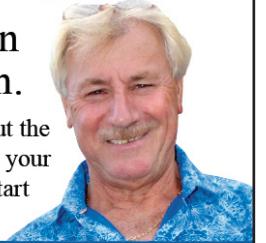




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L'édition de  
cette semaine  
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Former St. Matthew High School teacher and convicted sex offender Rick Despatie is facing a \$100-million class action lawsuit filed by some of his victims. The Ottawa Catholic School Board is also being sued for \$120 million. OTTAWA CITIZEN PHOTO

## \$220M class action suit launched against former St. Matt's teacher, school board

By Fred Sherwin  
The Orléans Star

Two former students at St. Matthew High School who were victims of convicted teacher Rick Despatie have launched a \$220-million class action lawsuit against Despatie and the Ottawa Catholic School Board for "aggressively downplaying, diminishing and discounting" multiple complaints brought against the disgraced former teacher between January 1, 1989, and April 30, 2022.

Despatie was found guilty on four counts each of sexual assault and sexual interference, two counts of criminal harassment, and one count of sexual exploitation last September. He was sentenced to serve two years in prison in

January, but is currently out on bail and while he appeals the conviction.

Although the charges stemmed from incidents involving four former students, many more students had brought allegations against him. A number of those allegations were made public on various social media platforms when a criminal investigation against was made public on April 21, 2022.

That investigation eventually led to 54 charges being brought against him by the Crown Attorney's office. They were later reduced to 20 charges in an effort to keep the trial reasonably brief with the greatest chance of conviction.

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## \$220M class action suit launched against former St. Matt's teacher, OCSB

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Some of the allegations leveled against Despatie go back to his earliest days at the school where he coached the junior girls basketball team for over 10 years. There are also numerous reports of allegations being brought to the attention of a number of principals and vice principals who served at the school over the years, and little if anything was done about it. One principal allegedly told a parent that there was very little which could be done about the allegations brought against Despatie unless he was caught in the act.

The lawsuit claims that the school board bears the ultimate responsibility for Despatie's ongoing crimes against former students, some of whom were as young as 16, as they failed to do anything about it and then tried to cover it up.

According to the filing, the Ottawa Cath-

olic School Board had "pertinent documents...emails, internal communications, reports of misconduct and investigative files" regarding prior complaints about Despatie, and that they "failed to preserve and maintain crucial documents, emails, records, and other evidence."

The complainants in the suit – referred to as Jane Doe #1 and Jane Doe #2 – are claiming \$50 million in damages against Despatie for sexual assault, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of confidence, breach of trust and negligence, \$25 million in aggravated damages and \$25 million in punitive and exemplary damages. They are asking for another \$120 million in damages from the school board.

Whatever settlement they receive will be shared with other students who were victims of Despatie's behaviour between 1989 and 2022.

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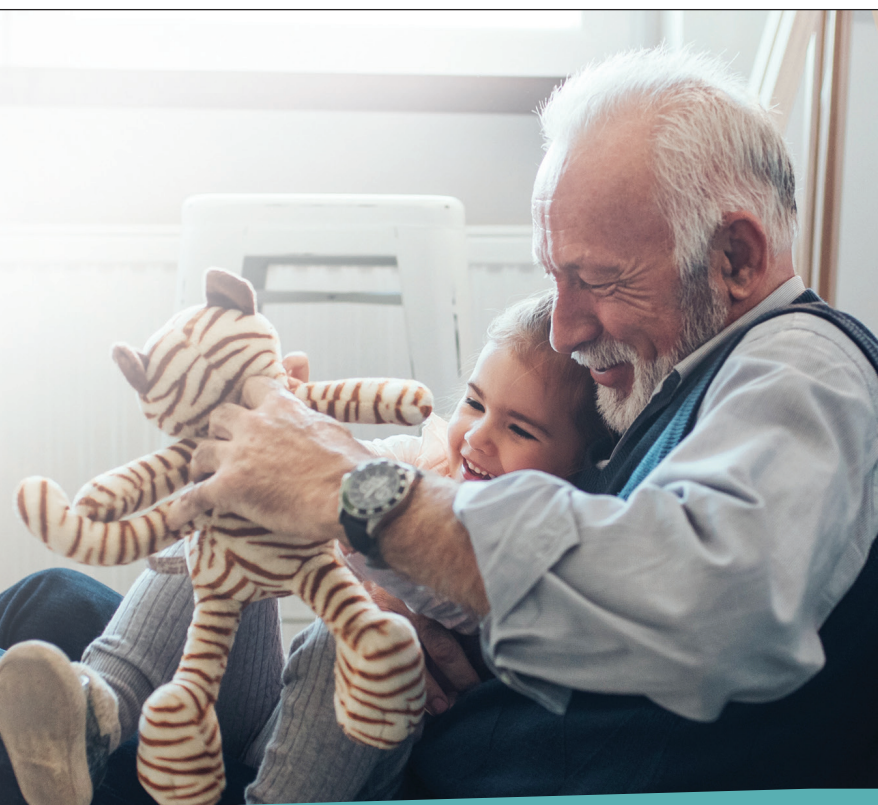
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# East end well presented at Global Alliance Awards

