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Joselyn Polanic sits on her snowmobile at Head Lake Park on Jan. 23. See more photos on page 17. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

## District gets first COVID vaccines

By Lisa Gervais

Residents of long-term care homes (LTC) in The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit area should be vaccinated against COVID-19 by Feb. 5, acting medical officer of health, Dr. Ian Gemmill, told a media scrum Jan. 27.

Dr. Gemmill said the district received its first shipment of 700 Moderna vaccines Jan. 25 and is rolling them out to LTC homes for residents who want them. The health unit is hoping for more doses next week to complete immunizing all residents to meet provincial target dates. There are an estimated 1,600 LTC residents in the district.

The province announced Jan. 25 - the day the health unit received its first vaccines - that it is accelerating its target date to Feb. 5 for the vaccination of residents in LTC, high-risk retirement, and First Nations elder care homes.

The vaccines were delivered to Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay, which will be the district's storage location. Vaccines will first go to Pinecrest Nursing Home in Bobcaygeon, Hope Street Terrace in Port Hope and Maplewood Long-Term Care Home in Brighton, with additional clinics to go elsewhere in the next couple of weeks.

"Unfortunately, we know that what we have received will not ensure that all of our long-term care residents are vaccinated with this week's supply," Gemmill said. "We have had to determine priorities about which long-term care homes get the vaccine first, and we are hopeful that we will

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## Pandemic worsening opioid crisis

### HIGHLANDER INVESTIGATES

By Joseph Quigley  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit's harm reduction program is being challenged by a pandemic as the opioid crisis worsens.

Ontario's chief coroner announced a 25 per cent increase in opioid-related deaths between March and May 2020, compared to the monthly median in 2019. In the HKPR district, preliminary data shows there have been 26 confirmed and probable deaths between January and August 2020, compared to 20 in all of 2019.

Haliburton Highlands OPP say they had

two opioid-related deaths reported to them and that they investigated in 2020, after none in 2019. Detachment commander, Liane Spong, said "that is of a big concern to us and a very important area we will continue to address with other partners involved in the overall drug strategy we work with."

HKPR substances and harm reduction

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## Gemmill says vaccine is safe

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soon receive more vaccine so we can complete the immunization of residents and staff of both our long-term care homes and retirement homes."

Gemmill said there will likely be a pause in delivery after next week. However, once the supply chain resumes, he said vaccines would go to LTC home staff, essential caregivers, hospital and healthcare workers, then older adults, those living in congregate living situations and the remainder of the adult population. He said that could take until the end of September, but he is hopeful it will be sooner.

He also allayed fears about the "blistering" fast development. "This vaccine is safe. The vaccine is effective. The clinical trials have been conducted on tens of thousands of people. Millions since licensing have already received it. We're not hearing

that there are safety problems with this vaccine."

### Advice to cottagers

Despite the first batch of vaccines arriving, the public must remain vigilant in the face of COVID-19, Gemmill said.

He specifically addressed Haliburton County in his weekly briefing.

He said while the past 14 days had seen a preponderance of cases in Northumberland County and the City of Kawartha Lakes, "that's not to say that Haliburton is unaffected."

As of Jan. 27, there were five cases of COVID-19 not resolved in Haliburton, and 13 current high-risk contacts. The County has seen 48 confirmed cases to date, with 42 of them resolved. There have been two hospitalizations but no deaths.

"I am aware that of these, say eight cases in Haliburton, a couple were

hospitalized and so that's rather significant, that's 25 per cent, so it's small but I think the issue is the Coronavirus is everywhere ... to say there is no coronavirus in Haliburton is not accurate."

He also addressed the issue of people travelling to the County to access their cottages.

He said while there is nothing to stop them, they must do it the "right way."

"That means getting your supplies before you go, drive in your car, stay in your car, go straight to your property. And when you get there, remember there's a stay-at-home order there. It applies just as much at our recreational property in HKPR as it does to our residence in Toronto or some other part of the GTA. And when you travel home, do the same thing. Please do not put other people at risk."

(With files from Joseph Quigley, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter).

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Peanut brittle maker Kim Ross said her business has struggled under the lockdown.  
Photo by Joseph Quigley.

## Businesses struggle under new lockdown

By Joseph Quigley  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

When local business owner Kim Ross visited a plaza in the Oshawa area over Christmas, she said she was shocked by the activity happening under lockdown.

The peanut brittle maker – who was visiting to help her elderly mother – saw most of the stores were open despite the lockdown coming into effect Boxing Day. People milled about, waiting in line for takeout and roads were “jammed.” Big box stores were busy.

With her business struggling due to the new rules, she said what she saw upset her.

“The only thing that’s really suffering are all the small businesses that were closed,” Ross said. “I don’t understand why – if we wear masks and we do the cleaning and we only allow so many in the store – why in the world are we not allowed to stay open as well?”

Local businesses are feeling the hit of the lockdown and subsequent stay-at-home order, not due to end until February. Local councillors have commented on the need for more support. Big box stores – many allowed to stay open – have come under increased scrutiny, with Ontario starting an inspection blitz Jan. 14.

Ross said her product – made in Haliburton and sold in smaller storefronts across the province – has suffered.

“Because the shutdown started during the Christmas season, I haven’t had a single order from any of my distributors,” she said. “I’m still having to pay the rent, the heat, the hydro, the taxes and have absolutely no work.”

Sir Sam’s Ski/Ride owner Chris Bishop is also unhappy. The hill has closed since the lockdown went into effect – with Ontario

the only province closing alpine ski resorts. Bishop said after cutting capacity and investing \$50,000 in safety measures, he is upset by the provincial decision.

“We were very frustrated because we did everything we were told we had to do in order to open,” Bishop said.

He said he had to lay off 90 employees until he can reopen. He added the attentive monitoring in place at his hill seems safer than other things being allowed.

“It seems as safe to me as it would be to go to Costco or go to Walmart,” Bishop said.

Local politicians are taking notice. Algonquin Highlands council backed a resolution from the Town of Kingsville Jan. 21 asking the province to allow small businesses to reopen with limited capacity and increased safety measures.

The province has tried to respond. It said Jan. 22 that it has received more than 42,000 applications for the Ontario Small Business Support Grant, which can provide a business between \$10,000-\$20,000 in support.

“There’s no question that eligible small businesses need urgent relief to help them navigate this challenging period,” Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy said in a press release.

Still, Bishop said the situation will impact his operation significantly. He urged people to follow health protocols to get the virus under control.

“My business is going to take a three-year hit. Small businesses in Haliburton, I don’t know how you can take a three-year hit,” he said.

“I have to make this work,” Ross said. “The only thing is I’m not sure if my pockets are deep enough to get through the next two months.”

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## ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS

### Danielsen stands up for local business

Algonquin Highlands deputy mayor Liz Danielsen backed a motion from The Town of Kingsville Jan. 21 aimed at supporting small businesses during COVID.

She told the regular council meeting it did not seem fair for box stores to be open and "our small businesses being hurt as badly as they are" being reduced to curbside and deliveries.

She said in her opinion, small businesses are as capable, if not more, of controlling the number of people that come into their establishments.

She referenced a lockdown decision to reduce store hours at big box retailers, saying it would just lead to line-ups. Mayor Carol Moffatt said the same was true when banks reduced hours in the first lockdown.

"I just think that we need to be supporting small business as well as large business and I'd like to see us support this resolution," Danielsen said.

Moffatt added, "there are people who are still leaving Haliburton County to go to Costco and yet are very upset that people are still moving around so there's a little bit of pot and kettle going on out there."

"And the small businesses. It's vital," she said.

Coun. Julia Shortreed seconded Danielsen's motion.

### Septic re-inspection decisions pending

Council has asked the building and bylaw enforcement department's Greg Moore to get more information about its septic reinspection program from contractor, WSP Canada, before deciding whether or not to schedule a Zoom septic social for the spring.

