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NEWS Briefs

Bevington lands new gig

Dennis Bevington is now the official opposition critic for the Arctic Council, the Western Arctic MP announced yesterday.

"The official opposition will stand up to Stephen Harper's plans for the Arctic, and I can think of no better person to do that than Dennis," NDP leader Tom Mulcair stated in a news release.

The Arctic Council is an international organization that deals with issues like climate change.

"I think the fact that they made me official critic for the Arctic Council just speaks to how important the body has become," Bevington said.

Bevington is also the official opposition critic for the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency.

- Daniel Campbell/NNSF

Ice getting safer

New ice measurements released by the city on Friday show some Yellowknife water bodies are ready for winter use. Frame Lake, Back Bay and Long Lake are among the lakes with ice thicker than 15 cm, the minimum thickness for walking or snowmobiling according to the city. Yellowknife Bay and the Detah ice road still hadn't reached the minimum thickness as of Nov. 9 and are unsafe for walking or snowmobiling.

- Daniel Campbell

Accused in court

The man charged with manslaughter in the death of 20-year-old Emerson Curran appeared in court yesterday without a lawyer.

Roman Bourque, 23, said he's acquired an Edmonton-based attorney who wasn't able to attend Yellowknife court on Tuesday. The lawyer is still waiting for what the Crown calls "a significant amount of disclosure" from police. Bourque is scheduled to appear in court again on Jan. 21. Curran died in an Edmonton hospital a day after being knocked unconscious at a Yellowknife house party on Aug. 24.

- Daniel Campbell

Public health officer joins Twitter

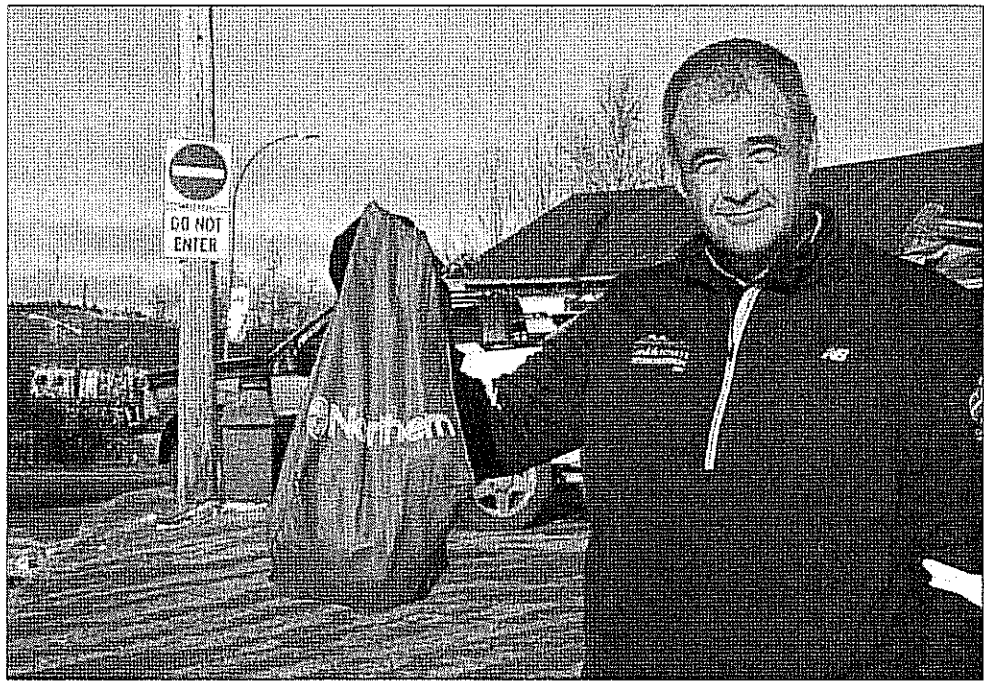
Dr. Andre Corriveau, the chief public health officer with the Department of Health and Social Services, has joined the age of social media.

He will have two Twitter accounts, one in English and the other French, to send health messages to NWT residents in both languages. A number of Yellowknife politicians, such as Wendy Bisaro and Daryl Doherty, have already followed the Twitter account at [@nwt_cpho](https://twitter.com/nwt_cpho). The account was launched on Oct. 16 and since then, has sent out 10 tweets and gained 49 followers.

- Candace Thomson

Markets

Gold: \$1,267.09
Last Week: \$1,310.83



Scott Crockett takes a breather during one his training sessions in preparation for a marathon in the Cayman Islands taking place on Dec. 1. Crockett can be seen with his bag of recycling slung over his shoulder. Over the last two years, he has collected \$2,600 worth of recycling, all of which he is donating to combat diabetes in the North.

Recycling on the run

City marathon runner to donate \$2,600 raised from recycling toward diabetes initiatives in the North

by Cody Punter
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Over the last few years, local marathon runner Scott Crockett has developed an odd training routine.

Every time Crockett sets out to go on a run, he makes sure he brings an empty bag along with him. If all goes according to plan, the bag is full of empty cans when he returns.

As a result, Crockett has been helping to keep Yellowknife's streets clean, all while raising more than \$2,600 in the last two years.

"I'm running down the street anyways. I see all this garbage and the tin cans and everything else - might as well pick them up and get some money for them," said Crockett, a district manager for The North West Company - which owns Northern stores in communities across the North.

Even more impressive is the fact all of that money he has raised is

going toward combating diabetes in the North.

"It cleans up the town and I can donate the money to charity," he said.

Crockett is the only Yellowknife resident on a team of 79 representing The North West Company who will be running in the Canadian Diabetes Association's annual marathon, which will be taking place in the Cayman Islands on Dec. 1.

Crockett said diabetes is a cause dear to his heart because it has such a tragic affect on Northern communities.

"If you look at a map from 15 years ago that shows the rate of diabetes in the North and you compare that to now, you can see it's increasing," said Crockett.

According to Connie Tamoto, manager of corporate communications for The North West Company, the team has raised \$2.1 million

since 2000. This year alone, the team has raised \$495,000.

Tamoto added that since 2011, the The North West Company has developed a partnership with the Canadian Diabetes Association so that all the money it raises gets reinvested into Northern communities.

Crockett first ran as a member of Team Diabetes Canada in New Orleans in 2001, and has done several races since, including a marathon in Rome in 2011.

Although Crockett is now a seasoned runner, the city did not yet have a recycling program when he first started racing.

It is only since 2011 that he began collecting recyclables from the side of the road.

"I just collected all that money and threw it into a big water jug and when I decided to do (a marathon) for Cayman, I decided to donate it as part of my fundraising," said

Crockett.

On top of the \$2,600 raised through recycling, Crockett and his wife, Loren, have raised another \$3,400 - for a grand total of \$6,000 - through other fundraising initiatives.

Aside from the fact that Crockett is raising money to help others, he points out that running has also helped him improve his own health. Before he started running, Crockett weighed more than 300 pounds. Now, as he prepares for the eighth marathon of his career, he weighs in at a lean 207.

Over time, Crockett has improved dramatically as a runner and in his last marathon, he broke the elusive four-hour barrier with a time of 3:58.

Crockett said his goal for this year is running the 26 mile race in less than 3:50.

"If I get under 3:50, you'll have to wipe the grin off my face with a sledgehammer," he said.



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