TONIGHT ON CTV NEWS.
LISTENING TO NORTHERN.
NEEDS OVERWHELMINGLY WHAT WE ARE HEARING IS THE NEEDS FOR
HEALTH CARE AND MENTAL HEALTH.
COMMITTEE FROM QUEENS PARK'S GATHERING PUBLIC INPUT AND
STOPPED IN SUDBURY TODAY.
STUDENT SEEKING SUPPORT.
I HAVE HEARD FROM A FEW STUDENTS ON THE TOPIC OF THEM
CUTTING DOWN THE FOOD THAT THEY ARE EATING.
Ashley: CANADORE COLLEGE AND NORTH BAY SAYS ITS FOOD BANK
IS A SEEING A 50% INCREASE IN USAGE.
SPORTSPLEX AND TIMMONS WAS TARGETED BY THIEVES OVER THE WEEKEND, "LEAVING PLENTY OF DAMAGE.
Announcer: CTV NEWS AT 11:30 WITH RENA MOORE AND KATIE BEHUN WITH WHETHER.
Marina: GOOD EVENING AND ALL PARTY COMMITTEE FROM QUEENS PARK IS HOLDING PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS IN NORTHERN ONTARIO THIS WEEK AHEAD OF THE NEXT PROVINCIAL BUDGET.
IS A CHANCE FOR LOCAL AGENCIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO I OUTLINE THEIR PRIORITIES.
CTV'S ALANA EVerson HAS MORE FROM SUDBURY.
REPORTER: THIS PANEL IS GATHERING INFORMATION FROM COMMUNITIES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS REPRESENTATIVES IN OPERATION OF THE 2023 PROVINCIAL BUDGET.
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TALK DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNMENT ABOUT WHAT THEY WANT TO SEE IN THE BUDGET.
LOCAL MPP'S WERE ALSO ABLE TO PARTICIPATE.
OVERWHELMINGLY WHAT WE ARE HEARING IS ABOUT THE NEEDS FOR HEALTH CARE AND MENTAL HEALTH.
BILL 124 AND THE EFFECT IT HAS HAD ON HEALTHCARE, AND ALSO MENTAL HEALTH LOCALLY WITH THE
CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE.
>> Reporter: TWO HIGHLIGHT
SOME OF THE GROWING HEALTH CARE
NEEDS, SUDBURY DISTRICT NURSE
PRACTITIONER CLINICS MADE A
PRESENTATION.
>> WE ARE FORTUNATE WE HAVE
THREE SITES IN SUDBURY RIGHT
NOW, BUT WE KNOW, THAT CURRENTLY
THERE ARE 3000 PEOPLE THAT DON'T
HAVE ACCESS TO KAREN SUDBURY.
THERE ARE OTHER PROVIDERS
RETIRING SOON.
>> Reporter: THE CANADIAN
MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
SUDBURY MANITOULIN SAYS IT HAS
ONLY RECEIVED A 2% BUDGET
INCREASE OVER THE PASSED DECADE.
THAT HAS HAD A NEGATIVE RIPPLE
EFFECT ON STAFF, AND ON PEOPLE
WHO NEED THE SERVICES.
>> HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCE
CHALLENGES, THAT WE HAVE HAD,
AND THAT IS IN RECRUITMENT AND
RETAINING QUALIFIED STAFF, FOR
OUR ORGANIZATION.
AND THEN OF COURSE THE OPIOID
CRISIS IN SUDBURY, WHICH HAS
BEEN AND IN ALL NORTHERN
COMMUNITIES.
>> MONDE THEM HAVE
MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.
MOST OF THE TIME IT IS A VERY
SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY, THAT
WOULD GO A LONG WAY TO SOLUTIONS
THAT WOULD BE RIGHT HERE RIGHT
NOW FOR THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN
ONTARIO GIVEN THEM ACCESS TO
CARE, ADDING THEM ACCESS TO
MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION,
DECREASING THE AMOUNT OF THE
DEATH.
>> Reporter: THE COMMITTEE
WILL BE IN SAULT STE. MARIE ON
TUESDAY AND ON TIMMINS AND
THURSDAY FOR MORE CONSULTATIONS.
FOR GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS
UNABLE TO PRESENT IN PERSON,
SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED
UNTIL FEBRUARY 14th.
ALAN EVERSON CTV NEWS SUDBURY.
>> Marina: HOMEOWNERS IN SAULT
STE. MARIE ARE GETTING AN IDEA
THIS WEEK ABOUT HOW MUCH THEIR
MUNICIPAL TAXES ARE GOING UP THIS YEAR.
A PROPOSAL FOR A HIKE OF NEARLY 6% IS BEING PRESENTED TO COUNCIL.
TVS MIKE MCDONALD REPORTS.