By Fred Sherwin  
The Orléans Star

After a three-year hiatus due to the COVID pandemic, the Global Community Alliance youth achievement award dinner returned this year as a feature of the Black History Month events in the National Capital.

This year's awards were held at the Sheraton Hotel on Saturday, February 24. A grand total of 14 awards were handed out to 11 deserving young people and three educators for making a difference in their diverse community and for being upstanding role models.

Eight of the recipients were from the east end – Anthony Nguyen from St. Peter High School, Amy Zhang from Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School, Laetitia Abou Assali and Daniella Ihezor from St. Matthew High School, Joud Houssari from Gloucester High School, Malaika Kamanzi from Colonel By Secondary School, and Franol Duessa and Ghada Ahmed both from Lester B. Pearson High School.

Anthony Nguyen is a Grade 12 student who is committed to fostering well-being

and community service with his school's community. As co-president of the school council at St. Peter High School, he has been devoted to various impactful initiatives. Most notably, he recently co-ordinated the school's Christmas campaign, which raised an impressive \$10,000 and was used to help support financially challenged families in the community.

Amy Zhang is an Honour Roll student at Sir Wilfrid Laurier High School where she received the award for Athlete of the Year for 2022-2023. She is also a member of the school's jazz and concert bands, the latter of which won gold at the Ontario Music Festival.

Laetitia Abou Assali is a recent graduate at St. Matthew High School, where she was committed to promoting harmony among her fellow students, especially students of Middle Eastern descent. She was also captain on the girl's varsity soccer team and had an exceptional academic standing.

Daniella Ihezor is a Nigerian-born new Canadian who also recently graduated from St. Matthew High School where she was the co-founder of the school's Black Student



**Laetitia Abou Assali**

Association and served as a member of the school board's Black Student Advisory Council which was able to open a space of free conversation about issues that effect the Black student population.

The Global Community Alliance youth achievement awards are organized by former St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School teacher Moses Pratt and his wife Kelly.



**Anthony Nguyen**



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# Come-uppance

The other shoe has finally dropped in what can only be described as the Rick Despatie **affair**.

Despatie was a teacher at St. Matthew High School for the better part of 30 years, where he also coached the school's intermediate and junior girls basketball teams. He is also a sex offender having been convicted of four counts each of sexual assault and sexual interference, two counts of criminal harassment and one count of sexual exploitation against four former students.

He was sentenced to two years in prison in January and is currently free on bail pending an appeal. He was acquitted on nine other charges largely because the judge hearing the case said she had concerns about the reliability of one of the complainants.

But although he faced 20 charges in court, Despatie was originally charged with 54 counts involving 16 former students, some of whom were under the age of 14 when the crimes were committed.

The Crown Attorneys' Office, narrowed the charges down to just 20 involving four of Despatie's victims to limit the trial to a reasonable amount of time, with the greatest likelihood of conviction.

But that is only the icing on the cake. Many more female students came forward with claims of bullying, sexual advances, leering and sexual innuendos.

But more serious still are the claims that the complaints were brought to the attention of multiple principals and vice-principals at the school over the span of 20-plus years and nothing was done about it.

