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Pothole patrol

A crew from Pioneer Construction patches potholes on Monday on Froot Road. It's pothole season, and while some roads are certainly worse than others, Northern Life is asking for your help in constructing a pothole map of what has been nicknamed 'Crater' Sudbury. Everyone who participates will have a chance to win a \$125 wheel alignment courtesy of Kal Tire. Email your pothole photos to contests@northernlife.ca. Include the location of the pothole, your name and telephone number. The contest ends April 30 at 11:59 p.m.

Roads

Second Avenue gets bike lanes

City responding to public pressure: Kett

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After vigorous lobbying by residents in Minnow Lake, city staff have agreed to include bike lanes when a section of Second Avenue is rebuilt this summer.

And residents will have a chance to review the revised plan at a public meeting planned for the third week of April at the Adamsdale Fieldhouse.

Demands for bike lanes grew louder after the first public meeting in early March. Residents learned cycling infrastructure wasn't part of the project, and began lobbying for change. Specifically, they wanted to reduce the number of driving lanes from five to three from Scarlett Road to Donna Drive, and put in bike lanes



Thanks to public pressure, a bike lane will be part of the Second Avenue reconstruction.

instead on either side.

With that stretch of road handling 15,000 vehicles a day, as well as traffic signals going in that area and several residential projects planned for Minnow Lake, city staff said the lanes were needed to prevent chronic congestion.

But on Monday, Ward 11 Coun.

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Raising funds

Hospice aims high for hike

Hike for palliative care centre goes May 4

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Last year, Maison Vale Hospice raised a record \$151,000 at its RBC Hike for Hospice event.

But hospice officials hope this year's hike, which starts at 11 a.m. May 4 at the Grace Hartman Amphitheatre, will be even bigger and better. They're hoping to raise \$155,000, surpassing the event's 2013 total.

Every year, Maison Vale Hospice has to raise more than \$800,000

Volunteers

It's a great, great feeling to know our employees are so willing to give their time and to participate. Pauline Robidoux, branch manager of RBC's Val Caron location

in operating funds to cover costs not fully covered by the province, said Nathalie Depatie, the hospice's fund development co-ordinator.

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Heartbreaking end



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Spinning wheels

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