>> Reporter: THE CITY’S CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER SAYS THERE ARE NUMBER OF FACTORS DRIVING THIS TAX INCREASE INCLUDING INFLATION HIGHER FUEL COSTS TAX SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTIONS AND MORE FREQUENT SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS ATTRIBUTE IT TO CLIMATE CHANGE.

>> WE HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO TRIM THINGS DOWN TO WHERE IT IS RIGHT NOW. WITHOUT HAVING ANY IMPACT ON SERVICES.

>> Reporter: CITY COUNCIL HAS A COUPLE WEEKS OVER THE BUDGET AND RETURNED TO THE TABLE WITH PROPOSED CHANGES, WHICH INCLUDED OFFERING SOME ITEMS OR PROJECTS STAND NEXT YEAR OR ELIMINATING THEM ALTOGETHER.

THE MAYOR SAYS COUNCIL HAS A TOUGH JOB AHEAD.

>> THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASES ARE HIGH. WE EXPECTED TO BE SOMewhat HIGHER THAN PASSED YEARS BECAUSE OF THIS YEAR'S HIGH INFLATION, THE PASSED YEAR'S HIGH INFLATION, BUT THE NUMBER, I DON'T THINK IT IS SOMETHING THAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD ACCEPT. IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE WILL HAVE TO SHARPEN OUR PENCILS TO BRING DOWN.

>> Reporter: THE CAO SAYS WHILE THIS IS A CHALLENGING YEAR FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET THE LOCAL ECONOMY CONTINUES TO RECOVER.

>> IS ON A SUSTAINABLE PASS. TO NARIS MAKE SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY. WE HAVE A NEW OWNER OF THE STATION MALL, A NEW OWNERSHIP AND OPERATIONS OF OUR PRIMARY TOURIST ATTRACTION. AND SO REALLY IS A COMMUNITY WE
ARE WELL-POSITIONED FOR THE FUTURE.

>> Reporter: THE CITY ASKS FOR FEEDBACK FROM RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET, SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS CAN BE SENT THROUGH THE CITY’S WEBSITE. BUDGET DELIBERATIONS ARE SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 13th AND 14th.

MIKE MCDONALD CTV NEWS SAULT STE. MARIE.PL

>> Marina: THERE IS MORE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE. WE HAVE A STORY ABOUT HOW SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES AND DELAYS HAVE SEEN THE BUDGET FOR THE SAULT NEW DOWNTOWN PLASIBLE -- PLAUSIBLE INTO TWICE THE 616 MILLION COST THAT WAS APPROVED BACK IN 2019. YOU CAN REDO THAT STORY AT CTV NEWS NORTHERN ONTARIO.CA.

>>> TO MANITOULIN ISLAND, WERE A BUILDING IN -- TRIBAL POLICE ARE TREATING IT AS AN ARSON CASE, AT HAPPENED AT AN ABANDONED STRUCTURE IN THE EARLY HOURS, OF SUNDAY MORNING. POLICE SAY THE INVESTIGATION IS ONGOING.

>> TIMMINS PLEASE OFFICERS RC CHARGED A MAN AND WOMAN ON WEEKEND FOR BREAKING IN AND CAUSING DAMAGE AT THE ARCHIE DYLAN SPORTSPLEX -- ARCHIE DILLON SPORTSPLEX. POLICE LOOK FOR A THIRD SUSPECT. THE STORY FROM CDS LYDIA CHUBAK.

