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## Clock stops ticking at Wigamog Inn

### HIGHLANDER INVESTIGATES

By Lisa Gervais

Keith Robertson stands on the road facing the Wigamog inn, looking at the crumbling former resort that he grew up in.

The 74-year-old is the adopted son of Merv and Alison Robertson. He lives just down the road from 'The Wig.' The family patriarch, William Robertson, bought the property

from the Gould family in 1917, first taking in guests in 1922, giving birth to the inn on Lake Kashagawigamog.

"When I was about that high," Keith says, holding his hand about two feet off the ground, "we used to live in there. In the summer, we had a cabin to stay in while the lodge was running. In the winter, we moved back into the lodge. And then finally my dad built a house in 1951 or 1952."

He points out a stone chimney at the inn, which was built in 1898, and is still standing at the inn.

A large picture window gaped open with smashed glass on the railing and porch. Inside, the ceiling is falling in, black mold is visible, furnishings left inside are strewn about.

From the road, one can see remnants of a swimming pool. Some of the fencing is broken. A deer is startled inside the enclosure

and knocks down one of the white, iron gate pieces as it crashes onto the ground. There is stagnant water in the pool.

"It's totally destroyed," says Robertson, looking around and pushing his baseball cap back off of his forehead in the morning heat.

Earlier this year, Riddin Ryder the Adventurer posted a video to YouTube after entering the inn and its grounds. There are no fences or 'no trespassing' signs.

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## Highlander scoops six awards at OCNAs

By Lisa Gervais

*The Highlander* won six awards at the Ontario Community Newspaper Association's (OCNA) virtual awards ceremony July 24.

Head of production, Lyelca Rodrigues, took first place in the original ad idea category.

She designed a wrap showcasing a vehicle crashing through the front page.

The judges said, "this was kind of awesome. As a reader, I hate wrap ads, not gonna' lie. But the visual on the front has huge impact. Good on you."

Rodrigues also took a third place for best creative ad.

She adapted a Husqvarna ad by having a leaf blower blowing text.

"Fun ad," the judges said. "The use of white space draws the eye in and adds interest to the smaller ad unit. I appreciate that the ad aims to 'blow away' real text – and the concept comes across very well. Good use of colour -- the Castle logo balances well with the Husqvarna logo. Good timing of ad being placed in August for the upcoming fall season."

Editor Lisa Gervais was judged runner-up for best editorial. It was for a piece she wrote challenging the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. While the board was announcing staffing and programming cuts, she detailed how head office had given itself raises over recent years.



"Well written and well-debated," the judges wrote. "Strong argument backed by facts and numbers. Well done."

Reporter Joseph Quigley was also runner-up for the Stephen Shaw award for Reporter of the Year.

He submitted stories on Highland Wood and its roof failure, a lack of ice time for girls' hockey and a story on the former Donald Chemical Plant.

The judges said they were, "three strong stories and all well executed. These stories reflect the reporter's range of reporting interests and the ability to research and report on them. These stories also had impact, as in the case of the girls' ice hockey

team and their time on ice. The long-term care home evacuation is also an important issue. Well done!"

Quigley also garnered a third place finish for spot news.

"Kudos to Joseph Quigley for his tight capture of a firefighter taking a breather from a house fire. Excellent use of depth of field ... filling the frame on this fire scene," the judges said.

Overall, *The Highlander* was ranked the third best paper in Ontario for its circulation size of 6,500 to 12,499.

The judges said, "*The Highlander's* locally owned and operated roots come shining through with its unique look and focus (on what one can only presume to be a hockey-mad community). This paper has a strong layout, thoughtful headline writing, great local coverage, excellent art and hallelujah, a sports section! It has a clean and attractive inside design and compelling editorial pages. A very enjoyable newspaper to spend some time with."

Simon Payn, publisher of *The Highlander*, said, "I'm proud of our team, who work incredibly hard to make the paper each week. I'm also grateful to our community, who support us by reading the paper and by advertising their businesses. Awards like this prove that media in Haliburton County is stronger than ever."



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Dysart projects a small deficit despite the challenges posed by the pandemic. *File photo.*

## Dysart projects small deficit despite pandemic

By Joseph Quigley

Dysart et al is forecasting a small \$18,336 deficit despite the upheaval caused by COVID-19.

Staff presented a mid-year budget update to council July 28. Despite a \$461,566 decline in revenues, much of it pandemic-related, that was more than offset by a \$649,997 drop in expenses.

Deputy Mayor Patrick Kennedy spoke positively about the update.

"Gives me a lot of relief as to what the impacts might be and at this point in time, I think we're in great shape," Kennedy said. "Hats off to the staff. Continue the hard work minimizing costs."

A large surplus was found in the road maintenance budget due to a mild winter, comprised of savings for \$167,340 for snowplowing, \$73,810 for brushing, \$67,500 for washouts and \$70,000 for sanding. \$300,000 was transferred to the development reserve due to that surplus.

But the forecast also includes the deferral of sidewalk construction at the intersection of York and Highland Streets, as well as Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, to 2021, saving \$71,700.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said it was worth re-examining the budget given how much things have changed since its approval.

"This is a very different world," she said.

### Welcome Centre overruns

The Welcome Center being built by Head Lake Park is going \$50,000 over its \$450,000 budget, though that is mitigated by a \$24,020 expense reduction for staffing, contract personnel and building maintenance.

Kennedy said COVID has created challenges for construction and the project would have likely been delayed were it not for federal grant funding totalling \$375,000, which is time-sensitive. The project must be completed by March 31, 2021, for the grant, according to CAO Tamara Wilbee.

"The rising cost of materials has been crazy over the last number of weeks, if not months," Kennedy said, adding contractors have also been reluctant to bid. "We're doing everything we can to keep our costs down, but things are beyond our control on many of these areas."

Wilbee added the size of the building has also increased by 250 square feet from initial design, contributing to the overrun.

The project is being completely funded by the grant funding, as well as a \$75,000 contribution from the Rotary Club of Haliburton.

Coun. John Smith questioned whether the project could be delayed or altered given the higher cost.

Kennedy replied the project manager would look to reduce or defer costs wherever possible.

### Road improvements

Smith also asked about the possibility of additional road improvements through the summer, given the savings in the road maintenance budget.

"The condition of roads continues to be a primary concern across our community. Many of the lake roads are frankly in terrible condition," Smith said.

Council agreed to have staff bring forward any further projects that could be completed promptly to the August council meeting.

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## Dysart et al news

### Clean audit reported

Dysart et al received a clean audit opinion from its new auditor, Grant Thornton.

The auditor presented to council July 28 and found the municipality's financial statements were presented fairly and its cash flows follow Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Senior manager Thomas Turnbull said a new auditor can bring fresh eyes to a municipality to identify issues, but there was nothing major they saw.

"You're doing a really good job. We didn't find there were any significant deficiencies that I needed to bring your attention to," Turnbull said.

### Zoning bylaw progressing

Council is advancing a new zoning bylaw overhaul with an electronic open house scheduled Aug. 14.

The latest draft of the bylaw has added in patios as allowed in the minimum water setback area and language that rafts shall not restrict waterway navigation. Other new elements of the bylaw include backyard hens, urban agriculture, preventing private cabins and yurts from being used as rental properties, raft restrictions and more.

Besides the open house, an electronic public meeting will also be held for the draft bylaw Sept. 22.



Thomas Turnbull, senior manager of Grant Thornton, presents an audit to Dysart council July 28. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

### Fireworks bylaw adjusted

The municipality is now allowing fireworks for the Labour Day weekend.

Council passed a resolution to modify its fireworks bylaw to allow them on the weekend preceding and including Labour Day, to align itself with similar bylaws in Highlands East and Minden.

The update also adds more wording for Canada Day fireworks to address confusion from this year when it fell on a Wednesday.

Fireworks are always allowed on the holiday itself and on the weekend closest to it.

Now, the bylaw also specifies a Wednesday Canada Day means fireworks are allowed on both the preceding and following weekends.

### Mountain Street property sold

Council voted to proceed with the sale of its property on 737 Mountain St.

The property is being sold to Community Living Trent Highlands for an undisclosed

amount, the long-time tenants of the building.

The municipality originally purchased the building from the Red Cross Society, which had covenants that a portion of any future sale would go back to the Red Cross. The society agreed to waive that if it was sold to Community Living for the building's original intention as an adult group home.

*(Dysart et al news compiled by Joseph Quigley).*

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## HE firefighters knock down brush fire

Highlands East firefighters put out a bush fire north of Gooderham July 28 after a fallen tree knocked down a power line.

Acting fire Chief Chris Baughman said that led to a blaze along County Road 503. Firefighters had to wait until Hydro One temporarily shut down power to ensure any electrical wires were dead before spraying water.

"As far as grass or brush fires, this is very typical," Baughman said. "Had the conditions been drier like a couple of weeks ago, it certainly would have been a lot worse. There was a house up on the hill, so we had to make sure it didn't get there."

The County lifted a fire ban July 17. Baughman said the improved conditions meant the blaze could not get out of control once firefighters arrived.

Hydro One was also on scene to address the downed power line.

got the call at 8:23 p.m. and didn't clear the scene until 7:35 a.m. the next day.

Iles said that upon arrival at 8:31 p.m., "the north end of the residence was fully engulfed in flames." He said firefighters were able to contain the fire to the north end of the structure but smoke and water damage was throughout the residence.

Iles said the residents safely evacuated and firefighters were able to rescue one pet. There were no injuries.

Iles said seven fire trucks and 23 firefighters responded to the call. He added that mutual aid was activated and the Minden Hills fire department assisted with three fire trucks and eight firefighters.

### AH department called out to structure fire

Algonquin Highlands' fire department also responded to a structure fire on July 26.

Fire Chief Jonathan Wilker said they received a call about an active smoke detector at a residence on St. Peter's Road about 10:30 p.m. this past Sunday night.

Upon arrival, he said there was smoke coming from the second floor.

The Stanhope station ran a hose up



Highlands East volunteer firefighters tackle a brush fire July 29. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

### Dysart blaze causes \$350K in damages

A residence on Autumn Lane in Dysart et al sustained \$350,000 in damages following a structure fire July 27.

Dysart et al fire Chief Mike Iles said they

the stairs, containing the fire to a single bedroom.

Wilker said the homeowners were not home at the time and no injuries were

sustained. He said the cause of the fire was still under investigation.

(Compiled by Lisa Gervais and Joseph Quigley).



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To encourage Highlanders to believe in themselves, in our community, and in their power to make our place in the world better every day.

## Why has the Wigamog clock stopped?

The state of the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre, and the Wigamog Inn, now owned by the Aurora Group out of Vaughan, has been a concern for Haliburton County residents for some time now.

The Auroras purchased the Pinestone in 2015 and the Wigamog in 2016.

They announced some grand plans for both sites.

To date, very little, if anything, has been done.

In defence of the Auroras, Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts told *The Highlander* she's sure it has been challenging times being in the hotel business these last few months.

We are certain it has. And, we applaud the Pinestone for opening its doors to frontline workers needing accommodation during the pandemic.

Aurora CEO Ravi Aurora did answer a couple of our emails, which we appreciate, since his head office has not responded to many of our queries in the past.

He said they were very busy dealing with COVID protocols and realigning business practices. They needed all the time they could get, so he couldn't provide an update on the Pinestone, Wigamog, or County Road 21 gas station, car wash and fast food outlet they have talked about.

While we were happy to email him questions, he could answer at his leisure,

or restrict a phone call to half-an-hour, he declined. However, he said he appreciated the community's concerns, they deeply care for the community and the Pinestone and its involvement in the community. He encouraged us to reach out in September when things calm down a bit.

We certainly will, because while things have been tough for the hotel industry for the past six months or so, the Auroras have owned both properties for four to five years now. Whatever happened to opening the Moose Bar and Grill and some of the Wigamog Inn's rooms by mid-summer 2016, for example?

