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Arena sneak peek

Patrick Brousseau, a design-build estimator for McDonald Brothers Construction Inc., tours the public through the in-progress S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden on Tuesday, Nov. 26. The township offered a sneak peek at the \$12.5 million project. People are pictured on the walking track. Resident Linda Brandon said she uses the Riverwalk and is looking forward to using the walking track. She was also impressed with the site of the future gym and basketball court. "It's all about keeping people active. It's what we need in terms of the overall health of our community," she said. An enthusiastic Brousseau, while walking past the NHL-sized arena space added, "I believe in this project. People are going to fall in love with this thing." *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*



Group wants to repower Dysart bioheat project

By Lisa Gervais

Proponents of a district energy system for Haliburton were back before Dysart et al Council Tuesday hoping to repower their plans via an Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) grant.

Jamie Stephen, the managing director of TorchLight Bioresources, Mike Rutter, of BioThermic, and Malcolm Cockwell, managing director of Haliburton Forest,

spoke at the Nov. 26 meeting.

They're the same three who helped Dysart et al council secure a \$2.8 million Municipal Greenhouse Gas Challenge fund grant for a \$5.8 million project in 2018, only to have the money clawed back after Doug Ford was elected.

Their pitch is for a larger project - estimated at \$15-20 million in capital costs, that would see the heating system go into homes, not just businesses and institutions.

"A grant needs to be secured in order to restart this project," Stephen said.

The system involves using wood chips to heat water via a boiler and then piping it into homes, institutions and businesses.

Stephen said it's a proven system in Europe although relatively new to Canada and North America.

Not only has the provincial government changed since Stephen, Rutter and Cockwell came to council in 2017 and

2018. The council has also changed with a mayor, Andrea Roberts, and deputy mayor Patrick Kennedy as well as new councillors. Nothing has happened with the project since August 2018.

To restart the process, Stephen reiterated that "we believe municipal partnership is essential" and "right now, the best option is the ICIP."

Under the ICIP, the federal and provincial governments will chip in 73.3 per cent

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OPP news

Savage found guilty

William Savage, of Fenelon Falls, has been found guilty of the first-degree murder of David Palmer, 47, of Bowmanville.

A Ministry of the Attorney General spokesman told *The Highlander* Monday that a jury returned the guilty verdict on Friday in Lindsay.

The spokesperson said Savage, 47 at the time of his arrest, is scheduled to appear in court again Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. for sentencing.

Savage's jury trial began in Lindsay court in September.

The jury began deliberations Nov. 21 and returned the verdict shortly before 9 p.m. Nov. 22.

Savage was charged with first-degree murder in the death of Palmer in 2016.

Palmer was reported missing on Oct. 6, 2015 but was last seen October 2, 2015 when his picture was captured on video at the Race Trac gas station on Highway 35 according to the OPP.

Police found Palmer's vehicle on Oct. 14, 2015 near Spruce Lake Trail, near Haliburton.

On May 7, 2017 human remains were discovered north of Haliburton and were positively identified to be Palmer.

Festive RIDE launches

In a media release, the OPP said that thanks to new impaired driving laws phased in last year, they're heading into the festive RIDE seasonal campaign with enhanced tools and authority.

Under the new laws, police officers in possession of an approved screening device, who lawfully pull over a driver in a RIDE initiative (or through any other lawful traffic stop), can now demand a breath sample without having reasonable suspicion that the driver has alcohol in their body.

The OPP has also acquired approved drug screening equipment which can detect cannabis and cocaine in a driver's saliva. The device can be used to enforce the provincial zero tolerance sanctions that now apply to young, novice and commercial drivers who are suspected of having drugs in their body.

Motorists are reminded that officers can demand a Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) and a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Evaluation. SFST-trained officers and DREs have the expertise to detect impairment by alcohol, drugs or both in a driver.

Motorists are also reminded that RIDE checks happen throughout the year, not just the festive season. (OPP news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

Plan to apply for ICIP grant

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of the cost of approved projects, leaving municipalities to finance 26.7 per cent. However, Stephen stipulated a district energy system would not cost the township anything, with the money coming from the private sector.

Stephen said that under the ICIP, there is \$2.5 billion earmarked for green stream projects.

The township is already part of the Haliburton Village Bioenergy Corporation with representation on the board. They had discussed putting an energy centre near the Dysart library and getting buy-in to heat municipal buildings and businesses.

Now, Stephen said they are talking about an expanded project involving three clusters: the downtown; the Haliburton Highlands Health Services and schools; and the Haliburton School of Art and Design. He suggested starting with HHHS and the schools to show residents the technology actually works.

He said they could then go after single family detached homes, offering them the best value to heat their homes with the greenest energy available.

He said proceeding was "a way for Haliburton to set a high bar, take the opportunity while funding is available and take leadership for your residents."

The proponents' ask of council was to be able to work with the CAO and mayor on an application for a Spring 2020 intake.



Jamie Stephen, centre, of TorchLight Bioresources, Mike Rutter, left, and Malcolm Cockwell, right speak to Dysart et al council Nov. 26. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Roberts commented on how Dysart has wood all around it, yet people rely on heating oil in their homes.

"It makes a lot of sense," said Coun. Larry Clarke. "Haliburton is a forestry area." He asked Cockwell if The Forest could supply enough woodchips to meet the demand and Cockwell said they could easily accommodate a district energy system.

Kennedy wanted to know where the project fit in with council's fiscal priorities, and wanted more details on the financials in light of competing interests. "We need another meeting on this, your honour," he told Roberts.

The delegation was received for information purposes only. More information is expected to come back for council's December meeting.

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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teachers gather outside before the school day as they began work-to-rule action Nov. 26. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Teachers begin work-to-rule

By Joseph Quigley

Local teachers showed solidarity with colleagues across the province as they began work-to-rule action in their schools Nov. 26.

Both Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) and Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) members demonstrated in front of County of Haliburton schools before class. Their unions are at standstills in negotiations for new collective agreements with the province and have decided to stop certain administrative tasks.

Local OSSTF District 15 president Colin Matthew said the province is using their power to limit salary and impose increased class sizes. The OSSTF has said it is seeking an inflation-based compensation increase.

"We're disappointed to be at this point," he said. "These cuts are negatively affecting our students through bigger classes, less individual attention, fewer course options and more combined classes."

