
Euchre, Legion Hall - 8 pm (\$3.00 per person)

Carpet Bowling for 50 Plus, Legion - Refreshments Available - 1 pm

St. Joseph Twp, Public Library - 6 pm to 9 pm
Hilton Union Library - 3 pm to 5 pm & 7 pm to 9 pm - New phone number: 255-3520.
Children's Library - 6 pm to 8 pm

Tuesday

CAPC Play & Learn, Free Methodist Church - 9:30 am to 11:30 am
Cribbage (singles), Legion Hall - 7:30 pm (\$3.00 per person)
Quilting - 1-3 pm, Downstairs Hilton Hall except the 3rd week held at the Trefry Centre.

Wednesday

Bridge, Dr. Trefry Centre - 1 pm to 5 pm (Open to all seniors)
St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Food Bank, United Church, Richards Landing (side door) - 1 pm to 3 pm
Children's Library - 9 am to 12 pm
Story time - 10:30 am
Hilton Union Public Library - 3 pm to 5 pm - New phone number: 255-3520.

Thursday

St. Joseph Twp. Public Library - 1 pm to 5 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm
Dr. Trefry Centre's Day Out Program - 9 am to 4 pm
Children's Library - 9 am to 12 pm; 3:30 - 5 pm
Story time - 10:30 am
Pool, Legion - 7:30 pm

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