In the interim, the inn has fallen into a state of disrepair such that it is highly unlikely it could be renovated. Maybe the eventual plan is to demolish it to make way for a planned housing development the Auroras are promising on their website. It's hard to say, since the Auroras aren't really talking.

In the meantime, those living around the former inn are faced with seeing what has become an eyesore over the past 10 years or so, since the property had been vacant for five years before the Auroras arrived on the scene.

It is strange to drive down Wigamog Road and see upscale developments such as Haliburton Heights and Silver Beach next to the Wigamog.

Some have also questioned the role of the municipality.

While the Wigamog is privately-owned, the municipality could take a more active role.

Perhaps someone there could press the Auroras for answers.

As for bylaw enforcement, it appears that has only been stepped up the past week or so because neighbours Keith and Julia Robertson are rocking the boat, and *The Highlander* is asking questions.

*The Highlander* paid a visit July 20 and observed some pretty disturbing things, including no fences, a lack of 'no trespassing' signs, a broken window, and a swimming pool with a busted fence, filled with stagnant water. It's not only an eyesore, it's dangerous. We shudder to think what would happen if there was a fire.

We encourage the Auroras to update the community in September, when they have more time. Even bad news, such as if they decided they were not proceeding with their development, is in some cases better than no news at all. And we urge Dysart Council to take a more proactive stance when it comes to developments of this nature in their domain. They shouldn't wait for neighbour complaints or press questions to actively push for timely and good development in Dysart.



By Lisa Gervais

## Good for you

By Dr. Diane Duff, PhD, RN, Minden

## Informal caregivers

On my drive home from Toronto yesterday, I reflected on the joys and trials of being an informal caregiver. I love the fact that my aunt, who is 87, still lives independently in her apartment where she has resided for the past 40 years. She is my last surviving relative of her generation. She remembers my mother's quirks and she was married to my father's brother. She has some issues with recent memory and complex cognitive operations. I fetch groceries, help her write rent and utility cheques, take out the garbage and do a little light cleaning. While I would happily assist with other things, she is very proud and stubborn and refuses help with activities of daily living from me or from community services, and she is still competent to do so.

While I am in Toronto, I also usually deliver the heavy groceries for my daughter who recently had shoulder surgery and groceries for my son, who is a frontline worker in long-term care. Generally, my round-trip takes about 15 hours every seven to 10 days.

There are many informal caregivers who put in this much time, and more, on a daily basis to keep their spouses, parents, dependent children, and neighbours "going".

Informal caregivers are family members, neighbours and friends who take on unpaid support roles to someone with diminishing physical or cognitive abilities. This includes everything from bathing to banking. StatsCan

notes that more than four million of us are informal caregivers and The Canadian Institute of Health Information calculates that we contribute \$1.4 billion in out-of-pocket expenses annually to providing care and necessities.

Informal caregiving is really a misnomer. While my son and daughter would manage to fend for themselves without my motherly support, my aunt would not. During the COVID-19 pandemic, I have noticed increased informal caregiver stress. Line-ups for every item at every grocery store, hardware store, and pharmacy and for banking add hours to the caregiving experience. Masks in 35-degree weather, while necessary and good for us, add burden to hauling garbage and bringing in the groceries to apartment buildings or homes of relatives not of our direct household. And I cannot imagine the social isolation of caring for an infirm relative or a relative with dementia, without respite or day programs. Hopefully these programs in our community will resume shortly with our provincial move into Stage 3. Studies have noted that caregiver burden increases with lack of family and community support. Caregivers often struggle with high levels of anxiety, depression, and burden, especially when they are shouldering the burden of care alone.

Without informal caregiving, all of the 38,000 Ontarians awaiting long-term care

home placement would need to be waiting in hospitals, as formal caregiving services through community care would never be able to meet their needs. If informal caregivers suddenly stopped providing support, those awaiting long-term care would be admitted and would occupy every acute and non-acute care hospital bed in the province. As it is, 17 per cent of hospital beds in Ontario were occupied by Alternative Level of Care (ALC) patients, who were waiting mainly for long-term care beds in 2019.

COVID-19 has shone the light on many issues of provincial health care unpreparedness and the need for health care system reform. But as the system is reformed, it is important that more of the burden of care for the elderly and infirm is not shifted onto the informal caregivers of the province. It will be tempting for the government to do so, given the huge deficits built up over the past few months. If there is a gap in service provision, such as insufficient long-term care beds, there is a role for the private sector to create more private pay retirement home beds.

Meanwhile, get involved in health care reform both locally and provincially. Ask the primary informal caregiver in your family if they need some respite or if there is a role you can take on. Volunteer in the community. It is good for you.



# Editorial opinion

## LETTERS

### Don't dump construction waste

Dear editor,

Twice in the past week, I have had to clean up construction waste from our property.

Some bright spark has thrown TenTest pieces, lumber from old studs partially sprayed with foam, and wood trim painted white.

I assume it is someone who is doing a DIY project and is unwilling to pay the dumping fee and chose instead to just fling it on our property.

If that person is you, please stop. I see no reason that I should have to clean up after you and if you know who it is, please tell them to stop.

**Jim Bertram**  
**Minden**

**Black lives matter**

Dear editor,

I'm writing in response to an opinion shared by Lois Rigney titled "All lives matter."

Part of me is glad that Lois decided to speak up because without dialogue and action those that choose to do nothing are promoting hate and white supremacy. But I cannot say that I agree with most of what was shared starting with the title. I'm not sure why some get so offended by the saying Black Lives Matter. It is not in any way a suggestion that only black lives matter or that other lives are not valuable. It is actually a sad fact that many people and systems do not value black lives or those of the BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour) community. Black Lives Matter is a way to draw attention to the fact that BIPOC individuals do not enjoy the same rights and freedoms as white people in this country.

Lois's opinion is tone deaf and seems to

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



George Attard sent in this photo of Leo the dog waiting for a boat ride on Drag Lake.

come from a place of privilege. To say history is over and that we should just get on with it is insensitive. There is a segment of our Canadian population that is still suffering the consequences of a cultural genocide at the hands of our government, they lack access to clean drinking water, lack equal funding to education and healthcare. Young black boys can't even jog down the street without being feared or reported to police as being suspicious. BIPOC individuals are dying at the hands of police officers who are acting as judge, jury and executioner. So I understand why many feel the need to YELL from the roof tops BLACK LIVES MATTER!

With respect to defacing historical statues and demanding their removal, I totally support this idea. I don't think it is erasing history. It is an attempt to reconcile and appreciate the feelings and experiences of others that have been impacted negatively by the policies and decisions made by individuals now immortalized in bronze. These statues

represent a time in Canadian history that is abhorrent! Move them all to one location and design a memorial of sorts. Or take pictures of them and include them in a textbook that shares a true history of the formation of Canada not the ethnocentric one in current textbooks. Every Canadian deserves the right to walk down a street and not be constantly reminded of hatred and a shameful past. How can you expect them to feel valued or equal with these constant reminders? But removing these statues should just be the beginning. Ending white supremacy will take the collective action of each and every one of us.

I do agree with Lois's closing word that "the future is ours" and "it is up to us what we will do with it." I hope Lois and others plan to be allies in this fight for our future where everyone deserves to feel safe, valued and equal in this country.

**Kim Dajoe**  
**Toronto/Haliburton**

### Discriminating against non-mask wearers

Dear editor,

I am writing this in regards to all the people who think it is funny or ok to ridicule, bully or refuse service to someone who chooses not to wear a mask.

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## Minden Hills councillor balks at health unit mask exemptions

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills Coun. Bob Carter was critical of parts of the local health unit's mask mandate exemptions during a special council meeting July 23.

One of the items on the agenda was a non-medical mask or face covering policy for the township following the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit's mandate affecting businesses as of July 13.

New CAO/Clerk Trisha McKibbin brought a report to the Zoom meeting.

She was seeking council approval for the adoption of a policy as required by the health unit.

McKibbin recommended a policy based on the health unit's guidelines, including mask wearing for municipal customers and employees, even if there's a plexiglass barrier. It would also apply to off-site interactions or where social distancing cannot be maintained.

She said there would be exemptions for some children, medical and religious reasons.

McKibbin said Implementation of the policy would be enacted and enforced in 'good faith' and would be primarily used as a means to educate people on mask use in public spaces. She said no one would be denied service if they cannot wear a mask.

Carter said he agreed the township needed a policy but felt the draft

*"What religion would say, 'go forth and act recklessly and harm your fellow human beings on the planet'? I mean we don't have religious exemptions for speeding, drunk driving, discharging firearms recklessly so that's completely ludicrous as far as I'm concerned."*

Coun. Bob Carter

needed to be amended.

He said it's a highly contagious virus with potentially serious symptoms and death, being transmitted by airborne particles, and all research shows masks work.

"I agree there are some medical reasons but there are very few medical reasons why somebody cannot wear a mask," Carter said. For example, research with people with COPD showed no impact on oxygen levels.

As for religious reasons, he said there is no science behind it, and various religions are promoting the wearing of masks. He added the guidance was not consistent with public health units across Ontario.

"If you look at Mississauga, if you look at Waterloo, they do have religious exemptions for people

that are in a religious building in the midst of a ceremony where you might have to take down your mask to receive communion or drink some holy wine or whatever that might be. It's not a general, 'hey, I've got a religious reason. I don't have to wear a mask anywhere I want'.

"What religion would say, 'go forth and act recklessly and harm your fellow human beings on the planet. I mean we don't have religious exemptions for speeding, drunk driving, discharging firearms recklessly so that's completely ludicrous as far as I'm concerned.'"

He added he didn't agree with the good faith, educational approach, since "part of our job is to protect the public and our staff and if we are having people come in to a small, enclosed area, who are not going to wear a mask and are endangering the public who are in that area ... I can't square that circle.

"I think there is probably a way we can deal with these very few exemptions.

Carter wanted the policy amended to deny entry to anyone who is not wearing a mask and the township deal with those people on an exceptional basis, such as over the phone, meeting them outside, or via Zoom.

Council voted to send the policy back for revision to be returned to the July 30 meeting.



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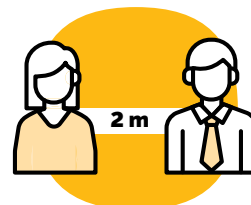
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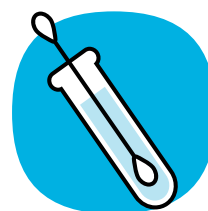
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# Highlander news

## County to pursue broadband grant

By Joseph Quigley

The County of Haliburton is moving ahead with a grant application for a project that could significantly improve internet connectivity.

Council voted July 22 to have staff pursue a partnership with a local telecommunications service provider (TSP) to apply for the provincial Improving Connectivity in Ontario (ICON) program. The \$150 million fund offers municipalities a chance to build broadband infrastructure.

The County will pursue the grant with a consultant, utilizing \$100,000 remaining in the 2020 budget earmarked for enhanced connectivity. Due to the August 21 deadline for the first intake, the municipality will sole source.

"Everybody with COVID has become extremely aware of connectivity needs," Coun. Brent Devolin said, adding there will be a rush for consultants to take on work such as this. "The longer we wait, the shallower pond we're going to be fishing in."

The initiative would be separate from the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) and its ongoing \$213 million cell-gap project, which the County contributes to. CAO Mike Rutter said EORN's resources are occupied with that development, meaning the County would need to be self-reliant.

Although the exact parameters of the project are to be determined, Rutter highlighted an estimated \$55 million needed to bring the CRTC standard of 50 megabytes-per-second download and 10 megabytes-per-second upload to 95 per



The County is pursuing a grant that could drastically improve internet speeds. File photo

cent of the County. With an ICON grant, the provincial and federal governments would pay half, while the County and a private partner would have to cover the rest.

Rutter said they have already been approached by TSPs to apply.

"No idea at this point how broad those proposals will be or how broad the benefit would be," Rutter said. "We are operating under the assumption any broadband is good broadband."

He added the County would want any proposal to benefit all four of its

townships.