The province has moved to reduce its education funding, raising class size averages. Initially, the province planned to go from an average 22 to 28 students per class in high schools, but that figure decreased to 25 students

amidst negotiations. Still, the cut resulted in Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) laying off support staff, not rehiring for 22 high school teaching positions and offering about 100 fewer courses.

TLDSB ETFO teacher president Karen Bratina said their work-to-rule will not impact students.

"Our current strike action is directed at the government and school boards and will not in any way affect students, their learning or their safety," Bratina said. "There are real issues that need to be addressed."

She added their union is trying to address things such as violence and more support for special needs and high-risk students.

Both unions work-to-rule includes ending participation in EQAO testing, limiting or removing comments on report cards, not participating in board or ministry professional activities and not attending staff meetings, among other tasks.

Education minister Stephen Lecce said in a statement the actions are regrettable. He said the government "has remained a consistent and reasonable force at the negotiating table."

"There is a path to a deal, and it requires all parties to be reasonable and fair and put the needs of our children first," Lecce said.

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Dysart losing traction on road maintenance

By Joseph Quigley

Dysart et al roads are going to get worse if the municipal budget stays the same, according to projections from Decision Optimization Technology (DOT) software.

Staff presented the data to the municipal infrastructure and equipment committee Nov. 20. The municipality implemented the software this year to gather and organize data on all of its roads.

The software found if the roads capital budget remains steady at \$1.25 million a year over the next 10 years, roads in poor condition would more than double in the short-term, from 18.5 per cent in 2019 to 46.6 per cent in 2021.

"The folks that are driving these roads today are saying that these roads are not in good enough condition," Coun. John Smith said. "To have the poor category grow from 18 per cent to 46 per cent is inconceivably outrageous."

The 10-year projection also shows things would gradually improve after 2021, with roads in poor condition falling to 13.1 per cent in 2029.

Smith argued the municipality needs to prioritize more funding, beyond 2019's increase. He noted the municipality only resurfaced about six per cent of hard-top streets this year, when they would need to double that to maintain them on a typical eight-year life cycle.

"We're spending money on other things

that frankly are not essential services," Smith said. "We don't need to put bicycle lanes in every road but we sure do need to get them out of the poor category."

Committee chair and deputy mayor Patrick Kennedy suggested the municipality could consider a loan to address the situation, citing the County of Haliburton's plans to borrow \$3 million in 2020.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said she preferred not to and favoured an incremental increase to the roads budget. She floated a \$1.35 million figure.

"There's middle ground," Roberts said. "The fact is you're always going to have a percentage of your roads that are not perfect ... the odd pothole here and there, that's normal."

Kennedy said 2020 might be a "clean-up" year to address areas highlighted in the municipality's 2014 roads needs study, which is due to expire next year. The municipality could then start to catch up in 2021 and beyond.

Smith protested their perspectives and said the \$1.35 million suggestion was "not near enough."

"You're kicking the can down the road," Smith told Kennedy.

"I'm not," Kennedy replied, noting the software's 2029 projection. "The thing goes in cycles."

The committee did not make any motion but asked staff to better explain the data to council.



Dysart et al infrastructure and equipment committee chair Patrick Kennedy at a Nov. 20 meeting. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

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Highlands East faces \$2.2 million in repairs

By Joseph Quigley

Highlands East is grappling with a more than \$2.2 million price tag in recommended repairs to the 36 buildings it owns.

Council went through reviews of all of its facilities Nov 26 provided by consultant WalterFedy. The reviews highlighted several as being in poor condition and recommended a total of \$2,221,506 worth of fixes for 2020.

Mayor Dave Burton said council would strive to meet the needs of the municipality.

"We need to return to sustainability and can the public afford it. Do we need all these assets?" Burton said. "Do we keep the status quo and allow all our assets to deteriorate?"

Council voted to receive the reviews as information. Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall said it is a lot to handle and council would need more direction from staff.

"Nothing mentioned was minor or secondary, it's all big stuff," Ryall said. "The problem is it's all big stuff and we don't have the ability to handle all of it at once."

Chief administrative officer Shannon Hunter said if the municipality decides to keep all of its assets, it would need to borrow money or raise taxes.

The priciest building to repair is the Highland Grove fire hall, with WalterFedy recommending \$567,500 for 2019 and 2020, including fixes to the exhaust systems, septic system and roofing.

Coun. Cam McKenzie said not all of the

costs are necessary as health and safety issues.

Responding to the \$150,720 in repairs recommended for the Highway 28 fire hall, he said it would not make sense to spend too much on the repairs before deciding its future. "We're going to decide where the fire halls are going before we start spending money on something that, two years later, might not be in the system," McKenzie said. "I'm not saying it's not going to be a fire hall but I think that big decision has got to be (made)."

"This makes it look like this building has actually been ignored and not kept up over the years," Coun. Suzanne Partridge said about Station 2.

Burton responded that they have spent a "fair bit" on the fire hall itself but did not offer specifics before press time.

Another building at issue is the Cardiff pool, which WalterFedy identified as needing significant upgrades. The consultant said ideally, a replacement would get built for \$2.5 million. But the consultant recognized the high cost and suggested a new change room and mechanical room structure for \$600,000. It also recommended \$309,800 in repairs for the whole facility in 2020.

McKenzie said he would like to see grant funding to help with the cost.

"Are we going to spend \$300,000 on something that really needs to be replaced?" McKenzie said. "I want to see it open this summer. I think once it closes, it's gone."



Highlands East acting fire chief Chris Baughman answers question during a facilities review discussion Nov. 26. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

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Across the County, that's the reality for many low-income earners, especially seniors. Many have not been to a dentist in years, or have taken their dental problems to emergency departments.

In fact, in 2015 (the most recent stats), there were almost 61,000 hospital emergency visits for dental problems - at a cost to Ontario's health care system of approximately \$31 million.

According to provincial government research, two-thirds of low-income seniors do not have access to dental insurance.

In Haliburton County, the situation hasn't been as alarming thanks to Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO).

It was founded in 2010 to provide free, urgent dental care for low-income residents of Haliburton County.

However, it hasn't reached every low-income resident or senior. And, the services

now available under the Ontario program include preventative care and treatment, such as fillings and extractions.

That's why we welcome the Nov. 20 launch of The Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP).

Under it, Ontarians aged 65 and over, with an income of \$19,300 or less, or couples with a combined annual income of \$32,300 or less, and who do not have dental benefits, can qualify for care.

When it was first discussed in the spring, there was talk of Haliburton County patients having to travel out of the Highlands to receive care, with Port Hope, Whitby and Peterborough mentioned.