The township has traditionally held a septic social in May of every year the program has run, with the exception of 2020 due to COVID-19.

CAO Angie Bird pointed out that council must also decide whether it will make the program voluntary, as it did last year due to the pandemic, or mandatory.

Danielsen said with COVID causing gaps and dramatic change to the program, the township should consider a voluntary program for 2021 and hold an on-line social so people know what they are doing and how.

Coun. Lisa Barry said her concern about doing it voluntarily is people who need new tanks are not going to volunteer.

Mayor Carol Moffatt said with the County proposing a shoreline preservation bylaw, the public is asking municipalities to lead by example so perhaps Algonquin Highlands should ensure mandatory inspections. "It is incumbent upon us to make sure that we do step forward with the right foot and lead by example," she said.

Barry asked if WSP had any recommendations on either voluntary or mandatory, or a septic social, and Coun. Jennifer Dailloux said she would want to



Algonquin Highlands held a regular council meeting Jan. 21. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

know if there had been, and would be, cost implications. She added she'd like to see inspections continue with so many people at their seasonal residents during COVID. "it would be great to make use of the fact folks are on the lake."

The item will come back to council.

### Township to get cardlock system with County

Council supported proceeding with a joint project with the County of Haliburton to purchase a card lock system for dispensing diesel fuel.

There are public works yards at North Shore Road and Kawagama Lake, where diesel fuel is delivered in bulk, stored and dispensed using standard pumps with manual paper recording of information. There is a cardlock system at the airport that allows for real time tracking of usage per vehicle.

Former operations manager, Adam Thorn, in a written report, said a collaboration would allow staff to get fuel at its, or the County yard and vice versa, with cost savings on purchase and installation. He added the system would upgrade fueling stations with digital technology capable of tracking data and stored on the County's server for accurate tracking and reporting.

A typical card lock system includes the control systems, pumps, hardware, and programmable access cards for staff. In addition, the fuel tanks would also be replaced to meet current standards.

Dailloux said with the tanks due for replacement anyway, it made sense to go "the whole hog and bring it into the digitalized era."

Danielsen added, "I think it provides for efficiencies, partnerships, better control of fuel use."

Council agreed to an upward spending limit of \$80,000 from modernization funding.

### Parks, rec and trails revenue up 11 per cent

Parks, recreation and trails revenue was up 11 per cent in 2020, department director Chris Card told the meeting.

He said they pulled in \$354,316 in 2020, compared to \$318,106 in 2019. December 2020 saw a big decrease, however, with a 42 per cent drop (\$786, versus \$1,362).

Overall, Card said, "a lot more people are getting outside during the COVID lockdown and we're up that amount even with having to have been closed a couple of months at the start of the year during lockdown."

The director added, "we've had a beautiful start to the winter this year, which has not been typical the past couple of seasons, so we're very fortunate our ski trails are in excellent condition." He said they are using a new snowmobile for grooming.

Moffatt said she'd be interested to see how the trail revenue review looks further into the season "because there's an awful lot of people around."

### Construction values top \$22.5 million

Algonquin Highlands saw construction values of more than \$22.5 million in 2020, Moore said.

He said his department issued six building permits in December 2020, as well as 11 septic permits. He said total building and septic fees were just over \$17.5 million last month with a construction value of more than \$1.6 million.

"So, it looks like we're in good shape at the building department," Moore said.

### Firefighter training disrupted

Fire chief Jonathan Wilker said they had suspended training during the latest provincial lockdown.

He also touched on the January closing of the Ontario Fire College in Gravenhurst. "At least the physical doors. They'll still be offering on-line training but we'll have to monitor how that impacts us over the next year or so," he said.

Moffatt said she anticipated budget implications across all fire departments that use the college.

"Moving on-line for theory is great but we have to accommodate the practical application of some of the training."

She said she assumed there are conversations between departments about next steps.

(Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Lisa Gervais)



# Highlander news

## Snowmobile traffic raising health concerns

By Joseph Quigley  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Living near a snowmobile trail, Linda Middleton has concerns about the traffic she sees at the gas station across from her.

The Harcourt resident said she frequently sees snowmobilers “shoulder to shoulder,” gathering in a way that appears to flout public health protocols. Based on the exit traffic she sees on Sunday, she believes some of them are coming from out of the area - a definite protocol violation.

“It’s pretty scary,” she said. “It would be extremely scary for our people who work in stores and restaurants. Anything that’s open at all. Having to be extremely careful. Too many people that are coming and going out of red zones.”

Haliburton is filled with snowmobiling traffic at this time of year, raising concerns about the usually tourism-driving recreation. The province is permitting the activity under its stay-at-home order. But snowmobilers are not supposed to travel outside their district, according to health units and the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC).

That rule has not been enough in some areas. The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit shut down its trails to everyone Jan. 21 due to complaints about people travelling from elsewhere to use them.

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) vice-president John

Enright said the club is busy working on trails. He added snowmobiling is a good way to recreate and though rest stop gatherings can be concerning, restaurants and other amenities being closed should limit them.

“I don’t think there’s a better recreation that offers social distancing than snowmobiling. Everyone is apart,” Enright said.

He said some could be travelling to Haliburton from larger centres within the district, which is allowed. Beyond that, it is hard to tell.

“Out-of-town traffic is unknown,” Enright said. “It’s a very, very hard thing to measure.”

Still, Enright said individual clubs and the OFSC are urging snowmobilers to follow the rules.

“All we can do is ask. We can’t order people to do that. We hope they are,” he said. “I believe everyone, or most, are doing the right thing. But it only takes one. And you know, we’re in such uncharted waters.”

HKPR medical officer of health, Dr. Ian Gemmill, said Jan. 20 he does not intend to close local trails but rules should be obeyed.

“I would ask people to follow the spirit of the stay-at-home orders,” Gemmill said.

Enright said the club will respect the decisions of public health experts. But he added people need to be able to get outside.

“We’re in an area with not a lot of cases. People can’t be cooped up indoors all



Snowmobilers travel in Haliburton Jan. 23. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

winter. They get cabin fever,” he said.

Middleton said she has no issue with locals snowmobiling – just those travelling from out of the area to do so in Haliburton.

She added there should be another way to address it than closing trails.

“I don’t know what the answer is. I think that people just need to follow the rules.”

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# Highlander news

## Connectivity and flooding just two issues at ROMA conference

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton County municipal politicians joined colleagues from across Ontario Jan. 25-26 as the Rural Municipalities of Ontario Association (ROMA) held its annual conference virtually this year.

During the second minister's forum Jan. 26, on Rural Economic Resiliency, Infrastructure and Resource Development, delegates asked questions of a number of Ontario ministers, including Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP and Minister of Infrastructure, Laurie Scott.

A number of municipalities asked Scott about the digital divide. While they thanked her government for its \$1 billion investment, they specifically wanted to know how many projects had been approved under the Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) program to date.

Scott said there are hundreds of projects at different stages of approval. However, she said quite a large number require a federal funding component. She said while the feds had pledged \$1.7 billion nationwide, Ontario has promised \$1 billion.

"Everybody's doing the math and has done the math in their municipalities ... we need more money to help solve the digital divide problem faster," Scott said.

She added while the Ontario government doubled its ICON funding to \$300 million in an announcement made in Minden in November, "of course you all know municipalities and

the province can only do so much."

She said as far as the province is concerned, every option is on the table, from fixed wire, to wireless and satellite.

### Flood plans

Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, John Yakabuski, was asked about the fact the flooding season is just around the corner and what improvements had been made since the flood advisor's report in 2019. The province went on to release the first-ever Ontario Flood Strategy, in Minden, in March 2020.

Yakabuski said the province can't prevent flooding as it is a natural phenomenon.

However, "it's all about what we do to better forecast that flooding and then respond to it when it happens and then through also working with my colleague, Mr. Clark at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, then recovering from those floods because when that does happen his ministry is deeply involved as well."