Rutter said such a project could require debt financing. He noted it is a risk after the County approved debt to reduce the road infrastructure gap in 2019 and might need to go into debt to address affordable housing and unforeseen issues in coming months.

But he also said improved connectivity is important for post-pandemic recovery.

"Let's get going, doing something for the folks out there that need it," Coun. Carol Moffatt said.

## Canoe FM raises \$41K at Radiothon

Canoe FM said this year's radiothon raised \$41,000 for the station, despite COVID-19.

Station manager Roxanne Casey said people were asked to call in their donations, bid on auction and online packages, listen for pop up auctions throughout the broadcast days and call in and pay to hear their favourite tunes.

"The community support for community radio was overwhelming," Casey said.

She said the station couldn't thank listeners, local businesses and volunteers enough for their ongoing support.

"This year's Radiothon has proven that radio is still an extremely important medium for people. Radio creates that community connection, it is where you get local information and in a time of isolation it provides companionship and that friendly voice of neighbours and friends," Casey said.

100.9 Canoe FM is a not for profit, volunteer-based community radio station serving seasonal and permanent residents in Haliburton County.

Canoe FM also announced that radio bingo players in Haliburton County have helped the community radio station donate \$31,775 to area food banks.

CKHA - 100.9 said in a press release that when people play radio bingo, they not only support the work of the station but other not-for-profit organizations in the County.

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# Highlander news

## Highlands concerned about border-crossers

By Joseph Quigley

U.S.-based immigration lawyer Christine Jurusik's annual trip to her family cottage in Haliburton was different than usual this year due to COVID-19.

Like many incoming from the states, her family was placed into a two-week quarantine that they would be in for the duration of their stay. Officials also kept in regular contact with her family to ensure their well-being.

But as Canadian citizens, her family was able to cross the restricted border without issue and Jurusik said it was worthwhile.

"For recreation and to take care of things that needed to be taken care of," Jurusik said. "It was wonderful, the weather was perfect. We just enjoyed the outdoors, kept to ourselves. We didn't interact with many people at all."

The surge of COVID cases in the United States has generated concern about U.S. travellers to cottage country. The Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC) has written a letter to the prime minister voicing support for continued border restrictions. County council also considered the issue July 22, though opted against it given the EOWC letter. Highlands East council voted July 21 to prepare a letter asking the border stay restricted until U.S. COVID cases are better controlled.

"There had been some concerns raised about the amount of traffic coming in from the states into the County," Warden Liz Danielsen said.

Coun. Carol Moffatt said Algonquin Highlands has denied some requests for assistance - including an ask to lobby the federal government - from U.S. cottagers unable to come. Moffatt said support for border restrictions is widespread, but it is important to recognize stranded property owners.

"Quite a number of American taxpayers who have been coming here for generations," she said.

U.S. nationals are unable to come to Canada for discretionary purposes such as tourism, according to federal rules. But exemptions exist for people crossing for work or other non-discretionary purposes, such as study and supply chains. Since June 8, people without COVID symptoms can also enter to be with a member of their immediate family who is a Canadian citizen and permanent resident.

"Going both ways, there's a misconception the border is closed - it's just not the case," Jurusik said.

As an immigration lawyer, she said she has worked with some looking to cross. She said people can get in for legitimate reasons, such as for business or selling their cottage.

"Unless you really have documentation to show that you have a business purpose,



Local councils are supporting the border staying restricted, but some cross-border traffic is still making its way into Haliburton. Photo via Flickr.

they're not going to let you in. They're being very stringent."

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit said it could not disclose any information about any U.S. travellers it may be aware of. It is not necessarily notified when travellers come, but may be if the traveller has questions about self-isolation or subsequently tests positive.

Jurusik said she understands the concerns

of Haliburtonians and has seen negative comments directed towards U.S. cottagers.

"It's a fear of outsiders and it's especially highlighted in the time of COVID when people bring an unwanted virus," she said. "People also need to understand everyone's circumstance is different. So, if you encounter an American that is in Canada, they have been vetted at the border, they are there for a legitimate purpose."

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## County budget weathers pandemic storm

By Joseph Quigley

County staff reported the budget is on track despite the upheaval caused by COVID-19. Council received a mid-year budget update during its July 22 meeting. The pandemic has not yet significantly hurt the municipality's financial position, with an estimated \$743,600 in potential savings.

CAO Mike Rutter stressed that although the County's books are not faring badly, that does not mean residents are not financially hurting. The report said that will impact the 2021 budget.

"We know there are many people in our community that are really suffering as a result of the economic fallout of COVID-19," Rutter said. "We don't want anything we say to be misconstrued as minimizing our genuine concern for our residents. We know that there is a lot of pain out there."

The revenue picture was steady. Although there is a projected shortfall of investment income by \$30,000, that was more than offset by unbudgeted provincial grant funding. Councillor Brent Devolin noted the County's

revenues do not have something like a transit system that would be harder hit during a pandemic.

"We're fortunate compared to some other jurisdictions," Devolin said. "This is not at all the snapshot that they would see."

Council opted not to reopen the 2020 budget and expressed opposition to cutting back on any more projects.

"We run a fairly tight ship. We budgeted for projects that we need to do," Warden Liz Danielsen said. "We're trying to aim for sustainability, and I would worry about the impacts down the road if we did cancel something."

### Council expenses at issue

But councillors were concerned by their own expenses, which are projected to be on budget at \$161,028, though staff highlighted a \$1,800 reduction in mileage expenses.

Deputy warden Andrea Roberts said there should be more savings given the reduced number of meetings, with committee of the



County council meets over Zoom July 22. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

whole not going ahead for several months.

Rutter said staff did not remove pay for those cancelled meetings.

"There was a lot of work going on relating to COVID response," Rutter said. "We know council members were busy with that and were, in all honesty, putting in more hours than they would have had we been having a regular committee of the whole meeting."

Coun. Carol Moffatt said though she appreciated the intent, there could have been a council discussion about reframing pay.

"I struggle with having received money for meetings I didn't attend," Moffatt said. "That's a problem for me."

Council put the matter on the agenda for a planned committee of the whole meeting in August.

### Video surveillance policy approved

Minden Hills councillors have endorsed a video surveillance policy.

County of Haliburton director of IT, Mike March, presented the draft to a July 23 special council meeting.

In his report, March said the IT department had been asked to assist with the implementation of a video surveillance system at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena.

"Due to the threat of privacy breaches, improper use and collection of video, and the risk of liability associated with this type of surveillance, it is important that strong policies and procedures are in place before the township implements any video surveillance project," March said.

The draft policy was very similar to a policy passed by Haliburton County Council on June 24.

March said he'd gathered sample policies from other Eastern Ontario municipalities for reference; used various material collected from Ontario's Information Privacy Commissioner's (IPC) website; as well as information learned from attending a surveillance training session held by the IPC.

He emphasized that data will only be collected when authorized by a statute, required by law enforcement, or when necessary to the proper administration of a lawfully authorized activity.

He said another key point is individuals will be notified, through the use of signage, when video surveillance is in use.

March said the draft policy had also been

vetted by a lawyer.

CAO/clerk Trish Mckibbin said they'd bring a map with camera locations to the July 30 council meeting.

Coun. Bob carter said, "I think if you have a sign there to say 'hey, we're filming you and if you do something wrong, know that we're going to use this against you', I think that for most people, it should not be an issue that a small chunk of their privacy leaves in order to protect (people)."

Mayor Brent Devolin noted banks use video surveillance at ATMs without asking anyone.

### Day care evacuation site

Council agreed to allow Compass Early Learning and Care in Minden to use the Minden Hills Community Centre as its

emergency evacuation site.

Compass spokeswoman Kinga Baricz wrote council to say that every licensed child care program is required to secure an emergency evacuation site.

"This site would only be used in the event we were instructed by officials to leave the building as the risk to children and adults was imminent," she said. "We would only occupy the space while we are waiting for families to pick up their children."

She said it could be for a fire in the building, gas leak, major damage, threat to the building structure and environmental storms.

Council agreed to entering into an agreement with Compass.

(Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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## Missing man found dead at Minden Lake

By Joseph Quigley

The search for a missing man ended after Haliburton Highlands OPP found Robert Smith dead at Minden Lake July 26.

OPP said in a press release the 55-year-old Scarborough native's body was found at the north end of the lake by a resident near their dock. Smith was last seen riding a motorcycle that was found in an overflow parking lot off Horseshoe Lake Road.

Smith originally went missing July 23, prompting a search from the Toronto Police Service assisted by OPP. Police aviation services, canine unit and underwater search and recovery unit were all involved in the search.

OPP said investigators do not suspect foul play. A post-mortem examination will be scheduled at the Ontario Forensic Pathologic Service in Toronto.



Right: Robert Smith was reported missing on July 23.

## County news

### County supports online shopping platform

County Council agreed July 22 to provide publicity support to a start-up providing a local, centralized online shopping platform.

Donna Enright of TechnicalitiesPlus pitched ShopCloseBuy June 24, which would charge a fee to have local businesses join in a bid to promote local stores for online retail over the likes of Amazon.

Councillors questioned the idea but said they received satisfactory responses between meetings. They voted to direct staff to promote the site as they would other local businesses for tourism through social media.

"The time is right for something like this to take off," Coun. Carol Moffatt said. "Online platforms are more and more the way to go."

### Wetland mapping improvements

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is upgrading the County's wetland mapping.

The charity presented to council about its efforts to test a new remote mapping technique to help guide conservation efforts. They piloted it in Lutterworth, Snowdon and Glamorgan and found it to be more accurate than previous wetland maps, highlighting the areas as having more wetland representation than previously recorded.

The land trust is applying for an Ontario Trillium Foundation Grow Grant to map the rest of the County and council agreed to write a letter of support, as well as provide contact information for appropriate staff to review the new maps.

"The information that has been provided in this presentation would absolutely be very useful for land use planning," director of planning Charsley White said.

### Community safety plan progressing

The County is forging ahead on developing a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

The provincially mandated plan involves a collaborative approach to address crime, implementing programs for social development, prevention, risk intervention and incident response. The plan will also create a mandated OPP Detachment Board, which will eventually replace the current Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC). Coun. Carol Moffatt, who is part of CPAC, said it is suspending its meetings for now.

Council voted to start a steering committee for the plan as well as split the cost of it 50-50 with its lower-tier townships. The plan has an estimated cost of \$75,000.

Council also agreed that CPAC members would make up the steering committee given their experience. (County briefs compiled by Joseph Quigley)



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# Highlander business

## Cool Licks gets new lease on life

By Lisa Harrison

What a year to take on a new business!

But the Cool Licks ice cream shop in Haliburton was available, and Susan Parish had grown up with owner Randy Grant and his family and wanted to see his family business continue.

So, on June 10, Parish leased the shop – lock, stock, and pandemic-related constraints.

“I wasn’t even sure we would be able to open this year when Randy and I discussed it,” said Parish in a written response to Highlander questions.

“[But] it’s been a staple here for so long I felt it had to stay.”

The quaint shop on the main street has been in Grant’s family since the 1940s, said Parish. Customers through the years may remember different business names, including Dotty’s, Randy’s Snack Bar, and MAH TEE’S. It became Cool Licks in 1998.

Under Parish’s management, Cool Licks is offering hard and soft ice cream, milkshakes, slushies, Razzles, frozen fruit yogurt, popcorn, iced coffee, hot coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

While the COVID-19 pandemic is obviously affecting customer service practices, it’s also quietly weighing in behind the scenes.

“With COVID, we have some issues getting products, so we make necessary changes,” said Parish. “It’s a sign of the times and, cross our fingers, next year [it] will be easier to obtain all the usual items we want to carry. It’s our hope to grow and expand in the future.”

Parish’s vision for growth includes expanding the ice cream side and eventually opening a hot food side for takeout.

Ensuring Cool Licks stays in business is an even greater feat given that Parish plans to keep her day job for now. She works up to 36 hours per week at Bernstein’s General Store down the street and spends the rest of her time at Cool Licks for the shop’s remaining hours, seven days a week.