While we welcomed the government's initiative at the time - as did the Haliburton-Kawartha-Pine Ridge District Health Unit and VDO - they, and we, had to question the feasibility of low-income seniors travelling to those cities.

We knew many did not have their own vehicles. If they did, the cost of gas could be prohibitive. And, there was no public transportation. We knew few would be able to avail themselves of the service.

So, we were ecstatic with last weeks' further news that the dental services will

be accessed through public health units, community health centres and Aboriginal Health Access Centres across the province.

The VDO and the health unit further told *The Highlander* last week that they are planning to make the program accessible at the VDO, which is on Mountain Street in Haliburton.

It makes sense since the VDO already services the population this program is looking to target - and it would be a much more convenient location for locals.

However, the VDO does expect an influx of new patients when a workable arrangement is approved.

We'll be anxious to see how that will look.

In the meantime, we would urge low-income seniors to look into whether or not they qualify and get their applications in.

People can apply through Ontario.ca/SeniorsDental or at health unit offices.

The VDO said they hope people can start accessing the program by the end of the year or early 2020.



By Lisa Gervais

Unions win where others don't

The province is fighting its education-sector unions and people are feeling the ripples.

The circular headlines have become repetitive; negotiations stalling, cutbacks at issue, union taking a strike vote, union taking work-to-rule job action. We have seen it with the Canadian Union of Public Employees, the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO), the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) and the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association. We have yet to see actual strikes or school closures but they seem to be close.

To some, these negotiations and headlines are bothersome. The unions threatening to strike may seem selfish. The instability is a headache in the already hectic lives of parents.

But it cannot be denied these unions' efforts have succeeded at pushing back government cuts. They are the group best equipped to do that.

Consider some of the major changes the province is implementing to save costs. It initially planned to cut funding to push the average high school class size from 22 to 28 students over the next four years, with smaller increases at the elementary school level.

That sent shock waves through the sector, which were felt locally. Across Trillium Lakelands District School Board, there were 50 support staff layoffs, 24 retiring teachers that went unreplaced and 100 fewer programs on offer.

Plenty of protests have occurred against these cuts in the months since, from the streets to the board rooms to newspaper columns. Justified concern was raised about the harms of ballooning class sizes, with students getting less time with their teachers. But the province did not budge - not until they were facing down a lot of angry unions.

The province relented Oct. 24 amidst tense OSSTF negotiations, announcing it would instead provide funding to make the class size average 25. Not a complete victory - the OSSTF is still fighting on this point - but significantly better. Where concerned students, parents, pundits and administrators failed, unions succeeded.

The unions scored another point on the province's plans to mandate high school students get four online course credits to graduate. Pitched as a step into the future, the idea falls flat in rural areas like Haliburton, where good internet connectivity is not universal. Online courses

should be explored and expanded, but the mandating seemed an idea much more concerned with provincial pocketbooks than student betterment.

But the unions got concessions here too. The province reduced its planned mandate from four courses to two. The OSSTF seems intent to make that number zero but it is a significant gain that could have a very tangible impact on our students.

Unions are often unfairly maligned as greedy and their concerns get boiled down to money. But they are often fighting for more than just compensation. The ETFO, for instance, is trying to get issues such as a rising amount of school violence addressed.

If you find yourself grumbling about a union, it is worthwhile to dig into what is being fought over and think critically about where you stand on these issues. These negotiations are always complicated and deserve more thought.

It is vital the governments of all stripes - and businesses, for that matter - get held to account. Unions are an important check and balance to them.



By Joseph Quigley



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By Hannah Sadlier

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Top left: Lee Gauthier waves from a pride-themed float. Top right: Santa Claus waves to the crowd from atop his float at the end of the Minden Hills Santa Claus Parade. Photos by Joseph Quigley Bottom left: Community Living shared their happiness and smiles with all who came to the Haliburton Christmas Parade. Bottom right: Heritage Dance is getting everyone excited for their annual production of “The Nutcracker”. Photos by Hannah Sadlier.

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Gooderham fire chief Brian Horner stands next to an ATV the department is raising money to replace. *File.*

Gooderham firefighters turn to GoFundMe for side-by-side

By Joseph Quigley

Gooderham firefighters are fundraising to get a vehicular upgrade for their rescue missions in the bush.

The firefighters launched a \$25,000 GoFundMe campaign Nov. 18 for a new rescue side-by-side. The hall hopes to use the vehicle to improve their capabilities over their current ATV.

The station's fire chief Brian Horner said they got a lot of use out of the ATV this past summer, as much of their area can only be accessed by off-road vehicles. But he said firefighters found the vehicle limited as it could only carry two people.

"You need to get more firefighters into the bush to do rescue and a paramedic and get somebody out as well," Horner said. "The sleigh we pull behind our four-wheelers works, but it's not the greatest. It gets caught on stuff all the time."

He added a side-by-side would be

significantly better to handle the rough terrain and allow for more occupants.

Horner said the hall has fundraised for equipment dating back to 2009 when they worked toward a new Jaws of Life. Typically they only do events such as barbecues to raise money but Horner said they wanted to expand their reach through GoFundMe.

"It seems to use social media better," Horner said. "Cottagers might find out about it now."

Their ATV was stolen around Oct. 27 but firefighters recovered it Nov. 3. Horner said the ignition needed replacement but the vehicle was in good condition.

He added fire vehicles typically have a 10 or 20-year life cycle. The township is not paying for a replacement since it is not due until 2026.

"I understand why. There are other, more important, pressing vehicles that need to be replaced," Horner said.

"They can replace something better for us when it comes to our turn again."

Highlands East acting fire chief Christ Baughman said the ATV is from 2006. In the years since, the municipality has replaced ATVs with side-by-sides in other halls when they are due.

"It's great that they're taking it upon themselves to improve the equipment," Baughman said. "We completely encourage it and gladly accept it."

The campaign has raised \$1,305 as of Nov. 25. Horner said he is glad about the response, though he would have liked to have seen the campaign go more viral.

"Sometimes, these GoFundMe pages, they move a little quicker but I guess we just have to get the word out more," he said.

The GoFundMe is accessible at gofundme.com/f/Gooderham-st-3-firefighters-new-rescue-vehicle.