ACCESS TO TWO VENDING MACHINES AND AN ATM.

>> The subjects proceeded up to damage two vending machines and an ATM. Never successfully making entry into those machines. They then ventured forth into the concession area, caused some damage to a cash register there. Some office space was compromised and they damage them property there. Made off with other electronic items.

>> Reporter: The staff member at the arena discovered to their presence, and the perpetrators ran away on foot with a hockey bag containing stolen property. Police say it was easy to find two of three suspects. Officers followed the footsteps and the freici.

>> They were followed to their residence, and arrested on scene. This is not exactly a criminal mastermind at work. It is not as though they studied the blueprints of the building and then broken. Our message is a strong one this type of criminal activity never pays off.

>> Reporter: A man and woman both both 23 have been charged with various rake in offences and mischief over $5000. Police are still looking the 24-year-old third suspect. The mayor of Timmins says that the crime forced the cancellation of hockey for the day and says it is a matter to be discussed.

>> It reinforces the fact, that these kind of socioeconomic issues we are facing are not just reserved to the downtown core. They really are happening across the city. And so it is important that
COMMUNITY LEADERS ARE MINDFUL OF THAT, AS WE PUT TOGETHER A PLAN ON HOW WE WILL ADDRESS THIS, INCLUDING ALL OF THE DIFFERENT NEIGHBOURHOODS IN THE CITY OF TIMMINS.

>> Reporter: SOME OF THE STOLEN PROPERTY HAS BEEN RECOVERED, BUT THE DAMAGES TO THE MACHINE IS IN THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.
LYDIA CHUBAK CTV NEWS TIMMINS.

>> Marina: CANADA'S PREMIERS HAVE EXPECTED THE PRIME MINISTER'S INVITATION TO TALK ABOUT HEALTHCARE FUNDING NEXT WEEK.
COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION CHAIR AND A MANITOBA PREMIER HEATHER STEFANSONN PICKED OUT A STATEMENT SAYING THAT THEY LOOK FORWARD TO THE MEETING, WITH THE PRIME MINISTER ON FEBRUARY 7th.
PROVINCES HAVE BEEN PUSHING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE ITS SHARE OF THE HEALTHCARE FUNDING AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS SIGNALLED THAT IT IS OPEN TO GIVING THE PROVINCES MORE MONEY, BUT IT IS ALSO ASKING FOR TRANSPARENCY AS TO HOW THEY SPEND IT.

>>> THE ONTARIO NURSES ASSOCIATION THUD BARGAINING FOR A NEW CONTRACT TODAY FOR HOSPITAL NURSES.
THE UNION IS PLANNING A SERIES OF ACTIONS TO BOLSTER ITS PUSH FOR HIGHER WAGES.
THE UNION STARTING WITH HAVING VERSES WHERE STICKERS WHILE AT WORK TO HIGHLIGHT THE BARGAINING NT PRIORITY OF HER WAGES BUT A STAFFING AND BETTER CARE AL LATE NEXT MONTH, NURSES WILL HOLD INFORMATION TICKETS AT VARIOUS HOSPITALS, AND THE UNION PLANS WHAT IT CALLS A SHUTDOWN.
PROTEST ON MARCH 2nd OUTSIDE OF THE TORONTO HOTEL WHERE BARGAINING IS TAKING PLACE.
THE NURSES DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO STRIKE AND THE UNION SAYS THAT AT THERE WILL BE NO ILLEGAL
A new poll suggests doctors and medical students are on board with Ontario's plan to quickly recognize licenses and training from other provinces. Survey conducted by the Canadian Medical Association shows in 95% of respondents are very supportive, or somewhat supportive of Penn Canadian licensing. Those polls suggested rolling back barriers would improve access to healthcare and rural, remote and northern communities, and to primary and specialty care.

Beginning tomorrow Shoppers Drug Mart will no longer be offering plastic bags to customers that check out. The retailer making that announcement today and advising people to be prepared to bring their own bags. The company says it stores will offer reusable alternatives. The first phase of the federal government ban came into effect last month.

Canadore College North Bay has a busy student food bank.