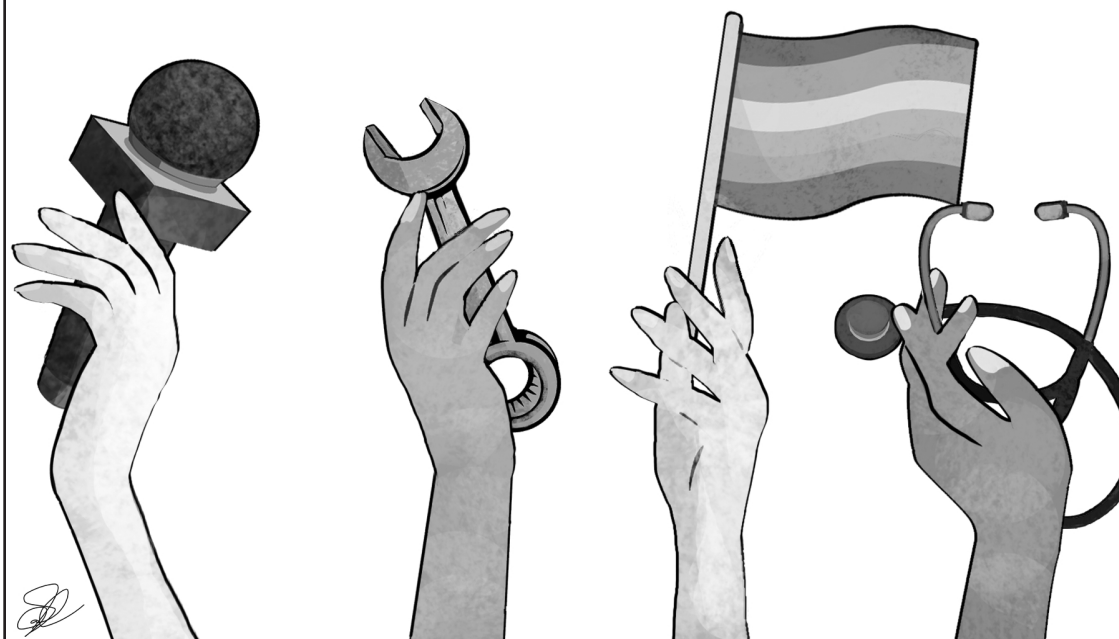
And while Despatie was on trial for the crimes he was eventually convicted of, the Ottawa Catholic School Board was on trial, too. If the claims are true that the school administrators did nothing, or worse still, that the school board either swept them under the rug, or actively tried to cover them up, then they stand to get hit and get hit hard.

It was only a matter of time before the victims and their families sued both Despatie and the board. The shoe finally dropped earlier this month when two of the victims launched a class action lawsuit against both Despatie and the Ottawa Catholic School Board totaling \$220 million. If the victims are successful, the school board will be on the hook for 120 million of the \$220 million.

If I was a gambling man, I would bet on the victims. According to various claims on social media when the case first became public, a long line of former principals and vice-principals were told about Despatie's actions and they did nothing. Evidence was also presented during the trial about how the victims' claims were downplayed, dismissed and ignored. Well, it appears the board, which is ultimately responsible for the administrators, is about to finally get their comeuppance.

– Fred Sherwin, editor

## HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



## February was a very busy month in Orléans and the surrounding area

I had the opportunity to meet with several of our Black community leaders at activities and events held throughout the month of February across our city.

I want to acknowledge local resident Yomi Pratt for his leadership in organizing the Global Community Alliance Gala held on Feb 24, where individuals in categories such as professional, youth, business, and community leaders were recognized at the 11th Annual Award ceremony. It was a privilege to join you in celebrating your contributions to our society.

On Feb.12, I joined my colleague Minister Ginette Petitpas Taylor at Maple Ridge Elementary School in Orléans to visit a Grade 5 & 6 French immersion class where students created special valentines for Veterans. Their messages through the cards they made have been given to veterans for Valentine's Day. Many thanks to Maple Ridge School and School Trustee Donna Dickson for their warm welcome.

I was pleased to participate on Feb. 12 alongside my Ottawa caucus colleagues in the historic announcement of an agreement between the federal government and the City of Ottawa of \$176 million through the Housing Accelerator Fund to help our city build new homes over the next 3 years.

I hope everyone enjoyed Family Day celebrated on Feb. 19. It was great to attend the Greater Avalon Community Association Fun Day on Feb. 17, where

families gathered to enjoy outdoor and indoor activities such as face painting, delicious taffy on the snow, and wagon rides.

Fantastic news for our community and for the Petrie Island Canoe Club, which needed improvements to their community space. I went on site at Petrie Island on Feb. 21 to witness their boathouse and marina storage facility put together. This boathouse was possible in part due to a federal grant of \$609,000 through the Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) from the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario.