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NOTICE

DECEMBER AND JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Notice is hereby provided that Council Meetings are reduced to one meeting per month during the months of December and January, to be held in the Council Chambers at 1123 North Shore Road (Municipal Office) on the following dates:

Thursday, December 12, 2019
Thursday, January 16, 2020

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Minden tells residents water lead-free

By Joseph Quigley

The Township of Minden Hills is assuring residents that its drinking water system is safe from the high lead levels being uncovered elsewhere in the country.

The municipality responded Nov. 13 to an investigation which highlighted high lead levels in drinking water across the nation. The township said its latest lead tests are well below the safety thresholds set by both provincial and federal governments.

In 2018, the Minden system tested between 0.01 and 0.43 µg/L (micrograms per litre) of lead, well below Health Canada's maximum acceptable concentration of 5 µg/L or Ontario's 10 µg/L. The latest test for Minden's Lutterworth Pines drinking water system in 2016 tested between 0.14-0.58 µg/L.

"The main source of lead in water is from lead pipes in ageing infrastructure," the township and the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) told *The Highlander*.

"Water systems constructed prior to the 1960s typically were constructed

using lead components."

Minden built its systems post-1960 and thus they lack lead, the organizations said.

A year-long investigation from nine universities and 10 media organizations collected test samples for lead exposure in 11 Canadian cities. One in three of the 12,000 samples collected since 2014 exceed the national guidelines, according to *The Toronto Star*.

Minden is the only County of Haliburton township with municipally-run water systems. Residences elsewhere are either serviced by individualized well systems or non-municipal year-round residential systems for places such as apartments.

The year-round residential systems are bound by similar rules to municipally owned ones and must test for lead regularly. Designated facilities such as schools and health care must also conduct regular testing.

Jacob Wood owns and operates Halliburton Artesian Well Drillers. He said most of the county's well systems do not risk lead contamination. That

might only come from plumbing joints from systems before the 1980s.

Wells are not built like that anymore, Wood said. The composition of Haliburton's groundwater also makes lead contamination unlikely.

"Acidic water will actually eat away at those joints more," Wood said. "Typically around Haliburton, we don't get any acidic water in the granite. It's very rare."

The Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Pine Ridge District Health Unit offers well testing for bacteria, though testing for other substances must be done at private labs. The unit's manager of environmental health Bernie Mayer said people should inspect their wells once a year and test them three times per year.

"Surface water can enter through the sides of the wells if the well was not properly constructed or maintained," Mayer said.

Wood said groundwater wells remain a safe way to get clean water.

"We are fortunate in Haliburton, we don't really have to worry about that (lead contamination) too much."

Algonquin Highlands news

Eliminating single-use plastics

The township's environment and stewardship committee continues to look for ways to promote the elimination of single-use plastics in the township.

Chair Coun. Lisa Barry floated the idea of having information displayed at the town's free water taps at Stanhope Airport, the township office at North Shore Road and the Dorset Recreation Centre.

Committee member Jennifer Dailloux said she liked a water refill station at her son's school that reminds people how many bottles of water they

have saved by using it.

There was also talk of a future bottle refill station, perhaps at the Dorset Recreation Centre since it is already wired and has plumbing.

The committee is also moving to eliminate single-use plastics at township venue events.

Hawk Lake WDS closure plan

Director of public works, Adam Thorn, tabled a draft of the Hawk Lake waste disposal site closure plan.

Council voted earlier this year to close the site at its end of life in 2021,

rather than convert it into a transfer station.

The Ministry of the Environment and Conservation and Parks requires the township submit a plan at least two years prior to the anticipated date of closure.

Thorn said Cambium Inc. was contracted to make the plan.

He said it includes details around the termination of landfilling operations at the site, post-closure inspection, maintenance, monitoring and end use.

Mayor Carol Moffatt said with some "angst" around the closure, she requested greater than the minimum requirements for notifying the public. (*Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Lisa Gervais*)

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Council Meetings

Public Welcome

Meetings are held at 9:00 AM in the Minden Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street.

Dec 12 – Combined COTW & Council Meeting

For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit www.mindenhills.ca

Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the month of December

Riverwalk & Wetlands Boardwalk – Winter Usage

The Boardwalk & Logger's Crossing Bridge are cleared of snow regularly but not sanded or salted. Residents are advised to "Exercise Caution" when using these pathways as they could develop slippery conditions.

Winter Parking

From Nov 1st to Apr 30th, overnight parking is prohibited between the hours of midnight and 8:00 AM on township roadways and parking lots. Furthermore, parking in the turning circle of a cul-de-sac is prohibited during all hours. Vehicles parked in these areas that prohibit the removal of snow will be towed away and/or ticketed at the owner's expense.

Winter Sand Available for Residential Use

Is available at the Minden Curling Club parking lot, 50 Prentice Street for residential use. Please note there is a limit of one five-gallon container per car. Sand is for personal use only, no commercial users please.

Christmas Food & Toy Drop Off

In support of the Annual Minden Community Christmas Basket Program, donations of non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped children's toys can be dropped off at the following locations:

- Municipal Administration Office,
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday
- Minden Hills Fire Department,
24 hours a day

Donations will be accepted until December 18, 2019.

NOTICE – PUBLIC MEETING for PROPOSED FEE CHANGES

Please take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday December 12, 2019 during its combined Committee of the Whole and Regular Council Meeting, regarding proposed changes to its Fees and Charges By-law.

This meeting will commence following the two (2) 9:00 AM Public Meetings for proposed Zoning By-law Amendments in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

Dated this 28th day of November, 2019.

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Notice - 2020

Budget Deliberations

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence its 2020 Budget deliberations during its combined COTW/Regular Council Meeting scheduled for December 12, 2019.

The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

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Highlander news

Land donated for recreation centre

Dysart et al council learned Tuesday that a private citizen had donated land at the corner of Soyer’s Lake Road and County Road 21 for a future recreation centre.

Marnie Blair sent a letter of intent to the township that was tabled at the Nov. 26 meeting.

In it, she wrote “I am making this gesture in honour of my parents, Lee and Marie Blair, and, as such, am requesting that when such time that a facility is developed, a commemorative plaque be placed in a prominent place honouring my parents.

“The community meant a lot to both my parents and, as such, I am delighted to make this contribution to the health and well-being of all.”

Mayor Andrea Roberts said after the meeting, “it’s big news for Dysart.”

We’ll have more in next week’s Highlander.

Single-use plastic ban

Council endorsed a recommendation from its environment and climate change committee to ban the use of single-use plastic water bottles in Head Lake Park and at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton, effective March 1, 2020.