Parish has hired eight staff to help her keep the shop running smoothly.

“I believe in hiring staff who are looking for their first job or who need a second chance,” said Parish. “If they’re willing to learn something new then we’re willing to teach them.”

“I have a great manager who’s very hands-on and works side by side with the staff. We strive to build on



Susan Parish has taken over management of Cool Licks. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

their strengths and encourage them to overcome their weaknesses. Letting them set a comfortable pace to learn ... we believe in working as a team.”

Cool Licks follows the COVID-19 precautions guidelines set out by the local health unit, said Parish. To protect the health and safety of both customers and staff, “employees wear a mask and use hand sanitizer and constantly wash their hands.”

Located at 203 Highland St. in Haliburton, Cool Licks is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week through the summer. Hours may change in the fall and the shop generally closes after Thanksgiving weekend, but “we will have to see how the season goes this year,” said Parish.

“Stay tuned to see what our changes are going to be, and you can follow us at ‘Cool Licks 2020’ on Facebook for up to date promotions and anything new we bring in as well as our hours of operation.”

## Little Bob Lake family pays it forward

By Lisa Gervais

When the Westons of Little Bob Lake got an unexpected cheque from their insurance company recently, they decided to immediately pay it forward.

Brian Weston said the \$100 cheque from The Commonwell’s ‘Pay it forward’ initiative made their day.

It also made the day of a Minden family the Weston’s donated the money to.

“With everything that’s going on, it hit us at the right time and we knew exactly what we were going to do with it,” Weston said. “All kinds of people out there need a hand up, with food banks, and one of the highest poverty levels in Ontario.”

Weston added, “kudos to Commonwell for doing that.”

Weston said he understood the Commonwell was giving \$100 cheques to 84,000 households, or donating \$8.4 million towards COVID assistance.

The Commonwell Mutual Insurance Group announced the initiative on May 12 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It said it would give its 84,000 household members a one-time payment of \$100 to ease their personal financial pressure or ‘pay it forward’ by donating to others in need in their community.

President & CEO Tim Shauf said, “It’s about creating the opportunity for members to use this one-time payment to help pay a bill, buy groceries or ‘pay it forward’, if their circumstances allow. Our members can then help us help those in our communities who could use it most.”

Weston said he deals with Floyd Hall Insurance in Minden, which handles the Commonwell account.

“That’s great to hear that our insureds have been paying it forward,” said broker Andrew Hall.

He estimated that 1,500 year-round and seasonal residents will receive \$100 cheques as part of the initiative.

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# Highlander arts



Left: Harvey Walker is one of 10 artists participating in the Tour de Forest Summer Art Tour on Aug. 1 and 2. Above: Laurie O'Reilly's encaustic rendering of a loon. Photos submitted.

## Escape to the art of Tour de Forest

By Lisa Harrison

The 14th annual Tour de Forest Summer Art Tour is a go for this weekend.

"TDF summer tour is the first artists' event of the summer," said Charlene McConnell, tour representative and participating artist, in an email.

"We are hoping people find us and enjoy the experience."

This year, 10 Haliburton County artists will showcase and sell their pieces at six studio locations. The artists work with clay, encaustic, acrylics, wire, watercolours, oils, ink, metals, glass and more.

The popular tour narrowly missed cancellation due to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to McConnell. Going ahead with it now that provincial restrictions have been relaxed provides an opportunity to support local artists.

Tour member Harvey Walker specializes in plein air and studio landscapes in oils. This will be his fourth year on the tour, and he sees another reason for its importance this year.

"[Participating] was a hard decision to make, but I think there's going to be a lot of people who have some pent-up ... feelings of 'I've got to get out' and 'I've got to do something, I've got to look at something'," said Walker in a phone interview.

A few of the participants have a display tent next to their studio, which will help visitors get the most enjoyment from the art and the outing by avoiding close contact and lineups.

Walker has a tent and he also plans to set up paintings on easels along pathways if the weather holds.

"People can wander through the woods and the gardens and have a look around, and have lots of social distancing and lots of fresh air and ... take in the woods while they're taking in artwork," said Walker.

"It's always a scary thought to set up an outdoor show, but I think this year in particular it's necessary to make the effort to try and get people out of the building, off the dock and basically do something that maybe they haven't done before."

The tour will take place Aug. 1 and 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. McConnell said the studios will practise government COVID-19 protocols for the health and safety of visitors, artists and guest artists. These include limiting visitor numbers, social distancing, and providing gloves and/or hand sanitizer.

Some studios require that face masks be worn, and visitors need to bring their own masks.

Tour details and the map are available at [haliburtontourdeforest.com](http://haliburtontourdeforest.com). All member artists, whether on or off this year's tour, can be contacted directly by visiting the artists' listings on the website. A number of the studios will be open all summer by appointment.

The remaining 15 of the 25 participants originally scheduled for this year's tour are slated to return to the tour next year.

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# Highlander arts

## Art market pops up during pandemic

By Joseph Quigley

Blackbird Pottery owner April Gates said the pandemic has been a difficult time to be an artist.

"It's been a huge challenge," Gates said. "I've lost about 90 per cent of the work I had planned for myself ... It has had quite a devastating impact. For me, it's making me think about other ways of continuing to do business."

That has prompted her to host a pop-up art market called Schoolhouse 5 on July 31 and Aug. 1, featuring a small number of fellow artisans from the area coming to exhibit work.

She said it is an effort to help the hard-hit arts community.

"Create an opportunity for ourselves to let people know we're still here, we're still making artwork," Gates said.

Many summer arts markets decided to shut down in the spring without surety about COVID-19. But Gates said with the province pushing for more businesses reopening, she feels it is safe to proceed with an event such as this. She said it will mimic the likes of the Haliburton County Farmers Market, with spaced apart booths.

"The risk is very low," Gates said. "We're going to be outdoors and because we're going to follow those safety precautions... There's going to be maybe up to six or seven exhibitors. We have ample room to space ourselves apart."



Blackbird Pottery Owner April Gates sits at her potter's wheel. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Gates said although the closing of art markets was frustrating, she understands the reasons and appreciated the advanced warning given, noting there are overhead costs to prepare for a market.

"While it's heartbreaking, I understand it," Gates said. "We're testing out here with this tiny pop-up market idea ... We're going to fly the flag and see how people respond."

Other artists involved include Lisa Barry and Matt Mhilik of Homestead Pottery, painter Rod Prouse, Leslie Howchin of Moth Jewelry and wood artist Samantha Vanderwys.

Gates said she knows people around the community are looking for things to do and there is still interest in handcrafted work. She said it is worthwhile to come to support

local artists.

"Come and see the new work that people are developing," Gates said. "Even just coming out or sending words of encouragement goes a long way right now."

Blackbird Pottery is hosting the market at its location on 5843 Gelert Rd., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

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Meetings are held virtually, starting at 9:00 AM in the Minden Council office, 7 Milne Street. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

**July 30** – Regular Council Meeting  
**August 27** – Regular Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one meeting a month in July, August and December.

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Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

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### Committee of Adjustment Meeting

The Committee of Adjustment hearing scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2020 has been cancelled.

### Employment Opportunity

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# Highlander arts

## Hitting the mother lode with iron ore art

By Lisa Gervais

Iron ore mining between Kinmount and Tory Hill never really got off the ground between 1870 and 1900, but its test holes and mine sites have provided artistic fodder for Gary Blundell, who'll launch an exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden Aug. 12.

"It's a show based on some patterning that I found in the woods mostly last year around the Irondale area," Blundell said in an interview. "It's things left behind."

He said he located quarries, furnaces, test holes in the ground, rail berms, an old railway station, intact bridges and culverts.

The gallery website says there was great hope that iron ore would bring prosperity to the area. Many men came seeking valuable deposits, digging test holes and setting up mine sites.

It said the most notable was Charles Pusey, who sought to become a mining and railway baron.

"Sadly, despite setting up a home here, building a church in Irondale, and the IB&O Railway linking Howland Junction to Bancroft, the iron deposits were poor at best and the entire venture went from hopeful to abandoned."

Blundell has created 10 pieces of oil on carved wood and 11 of gouache and pencil on paper.

They can be seen at [hotspurstudio.com](http://hotspurstudio.com).

"It's interested me and I feel connected to it in a way," Blundell said of the history. As for the theme, he added, "I'm out there being a painter, making my mark, and I wanted to leave something behind."

He said he doesn't exactly know how COVID-19 will affect the exhibition. For example, there likely won't be the traditional opening reception, nor a planned historic walk and art workshop. He may do a video.

"We're going to have a lot of information on the (gallery) walls, have a brochure, explain what it's all about. I'm hoping I can spend time with people interested in



Artist Gary Blundell with one of the works in his upcoming exhibition. *Photo submitted.*

talking with me," Blundell said.

Curator Laurie Carmount said the gallery has reopened under public health regulations.

"Obviously, it's safety first for staff and

visitors. But there are definitely a lot of people who would be relieved, if things are done right, that they can get out and do something."

"And I think it's great for Gary (who

lives in Highlands East) to have an exhibition in Minden."

The exhibition goes until Sept. 26.



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# Highlander arts

## Cancelled artisans market 'heartbreaking'

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills artist Sara Mills says the cancellation to date of the Minden Artisans Market has been "the worst blow" since the COVID-19 pandemic broke out.

Mills, of Nyxart, said she's been a vendor the past three years.

She makes modern crocheted clothing and is also an abstract and surrealism painter.

Like many artists, she said it had been a creative time but sales are down.

"I have been painting and crocheting so much, lots of inspiration out there in the world right now," she said.

She added she has sold a few pieces, but not nearly as many as she is used to. She said Mixtape Vintage in Haliburton has been carrying her clothing but they were only just allowed to reopen. She also has her studio and boutique in Moore Falls "but it's been so hard with not being able to allow anyone in except by appointment."

That's why she says the cancellation of the weekly Saturday market in Minden, "has been the worst blow, as usually this is the time of year we all make our living. Not just artists but Haliburton in general, we are very seasonal and this has just been so devastating for everyone."

Mayor Brent Devolin said the fact artists are interested in doing something only appeared on the township's radar last week, at their Emergency Operations Centre.

He said if organizers want to reconvene, they have to come to staff and council. He said they would have to put a plan together, including whether the markets would move to the fairgrounds, as the farmers market has, or in front of the township office. He added they would then have

to take that plan to the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit for approval. At that point, it would come back to the municipality, Devolin said.

"We would like to resume those things with normalcy."

The mayor did concede that having community services' staff off during COVID may have affected the process.

Mills said the market is where artists showcase, sell, advertise, get commissions, get custom orders and get clients for the winter season.

"Art is very hard to market and advertise online at the best of times, that's why these markets, shows and fairs are so crucial to us. The market being cancelled so far will affect not just my summer but the rest of 2020 and at least the first half of 2021.