Yakabuski said the strategy involves seven ministries. He added they are working with municipalities and conservation authorities. He said just one example is they'd increased their ability to monitor water levels through the basins from a surface monitoring centre in Peterborough.

Other questions touched on a renewed safe restart program, blue box full producer responsibility, the high cost and inability to get municipal insurance, the need for Freedom of



MPP and Minister, Laurie Scott. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Information Act reform, the province's long-term energy plan, the necessity for more heads and beds money, social services relief and help with homelessness, stable infrastructure funding and the impact on trade with a new US government.

More than 1,100 participants took part in the conference, which featured more than two dozen speeches, sessions and workshops. Municipal staff and elected officials took part in nearly 300 online delegation meetings with provincial ministries.

About 270 of Ontario's 444 municipalities have populations of less than 10,000, while many more are rural in character. The rural arm of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, ROMA advocates for policies and programs that help build thriving rural Ontario communities.

### Snowmobile safety

OPP are reminding snowmobilers to stay safe and drive sober this season.

In a press release Jan. 25, Bancroft OPP said snowmobilers should consider a range of safety measures, including wearing a secure helmet, obeying all speed limits, carrying supplies and wearing reflective clothing.

In a separate release, Central Region OPP asked people to be wary of driving on ice after a snowmobile went through on Shadow Lake Road in Kawartha Lakes.

"No ice is safe ice," OPP said. "Please be aware of current and past weather conditions and remember that no ice is without risk. The quality and thickness of ice can change very quickly, and its appearance can be misleading." (OPP News compiled by Joseph Quigley, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter).

detachment said it later located the vehicle on Peterson Road in Hastings Highlands and the driver was arrested.

A 33-year-old man of Carlow-Mayo Township faces two charges of operating a vehicle while impaired. Police released the accused, who is scheduled to appear in Bancroft court Feb. 16.

### Domestic disturbance

Bancroft OPP charged a 32-year-old after a domestic disturbance Jan. 14.

Police said they attended a scene in Highlands East and arrested one adult. They charged the accused with criminal harassment, trespass by night and forcible entry.

OPP released the accused, who is scheduled to appear in Bancroft court Feb. 9.

## OPP NEWS

### Snowmobile collision

Police are investigating after a snowmobile collision left a 49-year-old Highlands East driver with major injuries.

Bancroft OPP said it responded at 11:50 p.m. Jan. 20, alongside Hastings County paramedics, finding the collision site on Rabbit Trail Road in Faraday Township.

Paramedics transported the driver to hospital. The investigation into the incident is ongoing and includes Bancroft OPP, an OPP Technical Collision Investigator and an OPP reconstructionist.

### Man charged with drunk driving

Police arrested an alleged drunk driver on Loop Road in Highlands East Jan. 23.

Bancroft OPP responded to a complaint around 1 p.m. The

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## COVID decisions questionable

The Province of Ontario is dealing with its first global pandemic in 100 years so it was bound to get some things wrong.

Without a doubt, choosing to allow big box retailers such as Costco and Walmart to remain open while shuttering small business is one of the more questionable decisions.

We have seen the line-ups at places such as Costco and Walmart, in which people are not six feet apart.

We know full well that stores in Haliburton County could do a much better job of social distancing and limiting numbers into their premises.

While the Costcos and Walmarts also have robust online shopping to cushion the COVID economic blow, small businesses in places such as the Highlands do not.

We applaud County Warden Liz Danielsen for taking a stand during a Jan. 21 Algonquin Highlands council meeting.

She said it did not seem fair for big box stores to be open with small businesses being hurt as badly as they are by being reduced to curbside pickup and deliveries.

In the same vein, we have to question a decision that has led to Sir Sam's Ski/Ride being closed this winter. It has resulted

in the local ski hill having to lay off 90 employees. Owner Chris Bishop and the Bishop family had spent a lot of money to be COVID compliant. They never got the chance beginning Boxing Day.

While it is great that Nordic skiing is being allowed, after a recent visit to one of the trails, I can attest to a full parking lot and cars and people not always six feet apart. It left me wondering why cross-country skiing was allowed but the runs in Eagle Lake banned.

I've also had calls from members of the general public, complaining about snowmobilers. One caller claimed to have seen out-of-town vehicles and license plates pulling trailers full of sleds. He further claimed that some accommodators were allowing out-of-town snowmobilers to stay in direct contravention of the provincial lockdown rules that say accommodation can be for housing only. Another complained of sledders congregating at fuel pumps, less than six-feet apart without masks. Some callers said they are worried about local employees who are serving gas or at grocery stores or take-out restaurants.

Some good news did arrive this week.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit has received its first batches of COVID vaccinations and will begin vaccinating soon.

While great for our long-term care residents, many of us are still looking at months-long waits for our vaccines.

Which is why locals should do their best to patronize local stores, not shop online at big box retailers or drive to out-of-town Costco and Walmart stores. That's why snowmobilers who live in the County should snowmobile in the County. That's why those living in other areas should sled in those areas. And, as far as inequitable business openings, we would urge Premier Doug Ford and his ministers and advisors to have another look at the closure list to see if some adjustments need to be made. After all, if you can go to an indoor school, surely you should be able to go to an outside ski hill.



By Lisa Gervais

## COVID CORNER

## Balancing ethical and practical factors

The goal of Canada's COVID-19 immunization response is to ensure the highest risk populations are prioritized while getting as many Canadians vaccinated as quickly as possible.

This is the largest vaccination program in history and Canada has secured more than 400 million vaccine doses from multiple manufacturers (only two COVID-19 vaccines have current approval in Canada, but it is anticipated that at least two more will be approved soon). Delivery of these pre-purchased vaccines is currently the challenge, as the manufacturers struggle to provide the numbers needed globally.

As of Jan. 25, only 1.96 per cent of Canadians have received their first dose (745,530) and 89,983 have received their second dose. Of the total vaccines received so far from the manufacturers, 74.4 per cent have been administered (835,513 out of 1,122,450). Globally, only 0.82 per cent of the population has received vaccines (64,018,860 individuals). Ontario has vaccinated 1.46 per cent of its population thus far (214,854 had first dose and 71,256 had second dose). You can keep up to date with these numbers following the online vaccine tracker.

Vaccines are to be delivered in Ontario in three phases that started in December, with the initial targeted population to be residents and staff of long-term care homes (431,000), some high-risk retirement homes, health care workers (physicians, nurses, paramedics ... 458,000), adults in First Nations communities (266,000), adults with chronic diseases receiving home care

services (300,000). The timeline for the Phase 1 vaccinations is December to March, with 1.2 million vaccines to be delivered by end of March. Phase 2 vaccine delivery is anticipated to occur from April to July and will include 1.5 million essential workers (first responders, teachers, construction, postal, food processing and services, childcare, banking, communications, fuel, mortuary, medical equipment, pharmaceuticals), Adults older than 75 years followed by adults 60-75 years (3.5 million), at-risk populations (500,000), and Adults 16-60 years (four million). From August to December 2021 the remaining populations that either missed or were not included in the first two phases will be vaccinated in Phase 3.

Locations for vaccinations include hospital site clinics, doctor's office clinics, LTC sites, public spaces such as Legions and arenas, and via mobile sites (vans) and pharmacies. Ontario's Public Health Units are providing guidance for delivery of vaccines.

The logistical considerations of getting these fragile vaccines to the delivery sites and then into people's arms as quickly as possible have to be balanced with identification of the most vulnerable individuals. Who gets immunized first, second, third? Formulas and ethical guidelines have been used to design the delivery roadmap. Provincial direction on prioritizing is balanced with public health unit decisions that will be different in each community due to local factors. Toronto, Peel, York, Windsor were targeted initially due to the volume of outbreak in these LTC

centres and the risk to residents and staff and essential caregivers. From these regions the expansion then included three public health units.

In the north of the province the partnership with ORNGE is ensuring the delivery to remote communities that are most vulnerable because of crowded or shared living spaces and limited health care resources.