Council also agreed with a nod to no longer accept tires at its waste disposal sites as of June 1, 2020.

In making the decision about single-use plastics, it was noted the municipality has already introduced water refill stations in the park and at the arena, which are changing the culture around single-use plastics. It was noted they’d already saved about 5,000 water bottles at the arena since mid-August.

It was also noted that bylaw would not be patrolling the park and arena, looking for offenders, but that use of the refill stations would continue to be encouraged.

The committee’s meeting minutes also touched on a resolution to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to request they look into researching incinerating garbage in rural and regional areas.

Dysart et al news

Finally, the contract for blue box haulage, recycling and processing services was awarded to Mid Ontario Disposal for the term Jan. 1 2020 until Dec. 31, 2020.

New park use fees

Council is looking to implement some new park fees for events.

Recreation and events coordinator Andrew Mueller said the fees will help to cover staff time.

They include: a park use agreement application fee of \$50 for returning events and \$100 for new events; a pre and post-inspection fee of \$60 (\$30 before and after); a \$10 per bag fee if garbage is not removed and \$30 an hour for staff if they have to provide clean up after an event.

Mueller noted that weekly events will not be required to pay inspection fees. “It’s something. It’s a starting point. It’s not the end,” Mueller said of the fees.

Parking meter vandalized

Vandalism to a parking machine at the Haliburton Medical Centre has resulted in discussions about an alternate system, Kristen Boylan, the municipal bylaw enforcement officer, said.

She said the machine sustained significant damage. She said there’s been talk about putting a cash machine in the lobby that dispenses a token to be used at the gate to avoid a reoccurrence. She said she’d bring some options to council’s December meeting.

Boylan added in a report that the gate is starting to show its age after being installed in 2011.

She further noted the roads department, along with bylaw, have started placing boulders around the Medical Centre parking lot in an effort to prevent vehicles from driving on the grass, and through the ditches, onto Grass Lake Road to avoid paying the \$2 exit fee.

(Dysart et al news compiled by Lisa Gervais)



COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

DATE: Monday, December 9, 2019
TIME: 9:30 AM
LOCATION: Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2019063, PMLV2019066, PMLV2019067, and PMLV2019068.** The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

PLMV2019063 - Part of Lot 19 & 20, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1297 Kashagawigamog Lake Road; and located on Kashagawigamog Lake (see Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the replacement of two sleeping cabins totaling 65.5 m2 (705sq.ft.) in size with a single sleeping cabin measuring 49 m2 (527.4sq.ft.) which would maintain an existing setback of 30m. (98'5") from the High Water Mark. The variance sought would allow for a sleeping cabin to exceed the maximum 35 m2 (376.7sq. ft.) otherwise permitted.

PLMV2019066 - Part of Lot 7, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1140 Sandy Bay Road; and located on Gull Lake (see Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a new 245.3 m2 (2,640sq.ft.) dwelling to be located within the required rear yard. The variance sought would allow for a reduction in the required rear yard from 12m. (39'4") to 5.2m. (17') and would permit a maximum lot coverage of 17% whereas 15% would otherwise be the maximum permitted.

PLMV2019067 - Part of Lot 30, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1942 Soyers Lake Road; and located on Soyers Lake (see Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit a reduction in the required setback from the High Water Mark for a lot created after February 22, 2005. The variance sought would allow for a setback of 23m. (75'6") whereas 30m. (98'5") would otherwise be the minimum required setback.

PLMV2019068 - Part of Lot 22, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Snowdon; municipally known as 4339 Gelert Road (see Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit a reduction in the required Side Yard Setback for a garage. The variance sought would allow for a setback of 1.6m. (5'1") whereas 2m. (6'7") is otherwise the minimum required setback.

HAVE YOUR SAY: Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS: To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail iclending@mindenhill.ca.

MORE INFORMATION: Additional information regarding these applications will be available for public inspection until noon on the day of the hearing at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department during normal office hours, and online at www.mindenhill.ca/newsroom.

PRIVACY DISCLOSURE: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

ACCESSIBILITY: The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. **If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.**

For more information about this matter contact iclending@mindenhill.ca.

Dated this 28th day of November, 2019.

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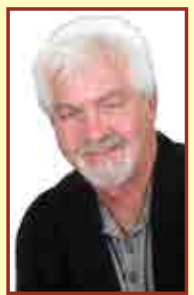


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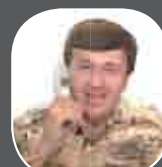
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Storm Atoms sweep Ice Devils

On Saturday, Nov. 23, the Haliburton Timbermart-Castle Cottage Country Building Supplies Atom Rep team played their second double header against the Almaguin Ice Devils.

Vanek Logan lead the day in scoring earning a hat trick in both games. Jack Tomlinson displayed great efforts by creating many scoring opportunities and rushing the puck from end to end several times throughout each game. Evan Perrott was solid on defence and was a major asset while on the penalty kill. Brody Hartwig created many scoring opportunities with his quick hands and offensive moves. Jacob Mantle's back checking along with Eric Mueller and Deagan Davison's puck pursuit also aided in the team's success.

We are very proud of the way our players worked together as a team, passing the puck and applying the skills they have been practicing throughout the season.

In the first game, the Atoms won 6-3 with the help of goaltender Hudson Horsely and goal scorers Logan, Easton Burk, Tomlinson and Matthew Scheffee.

Goaltender Carter Braun helped the Storm take charge of game two, winning 6-2 with goals by Logan, Burk and Luke Gruppe. (Submitted)



Rep Atom player Deagan Davison takes a shot against Almaguin. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

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#1 VANEK LOGAN

Earning himself a hat trick in both games, Vanek's outstanding forechecking and back checking was a key asset to the Highland Storm's success.



#2 JACK TOMLINSON

Making it look easy, Jack's end to end plays created several scoring opportunities throughout the day. His consistency throughout the game made him a reliable player each time he was on the ice.



#3 EVAN PERROTT

Evan's determination and effort stood out and played a major role in both games. His ability to clear the zone while on the penalty kill and prevent possible scoring opportunities was evident.

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#1 JAXEN CASEY

Jaxen was a real leader in Saturday’s game, scoring twice and showing excellent two-way play. His stick-handling skills stood out. Nobody was going to take that puck away from him.



#3 ETHAN DECARLO

Ethan was calm, cool and collected throughout this game, putting up a defensive wall that the other team could not break through. He was a steady player, making some great plays and showing excellent passing skills.