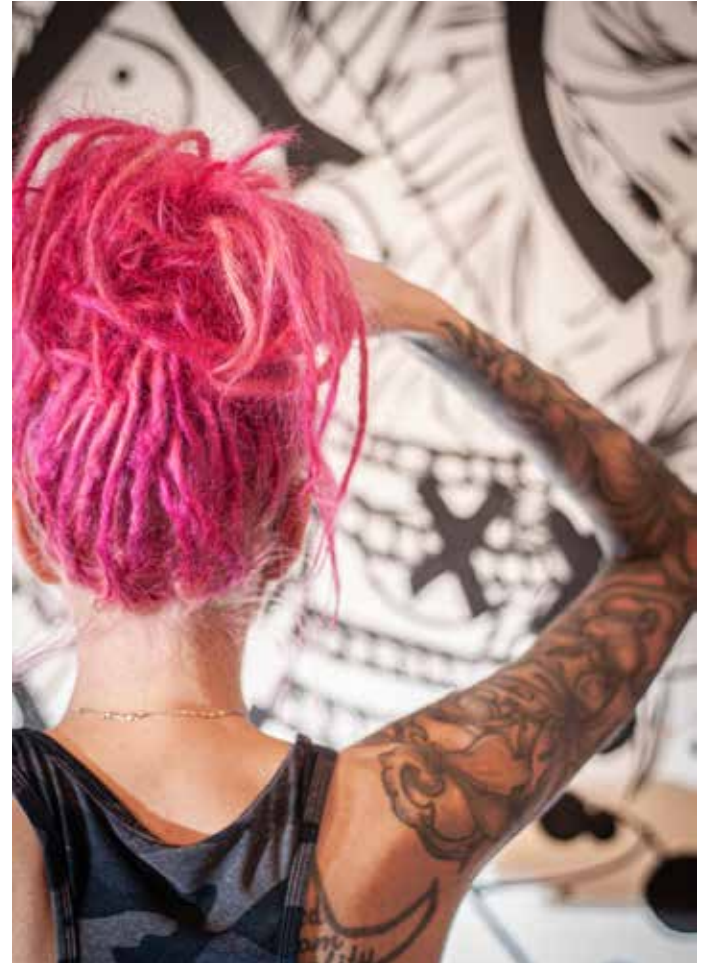
"It's a ripple effect that all of us are feeling and it's just really sad not to be able to go out and try to bring our art into the world."

She said she can't understand the cancellation since the markets are located outdoors and the public can adhere to public health policies.

"Heartbreaking."

Mills added she finds it ironic that artists are not deemed essential, when during the heart of lockdown and for the last five months, "everyone has turned to artists for happiness, distraction and entertainment. Art is about mental health and the world needs artists and all that they create.

"I urge everyone to support local artists, farmers, grocers, family run businesses. We have to keep our dollars here or we will lose a lot of the culture and success we have worked so hard for as a community."



Sara Mills of Nyxart says the cancellation of the Minden Artisans Market has been a blow to local artists. *Photo submitted.*

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# Highlander health



People will soon be able to visit their family and friends in acute care. *File photo.*

## Acute care visits on the cards for HHHS

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) says it's finalizing a new 'care partner' policy that will allow people to visit acute care patients for the first time since COVID-19 restrictions began.

In her bi-weekly update, hospital CEO and president Carolyn Plummer said like all health care settings, they've had to weigh the need to protect the health and safety of patients and health care workers, versus the physical, social and emotional well-being of patients, families and caregivers.

Plummer said 'care partners' will be required to pass COVID-19 screening prior to entry to the hospital, and will need to follow a number of protocols, similar to those in place for visitors to Long-Term Care residents.

"HHHS will make this information available to the community once it has been finalized, as well as to anyone who wishes to visit a patient in acute care," she said.

In the meantime, she reminded the public that HHHS has a virtual visit program in

place, and staff can assist with connecting people over the internet as well as using hospital devices and technology platforms.

Plummer said HHHS was also planning to safely move patients from its acute care unit in Minden back to Haliburton July 21.

The new unit at the Minden site was created in early April to help decrease the risk of transmission of COVID-19 between patients as well as increase the services' bed capacity so that HHHS would be prepared for a possible surge of COVID-19 positive patients.

"HHHS will still be able to maintain separation of suspect or diagnosed COVID-19 positive patients from others in the acute care unit in Haliburton," Plummer said.

"We are working diligently to ensure that the space in Haliburton and our processes will continue to maintain the highest standards of patient safety," Plummer said.

The head of the local hospitals said that by moving the acute care unit back to Haliburton, HHHS will be able to make additional improvements to the space and equipment

available at the Minden site, so they can be prepared to safely return to Minden if required at a later date.

### New case of COVID

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit has reported its 13th confirmed case of COVID-19 in Haliburton County, with five high-risk contacts associated.

In an update July 27, the unit reported a new case, along with an additional probable case. Five others are high-risk contacts, meaning asymptomatic individuals who are known to have been in contact with a confirmed or probable case.

All other confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County have been previously resolved, including two reported last week.

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# Highlander education

## Schools prepare for reopening in pandemic

### Planning for multiple scenarios

By Joseph Quigley

Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) is planning for different scenarios for the return to school in September.

The board has prepared three tentative models, with the Ministry of Education expecting final plans by Aug. 4. The provincially-mandated options include a normal routine with enhanced health protocols, a hybrid model with cohorts of 15 students maximum and alternating attendance days, and fully online learning with remote delivery. Education delivery would change depending on health circumstances throughout the school year.

Director of Education Larry Hope told the board of trustees July 8 that there will be no way to make everyone happy as some parents will want their children at school every day.

"We will not likely be able to deliver on that," Hope said. "We are going to do everything we can to make people as happy as we can ... We have to work within the guidelines."

The board completed a thought exchange involving students, parents and staff asking about concerns for September, attracting 3,670 participants. Key themes included a need for enhanced cleaning and safety, the need

for students to return to support their mental health, and providing student and parent preferences for in-person learning.

That will be offered as the board plans to ask parents in August whether they intend to send their child to school. Students opting out will still receive online and remote education.

Secondary school students will also have a block schedule to limit contact, focusing on one credit at a time.

But there is concern about the plans. The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) has called for the province to provide more funding to cover additional staffing, deep cleaning and personal protective equipment.

The hybrid model could also strain teachers without additional staff, ETFO president Sam Hammond said.

"Smaller classes can only happen if more teachers are hired and more space is provided for schools to offer in-class sessions. If the hybrid approach, combining in-class and distance learning, is adopted by school boards, there needs to be additional educators hired to handle the workload," he said.

Parents with children attending are also expressing mixed feelings about the return, according to the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA).



Trillium Lakelands District School Board is planning for a return to school in September and the changes that may be necessary to open. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

A Nanos Research Poll released July 17 found only a slim majority of parents were comfortable (18 per cent) or somewhat comfortable (35 per cent) with a return to school, while many were uncomfortable (18 per cent) or somewhat uncomfortable (25 per cent). Four per cent were unsure.

TLDSB said it is now working to develop staff and parent handbooks and review its return plans with the province.

"This really is an exercise in managing people's expectations," Hope said at the board meeting. "This is a difficult, difficult line we're walking right now."





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# Junior Highlander

## Taking the Haliburton County Youth Hub online

By Joseph Quigley

The Haliburton County Youth Hub is offering youth a place to drop-in despite being limited by COVID-19.

The hub has stayed closed throughout the pandemic but has shifted to offer more online services and activities. With the easing of restrictions over the past month, the hub is also offering care packages three days a week for people who drop by.

Hub therapist Bessa McClure said it is challenging to change its services, but they have taken a methodical approach.

"Making sure that we're getting the word out on our social media. Getting in touch with our community partners so people can know far and wide what we're offering," she said. "Now that we're moving into phase three (of Ontario's reopening plan), we're going to continue to use our different contacts and continue getting that word out."

The online services the hub has offered in the past several months are wide-ranging, including virtual mediation, martial arts, arts and tea time. People are also still able to access the hub's usual assortment of health, addictions, housing and employment services remotely or in-person one-on-one, McClure said.

"We know that supports for mental health



Haliburton County Youth Hub therapist Bessa McClure holds up a care bag. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

can be critical," McClure said. "But from social determinants of health standpoint, things that are just fun, that aren't clinical, are important as well."

But attracting the same amount of youth while the physical space is closed has been an issue, McClure said.

"Social services in general have kind of taken a hit with that sort of thing," McClure

said. "There are a lot of reasons why that might be happening. What we continue to do is encourage people to access services if they need it ... Even with the drop-by, people can come by, give a hello and hopefully, we can just start to see some familiar faces."

McClure said the hub remains youth-driven and they are doing an online survey to get more information on the needs of youth

during this time, as well as seeking out more members for their youth advisory committee.

"What youth have to say is very important, she said. "The hub is co-created by youth and adults."

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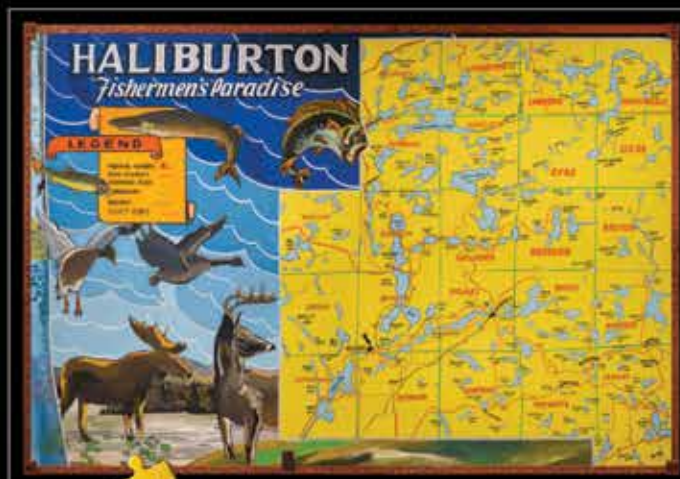


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# Highlander news

## Neighbours concerned about 'Wig'

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The video reveals items left behind and crumbling infrastructure, including black mold throughout.

Robertson said he watched a bit of the video but it was too painful to view the entire thing.

"I'm seeing rooms I saw when I was this high ... and my mother and dad were working away."

The family owned the resort until it was purchased by Art and Joan Ward in 1967. It was under the Ward's that the million-dollar conference centre was added to the original inn. Kimberly and Christopher Grossman purchased the Wig in 1993.

The inn changed hands until on March 3, 2016, The Aurora Group announced the purchase of the Wigamog. At the time, they'd already bought the Pinestone.

"We have some great ideas of what this property can look like in the future," said CEO Ravi Aurora in a media release. "Buying this resort made so much sense for the future of Pinestone and for area tourism. This is an investment in our area economy and community," he added.

Aurora said the building and property were still being assessed but The Moose Bar and Grill and some of the rooms could be open by mid-summer 2016.

Pinestone general manager John Teljeur was quoted at the time as saying, "We are excited for the collaborative potential of both properties, area tourism and the jobs it could bring to the Haliburton Highlands ... this is a chance to reset the tourism clock."

However, it appears that clock has stopped.

### Auroras talk housing development

On the Aurora Group website, there is a tab advertising the company's portfolio, with a prominent section on a "new residential development in Wigamog Resort, Haliburton."

It reads, "located in Haliburton, the Aurora Group is building a new residential development on over 40 acres of land. Choose from an incredible selection of 180+ units with home designs including Condos, Towns and Detached Homes."

The ad is accompanied by a map detailing the plans.

On July 6, *The Highlander* asked Dysart et al director of planning and land information Jeff Iles what, if any, plans the Auroras have lodged with the township for the Wigamog property. He responded, "The municipality has not received an application or proposal for the Wigamog site."

The Auroras have approached the township about a piece of land they own along County Road 21, to the east of the Pinestone property, and where they have discussed building a gas station, car wash, and fast food outlet.

Iles said the municipality currently has an active site plan agreement application for that piece of land. He said staff continue to work with the property owner and their development team to move the project forward.

Iles added that at a Jan. 28, 2020 Dysart et al council meeting, council reviewed a proposal to sever the proposed development from the remainder of the owner's property. Council passed a resolution supporting the proposal, subject to conditions. Following council's recommendation, the property owner must submit a formal application to the County of Haliburton, which is the approval authority.

On July 9, *The Highlander* sent an email to Ravi Aurora. He did not respond. The Highlander sent another email on July 14, asking for an update on plans for the Wigamog, the Pinestone and the County Road 21 development.

On July 14, Aurora replied, "I appreciate you reaching out to me. Unfortunately, we are currently very busy dealing with COVID protocols and realigning business practices and need all the time we can get within our operations. Try reaching out around September when things tend to calm down a bit."

The newspaper responded that the community had concerns about the properties and it could forward email questions or do a short phone interview.

Aurora replied, "As I appreciate the concern, and we deeply care for the community and Pinestone's involvement with the area. We just aren't in the position to make any comments at the moment. I hope you understand."