While we here in Haliburton have a high volume of elderly and LTC residents, we have not yet received any vaccines. Location and staff for vaccination are identified, factors for safety and storage of vaccines are secured, and plans are ready for immediate vaccination of the high-risk Phase 1 population. While we are not in a large centre under intense outbreak, we do have a vulnerable population demographic and a small team of frontline health care workers and first responders, making us more at risk if there is an outbreak. For that reason, we are actively advocating to receive vaccines here as soon as possible.

Follow updates on the public health websites, [hkpr.on.ca](http://hkpr.on.ca), the Haliburton Family Health Team website, PHAC government of Canada website, Ontario vaccine website [covid-19.ontario.ca/getting-covid-19-vaccine-ontario](http://covid-19.ontario.ca/getting-covid-19-vaccine-ontario).



By Dr. Nell Thomas

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# Editorial opinion

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Rebecca Krawczyk captured this Common Goldeneye taking off from the Gull River in Minden Jan. 24.

## LETTERS

### Use existing shoreline rules

Dear editor,

Haliburton County Council is proposing a new Shoreline Protection By-Law which will impact/control almost everything waterfront property owners are able to do with the first 30 metres of their property (measured from the high-water mark) with respect to trees, vegetation, soil and structures. For many (most?), 30 metres includes their cottage/home.

We all love Haliburton's lakes, streams and rivers which are the lifeblood of the community, and understand the need to keep them, and the wildlife which live in and around them, healthy. That is why there are already successful laws, regulations and inspection programs in place to protect them.

In her video, Ribbon of Life, Fleming College's Barb Elliot, an expert in shoreline

stewardship, recommends maintaining 75 per cent of your shoreline's 10-foot riparian buffer zone in a natural state.

A 2017 Love Your Lake study stated: "The first 10-15 metres of land that surround lakes and rivers are responsible for 90 per cent of lake life." Not 30 metres.

In 2019, The Lake Health Report determined 75 per cent of Haliburton's shorelines are already in a natural (47 per cent), or "in the process of growing back towards a natural state" (regenerative, 28 per cent), under existing governance.

Perhaps increased education, enforcement of existing bylaws, an accelerated septic inspection program and a ban on fertilizer within 30m of the water would be more appropriate, given that experts agree that septic systems and fertilizers are main sources of excessive phosphorous levels in lakes.

This is a significant piece of legislation and requires further post-pandemic explanation, debate and discussion.

The septic inspection was postponed

because of the pandemic; surely this process should be as well.

*Dave and Judy Love  
Haliburton Lake*

### Let's stop this uncivil war

Dear editor,

I was disturbingly alarmed when I read both that the enforcement of Ontario's Reopening Act is complaint-driven by the OPP and that a resident complained to the police that her cottager neighbour arrived during a stay-at-home restriction.

It alarms me to read about hotlines that have been set up to complain about neighbours. It feels very undemocratic and more totalitarian in nature. Have we forgotten our history lessons? There has been a lot of anti-Chinese government sentiment in Canada and yet this is a tactic

China uses against its citizens.

For months, residents and cottagers have been pitted against one another, maybe not face-to-face but certainly on social media. What both groups fail to see is their commonalities: fear of COVID-19 and their love for their native/adopted home, Haliburton Highlands. From what I have gleaned, a lot of us fall into the adopted home category.

There are many Bible verses that come to mind. Do not judge lest ye be judged. Love thy neighbor ... Take the plank out of your own eye before the speck in your brother's.

We all want to see an end to the pandemic and we all are trying our best. Let's take a cue from President Joe Biden when he said in his inauguration speech "Let's stop this uncivil war."

And leave the OPP to do the very important job of keeping our community safe.

*Cindy Vasey  
Ingoldsby*



# Editorial opinion

## LETTERS

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### What about County 'misinformation'?

Dear editor,

Of interesting note from your article "County pushes back on shoreline 'misinformation'" [*The Highlander*, Jan. 21, 2020 p. 3] is the misinformation that council itself is spreading.

They reference scientific evidence as the reason for this bylaw but refuse to release the documents that lead them to that conclusion.

They have also withheld documents that show what the economic impact will be on the County.

Warden Liz Danielsen should focus on those areas instead of chastising those who question how and why she is adamant about putting into place a bylaw designed to cripple the local economy and control people's land all based on pseudoscience.

Brian J. Atkins  
Haliburton

### Constant misinformation

Dear editor,

Would someone please tell the truth or get it right for once.

With this lockdown, people have too much time on their hands, are being asked to be three-year-old tattletales, narcs, whatever you want to call it, and neighbor is being pitted against neighbour.

Number one. Mind your own business. Heaven knows that if someone were to dig in someone else's past, I am sure there is a skeleton in every closet of manipulating some rule or law.

It's hard enough these days to survive, so why are you looking at your neighbour's business too?

Go out/stay home, that's up to everyone personally.

Number two. Why can you toboggan, skate, and all that involves, but not downhill

ski?

Number three. Why are big box stores allowed to operate fully, while small businesses are being closed?

Yes, everyone is getting completely frustrated because of the lies and double talk we are receiving.

Certainly, some people are calling this the biggest hoax of the world and some are eating this pandemic up with a hunger that cannot be satisfied. We the people are only allowed what the government wants us to know, nothing more, secrets, whatever.

So much is such a cover-up that it is impossible to know what's truth and what's fake,

Give us some truth, we deserve it, but anything said now, how is it possible to know, if it's truth, or more junk, to cover up other things?

Soon the people are going to snap and there will be an even bigger problem on the government's hands.

They are covering up the WE situation, covering up all the money that is disappearing, turning Canada into a Communist state where total control is all there is.

Land of the free, home of the brave, where is that anymore?

Gord E. Raymer  
Haliburton

### Show me the money

Dear editor,

This is a letter I sent to MPP Laurie Scott and am sharing with *The Highlander*.

Every time I hear a big money announcement from government, I am reminded of this line from the movie Jerry Maguire.

I am referring to the photo-op announcement made by the premier in Minden in November - an announcement you said was a game changer.

I am reminded of this now as our local organizations try to raise money to assist

families with internet so that they can learn virtually. Many have to travel daily to a hot spot to even connect meaningfully in their cars.

The Minden announcement promised \$680 million on top of \$315 million previously announced. The funds are supposedly to improve internet and cellular connectivity in rural areas of the province. Some funds were to go to shovel ready projects. Providing almost a billion dollars over six years breaks down to about \$167 million per year provincially.

I'm not sure what that will do to change the game. Actually, for many of us it's not a game but a daily need. Paying about \$80 a month for 'high speed' internet download speed of about two mbps leaves many challenges when the national standard being talked about is about 50 mbps. As a result, I have some questions for you.

How many shovel-ready projects are underway? How much of the announced money has been allocated? Who did it go to? How much did they get and when did they get it?

What technologies are you counting on to change the game? Fibre optics will not be an option for us rurally although our villages have had that luxury and more towers may be a challenge. Are you looking at Elon Musk style Starlink technology as the game changer?

Gary Hunt  
Haliburton

### Bell: Let's you and us talk about it

Dear editor,

I was interested in reading how teaching/attending school 'from home' necessitated sitting in a vehicle in the secondary school parking lot during the cold of winter in order to have essential internet service.

This floodlights for every one a collective call to action far beyond all that has been

futilely attempted in the past by many of our local politicians.

January 28 is Bell Let's Talk Day. I think we should boycott that event in a concerted message of 'Bell Canada, Let's you and us - Talk About 'It'!

- How Bell's handling of customers causes major stress for countless people;
- How Bell's handling of many employees' tasks/logistics can often cause major 'setups' for them;
- How Bell appears to be less interested in reducing its mental stressors on its customers than in being the 'motivator hero' telling us how we can help others;
- How Bell could most likely provide much better internet, cell, and landline service if it wasn't driven by greed for power and profit margins;
- How Bell needs to be held accountable for its contributions to mental stress and 'shut up already' about how we all need to 'Let's Talk' so they can be "the single largest corporate commitment to mental health in Canada."