#2 ZACK PRENTICE

Zack showed great defensive hustle, denying the opposing team several chances to score. He unselfishly put himself out there for his team and was a big factor in this big win.

Atom Yellow take the win over Blue

No matter who you were cheering for on Saturday morning at the A.J. LaRue Arena, it was ‘Go Storm!’ as the TD Canada Trust LL Atom Yellow team took on Dewayne Simms Construction LL Atom Blue.

The Blue team played a strong game, but ultimately could not crack the stellar defense shown by Yellow, who came out with a 9-0 win.

Jaxen Casey scored first, less than three minutes into the first period, assisted by Isaac Borgdorff and Ross Gordon, setting the tone for a strong offensive game.

It was looking like a one-goal period until I. Borgdorff snuck one in with just 36 seconds left in the first.

The second period started with some great hustle and a nice shot by Taylor Mulock, stopped by the Atom Blue goaltender. The second period scoring rally started with a shorthanded goal by Maxime Little, who out-skated the opposition and took the puck all the way down into the Blue zone, scoring unassisted. Ethan Rowe once

again played a relentless game, scoring his first of three halfway through the period, assisted by Mulock and Ethan DeCarlo. Next was a zinger by Veronica Heasman, off a pass from Zack Prentice, assisted also by Casey, who showed excellent stick handling throughout the game. Casey rounded out the second period with another shorthanded goal.

In the third period – I. Borgdorff scored 15 seconds in, unassisted. Rowe’s second goal came next, assisted by Gideon Borgdorff. Showing great control of the puck, Rowe scored one more with just 14 seconds left in the game.

Goaltender Zach Lowe made some tough saves and showed a lot of stamina, playing the whole game and staying strong right to the end. Lowe had help from an excellent defensive team in this game. Atom Yellow is really starting to gel as a team, and their hard work paid off with this win. (Submitted)

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REP LEAGUE

Ridgewood Ford-Haliburton County Chiropractic Novice
Nov. 23 vs. Millbrook. Player of the Game: Duncan Evans-Faulkner

Haliburton Timbermart-Castle Cottage Country Building Supplies Atom
Nov. 23 noon Atoms 6 vs. Almaguin 3
Goals: V. Logan (3), E. Burk, J. Tomlinson, M. Scheffee
Nov. 23 3:30 p.m. Atoms 6 vs. Almaguin 2
Goals: V. Logan (3), E. Burk, L. Gruppe
Nov. 24 Atoms 1 vs. Parry Sound 8
Goals: E. Burk
Assists: E. Mueller

Joanne Sharpley’s Source for Sports-Dollo’s Foodland Peewees
Nov. 23 Peewees 0 vs. Durham Crusaders 7
Nov. 24 Peewees 0 vs. Parry Sound 7

The Peppermill Steak & Pasta House - McKeeks Place Bantams
Nov. 20 Bantams 4 vs. Sturgeon Thunder 7
Goals: M. Wilson, A. Hendry, K. Hall, A. Perrott
Assists: A. Boylan
Nov. 23 Bantams 7 vs. North Bay 1
Goals: A. Boylan (3) K. Hall (2) K. Brannigan, C. Coles
Assists: A. Perrot (3) G. Hutchinson
Nov. 24 Bantams 6 vs. North Bay 1
Goals: A. Boylan (2) M. Wilson, K. Hall, C. Coles, A. Perrott
Assists: K. Hall, C. Coles, K. Brannigan, N. Harrison, A. Hendry, C. Fowler, G. Hutchinson

The Highlander-Smolen Family Dentistry Midgets
Nov.22 Midgets 3 vs. Kawartha Coyotes 3
Goals: T. Clements, R. Casey (2)
Assists: B. Robinson, P. Turner, A. Neave, T. Martin, H. Amott, H. Winder

LOCAL LEAGUE

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Nov. 23 -vs. South Muskoka: Player of the Game Hudson Meyer

GJ Burch Construction-Carquest Minden LL Atom Blue
Nov. 23 – Atom Blue 0 vs. Atom Yellow 9
Nov. 24 – Atom Blue 5 vs. Almaguin 4
Goals: M. Latanville (2) M. Saunders (2) L. Reid
Assists: M. Saunders

Dewayne Simms Construction-TD Canada Trust LL Atom Yellow
Nov. 23 – Atom Yellow 9 vs. Atom Blue 0
Goals: E. Rowe (3), J. Casey (2), I. Borgdorff (2), V. Heasman, M.Little
Assists: I. Borgdorff, G.Borgdorff, R.Gordon, T.Mulock, E.Decarlo, Z. Prentice, J. Casey

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Nov.22 Pee wee Yellow 3 vs. Bancroft 2
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Nov. 24 Midgets 11 vs. Huntsville 1

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NOTICE
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NOTICE is hereby provided that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands intends to consider amending Comprehensive Fees and Charges By-Law 2018-122 at its regular meeting to be held on

Thursday, December 12, 2019

The meeting will be held at the Municipal Council Chambers, 1123 North Shore Rd.

Dated: November 27, 2019

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**TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS
NOTICE
SPECIAL MEETING**

2020 BUDGET PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES

TAKE NOTICE that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on **Monday, December 9, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.**

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss projects and priorities for the 2020 Budget. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

Dated this 20th day of November, 2019.

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Highlander events



Fuel For Warmth raises more than \$30,000

Local comedian Brigitte Gall had the audience, and Dame Beatrice, laughing during the Xmas Shindig at The Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion Saturday night. *Photo by Hannah Sadlier.*



Festival of Trees celebrates 10th year

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre showcased its Christmas spirit with the 10th annual Festival of Trees. The centre had 49 trees spread throughout for people to enjoy, along with Christmas-themed desserts, crafts and hot chocolate. “How it’s grown and changed is absolutely wonderful,” said volunteer Pam Smith, who originally pitched the idea 10 years ago. “I like that it’s a community event and I like to see the families.”

Staff member Val Wallin dressed up as Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer as she makes her way around the Festival of Trees. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

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Honouring the Importance



A new free seniors dental program is now available but cannot yet be used locally. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

New program to help seniors smile

Free dental care for low-income earners

By Joseph Quigley

Approximately 4,000 seniors in the region are eligible for a new program providing free dental services but may have to travel to get them.

The province launched the new Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP) Nov. 20, which will provide free routine dental care for low-income seniors. The \$90 million-per-year program will be accessible through the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR) at approved public health clinics in Port Hope, Whitby or Peterborough.