Thank you to Commodore Sarah Kennedy and her team for their vision and dedication to our community. Their hard work became a reality.

Good news! The Canadian Blood Services has announced that they have expanded the eligibility criteria for blood donation to all the people who lived or spent time in France during the "mad cow disease" outbreak who could not donate until now.

As we are entering the month of March, I want to wish every woman a happy International Women's Day, which we will be celebrating on the 8th. Thank you for thriving and being leaders and models for our younger generation.

**\*\*La version française est maintenant disponible sur ma page Facebook\*\***



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# Too much food. Too much booze. Too much fun.

Two weeks ago, my newest best friend Michael Pilon from Romantic Fireplaces and BBQs invited me to tag along with him for a weekend in Las Vegas. But not just any weekend. It was Super Bowl weekend. And the Super Bowl just happened to be taking place in – you guessed it – Las Vegas. The above headline pretty much says it all.

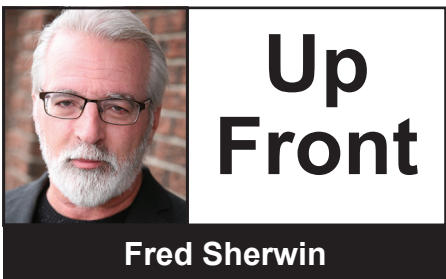
Now, normally I would change the names in a column like this to protect the innocent, but unfortunately, no one was innocent on this trip to the depths of depravity, so I will continue without the use of any pseudonyms.

Mike has been to Vegas more than 35 times and enjoys VIP status with the MGM properties, including the Luxor where we stayed for the weekend. It was my first time.

Yes, that's right, I'm a Vegas virgin, or at least I was until Miscreant Mike convinced me to join him. With a free room and a generous meal comp how could I say no? (Did I happen to mention that I'm terrible when it comes to peer pressure? But more on that later.)

We flew to Vegas on the Friday night and checked into the Luxor at around 10:30pm. We barely tossed the bags in our room before we were out the door for my first tour.

For those who have been to Vegas, there is nothing new here. For those of you who



haven't let me just say that in trying to describe this city in the desert in five words or less, it's over the top. As in everything in Vegas is over the top. From the lights to the hotels, to the food and the drinks and, of course, the entertainment, everything is over the top. Like waaaaaaaay over the top.

I expected it to be eye-popping and holy cow-ifying, but holy moly, there are enough words to describe a 1/3 scale statue of the Statue of Liberty outside New York, New York, or the 1/3 scale Eiffel Tower outside the Paris Resort and Casino, or the Venetian canal complete with gondolas and gondola singers inside the Venetian Resort and Casino, or the mind-blowing lobby at Caesars Palace.

It's all just nuts. Throw in Super Bowl weekend and you can only imagine.

On the Saturday, Magic Mike took me on a tour through all the famous hotels along the strip, more commonly called the "new" Vegas

all the way from the Luxor to the Venetian. It's a distance of about three kilometres and took about 24,000 steps, and took us about four hours. Thankfully, we took a cab back. Not surprisingly, the place was crawling with San Francisco 49ers and Kansas City Chief fans.

Which brings us to game day. Most of the sports bars on the Strip were charging \$100 to get in and then a \$50 minimum per person per hour. The game itself was four hours long so that adds up to \$300 for just the game. If you show up an hour early and stick around for an hour, it jumps to \$400, but with no real experience. As I told Mike, we might as well have stayed home and watched the game at Moxies.

So after doing a little research, we found something called the Big Game Bash Super Party being put on next door to the Las Vegas Convention Centre in Old Las Vegas near Freemont Street with free admission. You just had to pay for your food and booze.

Seemed good enough to me until Mystic Mike found out that we could enjoy the game from a riser with about 24 other people for \$290 each and you got \$290 in drink credits with free nachos and hot dogs to go with it.

The game was amazing, but the experi-

ence was one of the best seven hours of my life. (*Ed. note – we got there four hours before game time.*)

We got to party with Fabian from Los Angeles, Cameron from Denver and from Joe Montana. Needless to say we used up all of our \$580 complimentary drink credit and then some. When you count the various drinks the other guys bought us, it added it to quite a lot.

When the game ended, we went to the after party on Freemont Street which was on another level altogether. I have no words to even try and give it justice.