Perhaps Bell is one of the biggest contributors to mental health anguish in Canada. Everyone has their Bell story, only to have someone else's story turn out to be even more astonishing.

Bell has much to offer in our lives. However, mental health is not only about talking but doing what contributes to an improved state of well-being.

Bell needs to immediately 'talk, respect, and act' - with us.

Send a message with your devices to Bell. Don't do any extra communication on Jan. 28. Instead, call, text, etc. to someone to show you care on a totally different day.

Thank you to all who are leading the call to action for helping those who are experiencing/suffering from being left out in the cold. School might be back in but the problems have not subsided. It's more than about internet service.

Bernie Davis  
Minden

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# Highlander news

## Dysart considers fixes for gravel roads

By Joseph Quigley  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dysart et al council debated how to best fulfill its plans to convert some gravel roads to hard-top and which ones should take priority.

Council discussed the matter Jan. 26 and deferred any decisions until a Feb. 8 budget meeting. It also approved a list of capital road resurfacing projects for the next two years, which include 30.49 kilometres for approximately \$1.5 million.

Deputy mayor Patrick Kennedy said despite council's intent in 2018 to address hard-top roads the municipality previously pulverized to gravel, it has yet to make any progress halfway through the term. Staff did not include those projects in the approved resurfacing list for 2021 and 2022.

"We've made the commitment, but I think we're going to have to step up. We're going to end up having to borrow," Kennedy said.

At a previous budget meeting, director of public works, Rob Camelon, said it is difficult for booked-up staff to do the ditching preparation work needed. Council is considering additional money in the budget to contract that work out. Kennedy suggested ditching should happen in 2021 to prepare gravel-to-hard-top projects in 2022.

Coun. John Smith said it should be cost-effective to push up these projects, considering the money saved on maintenance, dust control and gravel. He added it should be possible without impacting the levy through reserves and federal gas tax funding.

"It's a simple question of business economics," Smith said. He pushed for a Redkenn Road conversion to be added on the capital list given its traffic and relatively short 1.4-kilometre distance.

Coun. Walt McKechnie pushed for Dunn Road and Klondike Road to get converted

to hard-top. He said residents there have waited for a long time for it.

"The people have been waiting on Dunn and Klondike twice as long as people on Redkenn," McKechnie said. "It's a joke now whenever I talk to people. 'Oh yeah, Walt. You'll get it done, you'll get it done.'"

Coun. Larry Clarke expressed concern over individual roads getting favoured. He said the municipality invested in software to determine what roads are addressed, based on factors such as traffic count.

"If we start identifying one road because we're getting a bunch of letters from one part of the constituency, we're going to get no end of squeaky wheels," Clarke said. "If we want to start arm-wrestling on this stuff, I can make things ugly. Let's work with a set process on how we're establishing what the priorities are for roads being done."

Mayor Andrea Roberts said it would make sense to wade further into the discussion on a dedicated budget day.



Council plans to push up road projects to convert gravel roads to hard-top. File.

"We can't just throw out roads indiscriminately," Roberts said. "We need to give these people an answer, and the answer may not be what they want to hear."

Council directed staff to review what resurfacing projects could be done and bring back a report Feb. 8.

## Connectivity campaign continues call for support

By Joseph Quigley  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County's campaign to provide online connectivity to youth in need says the effort is still necessary even with students returning to school this week.

Point in Time launched its "Are You In?" campaign Jan. 16, intent on providing connectivity to 150 youth in the community who lack it. It has already raised more than \$55,000, including a \$25,000 County contribution Jan. 27, toward a \$180,000 fundraising goal. That target is based on a

calculation to provide internet time for 150 families for one year.

The campaign was inspired by students struggling to learn in the pandemic because of poor internet connections. Point in Time executive director, Marg Cox, said even with students returning to in-person lessons Jan. 25, there is still a need to help them.

"The lockdown is still in place. So, in order for youth to be able to access services, connect with their friends, be able to access mental health support, primary care information – in order for people to stay physically distanced, the connectivity really

plays a role," Cox said.

The charity seeks to address the urgent need in the short-term. To do that, it is using funds raised to provide phones with data plans to students, though Cox said they are exploring alternatives for areas where that may not work.

The effort has reached out for both community and municipal support. Cox said she is hopeful they can get close to their goal with help from both sources.

"You don't ask, you don't know, and what we do know is that youth in Haliburton County deserve a level playing field," Cox

said. "Internet plays a huge role in people being able to do research, submit their assignments, whether they're doing in-class learning or online learning."

Organizations have begun donating, with local lake associations donating \$3,000 and the Haliburton and District Lions Club \$1,000.

Cox said even with vaccinations on the horizon, both the pandemic and the need for improved connectivity will linger.

"There is a real need for youth and others in our County to have access," she said. To donate, visit [pointintime.ca](http://pointintime.ca).

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# Highlander health

## HEALTH UNIT BOARD NEWS

### Budget surplus projected

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit board heard Jan. 21 that a budget surplus of a few hundred thousand dollars is projected for 2020.

Angela Vickery, director of corporate services, said many expenditures related to regular programming were underspent, including travel, supplies and fees for service. She said funds were redirected towards ensuring all work areas were safe.

"After year-end adjustments are complete, it is anticipated there will be a surplus of a few hundred thousand dollars," Vickery said. She added the unit's final year-end position will be presented in June or July of 2021.

The initial annual service plan for the unit was approved on Feb. 13, 2020. Less than a month later, the majority of that plan was suspended and staff redeployed to roles supporting pandemic response.

In addition, a memo from Minister of Health, Christine Elliot, was tabled at the meeting, in which she said there will be a process for health units to request reimbursement of COVID-19 costs incurred in 2021. She asks health units to continue to track these costs separately.

### Collaboration with police

In a presentation to the board, staff explained the close relationship between HKPR and its region's six police services.

HKPR public health inspectors continue to visit food premises, childcares, long-term care, group homes, sports facilities, golf courses and marinas, fining if COVID-19 protocols are not followed. Police and bylaw officers follow up with issues at all other premises with responsibility for trailer parks a joint effort between HKPR, police

and bylaw officers.

Staff said communication is constant and there were multiple discussions around gathering limits for various events and holiday celebrations.

HKPR cannot legally enforce the Federal Quarantine Act which dictates Canadians returning from outside the country have to isolate for 14 days. HKPR's policing partners took that on. Kawartha Lakes Police Service issued a \$1,130 fine to an individual who did not comply with the quarantine regulations.

### COVID-19 updated numbers

Medical officer of health, Dr. Ian Gemmill, reported on Jan. 21 that 150 cases had been reported in the previous two weeks.

He said contact tracing identified 40 per cent of patients caught the illness through household contact, 30 per cent at work, on public transportation or at social gatherings and 20 per cent via community transmission.

He said half of the cases were from Northumberland County, 40 per cent from CKL and six per cent from Haliburton.

Gemmill said the number one age for infection is 50-59 followed very closely by 20-29 years.

Locally, he said there are 600-700 COVID tests completed daily and the health unit is reporting a 1.5 per cent positivity rate "which is low when compared to other areas around the province."

With schools returning to in-person learning on Jan. 25. Gemmill said, "We have very little documented illness in children. There appears to be little transmission in schools. The cases discovered at school have come from the outside." (Health unit board news compiled by Kirk Winter.)



The Health Unit board met Jan. 21. *File photo.*

### Tobacco-free in 2021

During National Non-Smoking Week (Jan. 17-23), the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is promoting a new program for Ontarians (ages 18+) that offers phone counselling and a free six-week supply of nicotine patches/lozenges to help individuals become tobacco-free.