Teljeur also declined to comment.

### Neighbours concerned

Keith Robertson and his wife, Julia, say they have contacted Dysart et al about the state of the Wigamog property.

Julia Robertson said she has complained to bylaw enforcement about the height of the grass in the past. As recently as July 14, she sent a memo regarding fire concerns.

"The property is abandoned and if a fire was to start, our fire department plus mutual aid could not contain the fire," she wrote.

"My question is who will be held accountable for any fire damage to adjoining properties?"

The Aurora Group also owns other accommodation properties in Ontario, including the Sheraton Four Points in Brantford, which the Aurora website says is currently under renovation.

However, the former Brantford Hotel sustained a fire on Feb. 12, 2020 and the Auroras were issued with a demolition order.

Director, communications and community involvement for the City of Brantford, Maria



Above: The inside of the inn. Left: The abandoned pool. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

usually complaint driven and "we haven't had that many complaints." He said his predecessor went out last year over a long grass complaint and the owners complied with her order. He added there had been one complaint this year, recently, over a broken window, which had since been boarded up. He said he checked on the property as recently as July 23. He acknowledged the township had also had a note about the fire risk.

Mascia added he was currently in discussions with Teljeur, "speaking about a possible course of action to prevent people getting in there."

Mayor Andrea Roberts said on July 27 that she had spoken with Julia Robertson. She said after that conversation, she messaged the fire chief and bylaw officer.

"Both have been investigating her concerns. I also know the bylaw officer has contacted the GM of Pinestone, John Teljeur to let him know what they need to do to secure the building and some progress has been made."

Roberts said she had met with the Auroras several times "and they have some grand plans for the property, but they have not made any applications to the township or even had pre-consultation with our planners. They also have plans for a development on County Road 21 but that appears stalled as well."

"I'm sure it has been challenging times being in the hotel business these last few months," the mayor said.

"While it is an eyesore and very sad so to see a wonderful landmark on the lake be in such a state, the municipality is doing all it legally can do. We will continue to monitor the site to ensure it is not a fire hazard."

Keith Robertson says the plight of the Wigamog Inn breaks his heart.

"It does, and then I go by and another window's broken. It's bothered me from day one. It was alright when Art Ward had it."

"It's my home. I remember helping my mother do the laundry in the fall and hanging it up on the clothesline and the kitchen. It was home."

Visocchi said a series of orders were issued over The Brantford Hotel "in response to the continued neglect and unsafe conditions on the property."

She said a demolition order was appealed but upheld. The owner was granted an extension but demolition has now occurred.

Visocchi said, "it is my understanding that the Aurora Group held ownership of the property throughout this process."

### Municipal response

Julia Robertson believes the Wigamog should be demolished since she does not think the Auroras are going to do anything with it.

Keith Robertson is also skeptical they will follow through on original plans, saying "they didn't know anything about the County. They couldn't care less as long as they got this stuff." He rubs his index finger and thumb together to indicate money.

The Robertson's don't think Dysart council is doing enough, either.

"As the old timers would say, this council is as useless as tits on a bull," Julia Robertson said.

"They should be acting upon their bylaws. The fact that it's a fire hazard right now; it brings down property values that way it is right now; it's unsafe; it's not gated; you could fall in that pool and you're not getting out. It needs to go."

She added it is not fair to the nearby taxpayers of Silver Beach and their upscale homes to "have to look at this rundown thing ... and the Auroras are doing nothing."

Dysart et al bylaw enforcement officer Robert Mascia said bylaw enforcement is



# Highlander people

## Legions weather pandemic

By Joseph Quigley

Despite closures and financial losses due to the pandemic, local legions say they're stable and will survive.

Legions have remained mostly closed since the start of the pandemic. Royal Canadian Legion Dominion Command president Thomas Irvine wrote the prime minister June 3 asking for funding due to legions not qualifying for many existing relief programs. He said some will face permanent closures within the next few months without more help.

But legion officials in Haliburton, Minden, Wilberforce and Kinmount said though they have been hit hard, their respective branches should be able to pull through.

"Our mission is to grow and improve over the next several years and find a way to do that in challenging times," Haliburton legion first vice-president Don Pitman said. "Certainly, our veterans found a way to get through what they had to go through, so we can do the same."

Legions rely on hosting events, renting space and fundraising to generate revenue. They do not receive direct federal funding, Pitman said.

With stage three of reopening, legions began to hold events again including those in Haliburton County. Wilberforce legion president John Glassey said members were eager to return.

"We're basically just going on the bank account," Glassey said. "Trying to hold on as long as we can."

The Minden legion president Jim Ross said summer is a busy season to help them get through winter and losing that will be a long-term concern.

"It's a very long, cold winter up here and we have a lot of expenses," Ross said.

It has been difficult for members to lose the social gathering place too, he said.

"It's been very, very hard on the membership," Ross said. "We'd like to get into some kind of operations, but we have to be very careful because we also know we cater to a very vulnerable group."

Kinmount legion president MaryLou Ferguson also said her legion can weather through the pandemic, but it has been difficult not holding gatherings, especially for



Haliburton legion first vice-president Don Pitman and president Paul Sisson said they are managing to get through the pandemic despite being closed since March. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

members passing away.

"Not being able to get together as members and comrades to remember the good things, that part is really hard," she said.

Restrictions may also make holding events difficult financially, Pitman said. There are costs to run them, usually covered by the upwards of 60 people who attend. The Haliburton Legion will be starting up their meat draw Aug. 14, but other events like Bingo will be stalled as tabletop games are not possible yet.

"We can increase our loss by being open if there are small numbers," Pitman said. "It really depends on the volumes and the rentals we can get."

Although the future is uncertain, legion representatives said they are confident about their place as community hubs.

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# Highlander people

## Pride walk in Harcourt supports bullied youth

By Joseph Quigley

Harcourt's streets were filled with Pride colours as more than 60 people gathered to spread a message of love and combat bigotry July 22.

People took part in an ad hoc march through the neighbourhood, waving Pride flags. The event was done in support of gay youth Evan Natale, after he said people at a nearby residence shouted at him about his sexuality - including slurs - during a walk around the neighbourhood.

"I was extremely upset and frustrated," Natale said. "I just learned to ignore them, but it's still difficult. I'm hoping this walk will help not just me, but anyone in my position."

His mother, Debbie Natale, made a Facebook post about the incident. It quickly spread and soon, the idea came together to walk with Evan Natale through the community.

She said the walk was an important show of support.

"There's a lot of young adults out there, and even older adults, that don't feel they have support," Natale said. "They need to know they're not alone and if they need support, we will be there and we will walk with them any time they need it."

Wayne Beker pushed the event on social media, coming up with the graphic used for it. He said he felt heartbroken when he saw the post.

"Everyone feels alone in something," Beker said. "We need to get together as a community and support each other and that's what this kind of turned into."

The walk attracted people from far and wide. Wayne Holmes came from Belleville to show his support and reflected on his own experience as an LGBTQ man.

"I came out at 21 (years old) in Toronto. Back then, it was a hostile time - people throwing eggs, tomatoes at you, chasing you around. I've been beaten many times," Holmes said. "But all the activism work - I thought it wouldn't be an issue now, and it still is."

"We need to show people in rural areas that they're not alone," he added.

The walk went through a significant part of the hamlet, including two pointed passes by the residence that heckled Natale.

Decorated Canadian curler John Epping also attended and told Evan Natale to reach out to him if he ever needed support. He said as an openly gay athlete and LGBTQ advocate, he wanted to be there.

He added LGBTQ people in Toronto are a little more privileged compared to certain rural areas, where some may not be as educated on the subject.

"I hope this is something they can continually do, and I hope that other



Top: Evan and Debbie Natale hold up a flag after a Pride walk through Harcourt July 22. Above: The MacDonald family joins in a Pride walk through Harcourt. Left to right: Chris, Lukas, Emma, Marianne, Grace. *Photos by Joseph Quigley.*

maybe small communities, small towns, pick up on something," Epping said. "It's about just spreading equality, kindness and

being nice to each other."

"The love and support are absolutely amazing," Debbie Natale said. "We

delivered a good, peaceful message and it's a good first start."



# Highlander veterans

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This photograph shows a sizable crowd gathering for a celebration at the Haliburton fairgrounds, which used to be next to the Town Hall. It dates from the early 1940s. Photo courtesy of the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

## Part 3: Unprepared for war

By Mabel Brannigan

Late on Saturday night, Sept. 9, 1939, Parliament was called into session to vote whether Canada should be ranged alongside France and Britain in the war against Nazi Germany. Canada had no flag, but would fight under the Union Jack. The 'yeas' were said to have rocked the House, and in the morning, a stunned nation was at war.

The government appealed to everyone to be on the lookout for saboteurs, and 10 First World War veterans from No. 10 branch of the Royal Canadian Legion attended at the hydro plant at Leaside to protect it from saboteurs. Toronto Police set up a special squad to look for illegal aliens, while in Haliburton County, citizens were concerned with the Orillia Light and Power dam. Initially, Mackenzie King did not want a large army. This would mean conscription, and conscription in Quebec would be political suicide.

The reason for joining active service in Haliburton County was probably the same as in other parts of Canada. While some saw the fight against the Nazis as a crusade against evil, most enlisted to escape unemployment and poverty.

During the winter of 1940, pneumonia claimed the lives of many Haliburton County residents. Two mothers of nine

small children each come to mind. Mrs. Norman Harrison, and Mrs. McKnight. With antibiotics not yet invented, the mustard poultice and prayer were the only remedies.

While Canadians were eager to fight, they were ill-equipped. It was estimated in 1940 that Canada's ammunition supplies would be exhausted after 90 minutes of fighting. The nation had no facilities for producing rifles, machine guns or other weapons. Almost none of the R.C.A.F. aircraft were fit for combat, and the navy was so unprepared that 14 American yachts were purchased for coastal water patrol. But, on December 10, 1939, the First Canadian Army Division of 7,500 men sailed from Halifax, arriving in Britain on December 17, 1939.

Canadian servicemen had earned a reputation for courage, service and sacrifice, and at home, young and old devoted their time to the war effort, thus, it is not surprising that when the war ended, Canada had the third largest navy and army and the fourth largest air force in the Western world. In uniform were 740,000 Canadian men and women and 45,000 lay in cemeteries around the world.

Cigarettes sold for 25 cents a large pack, and smoking became the very 'in' thing for the ladies. Food rationing would become necessary later.

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## REVIEW

### Review of Long-Term Management Direction Algonquin Park Forest 2021-2031 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)**, **Algonquin Forest Authority (AFA)** the **Algonquin Park Local Citizens' Committee (LCC)** invite you to review and comment on the proposed long-term management direction for the 2021-2031 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the **Algonquin Park Forest**.

#### The Planning Process

The FMP takes approximately three years to complete. During this time, five formal opportunities for public consultation and First Nation and Métis community involvement and consultation are provided. The first opportunity (Stage One) for this FMP occurred on December 6, 2017 when the public was invited to "Participate" in the development of the plan. This **'Stage Two'** notice is:

- To invite you to review and comment on:
  - the proposed long-term management direction for the forest;
  - the areas which could reasonably be harvested, and the preferred areas for harvest operations, during the 10-year period of the plan;
- To request your contribution to background information to be used in planning.

#### How to Get Involved

To facilitate your review, a summary of the proposed long-term management direction for the forest can be obtained electronically on the Ontario government website ([www.ontario.ca/forestplans](http://www.ontario.ca/forestplans)). A summary map of the preferred and optional harvest areas for the 10-year period of the plan is also available.

In addition to the most current versions of the information and maps which were available at Stage One of public consultation, the following information and maps will be available electronically:

- Draft First Nation and Métis Background Information Report (Only if the First Nation and Métis community(s) agree);
- Summary of public comments and submissions received to date and any responses to those comments and submissions;
- A summary report of the results of the desired forest and benefits meeting;
- Maps that portray past and approved areas of harvest operations for the current forest management plan and the previous 10 years;
- Criteria used for the identification of areas that could reasonably be harvested during the 10-year period of the plan;
- The rationale for the preferred areas for harvest;
- Summary report of the activities of the local citizen's committee to date.