And it didn't stop there, because after the after party we went back to the Luxor where Mike tried to kill me with the biggest chicken wings you've ever seen and a rack of ribs. I can only describe it as a near-death experience. You know the saying, "Stuffed until you almost burst?" Well, I was one wing away from exploding all over the restaurant.

Thankfully, after a good night's sleep I was somewhat back to normal, or at least enough to could make it to the airport without missing my flight.

With all seriousness, I haven't had that much fun in a long, long time and I have Romantic Mike to thank for it. Check another box off the bucket list.

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## Council recognizes volunteer firefighters as city employees

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As they fulfill their firefighting duties, these selfless individuals are also juggling full-time jobs, families, and personal commitments.

Last week, city council unanimously voted to recognize volunteer firefighters as Ottawa employees, granting them the same rights as other city employees. Frankly, I was surprised that this was not already the case.

This change will finally provide Ottawa's volunteer firefighters employee benefits, including things like vacation pay; but also, protections that reflect the realities of the

job they perform, as well as proper recognition for their incredible work.

Prior to the Council meeting, I met and spoke with several volunteer firefighters, and they all expressed similar concerns. They spoke of colleagues who had to leave after only a few years due to the on-call schedule, juggling the necessary training, demands of their full-

time jobs, and the impact to their home life. These volunteers are asked to drop everything, including when they are at their paying jobs, and travel to all corners of the city when a fire call comes in. I can think of no other position at the City that asks for such a commitment.

This change not only recognizes their service, but also aims to boost morale, attract new recruits, and retain experienced firefighters for longer periods. This change is long overdue, and with this recent recognition, we finally say thank you, not just with words, but with the tangible acknowledgement they deserve.



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# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY IS MARCH 8

## We all can play a role to help #InspireInclusion

By Jody Maffett  
The Orléans Star

The theme of International Women's Day (IWD) 2024 is based on the idea of inspiring others to understand and value women's inclusion in all aspects of society.

International Women's Day (IWD) is a global celebration of the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. Each year, this day serves as a powerful reminder of the progress made towards gender equality and highlights the work that still needs to be done.

The campaign theme "Inspire Inclusion" emphasizes the importance of diversity and empowerment in all aspects of society.

This year's campaign theme underscores the crucial role of inclusion in achieving gender equality. It calls for action to break down barriers, challenge stereotypes, and create environments where all women are valued and respected. Inspire Inclusion encourages everyone to recognize the unique perspectives and contributions of women from all walks of life, including those from

marginalized communities.

One of the key pillars of Inspire Inclusion is the promotion of diversity in leadership and decision-making positions. Women, especially those belonging to underrepresented groups, continue to face barriers when seeking leadership roles. By championing inclusion, organizations and communities can harness the full potential of diverse perspectives, leading to better decision-making and innovation.

Education and awareness play vital roles in fostering inclusion and empowering women. Through initiatives such as mentorship programs, educational workshops, and advocacy campaigns, individuals and organizations can create opportunities for women to thrive. By providing support and resources, women can be empowered to overcome obstacles and achieve their full potential.

As we celebrate International Women's Day 2024 and reflect on the theme of Inspire Inclusion, let us reaffirm our commitment to creating a world where all women are empowered, valued, and included. By working

together to break down barriers and foster diversity, we can build a more equitable and inclusive society for generations to come.

You can play a role by inspiring others to help forge an inclusive world by sharing your thoughts across various social media platforms using the hashtags #IWD2024 and

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If we all take an active role, both men and women, to inspire inclusion across all aspects of society, the world will be a better place.

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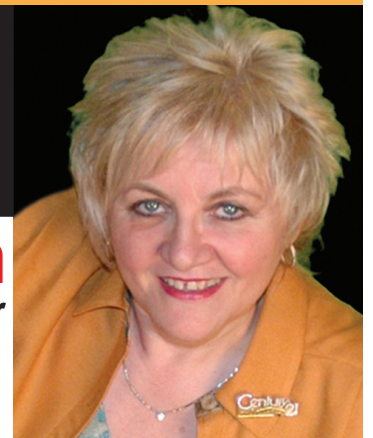
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# Equality versus Equity: What's the difference?

By Jody Maffett  
The Orléans Star

The IWD 2023 #EmbraceEquity campaign theme seeks to get the world talking about why “equal opportunities are no longer enough” - and can in fact be exclusionary, rather than inclusive.

