

Man who went missing on ski trip recounts baffling journey

The Canadian Press

TORONTO
Danny Filippidis says he just wanted to capture a few memories. His annual ski trip to Lake Placid, N.Y., with colleagues from Toronto Fire Services was drawing to a close when he realized he'd forgotten to bring a camera to the lodge where he was unwinding with friends about half-way up Whiteface Mountain. He told friends he'd ski down to a car to retrieve his cellphone and return to document the end of their sojourn on the slopes. That quest led to a baffling journey the 50-year-old fire captain will likely never be able to fully remember. Filippidis vanished on Feb. 7, triggering a massive ground search that involved state authorities, family and friends. When he surfaced six days later in Sacramento Calif., some 4,000 kilometres away, the veteran firefighter says he was just as mystified about his cross-country trek as everyone else. "It's still overwhelmingly shocking

that it happened," Filippidis told The Canadian Press in his first interview since disappearing on the slopes. Doctors and police have since been able to fill in some of the blanks, determining that Filippidis' unusual ordeal came about as a result of a head injury sustained on that fateful trek to retrieve his cellphone. Now, as he returns to work, he says he often dwells on what could have happened. "I feel fortunate that I'm here talking today because of all the potential things that could have resulted," he says. Filippidis says he believes his misadventure began when he took a wrong turn on the way back to the car. He has no recollection of a fall that knocked him out and likely caused a concussion, but recalls coming to at "dusk" feeling sore and disoriented. He made his way to what he mistakenly believed to be the main ski lodge, only to find it closed and deserted. Investigators later deter-

mined that Filippidis likely fell near a children's ski slope and worked his way to the hub of kids programming, an area that's sparsely populated and would have been closed at the time. Filippidis suspects he then flagged down a truck in the hopes of securing a ride off the mountain. Memories of what happened next are fragmented at best. He recalls climbing into the warm cab of a truck still clad in his ski boots and winter clothing. He remembers being sick by the side of a road at what appeared to be a truck stop, and then learning he was driving through Utah. "I'd never been out that way," he says. "It kind of added to my confusion and feeling of not really knowing what was going on because I'm not familiar with that part of the country." He has a clear impression of the crushing headache and intense fatigue that left him unable to do little besides sleep as he unwittingly wound his way further away from Lake Placid.

'Climate change' ban not from us: Ford's office

The Canadian Press

TORONTO
Emails from Ontario civil servants asking staff to stop using the term "climate change" on government social media accounts were based on false information, Premier Doug Ford's office said Friday. Several internal emails published on a Toronto blog said Ford's office had directed workers at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry as well as Ontario Parks to not use the term online. A spokeswoman for Ford said the premier's office has never issued such a directive to anyone in government. "The premier's office has never given direction to anyone in the government not to use the term climate change on social media," Laryssa Waler said in a statement. "To say otherwise is 100 per cent false." In a memo to civil servants Friday, three of the province's top bureaucrats said the government has launched an investigation into the matter and taken immediate action to correct the inaccuracy.



Doug Ford

"Integrity, accuracy, professionalism and the highest possible ethical standards are core principles of our work," the memo said. "In order to ensure greater trust and integrity within the system, an internal audit is already underway to strengthen our security procedures." Federal Environment Minister Catherine McKenna, who has clashed with Ford over the cancellation of cap and trade, had earlier tweeted that his government appeared to be "muzzling" staff with the order. "After Ontarians & Cdns have experienced extreme weather linked to climate change — extreme heat, forest fires, flooding — the Ontario gov't appears to be muzzling @OntarioParks by banning words 'climate change,'" she wrote on social media. "Time to focus on climate action. We have a plan. Ontario has no plan." Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner wrote the province's Environment Minister Rod Phillips asking him to clear the air on the controversy.

Couillard finds a new face to replace unpopular health minister

The Canadian Press

MONTREAL
Liberal Leader Philippe Couillard has removed a possible major stumbling block in his bid for a second mandate, announcing Friday his unpopular health minister won't return to the crucial portfolio if the party is re-elected. Couillard unveiled Gertrude Bourdon as the Liberal candidate in a Quebec City-area riding, tapping the health-care administrator as his future health minister. She would replace Gaetan Barrette, the controversial outgoing minister whose tough-love approach to reforms over the past four years has been roundly criticized and who appears unpopular in polling. Barrette would become the next treasury board president should he and the party be re-elected, Couillard said. The Liberal leader paid tribute to Barrette's accomplishments under difficult circumstances in a portfolio that accounts for around one-half of Quebec spending. Quebec hasn't had a female health minister since Pauline Marois in 2001, while all of them have been doctors dating back to Couillard's appointment to the post in 2003. "In 2018, it's time for a new era, a new perspective," the Liberal leader said on Day 2 of the provincial election campaign. Bourdon said she had discussions with the rival Coalition Avenir Quebec before spurning the front-running party to join the Liberals. "When you have to make such an important decision in life — because this was the most important decision of my life — there was only one party that reflected my values," she said in the riding of Jean-Lesage alongside Couillard, Barrette and other Liberal candidates.

Papa John's begins diversity training after founder departs

The Associated Press

Papa John's will initiate diversity training for employees, three months after the company founder used a racial slur during a conference call. John Schnatter, who had resigned as CEO last year after blaming poor sales on how the NFL handled player protests, resigned as chairman after the incident was reported by Forbes in July. Clashes between Schnatter, who is still Papa John's largest shareholder, and executives at the pizza chain are ongoing. He is suing the company, alleging that his treatment was unfair. CEO Steve Ritchie said in a letter posted on the Papa John's website Friday that the company's leadership team recently completed diversity training, which will now be rolled out company-wide for its 120,000 workers. In a video tweeted to its more than half a million followers, Papa John's showed some of the angry tweets it received and said "We heard you." It thanked customers for their honesty and concluded: "It is making us better."

