

Warkworth Institute to remain open

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COBOURG - If Warkworth Institute is going to close its doors, it won't be for at least 15 years, says Brighton Councillor Brian Ostrander, who was one of the founding members of the Warkworth Institution Task Force that began in July 2008.

The task force met in late October to discuss the ongoing concerns Brighton in response to a Correction Services Canada (CSC) report that recommends possible closure of

the Warkworth Penitentiary, in favour of a new regional complex being built near Kingston.

The facility employs close to 400 people directly and utilizes local businesses for supplies and services.

"The Task Force has made significant progress, and based on the feedback we've received from the government and Correctional Service Canada, we feel confident that Warkworth Institution has a positive future to look toward," said Northumberland County Warden Linda Thompson,

chair of the task force.

During the past seven months, task force members have had productive meetings with Federal Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan, Warkworth Institution warden Charlie Stickel, and the Correctional Service Canada Deputy Commissioner, Ross Toller.

"There is every reason to believe that Warkworth Institution will be around for a long time, regardless of what plans the federal government may have to introduce regional

complexes in the future," Thompson said.

"The facility is known for its specialized aboriginal programming and many of the inmates are involved in manufacturing and the rebuilding of military vehicles. Although the largest institution of its kind in all of Canada, Warkworth operates at the fourth-lowest cost per capita of 20 federal institutions."

Ostrander says he was told that the process to build a regional facility would take about 15 years, and by that

time, there would be an even greater need for correctional facilities, meaning Warkworth would likely still be safe.

"But we're not going to terminate the task force," said Ostrander. "We plan to keep the federal government aware of our concerns."



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BELL, Mary Renetta Cochrane - Born in Cramahe Township, Ontario, October 11, 1917. Died quietly in her sleep in Boucherville, Quebec, November 15, 2009 at the age of 92. Daughter to William James Cochrane and Annie Renetta Davis and beloved wife of the late John Bell. Survived by daughter Kathryn and her husband William Robert Sympton, by nieces Marianne Cochrane and Renetta Allen, by nephews Jim Cochrane, Jim Bell, and John Patton, and by sister-in-law Beth Cochrane. Predeceased by brother James Frank Cochrane and sister Phyllis Patton. She took great joy and satisfaction from a teaching career that spanned over forty years. She started teaching in a one-room schoolhouse in Maddock Ontario in 1938. She subsequently taught at Edville, Milltown and Wooler schools in Ontario, at F.M. MacNiven School in Noranda Quebec, and at Boucherville Elementary. She taught literally thousands of students. She kept in contact with many of her former pupils and remembered them all fondly. Visitation with family on Wednesday November 18 at the Complexe Funerair Pierre Tetreault in Boucherville, 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Funeral at Salem United Church Monday November 23 at 1:00 pm, interment following. Reverends Charles Buchanan and Anja Guinion officiating. In lieu of flowers donations to the Maison Victor-Gadbois in Saint Mathieu de Beloeil are requested. Heartfelt thanks go to Dr. A. Barbant and staff at the Maison who provided their utmost support to Mary and family.

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CUTHBERTSON, David Granville - Passed away in Toronto on November 17, 2009, at the age of 77. He spent his last days at Sunnybrook Hospital surrounded by his family. Dear and beloved husband of Louise Cuthbertson for 52 years. Loving father of Sally, married to Jim Garner; Deborah, married to David Johnston; Rosemary, married to Tiff Macklem; and Celia, married to Tony Bird. Much loved Grandpa of Kate, Jill, Jennifer, Andrew, Richard, Jamie, Holly, Meredith and Emily. David is also survived by his sister, Angela Green, of Somerset, England. David was born in 1932 in Surrey, England. As a young man he lived for several years in Rio de Janeiro before moving to Montreal in 1955 where he met and married Louise in 1957. In 1959 David was awarded the Governor General's Gold Medal for the highest standing in Canada in the uniform final examination of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. David spent much of his career with Alcan Aluminium Limited which brought the family to Tenafly, New Jersey; Sao Paulo, Brazil; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Tyler's Green, England. David and Louise retired in 1994 to "the farm" in Castleton, Ontario where they enjoyed many happy years. A true gentleman, David will be lovingly remembered for his devotion to his family, his sense of humour, and the wonderful gardens he created. A funeral service will be held at **MACCOUBREY FUNERAL HOME** 30 King St. E., Cobourg, Ontario on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation (www.nhh.ca/Foundation/DonateNow.aspx) would be appreciated by the family. Condolences received at www.MacCoubrey.com.

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■ **RECOGNITION:** Award to be presented Nov. 26

Local illustrator wins Governor General's Award

COLBORNE - Colborne artist Jirina Marton has won a Governor General's Award for Illustrated Children's Literature, for the book *Bella's Tree*.

The awards were announced on Nov. 17 in Montreal, and will be presented by Governor General Michaëlle Jean at Rideau Hall on Nov. 26. Each award includes a prize of \$25,000.

In *Bella's Tree*, "Jirina Marton's illustrations invite the reader to a winter landscape full of textures and subtle, earthy colour palettes," says a Canada Council news release. "The Van Gogh-like interior and its warm tones create a holiday season mood that evokes an emotional response."

Marton has a distinguished career as an illustrator, and was a finalist for a Governor General's award in 2007. She is also a member of the Colborne Art Gallery, where original oil pastel illustrations for *Bella's Tree* are now available.

Born in Czechoslovakia, she began drawing at the age of three, but she recalls that her first artistic expression - on a freshly painted kitchen wall -



Jirina Marton

earned her a spanking. She soon became wiser in her choice of drawing media.

After attending art school in Prague, she emigrated to France, worked in Paris, and eventually settled in Canada.

Her illustrations now grace dozens of books, including *Marja's Skis*, a finalist for the Governor General's Award in 2007, and *The Bear Says North: Tales from Northern Lands*, a Silver Birch Award selection in 2005.

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