HKPR director of health promotion Pam Stuckless said it is a positive development.

"It's a step in the right direction," she said. "Good dental health is connected to overall good health, so it's helping it to increase the quality of life and access to health services for seniors."

"Like any new program, there's

going to be lessons learned and probably some changes as we go along," she added.

One of the changes she expects is creating a local access point for Haliburton. The program garnered some condemnation from the Ontario Dental Association and the Haliburton County Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO) when the province announced it in April, due to the requirement to get the program from public health clinics. That requires seniors in many areas to travel and use unfamiliar dentists.

But the VDO and the health unit are planning to solve that by making the program accessible at the VDO. Stuckless said they have the green light to forge partnerships to expand the program's reach.

"The volunteer dental clinic already serves the population this program is looking to target," Stuckless said. "Exceptional access point to be able to

deliver services to clients."

VDO director Lisa Kerr said their office would be a much more convenient location for locals. But she expects there would be an influx of new patients when a workable arrangement is approved.

"Our organization looks forward to helping more senior patients," Kerr said.

To access the program, applicants must be 65 years or older, not have existing dental benefits and have an annual income of less than \$19,300. For couples, the combined income must be less than \$32,300. The services available include preventative care and treatment such as fillings and extractions. People can apply through Ontario.ca/SeniorsDental or at health unit offices.

Kerr said she hopes people can start accessing the program at the VDO by the end of the year or early 2020.

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A special thanks to the gang at Eagle Lake Country Market, the West Guilford garage, and Bessie's great Haliburton library for taking extra care with him whenever he was near. George is survived by his kids Katie (Dave), George (Alison), Steve, his grandsons Ethan

& Andrew, Kyle & Wes, his sister Anne, his former wife Anne, nieces Valerie & Laurie and his best buddy Max. Predeceased by his sister Elizabeth. A private family service is planned. Any expressions of sympathy can be made in his name to the Haliburton County Library, HHHS ER, or Sunnybrook ICU. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209. www.communityfuneralhomes.com



Justin Daniels

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Friends are invited to call at the **ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH #129** 719 Mountain St. Haliburton, Ontario on Saturday afternoon, November 30, 2019 from 1 until 4 p.m for a Celebration of Justin's Life. Casual dress. In lieu of flowers, donations for the children would be greatly appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209. www.communityfuneralhomes.com



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A Memorial Gathering to celebrate Ralph's Life will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton Branch #129, 719 Mountain St., Haliburton, Ontario on Sunday, December 1, 2019 from 1:00 until 4:00 pm. Cremation has taken place. An interment for family and friends will be held at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery in the spring.

Memorial Donations to the Hyland Crest Residents Council (Activities Fund)(by cheque only) or to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Haliburton 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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Up and Coming

- Across**
- 1 Like a nursery rhyme cupboard
 - 5 Crossword direction: Abbr.
 - 8 Is bothered by
 - 13 Sauna emanation
 - 15 "___ detect a note of sarcasm?"
 - 16 Olfactory trigger
 - 17 Clever club
 - 18 Like Baby Bear's things, to Goldilocks
 - 20 Tot on a plate
 - 21 Tapered tower top
 - 22 Mama bear, in Madrid
 - 23 Bit of an ocean bloom
 - 25 "Help Is ___ Way" (Little River Band)
 - 27 Fort ___ (Alberta oil town, for short)
 - 29 Ding or ring follower
 - 31 Hell of a place
 - 35 Haifa's ctry.
 - 36 Guns at a drag race
 - 37 Stockwell Day's Ontario hometown
 - 38 Like April, often
 - 40 Most doltish
 - 41 Uprising site near Johannesburg
 - 42 Party wear made from a sheet
 - 43 Flooded, say
 - 44 Scrum participants
 - 45 "The Burden of Proof" writer Scott
 - 46 Prefix with Cat or Cap
 - 47 P.M.'s title of respect
 - 49 Precisely
 - 51 Time sheet abbr.
 - 54 See 7-Down
 - 56 Drawing on the wall
 - 59 Parties hearty
 - 61 "I never forget ___!"
 - 62 Manly to the max
 - 63 Strong java
 - 64 "It's the ___" ("I've had a makeover")
 - 65 Ex-politician Axworthy
 - 66 Yonge and Bloor: Abbr.
 - 67 Takes street drugs

- Down**
- 1 Low rental suite?: Abbr.
 - 2 ___ ton (gorged oneself)
 - 3 Hired attendance booster
 - 4 Stand for a portrait
 - 5 Descriptive wds.
 - 6 Clipped offers
 - 7 With 54-Across, this puzzle's theme, as suggested by the circled letters
 - 8 Bee Gees' "Saturday Night Fever" hit
 - 9 Ugandan Amin
 - 10 Failed attempt, slangily
 - 11 Dumb answers?
 - 12 Title for a "niña"
 - 14 Author who invented the LongPen, a device for signing books remotely
 - 19 Three, in the beginning
 - 24 Discontinued Oldsmobile
 - 26 Respiratory illness acronym
 - 27 The "Divine" Bette

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What's on

NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER 2019 • EVENT LISTINGS

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

Devotional Gatherings, to be held Mondays/Tuesdays, afternoon and evening sessions. Come join us for prayers, meditations and readings; all spiritual traditions are honoured and welcome. An open space for reflection, prayer and sharing for well-being of individuals and the state of the world. "Religion should unite all hearts and cause wars and disputes to vanish from the face of the earth..." Call Kathie/George at 705-286-3378 or Pat at 416-606-9657.

Thursday November 28

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, free drop-in at Wilberforce Legion. Colouring, board games, tech time & Makers Space, light fitness.

11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Lunch Is On Us – at SIRCH Central, 2 Victoria St., Haliburton. Free of charge, eat in or take out. Bring your friends, or make some new ones. For more info see sirch.on.ca/lunchisonus

Noon – 2:30 p.m. – 1st annual Inspiring Women's Luncheon, at Haliburton Legion. A place for women to be connected, inspired and celebrated! Keynote speaker: Sharon Campbell Rayment "Dress for Success" clothing drive.

4:30 – 7 p.m. – Moms+ (MomsPlus) drop-in program for expectant mothers, new moms, and moms with small children, at Paul's Anglican Church, Minden . An informal place for moms to bring their small children, to come enjoy tasty foods, make crafts and meet other women.

