

BEST NEWS STORY

Overall, the entries were solid, although there were a couple that did not really fit this category. The top three in the category separated themselves from the others with engaging topics, detailed description and fantastic storytelling.

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Inuk story points to discovery of HMS Terror ship
Parks Canada "partners" make historic find near King William Island

STEVE DUCHARME

The 160-year-old mystery of Sir John Franklin's doomed Arctic expedition got a little clearer Sept. 3 with the long-awaited discovery of what many believe to be the British explorer's second ship, HMS Terror, in Nunavut.

Water Paul Watson, in an article appearing in The Guardian Sept. 12, confirmed researchers aboard the Arctic Research Foundation's Martin Beagman, discovered the ship, hauled up in Termit Bay, located on the southwest shore of King William Island, 13 days ago.

The Guardian reports the Terror was found in "pristine shape" with her main hatch still standing with nearly all the hatches on the vessel closed and containing a trove of valuable historical artifacts.

Many of the geographical features surrounding King William Island, including both Termit and Erebus bays, were named in honour of Franklin's 1845 expedition by...

since Parks Canada located the Terror's ship, the HMS Erebus, in shallow waters of Maud Gulf.

In an email to Nunatsiaq News, a Parks spokesperson said the department was about the report's discovery of the wreck of HMS Terror and is working "with our partners to validate the discovery."

"The discovery of HMS Terror would be a major find for Canada's ongoing search for knowledge in the making a significant contribution to our understanding of the Franklin expedition," said the spokesperson.

but the Terror may have been in the area for a long time.

The Terror place is mostly away from search areas in Canada for the ship.

It's also 10 km by boat from the shore.

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"These included his mom, I told him, as soon as we get home, we're going to have to look, to take a rest, I don't think that's too hard," she said, teary-eyed.

Walking through the airport to see so many people waiting to greet him, Koppale said, "I was so happy."

He and his fellow crew members were sitting in the lounge or television room on the evening of Feb. 23 when the ship struck ice.

"I was scared, but I had some adrenaline too," said Koppale, who's worked with Qikiqtaaluk Fisheries for almost two years.

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STEVE DUCHARME
Nunatsiaq News

The reporter did a wonderful job telling an interesting news story, while, at the same time, giving an engaging history lesson. The reader is left with no unanswered questions and a better understanding of the past.

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Tears of joy greet Saputi's fishermen
"No one was hurt, and that is just amazing"

SARAH ROGERS

The Iqaluit airport waiting area was crowded with people, but remained quiet as the afternoon of Feb. 26 — except for the yells of a woman crying into her son's shoulder.

That man, the woman's son, was one of seven crew members working aboard the Qikiqtaaluk Fisheries Corp.'s MY Saputi in Davis Strait Feb. 22, when the vessel's hull struck ice and began leaking on water.

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"Native kids were cheated," says Tribunal

STEVE BONSPIEL
The Eastern Door

The Canadian government learned the hard way that Emily Blackstock was not going to give up, despite intimidation tactics and the withholding of key documents, as her nine-year battle for equal funding for on-reserve children came to an end on Tuesday in Ottawa.

The executive director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society fought alongside the Assembly of First Nations and spoke to media this week about the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal's scathing, almost 180-page ruling for Ottawa to change its ways.

"Why did we have to bring the government of Canada to court to get them to treat First Nation children fairly?" Blackstock asked during a press conference at the National Press Gallery in Ottawa.

"Why would it ever be okay to give a child less than other children? One of the non-Aboriginal children we worked with said, 'discrimination is when the government doesn't think you're worth the money.' So what would it be like if you weren't worth the money? What would it be like if you were the parent of a child that wasn't worth the money?"

Blackstock was joined on stage by AFN chief Perry Bellegarde and other chiefs, including Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations vice chief Kimberly Jonathan's young daughter, who speaks briefly on why she was there — to "support" the ruling.

Bellegarde hugged Blackstock on stage before the press conference and thanked her for her tenacity in seeing the long battle to what is seeing the end.

He cited the AFN's joint national advisory committee with Canada in 1997-98 as the precursor to the ruling.

"That national committee published a review in 2000 and they also published the Wendt Report in 2005, so a lot of work was done. A lot of recommendations were provided 11 years ago, but because nothing was done at that time, there was no follow-up or implementation of those up or recommendations for these children, then we continue to march on. This is a binding court order: it is not something the government can shelf."

"As the tribunal says in the decision: Canada has repeatedly relied on empty rhetoric and they want to see that stopped. And so do I," she said.

Jordan's Principle was supposed to be used as a minimum barometer to follow in terms of child welfare, education and access to health, but has been largely ignored by the federal government.

Blackstock said certain parts of the remedy section of the ruling, which calls for action and change on the part of Indigenous Affairs and the government of Canada, was purposely left vague by the tribunal, because if it were too specific it could be challenged by Canada and possibly overturned by the courts as being too biased.

Bellegarde told the journalists present he would be meeting with finance minister Bill Morneau to fight for an increase in funding for child welfare in the upcoming federal budget.

Ottawa has continuously harassed Blackstock during her quest for equality, something that never deterred her.

She pointed out three key times where she was targeted by the federal government and its lawyers in this case, which resulted in \$20,000 being awarded by the tribunal in June last year, which ordered Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (its former name) to pay Blackstock for pain and suffering.

It also strongly admonished the budgeting the endured from people like David McArthur, former special assistant to then Conservative minister Chuck Strahl.

Ottawa violated the Privacy Act by collecting personal information from her personal Facebook page, "Willfully and recklessly" retaliated against her.

SARAH ROGERS
Nunatsiaq News

The narrative approach to the story brings readers along for a harrowing ride. We feel the panic from the moment of the impact to the joy of reunion. Thank you for taking us along for the ride.

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This is what journalism is all about — holding authority accountable and exposing that information to the public. Well done.

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