

Meet our new reporter, Adam Hodnett

ADAM HODNETT
THE TRIBUNE

CAMPBELLTON – (Editor's note: Adam Hodnett, our new reporter who started on Feb. 12, makes his introduction here.)

I drove the entire width of the continent for this job. I started off almost as far away as you can get in Canada – Victoria.

When I first went west, I did a 20-hour drive in one sitting. I did not do that this time. I aimed for nine hours a day. But I still got thrown off schedule by rock slides and terrible northern Ontario roads.

I also had to make a few detours. I had slowly spread my stuff out across the country over the year and half it took me to go from coast to coast, and I finally collected it all again. A computer in Hope, some books in Nelson, some papers in Timmins, some instruments in Pembroke.

My whole life could still fit into my Sunfire. It was nearly packed to the roof,

but I had holes carved out to see out the mirrors.

It was more than 60 hours of driving. Across the water, over the mountains, through the Prairies, around the Great Lakes, and finally back to the Bay. It's nice to be home.

I grew up in Bathurst, so I already had connections to this area.

I learned to snowboard at Sugarloaf. I played basketball against the Cougars in junior high school. I once belonged to a boxing club that first started in Eel River. I have a lot more to learn though.

With the help of family, I was able to find a place to rent before I even got here. Coincidentally, it seems to be an unofficial Tribune building.

The building had been owned by previous owners of The Tribune, the Raymonds. The last summer intern, Whitney Neilson, apparently rented the apartment directly above mine. A former general manager once rented my exact apartment.

I actually love the place, because it's

in town. At my last two jobs, my apartments were at least 20 minutes away from the communities I covered, but I want to be embedded this time. That means working, living and playing.

I'm really curious about the mountains around here. Hiking, camping, and outdoor photography are my favourite things to do when I'm not working.

Being back along the Bay is also very exciting for me. I keep joking that I don't need a stable place to live, that I can just as comfortably put my rent money toward a boat. It still doesn't seem like a half-bad idea. I also have a few canoe trip plans in the works.

Before this, I had worked at papers in Alberta and Ontario. I studied journalism at St. Thomas University in Fredericton. And before that I was stressing about what I wanted to do with my life. Luckily, I ended up at St. Thomas and discovered their journalism program.

I love all the roles of a community paper. But most of all – I love stories with a narrative. Profiles and features



Adam Hodnett. PHOTO: TIM JAUQUES/TRIBUNE

tend to be my favourite, but they need action.

Do you know of any interesting stories in the area? Any interesting characters?

Has anything remarkable happened to you recently? If so, please let me know at hodnett.adam@tribunenb.ca or 753-8242.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Big prizes for ball hockey tourney this summer

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CAMPBELLTON – The organizer of annual summer ball hockey tournaments has seen participation increase with each year and, with a large cash prize for the winning team this year, that success is sure to grow even more.

Marc Savoie said on Feb. 12 that this summer will see the largest cash prize ever and with large sums to be awarded to the second- and third-place teams, more teams are sure to sign up.

“Right now we have a first-place cash prize of \$10,000 that’s already been guaranteed by our sponsors,” he said. “There is also a \$3,500 prize for the runner up and \$1,500 for third place for a total prize pool of \$15,000.”

This year’s tournament will be played in the Dieppe Arena at the Campbellton Regional Memorial Civic Centre from July 31 to Aug. 4. All games will be two, 20-minute straight time periods and officiated by certified hockey officials.

“We’re doing this the right way and all games will be officiated by real referees. We want this to be as serious as possible, that’s why we made sure to have significant prizes for the winners,” Savoie said.

Savoie added that there will be zero tolerance for fighting and that it will be the discretion of organizers on whether or not to eject players from the tournament for any fighting or serious infraction.

Last year, Savoie had 12 teams at a tournament organized in Petit-Rocher but expects that number to more than double for this year.

“We’re limiting this to the first 32 teams to register,” he said. “We will not have those cash prizes, however, if we don’t have at least 20 teams.”

Teams of up to 14 players and a goaltender will contest the top prize. Each team is guaranteed three games with the top 16 making the playoff round.

The tournament is open to both men and women, provided all players are at least 18 years of age.

Registration is open now with teams getting a discount of \$50 if they register prior to March 31. The cost after March 31 will be \$350.

For more information, visit cballhockey.com or email Savoie at amaps@apa-ca.com.

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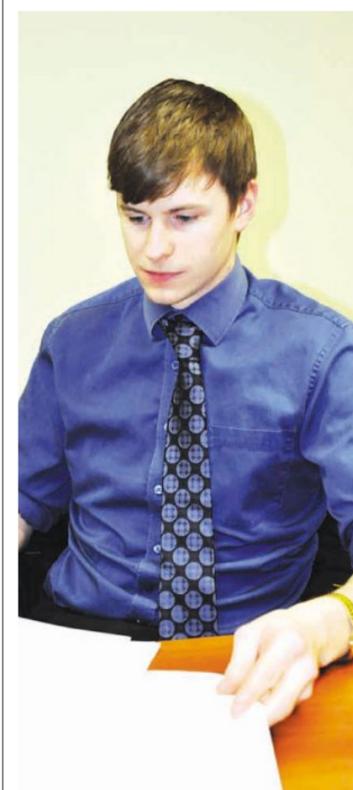
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