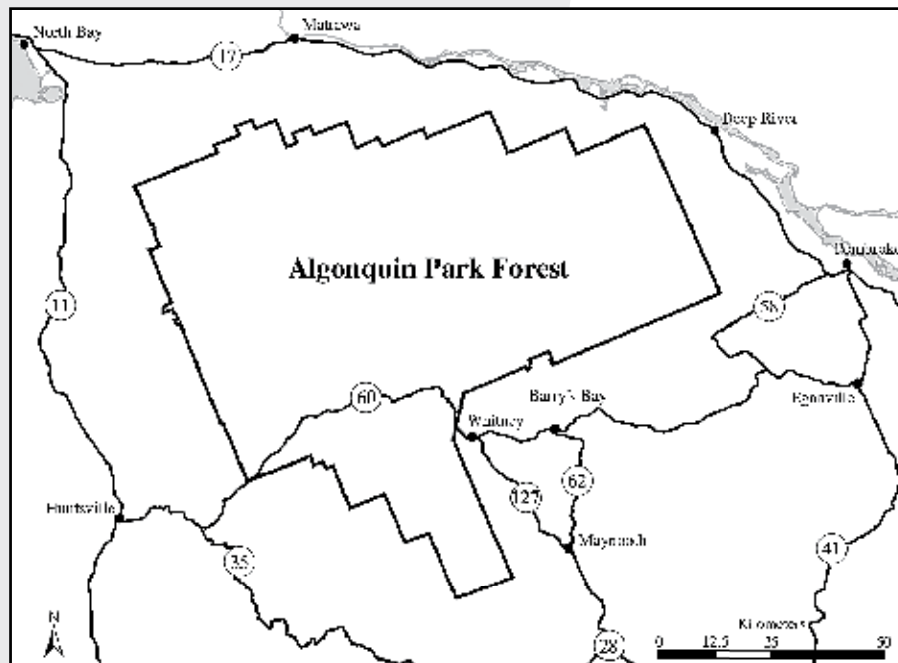
The above information can be made available electronically by contacting the Algonquin Forest Authority and/or the MNRF contact listed below, during normal office hours for a period of 30 days **July 29, 2020 - August 28, 2020**.

Comments on the proposed long-term management direction for the Algonquin Park Forest must be received by Joe Yaraskavitch of the planning team by **August 28, 2020**.

Remote meetings with representatives of the planning team and the LCC can be requested at any time during the planning process. Reasonable opportunities to remotely meet planning team members during non-business hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests and concerns with a planning team member, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

#### Joe Yaraskavitch

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#### Tom Ballantine

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LCC Chairman  
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During the planning process there is an opportunity to make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the MNRF District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the 2017 *Forest Management Planning Manual (Part A, Section 2.4.1)*.

#### Stay Involved

There will be three more formal opportunities for you to be involved. These stages are listed and tentatively scheduled as follows:

**Stage Three** - Information Centre: Review of Proposed Operations **December 2020**

**Stage Four** - Information Centre:

Review of Draft Forest Management Plan

**April 2021**

**Stage Five** - Inspection of MNRF-Approved Forest Management Plan **August 2021**

If you would like to be added to a mailing list to be notified of public involvement opportunities, please contact Joe Yaraskavitch, District Management Forester, at e-mail: [joe.yaraskavitch@ontario.ca](mailto:joe.yaraskavitch@ontario.ca)

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act*. Any personal information you provide (address, name, telephone, etc.) will be protected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* however, your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Shari MacDonald by e-mail at [shari.macdonald@ontario.ca](mailto:shari.macdonald@ontario.ca).

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# Camera club



## Nature in all of its glory

The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club has announced the winners of its latest competition. They are: first advanced, “Lap” by Amin Shivj, right; first intermediate, “Fall Beauty” by Larry Murphy, far right, and first novice, “Slow Spring Melt” by Jaan Luubert, above. The club continues to be active online and holds monthly meetings by Zoom. Visit [highlandscameraclub.ca](http://highlandscameraclub.ca) to view all competition images and follow them on Facebook. (Lisa Gervais)





# Highlander reads

**Editor's note:** This is the second instalment of a fictional series entitled Harp in the Dark. It's written by Hope Thompson, who lives in Algonquin Highlands.

## Chapter 2: Wrong Number

## Harp in the Dark

After returning from their inspection of the abandoned Pines End lodge, Detective Harry Harp and Constable Terry Becker drove back to the Spruce County Police Department's headquarters.

Arriving at his desk, Becker dropped into his chair and tapped his computer screen to life.

"I'll check the old case files," he said.

Harp nodded. "A missing person would have made the newspapers up here, at least. I'll check the library. I want to find out more about that lodge, too." The detective strode towards the door. "And can you let the media know? We need to find someone who remembers this guy."

After waiting for a steady stream of pick-up trucks to pass, the detective crossed the street and jogged down a slope to the building that housed the Spruce County Public Library.

Inside the quiet, air-conditioned space, a few adults of various ages were hunched over self-serve computers while a couple of kids and an elderly woman sat in plush chairs reading.

At the front desk, a woman with chestnut brown hair ran a scanner across a barcode taped to the worn cover of a paperback mystery. The detective caught the scent of her perfume as she looked up at him, green eyes sparkling.

"Can I help you?" She smiled.

"I hope so. I'm looking for information on Pines End. The old lodge. Newspaper stories, anything."

She tapped her forefinger against her chin, thinking. "Interesting. I know that the Muir family ran the place." The nametag attached to her cream-coloured pullover read, Brigitte Cave. "What time period are you looking for? I believe it closed in the early 70s."

How long does it take for a body to mummify? Harp thought. "Anytime up to closing. I'm looking for anything related to a missing person."

"Say, are you a cop?" Brigitte Cave smiled some more.

"Guilty. Detective Harp. Harry Harp. Nice to meet you, Ms. Cave."

"Call me Brigitte," she said. "And nice to meet you, too, Harry."

As she headed towards the Archive Room she turned back to him. "This may take me some time. Did you want to come back later?"

"I'll wait. Thank you."

About 20 minutes had passed when Harp's phone buzzed.

"Harp," he said holding the device to his ear.

"Randolph Carlyle!" It was Becker and he sounded excited.

"Slow down. What?"

"I found a missing person's case file! This Carlyle guy went missing from Pines End on August 1, 1970. And guess what? The detective from the case is still alive and living



right here in town!"

"Better come get me," Harp instructed.

Five minutes later, Becker picked up Harp in front of the library. But before the detective left, he knocked on the Archive Room door and spoke to the librarian.

"I have to go but if you come across anything, please call me." He handed her his card and for a moment, they were connected through the rectangular piece of cardstock.

Golden Villa Retirement Centre was located on a hill behind the village and Becker parked in the circular driveway in front of the brick building. The two men walked up the wheelchair ramp and stepped through sliding doors.

"The detective's name is George Maclem," Becker said on the elevator to the building's top floor. As the doors opened onto a sitting area, Harp thought of his mother and promised himself he would visit her as soon as the case was over.

The large room was set with comfortable chairs, sofas, potted plants and a large-screen TV. Craft projects decorated a windowsill and photos of smiling seniors at a birthday party were pinned to a corkboard.

A dozen residents sat around a table and at the head of it, a woman in her forties dressed in shades of beige held up a calculator the size of a sofa cushion.

"Five times five? Irma?" She said gently.

"What's five times five? Anyone?" Some residents looked at her, others looked away. The beige woman noticed Harp and Becker and placed the jumbo calculator on the table and crossed to them.

"You're here to speak to George Maclem?"

"Yes, thank you," Harp said.

"He's usually in the hallway." They rounded

a corner. "George? You have guests!"

At the end of the hall, George Maclem turned and headed towards them pushing a walker in front of him. His shoulders were hunched and a few strands of gray hair danced across his head. Etched in his whiskered face was a permanent scowl.

"Detective Maclem?" Harp said loudly. The man was fifteen feet away and on the approach. "I'm Detective Harp and this is Constable Becker. Do you remember the Pines End case?"

Maclem pushed closer, eyes on the floor. Just then, Harp heard the old detective's voice. "14, 15, 16, 17..." Maclem was counting out loud.

Harp and Becker jumped out of his way as he pushed past them.

"21, 22, 23..." The old man kept on counting.

"These gentlemen want to talk to you." The woman said as Maclem marched to the elevator, turned and started back in the opposite direction, still uttering a stream of numbers.

"He has some dementia, as you can see." August 2, 1970 – 2:30AM

Detective George Maclem scratched his whiskered chin.

"Before we look at who's missing, let's look at who's staying here." He gestured to the rafters. "On the second floor we have the Carlyle girls, husband and wife. Er—we did have the husband, but we'll get to that. So four. The Wilson family in the room next door is five, which gives us ten. No, nine. And who's staying on the first floor?"

The owner of Pines End, Edward Muir, sat on a couch next to Trudy Carlyle who was wrapped in a plush housecoat, her tanned legs

crossed in front.

Muir raised his hands. "Detective Maclem, we have simply misplaced a guest. One guest. I see no reason for all this counting."

The lodge owner patted Trudy Carlyle's arm. "I'm sure it's nothing serious."

Serious enough to get me out of bed, Maclem thought.

Half an hour ago he'd been sleeping soundly and despite the call of duty, he resented the interruption. In his opinion, lodge guests were always getting themselves into trouble—falling out of boats, breaking bones, losing themselves in the woods. And invariably, the root cause was alcohol.

Trudy Carlyle looked up at Maclem, her attractive face drawn with worry. "Around 10PM, my husband, Rand, and I were outside sitting by the fire. I had a chat with Mrs. Wilson and when I turned around—Rand was gone."

"Was your husband drinking?"

The woman's back straightened. "He'd had a bit. We all had. We're on holiday, for goodness sake!"

"How much is a bit?" Maclem asked wearily.

"I don't know!" She cried. "Three drinks? Four?" Suddenly, her face brightened. "Wait, I remember he seemed keyed up. Excited. He must have been thinking about our anniversary..." She squished shut her eyes and began to cry. "It's tomorrow."

The weeping woman made Maclem embarrassed and he shifted his gaze to the notebook in his hand. A nest of figures was scrawled across the page.

"Mr. Muir, can we please review the numbers?"

Muir rolled his eyes.



# Highlander events

## Farmers markets in full summer swing

The Haliburton County Farmers Market Association is in full swing this summer. People continue to flock to markets in Algonquin Highlands, Minden, and Dysart et al, since it is one of the few outings that they can partake in. The Stanhope markets are Friday from noon to 4 p.m. The Minden markets Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the Haliburton markets on Tuesdays from noon to 4 p.m. See [haliburtoncountyfarmersmarket.wordpress.com/](http://haliburtoncountyfarmersmarket.wordpress.com/) for more information.



Doug Macdonell with his artisan bread and other wares at the Minden farmers market.



Bluma Holtzman and her dog, Odin, visited the Minden farmers market July 25.



Bucky with a face mask at the Buckslide Dog Treats booth July 24.

### WHAT'S ON

Every Wednesday evening on Zoom – As We Find It Play Reading Group for anyone with a love of theatre. For more information email [kbutler@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com](mailto:kbutler@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com).

Every Wednesday evening at dusk - The Little Pit Drive-In at Abbey Gardens. Book online at [abbeygardens.ca/littlepitdrivein](http://abbeygardens.ca/littlepitdrivein)

'The Great Historic Bake Off' – a series of online baking activities is happening for the month of July. Full details: [mindenhillsculturalcentre.blog/](http://mindenhillsculturalcentre.blog/)

Haliburton School of Art and Design for digital versions of some of the art talks and entertainment originally planned for summer school. See [facebook.com/flemingHSAD](https://facebook.com/flemingHSAD)

**Until Aug. 8** - Interlace by Carolyn Wren at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Wren has been exploring themes of lost knowledge and metanarratives in her recent work of transcribing iconic texts to create her installations. In the past she has used relief print methods and processes in non-traditional ways.