Let's start with a basic definition of each word. *Equality* means each individual or group of people is given the same resources or opportunities. *Equity* recognizes that each person has different circumstances, and allocates the exact resources and opportunities needed to reach an equal outcome. People who push for equality-based solutions to social issues may believe in impartiality, and that there should be no difference in services and policies. However, equity-based solutions take into account the diverse lived experiences of individuals and communities, adapting services and policies according to these differences.

The goal of *equity* is to change systemic and structural barriers that get in the way of people's ability to thrive. *Equity* is a long-term and sustainable solution, and is a process for addressing imbalanced social systems.

*Equality* focuses on providing all genders with equal opportunities, such as a woman's right to vote. Yet, women often require more than a level playing field. They need to belong in a global culture that actively promotes and supports them in all aspects of their life, from education to the workplace to health.

Gender is intersectional, and women as a group are truly diverse. Policies that benefit white women, for example, may not benefit women of color due to historical or current inequalities. A shift from gender *equality* to the process of gender *equity* is required for meaningful progress..

If you truly believe in forging an equal and inclusive world, then you will truly believe in the need for the world to better understand the difference between equity and equality.



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Happy Women's Day!

La journée d'aujourd'hui sert à célébrer les pionnières qui ont ouvert la voie à une plus grande égalité et à soutenir celles qui n'ont pas encore tracé leur propre chemin.

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This special day is also an opportunity for men and women to look to the future. It is a time to stop and think about ways to improve the status of women in developed and developing countries. It is an invitation to think about how to end the discrimination, inequality, abuse and violence of which they are still victims in many places around the world, including here at home.

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# Local VanLife couple hits the road again

*(Tori Dark and Kevin Nault have embarked on a trip across Canada aboard their newly converted camper van. In doing so, they are joining hundreds of other people who have taken up what is referred to in the culture as “VanLife”. During their trip, the Orléans Star will publish a series of diary pieces from Tori, allowing readers to follow the couple’s journey. This is the eighth installment in that series.)*

As we finally begin our solo journey across Canada, I can’t help but feel some relief. The past several weeks have been filled with one get-together after another. Don’t get me wrong, we had a wonderful time and enjoyed our mini tour of extended family. But I couldn’t help but feel exhausted from the driving and socialization. The next part of our journey is one I’ve been looking forward to for a while, Lake Superior.

Gichi-gami, the Ojibway name for Lake Superior meaning “Great Sea” is the largest freshwater lake in the world by surface area. It is a great source of pride for many Canadians and her presence did not disappoint. The drive up from Sudbury was five hours of clouds and periodical rain as we traveled through the Canadian Shield. That is until we had a majestic break in the clouds to reveal the afternoon sun beaming down on Madame Lake Superior and all her glory. It brought tears to my eyes to see such natural beauty.

Being a fan of Gordon Lightfoot’s music, I’ve come to

know the story of the SS Edmund Fitzgerald. The song poetically covers the events of the ship’s demise on Nov. 10, 1975, when crossing Lake Superior from Wisconsin, costing the lives of all 29 crew members on board.

While spending the night at Government Dock Beach in Lake Superior Provincial Park, it was impossible not to feel the ominous presence amongst the darkness as you looked across the rocking waters. Inspired by this, my partner Kevin, beautifully captured what I was feeling while painting the shoreline with a short film which you can find on our Instagram account. We perched ourselves on this remote beach and marveled at how far we’ve come in our journey to travel Canada. We were finally about to drive all the way to Canmore, Alberta! Something we’ve been dreaming about since 2018.

The cold, wind, beauty and sheer power of Gichi-gami were like nothing I’ve seen. My toes were cold and my hands were numb, but I was the happiest I’ve been in a while because of the solitude and peace. If you have an opportunity to visit Lake Superior, I would highly recommend spending some time just sitting with the sounds and movement of the water. It heals the soul.

We continued onwards past Thunder Bay and the Sleeping Giant to Kenora, a small town on the border of Manitoba. Driving across the prairies in the winter is not recommended by most, but at this point we would drive across anything to



Tori takes a break on the road to work on her drawings. PHOTO SUPPLIED

get to the Rocky Mountains.  
*(You can follow Tori and Kevin at [instagram.com/vanxiety\\_life/](https://www.instagram.com/vanxiety_life/). Tori and Kevin are both former students at Cairine Wilson Secondary School, Class of 2012.)*



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