HAPPY TO JOIN METROLAND HALTON TEAM

EAGER TO BRING FIRST NATIONS MATTERS TO LIGHT. WRITES KYLE G. **MACDONALD**

As a Maritimer with a French-Acadian and Métis heritage, I come from the town of Yarmouth, a small fishing village in rural Nova Scotia, where the largest building is a four-story hotel.

The seawater there goes beyond the horizon, and the stars are distinguished by the lack of lamp posts and street lights.

I grew up with an adventurous family, boating to islands on weekends to clams, camping through the summer with friends and hunting the winter months for rabbits.

But like most Canadians who wish to receive a



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Column

legal education, I was inevitably shuffled to the populated lands of Ontario, which holds eight of the 20 law schools in Cana-

Now a resident of Burlington, I am a student of the Lincoln Alexander School of Law at Toronto

Metropolitan University (formerly known as Ryer-

It is a wonderful place with wonderful people. But since being exposed to the many turns and shortcuts of the Common Law (which happens to resemble an oversized, intricate snakes-and-ladders

board), I am undecided when it comes to selecting an area of law to practise.

But I do know I enjoy writing.

And that is my entrance here, as Metroland's Indigenous summer journalist. I am both thankful and excited to bring local First Nation matters to light. with an engaging and educational heartbeat.

As I work alongside the Halton news department, I plan to put my legal knowledge to work by investigating current Indigenous issues in Ontario and infor ming our readers on how they may be impacted.

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