#### JULY 31 – AUGUST 1

Blackbird Pottery is hosting a pop-up market featuring a small number of local artisans at 5843 Gelert Rd. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### AUGUST 1-2

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tour de Forest Summer Studio Tour at various artists' studio. Covid-19 protocols in place. [www.haliburtontourdeforest.com](http://www.haliburtontourdeforest.com)

#### AUGUST 4-7

noon – 4 p.m. Outdoor Kids Discovery Program for children ages 7-10 years. Contact Irene Heaven [Irene@abbeygardens.ca](mailto:Irene@abbeygardens.ca) or call 705-754-4769

#### AUGUST 8-9

6th Annual Art on the Dock at Kennisis Lake. Call 416-720-6415.

#### AUGUST 11-14

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#### AUGUST 13

Environment Haliburton! summer speaker via Zoom at 7 p.m. Russ Christianson, author, activist, and economic developer will speak on a just and green economic pandemic recovery. Terry Moore at 705-306-9254

#### AUGUST 17

2nd annual Abbey Gardens golf tournament. The organizing committee will modify the tournament to be sure that participants are able to follow all current government regulations and social distancing rules. Contact [janis@parkerpad.com](mailto:janis@parkerpad.com) or [heather@abbygardens.ca](mailto:heather@abbygardens.ca)

#### AUGUST 18-21

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#### AUGUST 22

Dinner and concert at Abbey Gardens featuring John McDermott, Jason Fowler and Mark Lalama. The organizing committee will provide an environment that allows participants to enjoy the concert while following all current government regulations and social distancing rules. Contact Janis Parker ([janis@parkerpad.com](mailto:janis@parkerpad.com)), Brenda Smith ([b59smith@yahoo.ca](mailto:b59smith@yahoo.ca)), Barb Bolin ([bolin.barb@gmail.com](mailto:bolin.barb@gmail.com)), Marianne Fenninger ([marianne.fenninger@gmail.com](mailto:marianne.fenninger@gmail.com))

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# Highlander classifieds

## HELP WANTED



Township of Algonquin Highlands  
Public Works Department

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Seasonal Maintenance Worker (August to November)

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is looking for a Seasonal Maintenance Worker (Stanhope Yard) with equipment and building repair experience to assist with all aspects of municipal maintenance programs.

A detailed job description is available online at  
[www.algonquinhighlands.ca](http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca)

Please submit your resume by  
3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 to:

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Township of Algonquin Highlands  
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Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1  
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I have missed you each and every day  
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Love Darlene



## OBITUARY



*In Loving Memory of*  
**Ernst Kleihauer**

Passed away after a brief illness at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Saturday, July 25, 2020, at the age of 81.

Beloved husband of Olga. Dear father of Elke (Tom), Anny (Mike), Ernie (Angie) and Jackie (Hector). Loving Opa to his grandchildren and one great grandchild. Brother to Sam and John.

*Private Family Arrangements.*

Memorial Donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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*In Loving Memory of*  
**Mary Elizabeth  
"Betty" Dicker**

It is with sadness that Richard and Janet MacAllan announce the passing of their Aunt, Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Dicker, at Ross Memorial Hospital, on July 22, 2020.

Betty was born in St. Thomas, Ontario, and was the daughter of Esther Livingstone Stewart and Allan Harry MacAllan.

Sister of Douglas Harry MacAllan. Betty was pre-deceased by her husband John Edward Dicker, to whom she was married for 51 years.

After a successful career working as a Medical Secretary at the University of Western Ontario, Betty and John retired to Haliburton in 1981. With the help of friends and family they built their own home and have participated in many local activities.

For those who wish to, may make a Donation in memory of Betty, to a charity of your choice and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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## Knowing Your Boundaries

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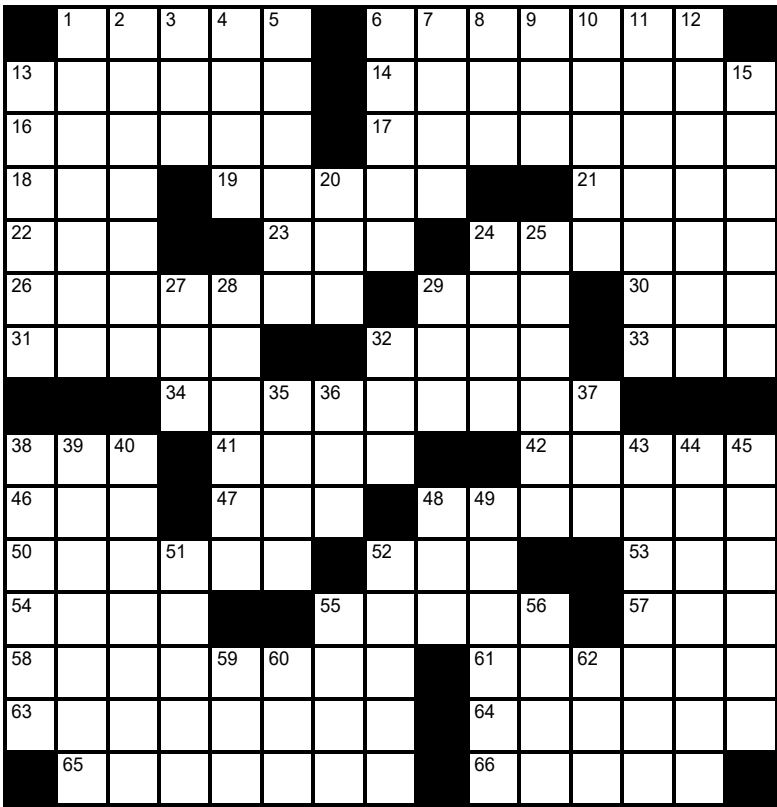
- 1 ---
- 6 ---
- 13 Dig deep amongst
- 14 Triangular team flags
- 16 Pull up anchor
- 17 Judas \_\_\_\_ (Biblical betrayer)
- 18 U.S. grp. for cookie-selling tweens
- 19 With 34 and 55-Across, a little unrefined ... or a description of this grid (see unclued answers)
- 21 "I Can't Take \_\_\_\_ More" (John Fogerty)
- 22 Hit the gas, with "it"
- 23 Bacon-frying sound
- 24 Pita wrap that's big in Halifax
- 26 Gave off, as CO2
- 29 "Ladder" in Leggs
- 30 Active phase at a sleep lab
- 31 Sweetie, in Grandma-speak
- 32 This time and never again
- 33 Canada \_\_\_\_ (ginger ale brand)
- 34 See 19-Across
- 38 Suffix with glob- or ov-
- 41 Do for Colin Kaepernick
- 42 Hip-related
- 46 "I've told you \_\_\_\_ thousand times!"
- 47 Word from a Drummondville downer
- 48 Heed one's every whim
- 50 Like cheap knock-offs
- 52 Email letters?
- 53 Schnozz attachment?
- 54 Deviate sharply
- 55 See 19-Across
- 57 Only, in Berlin
- 58 Land of gold, and a Cadillac model
- 61 Wrongful firings?
- 63 Hammered to a wall, say
- 64 Golf lesson tee-off topic
- 65 ---
- 66 ---

Down

- 1 Gobble up
- 2 Its capital is Bucharest
- 3 \_\_\_\_-Aztec (language family)

- 4 Chic Christian
- 5 Piaf classic "La vie \_\_\_\_"
- 6 "In \_\_\_\_ eye!" ("B.S.!")
- 7 Hebrew R
- 8 Pol. email hacking target, 2016
- 9 Spanish "a"
- 10 Stick one's \_\_\_\_ (meddle)
- 11 Onesie worn at the barre
- 12 More deadpan
- 13 ---
- 15 ---
- 20 Cross-border shopper's currency: Abbr.
- 24 Home heating conduit
- 25 Musical wonder kind?
- 27 \_\_\_\_ la la (singing syllables)
- 28 Ruthless boss
- 29 Orb-shaped: Abbr.
- 32 She co-founded Artists Against Fracking
- 35 "The Wizard \_\_\_\_"
- 36 Ode object for Keats
- 37 Spanish letter after "ka"
- 38 ---
- 39 Rory's mom on "Gilmore Girls"
- 40 Entered gingerly
- 43 Threadless patches
- 44 In the office cafeteria, perhaps
- 45 ---
- 48 Working stiff "in a wheel"
- 49 Korn song "Freak on \_\_\_\_"
- 51 Have \_\_\_\_ to play
- 52 Give Fido a forever home
- 55 Principal concern?: Abbr.
- 56 Miss title in Madrid: Abbr.
- 59 Onetime CBC pontificator Murphy
- 60 Holly's role in "The Piano"
- 62 Med. isle near Corsica

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### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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## Otter Lake



Privately situated on 67+ acres sits your dream custom built waterfront home or cottage. 4 bdrm, 3 bath home finished w/ high-end finishing's. 462ft of frontage. Cherry cabinetry, granite counter-tops, large island and oak flooring throughout. Main floor master w/ 5pc ensuite. Lovely living room w/ grand cathedral ceilings & granite fireplace. Full finished lower level. Excellent property for children and pets to run and enjoy nature. \$979,000

## Wenona Lake



Looking for a quiet, calm and peaceful four season cottage or water-front home? Look no further. This 3 BR, 3 bath immaculate cottage sits on a private lot. Large open concept living, excellent for hosting family gatherings. 125ft of frtg with stunning western views. \$662,000

## Kennisis Lake



It's all about the lot!! Enjoy the gorgeous sunsets from this west facing level lot. Amazing rock shoreline, deep water entry is great for the avid swimmers. 125 ft frontage and year round road. Looking for a fixer upper this one is for you! 3 bdrms 2 with balconies. 3 product pellet stove and back up solar system. \$569,000

## Long Lake



Choose to build your dream cottage on this stunning property overlooking Long Lake or renovate the existing building which includes 2 BR and 1 full bath. Extensive 650' of water frontage. Private seasonal access and beautifully wooded 54+/- acres provides ample privacy. Endless possibilities. \$445,000

## Little Kennisis Lake



lot and 161+/- ft of frontage provide ample privacy. Situated on a quiet part of the lake. Large lakefront deck. Floor to ceiling windows in the living room and woodstove. Sitting deck at the water's edge is a bonus. When you walk on the deck you really feel you are immersed in the woods and truly at the cottage. \$639,000

## Negaunee Lake



This 3-bdrm, 1 bath cottage plus neighboring vacant waterfront lot are being sold TOGETHER. With a combined total frontage of 306 ft. Double detached insulated garage with studio loft. Level to sloping yard. Bright open concept living Stunning lake views. Bunkie located on the additional vacant waterfront lot. Negaunee is a no motor lake. This package won't last long. \$529,000

## Monrock Lake



It's all about the lot! 101 ft of frontage. Gorgeous western views, level to sloping land. Traditional 3-bdrm, 1 bath seasonal cottage being sold "as is." Choose to build your dream cottage on this stunning property or renovate the existing building. Additional storage shed, bunkie and sauna. \$335,000

## Little Hawk Lake Road



What a perfect place to escape. Situated on a 2.54 acre lot with great privacy. 2 bdrm, 1 bath. Large windows. Character and charm are a theme throughout, from the barn board accent walls, to the white washed ceilings throughout, to the now-decorative old stone fireplace. Located within walking distance to Elvin Johnson Park, close to beaches, boat launches and more. \$294,900

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## Miskwabi Lake



Seasonal 2 bdrms, 1 bath cottage. Open concept living. Porch to enjoy bug-free living. Super project for the handyman some finishing needs to be done. Drilled well with a heated water line and septic. Located a stone's throw away (across the road) is your 1/9th interest (ownership) in lot 19 waterfront lot with sand shoreline. Great fishing and swimming lake. \$129,000

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