

Old Friends in Business



Glena Clearwater - Photo

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What an inspiration to visit the Nipigon District Memorial Hospital and meet these four local residents, who have lived in Nipigon for decades and who all, at one time, owned stores. Impi Pink, 91; Sam Lasocha, 93; Clarence Saunders, 90; and Tom Hebert, 89 years young (seen above).

Impi and Ernie Pink ran Pink's Corner Store, on Fourth Street from 1958-1972. The store was opened by the Borsk family and was sold to the Pink's, who sold it to Herman and Vera Mannila, who in turn sold it to Janet and Bill Watson. It is now used as a residence for Janet. Daughter, Aili Pink-Dampier recalls the store being a rare one in the fact that it sold fresh meat.

Tom and Ellen Hebert ran Hebert's Store on Front Street, close to the plywood mill area, from the mid 1960s until 2013. Those who worked at the Red Rock Paper Mill, where Tom worked for 40 years, recall that in the mid 50s he opened a store in the mill in 2-3 cupboards. If you ordered something today he had it for you tomorrow! The cupboards had socks, boots, gloves, and of course confection items. When Tom ran his store on Front Street the expression was,

"If Hebert doesn't have it, you don't need it!" Since closing, the addition to the store has been removed and is now a residence for his granddaughter. At the hospital, Tom is out in the courtyard, in his wheelchair, weeding and watering the flower and vegetable gardens, proudly showing off the tomatoes that are ripening.

Clarence and Gladys Saunders and their 6 children all were in the grocery business, coming from Thunder Bay to operate the store where the museum is now. At one point a fire destroyed the store and the adjacent drugstore. While it was being rebuilt, a smaller version was of his store was being run in a large building that stood right where the Paddle-to-the-Sea waterfall is. The whole family worked in the store at some point, with David going on to become a butcher in the store owned by Danny Saunders in Red Rock. The store on Front Street was L&L Food Market prior to Saunders. There were 3 grocery stores on Front Street at one time...Zechners, Saunders and The Bay.

Sam and Violet Lasocha live in a big house behind Terry Mahoney's on McKirdy, which had been owned by the Baba family. Sam and Violet both worked at the Nipigon Plywood Mill and later they bought the corner store on Churchill and Fifth Streets from the

Loik's, who purchased it from Eva and Albert Swanson, who built it during the 1940s. Sam sold it to Roy and Gladys Harper, who sold it to Jackie and Irwin Oja, who sold to Brenda Maenpaa and it is now the residence of Allan and Lynn Clearwater. Located on the hill and opposite the NDMH the store was a busy place. Anita Lange recalls going to the store for ice cream sundaes and sweet treats when she was younger. Sam enjoyed meeting the many people that would stop in as Fifth Street was one of the main thoroughfares in Nipigon.

Aili recalled that there were more than seven corner stores at one point. Former and present stores included:

- Kirkpatrick's;
- Jorgenson's (where the Tyhuis family lives on Sixth Street up from Macs);
- Lehtos-Ribbicic's (where the RBC is);
- Borsks-Pink's-Mannila's-Watson's;
- Hebert's on Front Street;
- Cow Palace, once on Front Street by the China Gardens, later becoming The 4-Way on Bell and Railway;
- Swanson's (Churchill and Fifth Street)
- Kruszewski's (corner of Newton and Riverview); and
- Leo Plemel who ran a little store and gas station beside the Legion.

Keep an eye out for the 3 hidden ship wheels. They could be anywhere!!!



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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF UNION GAS LIMITED

Union Gas Limited has applied for approval to change its gas commodity, storage and transportation rates effective January 1, 2016.

Learn more. Have your say.

Union Gas Limited has applied to change its rates to better reflect how it supplies natural gas to its customers. The proposed changes include the following:

- A change in the reference price used to set rates on a quarterly basis for a majority of its customers; and
- A change to how it allocates costs to the different types of customers that it serves.

An average residential customer would see the following annual bill impact, but these impacts would only start in 2018:

Residential Customer – Service Area	Approximate Bill Impact
Southern Ontario (Windsor to Hamilton)	Decrease of \$20
Northern Delivery Area (North Bay to Kapuskasing)	Increase of \$26
All Other Delivery Areas	Decrease of \$1.50 – \$51.50

Other customers in Union Gas Limited's service area, including businesses, will also be affected.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Union Gas.

We will question Union Gas on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of Union Gas. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the changes that Union Gas has requested in this application.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Union Gas on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **August 25, 2015** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2015-0181**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2015-0181** from the list on the OEB website: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.


ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **August 25, 2015**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and e-mail address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).



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