Funded by the provincial government, the Ottawa Model for Smoking Cessation Community Program has been shown to reduce smoking rates and tobacco-related deaths, the health unit said in a press release. The program is based at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute.

#### To access the program:

- Call 1-888-645-5405 and leave a message with your contact information. Within two business days, a Nicotine Addiction Treatment Specialist will get back to you to see if you qualify for the program (with consent, health care providers can also register their patients for the program).
- If you are eligible, you will be mailed a six-week supply of nicotine patches, lozenges, gum, inhaler or similar product. Regular phone counselling will also be offered to help you through the quitting process.
- As a client, you will receive regular follow-ups either by phone or email to see how you are doing. (Lisa Gervais)

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# Highlander investigates

## HIGHLANDER INVESTIGATES

# Rise in deaths, emergency department visits

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co-ordinator, Catherine MacDonald, said the pandemic has created more hurdles.

"One of the main messages from a harm reduction standpoint is not to use alone, whereas with the pandemic, we were asking people to isolate," MacDonald said. "It was very challenging to try and get that information to people."

The district has also had an upward trend in opioid-related emergency department visits for four consecutive years, from 74 in 2016 to 193 in 2019 according to Public Health Ontario. That trend has remained steady in 2020, with preliminary data showing 143 total visits between January-September.

MacDonald said she could not say whether local use is up during the pandemic. But she said supply chain issues have made the drug more toxic, potentially catching users unaware.

"What they're using is not necessarily what they think they're using, or the potency is not consistent," MacDonald said.

She added partners, including emergency responders and other social services, have worked to address issues, such as a spike

in overdoses in Lindsay.

"Community partners have really come together to ensure the needs of the clients are being met," MacDonald said. "We've had an increase in outreach."

In a November joint report, the chief coroner's office, the Ontario Drug Policy Research Network and Public Health Ontario said there is a need for policies to address the rising numbers. They recommended access to harm reduction services, safer supply of drugs and other supports.

"These recommendations align with those made by national organizations and reflect the need to act quickly to provide adequate support for people who use drugs during current and anticipated future waves of this pandemic," the joint report said.

## New solutions

The health unit is taking some action to improve the data it collects about the opioid crisis.

It received a \$60,000 grant and is mandated to work on a data-sharing project on opioid abuse.

MacDonald said health units only have access to limited overdose data, that does not always allow for a timely response. With the initiative, emergency responders could provide data on overdoses they address, to give health units more to work with. Other community partners and members with lived experiences with substance abuse would also be able to submit information.

"It's just trying to provide that better idea of what's happening out there, because we know the numbers we're getting from our hospital reporting is not the full picture," MacDonald said. "With that information, we can then start to evaluate and look at trends ... To be able to provide the relevant programs and services to the clients that need them."

They hope to have the program ready in mid-2021.

MacDonald said people need to see the humanity of drug users.

"Those people all have loved ones and family members and friends. It really does kind of impact everybody and it is a community issue," she said. "That's why it's so important there's a community approach."

## Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge Opioid Trends

### DEATHS

(Confirmed and probable)

- 2015: 11
- 2016: 8
- 2017: 10
- 2018: 30
- 2019: 19
- 2020: 26 (Up to August)

### Emergency Department Visits

- 2015: 65
- 2016: 74
- 2017: 118
- 2018: 154
- 2019: 193
- 2020: 143 (Up to September)

Next week: We chat with a long-time opioid user

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### A Message from the Fire Department

#### Pet Fire Safety

Protecting Your Pets from Potential Danger

Home fires are the most common disaster, also the most preventable.

- The best way to protect your pets from the effects of a fire is to include them in your family plan. This includes having their own disaster supplies kit as well as arranging in advance for a safe place for them to stay if you need to leave your home.
- When you practice your escape plan, practice taking your pets with you. Train them to come to you when you call.
- In the event of a disaster, if you must evacuate, the most important thing you can do to protect your pets is to evacuate them, too. But remember: never delay escape or endanger yourself or family to rescue a family pet.

### Masks at Waste Facilities

Until further notice, masks are now mandatory outside your vehicle at Minden Hills Waste Facilities. This is for the protection of all site users and we respectfully request your co-operation. This requirement is in line with recommendations from the Province of Ontario.

### (Virtual) Council Meetings

Council and Committee of the Whole meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference and Closed Session meetings via teleconference, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.

The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

**January 28** – Regular Council Meeting

**PLEASE NOTE: The Closed Session meeting will commence following Delegations.**

The Regular Council meeting and 3rd Draft Budget Deliberations will proceed after the Closed Session Meeting.

**February 11** – Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in July, August and December.

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at [www.mindenhills.ca/council/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/council/) or by using the direct link provided in the notice. We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at [www.mindenhills.ca/council/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/council/).

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

### Tax Statements for Income Tax Purposes

Requests for Tax Statements can be mailed to the following address, or placed in the Township drop box labelled and located on the north wall of the Administration building facing Pritchard Lane and the Municipal parking lot. It is accessed from the wheelchair entrance and is at the top of the first ramp.

**Absolutely no cash is to be deposited in the drop box.**

Township of Minden Hills, PO Box 359, #7 Milne Street, Minden, ON K0M 2K0

Please include your name, the property roll number, a mailing address, as well as an email address and/or phone number with your request. Requests will be emailed if an email address is provided; otherwise the statement will be mailed through Canada Post.

Requests must be accompanied by a cheque for the applicable fee of \$10.00, for **each** property roll.

Requests will be processed in accordance with COVID19 safety protocols, so please allow a minimum of two (2) weeks for processing. If your request does not include all of the required information or fee, the Township will not be held responsible for any delays in providing the requested information.

### Request for Proposal

RFP #ADM 21-01

**Bob Lake Public Boat Launch Design**

The Township of Minden Hills and the Bob Lake Association are seeking proposals from qualified consultants for the preparation of a preliminary engineering design sufficient to determine the layout and positioning of a single station boat launching ramp at Claude Brown Road on Bob Lake.

The deadline for submissions is February 5, 2021 by 12:00 noon.

Visit our website at [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca) for more information and how to submit a proposal.

### Waste Reduction Tip

It takes 2,600 litres of water to make one new t-shirt.

Shop second hand to reduce the environmental impact of your closet, and to find unique fashion pieces at serious discounts!

### Employment Opportunity

#### Custodial Labourer

We are looking for a Custodial Labourer to join our team. This is a full time, union position, 40 hrs/week, variable shifts. Rate of pay is \$23.70, pending review. Application deadline is Feb. 12, 2021 by 12:00 noon. Visit our website at [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca) for full posting details and to view the job description.



# Highlander business

## Buttermilk Falls Resort changes hands

By Lisa Gervais

Long-time guests, Stephen and Megan Orr, have taken over the Buttermilk Falls Resort from John and Dale Rider, who are retiring after 13 years. The changeover happened Jan. 20.

Stephen Orr said he and Megan have been coming to the area for more than 20 years, discovering Buttermilk about 15 years ago. They developed a friendship with the Riders, other guests and introduced the resort to friends.

Stephen said during their September 2020 vacation, he flippantly said that if they sold their house in Markham they could afford the down payment on the resort - which the Riders had put up for sale. He said that later the same day, in the hot tub, Megan asked if they should seriously consider buying the resort.

"I almost drowned," Stephen said.

He said they left the next day with a casual mention to Dale that they were thinking about it. They began a more serious ponder, meeting with the Riders for a "gut check" to ask candid questions.

Then the Riders got an offer. The Orrs were deflated but that offer fell through.

The Orrs drove north to have another chat with the Riders in October and then met with the realtor.

"A week later we had put together an offer and it was accepted," Stephen said. "Another five weeks and we had completed our due diligence on the resort and had accepted an offer on our house in Markham.

Just nine weeks previously we were relaxing in a hot tub looking at the stars."

Now, Stephen said they are looking forward to meeting new people and becoming part of the community.

It's early days, but the couple plan to put their stamp on the place.