Saturday November 30

Noon – 4 p.m. – Winter Market, at Haliburton Highlands Brewing, 1067 Garden Gate Dr., Haliburton. Tour the brewery, and enjoy indoor local festive shopping with the Haliburton County Farmer's Market.

Sunday December 1

10:30 a.m. – First Day of Advent, joint Pastoral Charge communion service at Haliburton United Church, 10 George St. at Pine St., Haliburton.

12:30 – 2 p.m. – Free Public Skating at Wilberforce Arena

3 p.m. – The Highlands Festival Singers present "We Need A Little Christmas", at Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., Haliburton. Tickets available at Cranberry Cottage, Minden Pharmasave, or at the door. \$15

4 – 5 p.m. – Public Skating at AJ LaRue arena in Haliburton \$2/ person

Tuesday December 3

2 – 3 p.m. – Free Adults/Seniors Only Public Skating at Wilberforce Arena

7 - 9:30 p.m. – Pickleball, at the Haliburton High School gym. Cost is \$2, racquets are available. Contact Jennifer at 705-749-3787 or Jbcoates@xplornet.ca for further info.

7:30 p.m. – The Highlands Festival Singers present "We Need A Little Christmas", at Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., Haliburton. Tickets available at Cranberry Cottage, Minden Pharmasave, or at the door. \$15

Wednesday December 4

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Public Skating at AJ LaRue arena in Haliburton \$2/person

2 p.m. – Christmas In the Highlands, at Highland Hills United Church in Minden. Come and share the Christmas Spirit at this annual event. Join the ladies of Haliburton Highlands to welcome the Advent Season with Christmas skits, poems, stories and songs; sharing laughter and joy to welcome in the birth of the Christ child. Christmas goodies, coffee and tea provided. A donation to the Food Bank would be most appreciated. All ladies welcome!

Thursday December 5

11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Lunch Is On Us – at SIRCH Central, 2 Victoria St., Haliburton. Free of charge, eat in or take out. Bring your friends, or make some new ones. For more info see sirch.on.ca/lunchisonus

Noon – 2 p.m. – Adult Only Public Skating at AJ LaRue arena in Haliburton \$2/person

4:30 – 7 p.m. – Moms+ (MomsPlus) drop-in program for expectant mothers, new moms, and moms with small children, at Lloyd Watson Centre Wilberforce. An informal place for moms to bring their small children, to come enjoy tasty foods, make crafts and meet other women.

7:00 - 8:30 p.m – The Highland Storytelling Circle meets the first Thursday of the month in the Radio Hall of Canoe FM. Join us with a story or just to listen. No charge, all welcome. For more information call Bob at 705-457-8617.

HALIBURTON BRANCH

Monday: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.

Tuesday: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7pm

Wednesday: Bid euchre, 1 p.m. start, Bingo Doors open at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7 pm - \$500 Jackpot \$1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month

Thursday: General Meeting - Third Thursday of the month starting at 7 pm. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary - Last Thursday of the month at 1 pm

Friday: Cribbage 1 pm start, Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 pm, Last draw at 6:30 pm, Tickets are \$2 per draw. Chester Howse, MC. Darts Friday fun darts – 4:30 pm onwards

Saturday: 50/50 Draw 4 pm draw-tickets are \$1 each available from noon onwards

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rcl129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome.

MINDEN BRANCH

Monday- every second week rug hooking; **Tuesday** - seniors art classes 10 a.m., bid euchre 1 p.m.; **Wednesday**, meat draw noon; Calorie Counter 5:30 - 6:30. **Thursday** - mixed darts and euchre 7 p.m.; **Friday** - 7 p.m. mixed darts; **Saturday** - meat draw 1 p.m.; **Sunday** - sports day noon. Lunches every Mon.- Fri with Friday featuring fish and chips and chicken wings also served 5-7 p.m. Take-out available. Everyone welcome.

KINMOUNT BRANCH

Wednesday - Darts 7 p.m.

Friday - Bingo - Starts at 6:56 p.m.

Saturday - Meat Draw 5 p.m.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Nov 29 Ham & scalloped dinner 5-7 p.m. Jam session 7:30 p.m.

Nov 30 Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. SHARP If you come, offer to help sell tickets

Dec 2 Bid euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome

Dec 3 Executive meeting 7 p.m.

Dec 4 Fun darts 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome

Upcoming events

Early bird membership renewal ends Nov 30/19. \$45

Dec 7 Wildlife dinner cancelled due to lack of volunteers and donations

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What's on



Rob Lutes is a singer-songwriter, coming to Haliburton County Dec. 6. *Photo submitted.*

Intimate concert keeps Lochlin rockin'

The Lochlin Community Centre will be the setting for the next offering of the Haliburton County Folk Society.

Guitarist and singer-songwriter Rob Lutes will be hosting an intimate 'house concert'-style show Friday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. said the folk society's Sue Shikaze.

Shikaze said Lutes's masterful fingerstyle guitar work and soulful voice brings an unmistakable intensity to his live performances.

She added that since the release of his first album, Gravity in 2000, Lutes has steadily built a collection of "exquisite" songs that inhabit the intersection of blues, folk, Americana, and the contemporary singer-songwriter genre.

Originally from New Brunswick, the long-time Montreal resident is a former Kerrville New Folk award winner and a multiple Maple Blues, Canadian Folk Music Awards (CFMA), and Lys Blues nominee. In 2018, he was named CFMA Contemporary Singer of the Year.

To reserve a seat, text Shikaze at 705-457-0943. Cost is \$20 per person, with all proceeds to the artist.

She said if you aren't familiar with Lute's music, you can check out a video [youtube.com/watch?v=XvpoVmx6iuo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvpoVmx6iuo) from a recent show in Burnstown, at the Neat Cafe.

"You are in for a treat. Hope to see you there," Shikaze said. *(Lisa Gervais)*

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to stop by and say goodbye, I would love to see you all. No gifts, unless it's a photograph for my memory book. Thanks to everyone who made this community my home for all these years.

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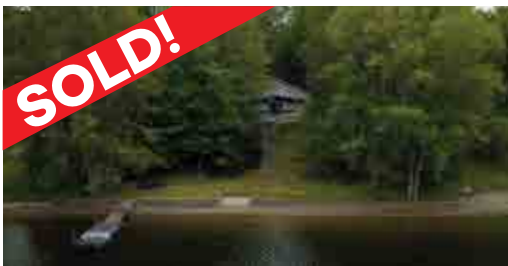
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