PUBLIC NOTICES

8AM - 4PM SPECIAL SERVICES	
Electric Outages.....	403.529.8260
Gas Emergency.....	403.529.8191
Water & Sewer Emergency.....	403.502.8042
After Hours Special Services.....	403.526.2828



DEVELOPMENT PERMITS APPROVED AUGUST 16 TO AUGUST 22, 2018 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RESIDENTIAL	
29 SOMERSIDE GATE SE	(Lot 15, Block 8, Plan 0912931) DP14583. Duplex.
104 RANCHMAN PLACE NE	(Lot 23, Block 14, Plan 0714516) DP14586. Garage.



COMMERCIAL

328 SOUTH RAILWAY STREET SE	(Lot 18, Block 23, Plan 5999JK) DP14537. Approved by Municipal Planning Commission on August 22, 2018. Discretionary Use Change Of Use To Cannabis Retail Store And One Fascia Sign.
643 3 STREET SE	(Lot 11, Block 23, Plan 1491) DP14543. Approved by Municipal Planning Commission on August 22, 2018. Discretionary Use Change Of Use To Cannabis Retail Store And One Projecting Sign.
543 3 STREET SE	(Lot 11, Block 22, Plan 1491) DP14545. Approved by Municipal Planning Commission on August 22, 2018. Discretionary Use Change Of Use To Cannabis Retail Store
914 SOUTH RAILWAY STREET SE	(Lot 38, Block 1, Plan 8811731) DP14561. Approved by Municipal Planning Commission on August 22, 2018. Discretionary Use Change Of Use To Cannabis Retail Store And One Fascia Sign.
946 16 STREET SW	(Lots 1, 2, 3, Block 1, Plan 7610561) DP14567. Approved by Municipal Planning Commission on August 22, 2018. Discretionary Use Change Of Use To Cannabis Retail Store And One Fascia Sign.
547 2 STREET SE	(Lot 12, Block 15, Plan 1491) DP14576. Approved by Municipal Planning Commission on August 22, 2018. Discretionary Use Change Of Use To Cannabis Retail Store And One Fascia Sign.
103 - 1420 9 AVENUE SW	(Lot A, Block 1, Plan 3420AH) DP14580. Approved by Municipal Planning Commission on August 22, 2018. Discretionary Use Change Of Use To Cannabis Retail Store And One Fascia Sign.
699 KINGSWAY AVENUE SE	(Lot 11, Block Q, Plan 59191) DP14582. Approved by Municipal Planning Commission on August 22, 2018. Discretionary Use Change Of Use To Cannabis Retail Store.

HOME OCCUPATION

54 3 STREET SW	(Lot 52, Block 5, Plan 0410130) DP14472. Employees to Attend Site. Computer Services.
18 ELDER AVENUE SE	(Lot 14, Block 8, Plan 7910917) DP14587. Office Use Only. Consultant.
99 HAMILTON COURT NE	(Lot 31, Block 3, Plan 7510086) DP14588. Office Use With Storage on Site. Mobile Food Vendor.
1069 BRAEMAR STREET SE	(Lot 12, Block H, Plan 59454) DP14594. Office Use Only. Service.

A person claiming to be affected by a decision of the Development Officer or the Municipal Planning Commission may appeal to the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board by completing and submitting to the City Clerk Department, the required Notice of Appeal form within twenty-one (21) days of this publication. Notice of Appeal forms are available from the City Clerk Department, Third Floor, City Hall or on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca.

All Development Permits listed are subject to conditions. Further information on any Development Permit may be obtained from the Planning & Development Services Department, Second Floor, City Hall during normal business hours (Telephone 403.529.8374).

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD 403 VISTA DRIVE SE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the following Development Appeal will be heard by the Medicine Hat Subdivision and Development Appeal Board at a Public Hearing in City Hall Council Chambers, commencing at 12:00 noon on **Tuesday, September 11, 2018.**

APPEAL #3-2018
Location: 403 Vista Drive SE (Lot 15, Block 9, Plan 0413377)
Purpose: On August 7, 2018 a License Inspector approved a development permit application for a Home Occupation for a Landscaping Business. The appellants are appealing the approval of the development permit.

If you wish to inspect any other documentation on file with regard to this matter, you may do so by attending at the City Clerk Department, 3rd Floor, City Hall between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Written/electronic submissions, regarding the above, will be accepted and placed before the Board. All submissions will be treated as public documents and must be received by the undersigned by 4:30 pm, **Thursday, September 6, 2018.** Oral Submissions are normally limited to five (5) minutes.

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ELECTRICAL UPGRADES

Electric Distribution Department would like to advise residents and business owners that City of Medicine Hat crews will be upgrading electrical systems in the downtown core from April to October 2018. Alleyways from 1st Street to 5th Street and South Railway to 4th Avenue SE will be affected. For more information visit www.medicinehat.ca/upgrades

WATER MAIN FLUSHING & FIRE HYDRANT INSPECTIONS

Environmental Utilities performs regular, routine maintenance to uphold the water quality and system infrastructure by annually flushing water mains and inspecting fire hydrants.

During these operations, there may be some discoloration in the water which is not harmful to consume and will disappear when flushing is complete. Please note that discoloured water should not be used for laundry and that fluctuating water pressure may also be noticed.

Should discoloration persist beyond three hours, turn on your cold water tap or an outside sprinkler and let the water run for several minutes until the water runs clear.

For additional information or to confirm whether crews are working in your zone, refer to the Water Flushing Programs page on the City's website at www.medicinehat.ca/eu or contact Environmental Utilities at 403.529.8176.