In the short-term, Stephen said the resort will be getting a new logo and the website will likely get a significant makeover sooner rather than later.

"The number one thing that we thought could make a big impact and that would be appreciated by all, is the addition of a new floating dock. It will be quite a bit longer than the current dock, allowing more room for boats to tie up, and it should be possible to tie up even in the late fall when the water is low. The dock also includes a large platform which should be ideal for swimming off of, or just as a spot for reading a book with a glass of wine and enjoying the sunset," Stephen said.

He added they have a number of ideas aimed at bringing more guests to the region in the spring and fall and plan to be open March break for tobogganing, tubing and an ice rink.

As for the Riders, Dale said they're excited for the Orrs, "and we're very happy for our guests because we've worked hard to develop a good environment, business and a great client base and they're really happy." She said as former guests, the Orrs understand the resort.

John said they will take some time off and



Stephen and Megan Orr, foreground, have purchased Buttermilk Falls Resort from Dale and John Rider. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

think about next steps. He added they were running out of energy and drive and had plateaued and the Orrs have different ideas to tweak and grow the business.

Dale said that when they bought the resort, the plan was to retire in the County but first

move here, have a business, raise a couple of kids, and "get into the community." She said they have met many people and "now we can actually spend some time when it's appropriate. And, I'm imagining a Saturday morning in the summer on the dock."

## WORKING MOMS

There are a small number of stay-at-home moms in Haliburton County who combine raising children and running a business. Carolyn Alder speaks with some of them.

## Stepping out of her mom role for a bit

By Carolyn Alder

Several stacks of headbands and beanie hats sit on a cutting mat ready to be sewn in Kelsei Campbell's kitchen.

After dropping her older children, Huxlee and Wren, at school, Campbell returns home. She gives her youngest, Tyke, a snack and turns on his latest obsession *Frozen 2* to watch.

Campbell says her business, Sew Wren, started when she was on maternity leave with Tyke.

"I was looking at one of my nieces, Jade's, scrunchies and realized I could make it. I picked up some fabric, watched some videos and made some for Jade. Her friends then wanted some so I made some more. Then my mom, Kim, asked me to make some for Christmas craft shows and I sold out."

After some encouragement from her sisters and friends, Campbell continued by making headbands and hats.

Born and raised in Haliburton, Campbell says while her mom sewed, she wasn't taught by her.

"My mom had a sewing machine, but I don't remember her sewing a lot. I know she did most of our Halloween costumes

and there's definitely a lot of baby pictures of us wearing outfits she made but I don't have a vivid memory of my mom sewing."

Sew Wren is named after Campbell's daughter. Campbell says she's always loved her daughter's name and wanted the business to be an extension of Wren's personality. While Wren isn't too much into wearing her mom's creations, she fully supports her.

"Wren is my biggest cheerleader. When I'm sewing headbands, she's thinks it's the greatest thing. She is constantly encouraging me, saying 'good job, mom'."

Campbell says finding the time to run her business can be a challenge. She says she tries to sew when she can.

"Tyke is in daycare one day a week, so those days are pretty successful. I try to get up early before the kids are up and get most of the cutting done. I sew when Tyke is napping or when the kids are outside playing."

Her workstation is the kitchen table which overlooks the wooded backyard. Not all days are productive though.

"There are those days when Tyke wants to get involved and it doesn't work." Some days he plays beside her though.



Kelsei Campbell and her son Tyke. Photo submitted.

"It gets to me sometimes. It only lasts so long before I feel guilty that I'm not spending time with the kids."

For the most part, Campbell is surprised by her success.

"I would say I have an artsy side. I think it's unbelievable being able to make something from a piece of fabric. It does

give me more of a purpose, even though I love being a mom. I wasn't looking for more income, it was just an opportunity that came up. I do it for so many different reasons, having a different purpose or to even step out of my mom role for a bit.

Sew Wren products are available online or at BeautyBasics by Amy in Minden.



# Highlander arts

## Folk Society puts out call for performers

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton County Folk Society will present a stay-at-home version of open stage on Saturday, Feb. 13.

In a press release, HCFS member Barrie Martin said audience members will watch from home and performers will do the same since musicians and spoken word artists will pre-record their performances.

“Using Zoom, these performances will then be mixed with a ‘live’ show on open stage night,” Martin said. He added that a master of ceremonies will orchestrate online interviews and the pre-recorded performances.

The Open Stage will also be streamed on Facebook for audience members not comfortable with Zoom.

Martin said pre-recorded performances are necessary because of the lack of decent internet upload speeds in the area. An upload speed of 5mbps is required to stream live music. He said a live performance

would be considered if a performer’s internet speed can meet the required upload speed, or if it is a spoken word performance.

The Folk Society tried an outdoor Open Stage at Haliburton Highlands Brewing in September and then a live-streamed version in November. Recent COVID regulations and the lockdown require a new approach, however.

Anyone interested in performing can email [haliburtonfolk@gmail.com](mailto:haliburtonfolk@gmail.com) or call Don Gage at 705-286-5085. All genres of music, poetry or spoken word are welcome. One to three songs per performer is the standard offering. Performers are asked to let the Folk Society know by Feb. 1 if interested in performing. Pre-recorded performances must be received before Feb. 12.

Martin said the COVID safe and compliant initiative is made possible by the efforts of Kate Hall, Don Gage and Eric Lilius.

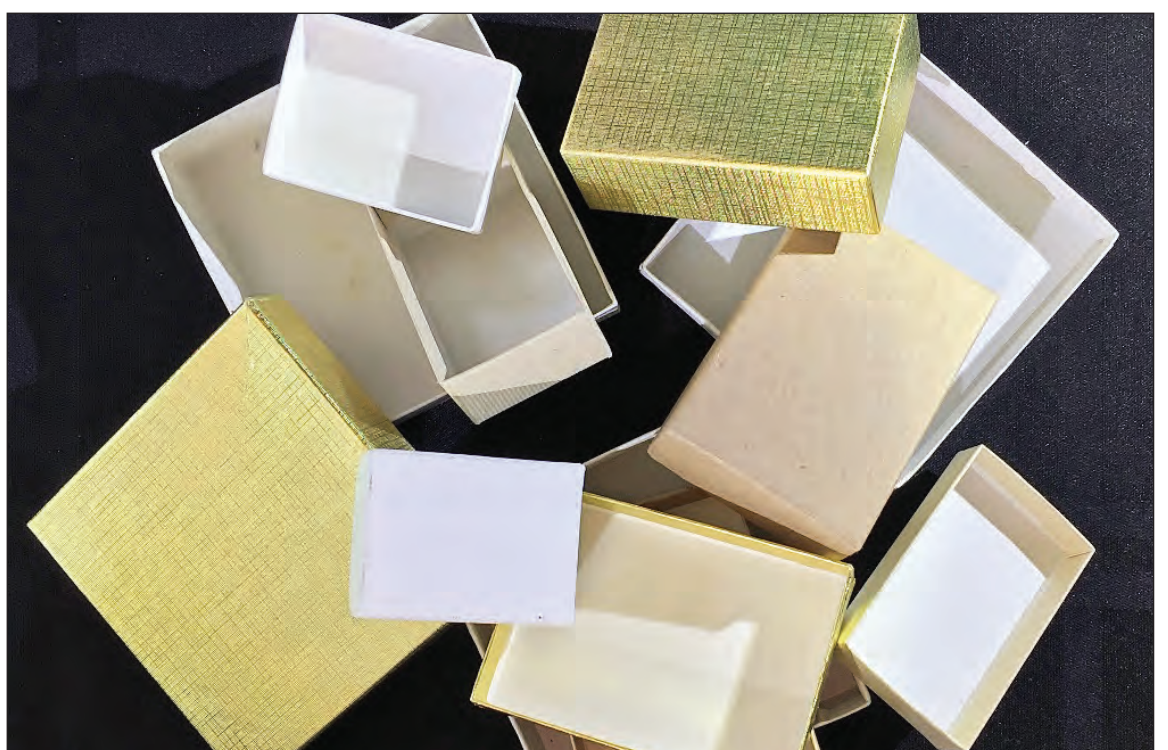


Kate Hall performs at Haliburton Highlands Brewing in September. *File.*



## Still clicking despite COVID

The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club continues to be active online and holds monthly meetings by Zoom. They also hold Zoom presentations by professional photographers that share their experiences and inspire creativity in photographic arts. In their latest competition, pictorial, the winners were: first advanced, Fly Babies Fly, by Amin Shivji; first intermediate, Juvenile Mallard, by Julie Jones, and first novice, Collection of Boxes, by Catherine Dennis. Visit their website at [highlandscameraclub.ca](http://highlandscameraclub.ca) to view all competition images, and follow them on Facebook. (Lisa Gervais)





# Highlander outdoors



## Snowmobiles buzzing through Haliburton

Dozens of snowmobilers drove throughout Haliburton and Head Lake this past weekend, enjoying recreational activity allowed in the lockdown.

Left: Bryan Buckingham and Kyle Belder prepared to head out on the trail outside Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Right: Joanne O'Brien sets out from the field near HHSS. *Photos by Joseph Quigley*

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**Algonquin Outfitters** – Full details of operations can be found at [algonquinoutfitters.com/covid-19-dec-28-2020](http://algonquinoutfitters.com/covid-19-dec-28-2020) and for Haliburton store at [algonquinoutfitters.com/store-location/haliburton](http://algonquinoutfitters.com/store-location/haliburton). Offering curbside pickup and rentals as well as online sales at [algonquinoutfitters.com](http://algonquinoutfitters.com) or call 1-705-457-3737 for local service.

**Outdoors Plus** – Open but can only have one person in the store at a time. Currently keeping regular hours Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun 8 a.m.-3 p.m. This can change quickly, call store to make sure we are available. 705-457-3113.

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**Taylor Carpet One** – Huntsville – Our showroom is closed but we are still open for curbside, Mon to Sat 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 705-789-9259 or visit [taylorcarpetonehuntsville.com](http://taylorcarpetonehuntsville.com).

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**Wintergreen Maple** – Open by chance or appointment (curbside) anytime your schedule allows. Call 705-286-3202.

**Subway Minden & Subway Haliburton** – Open 7 days from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. for takeout and remote order pickup only.

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programming with support from Contact North in Haliburton. Help available at 1-855-867-9528 or [www.studyonline.ca](http://www.studyonline.ca).

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**Troy Optical** – Open, please call for appointment. 705-286-0727 or [troyoptical.com](http://troyoptical.com).

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**The Parish & Strano Real Estate Team** – Open. Call 705-457-5485 for a no charge property evaluation.

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# Highlander people

## Lending a paw to a human-created problem

By Lisa Gervais

About four years ago, Heather Deveaux and her partner, Kyal Smith, started feeding feral cats around their cabin on Paint Lake in Dorset during harsh winter days.

Then they noticed a couple of “regulars” and got to know them. One, whom they named MamaCat started bringing her kittens so they could eat, too. After MamaCat’s second litter, Deveaux said they realized there was a larger feral cat problem than they had at first understood.

She said they heard from neighbours, friends and community members about cats they were seeing or trying to help.

“A number of events convinced us that we had to take a personal hand in getting the reproductive cycle under control,” Deveaux said. “Some of the babies that we knew early on died tragically, or disappeared inexplicably, and we never knew what happened to them. Others had health issues that we couldn’t help them with. We knew something had to be done. And if we weren’t going to do it, who would?”

They took the first couple of feral cats to the vet’s to be spayed or neutered at their own expense.

“We knew that this was unsustainable over the long term. We set up a Gofundme page, and to our surprise, people made donations. We kept on doing whatever we could to take care of the cats we knew, to re-home the kittens that we ended up bottle-feeding or getting our hands on as early as we

could, and enlisting the aid of our growing community of cat and animal lovers,” she said.

The Gofundme page exploded over a seven-week-old rescued feral kitten named Floof, who had a serious medical condition requiring emergency surgery. Deveaux used her personal credit card for the \$1,000 charge. Smith posted to Facebook looking for help. The next day the Visa had been paid off in donations.

“From this point on, we knew that this was something we needed to do, and that we had the support of a community of people, united in their love of cats and concern for their well-being,” Deveaux said.

She said cottagers, friends, family, locals and business owners started to reach out and offer support, or ask them for their support in helping cats they knew were out there.

A recent food drive raised an estimated \$2,500 worth of food in both cash and in-kind donations, in approximately 48 hours.

The Cats of Paint Lake is now in the planning stages of setting up a new location on Paint Lake Road, which will provide them with better accommodations for the animals, and a more efficient space to manage intakes, assessments, care, and outreach.

At the moment, they have embarked upon taking an inventory and mapping the feral cat colonies and populations of Dorset and surrounding areas, including Lake of Bays,



A rescued feral kitten named Floof. *Photo submitted.*

Kawagama Lake, Paint Lake and Algonquin Highlands, to start.

Deveaux added they cooperate, and coordinate efforts, with other agencies as much as possible, including the Humane Society, Muskoka Animal Rescue, Minden Cat Angels, Dorset Rescue Kittens and several vet clinics around the region. They have a number of other plans for the future.

But for now, “we want to shed light on the growing problem of stray and feral cats in our area. This is a human-created problem,

and only humans can solve it. The cats are just doing what is in their nature, and they need our help to get their reproductive cycle under control, and to get in out of the cold.”

More information is available at:

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## New minister says God fit him and church together

By Lisa Gervais

A new year has brought a new minister to Minden Bible Church (MBC).

Pastor Bill Standish has filled the position left vacant by the retirement of Pastor David Johnson.

He and wife, Rose, moved in the fall from Killaloe, where they had resided for 20 years. The couple has five children.

Standish said last June, he emailed an Associated Gospel Churches of Canada leader and friend, asking him for prayers for his family as they contemplated making a move to be closer to family. Minden Bible Church is a member. The association has been the Standish’s spiritual life and fellowship roots for more than 35 years, Standish said.

“I had indicated that we desired to be of service to God, using the skills God has given to us, in a local congregation,” he said.

At the time, they were not thinking of pastoral ministry but the next day Standish got an enthusiastic response to his email from Dan Thivierge, chair of a combined ministry and management team created at MBC.

“He has followed our lives for a number of years and was excited to hear of the possibilities that could come forth in regard to our family. Then, he wrote ‘our church in Minden is without a pastor.’ He gave me contact information for the regional

director, encouraging me to reach out to follow up on the possibility of God leading us to Minden Bible Church. I promptly acted on the encouragement.”

He did a Zoom interview with the regional director and then began to meet with MBC leadership.

“From those meetings, Rose and myself, along with the church leadership, believed that God was fitting us together,” Standish said.

With COVID, Standish is continuing to provide written messages to the congregation with the added feature of an accompanying audio recording.

“The audio allows me to speak into the lives of the people and they get to hear my voice. This adaptation allows for a personal touch which is one of my desires,” he said.

He added they have a copy of the church phone/email directory so that he and Rose can reach out that way as well.

“That has begun already and it will continue. It gives us opportunity to begin getting to know the people and pray with them if that is something they would appreciate happening. This can bring encouragement, especially during winter months.”

Thivierge said they took their time to determine exactly “who we are and where we think we want to go, as a church.”

From there, he said they determined what qualities and attributes they would like to



New Minden Baptist Church minister, Bill Standish, and his wife, Rose. *Photo submitted.*

see in a new pastor.

He said the majority of this in-depth digging and soul searching was done by their vision team.

“I think as a church, we are all excited about our next year with Pastor Bill and his

wife Rose.

“We are looking forward to having a pastor who lives in the community and is looking forward to becoming involved in the community, bringing us along with him in this venture.”



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