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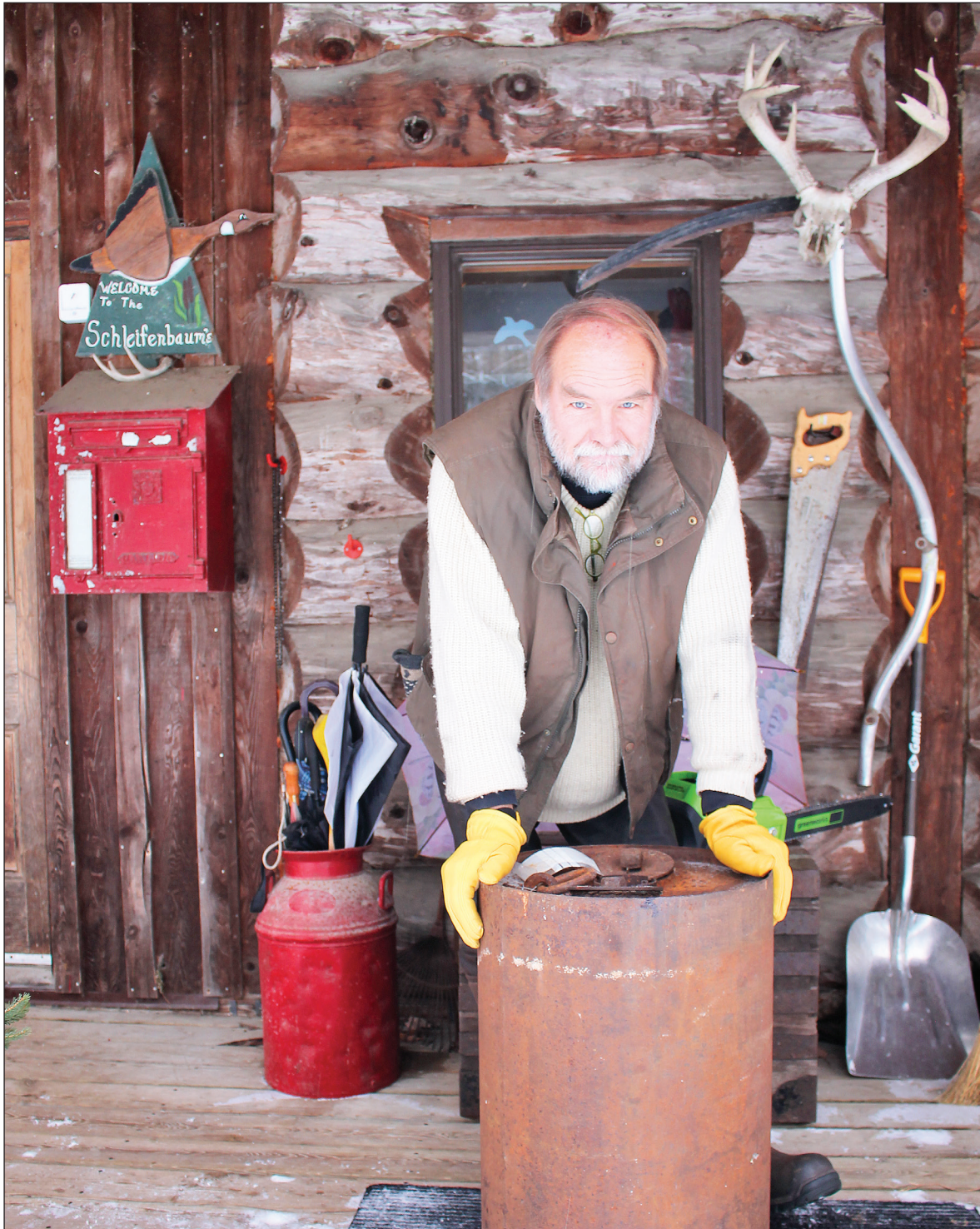
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Peter Schleifenbaum got his Mark VII Second World War depth charge back from the Canadian Armed Forces on Dec. 11, 2019. Read the full feature story on page 2. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

## Consultant throws book at libraries

**By Joseph Quigley**

Consultants are suggesting the County consider cutting library branches which are failing to meet provincial guidelines.

Sudbury-based KPMG Canada presented a draft organizational review to council Dec. 18. The report outlines how the municipality is doing in service delivery.

Although most County services are on par with provincial standards or guidelines, it identified libraries as lagging behind. As such, KPMG implied changing services, and reducing branches, may make sense. They also suggested the County focus on number of branches per one hundred households as a key performance indicator.

"The rationalization of library services may be perceived as a service level reduction but if the intent is to offer library services in line with provincial guidelines, it may result in an overall service level enhancement," the report said.

Senior Manager Chas Anselmo redirected a request for comment to County

Library CEO Bessie Sullivan. She indicated it was her understanding the report was suggesting branch cuts.

The province sets guidelines based on the size of libraries, highlighting best-practices in metrics such as floor space, hours, computers, staffing and programming.

She said the report did not surprise her and this has been an issue for years. She said the newer branches in Dysart and Minden are meeting guidelines and Wilberforce is close. But the other four branches in Cardiff, Gooderham, Highland Grove and Stanhope are well below.

The report notes that failing to meet those guidelines will not impact provincial funding levels. But Sullivan said meeting them is still important.

"I feel like there is a widening gap between what urban dwellers can expect and what rural dwellers get," Sullivan said. "We need to guard against not having service just because it's a rural area and not feeling the guidelines are important just because it's a rural area."

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# Highlander news

## Schleifenbaum goes to great depths to get Second World War charge back

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton's Peter Schleifenbaum has been reunited with one of his loves - a Second World War depth charge.

The Mark VII sits on the porch of Schleifenbaum's home. It doesn't look like much. However, the former owner of Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Preserve thought enough of the charge - designed to be dropped from a ship or aircraft to explode underwater - that he fought to get it back after it was confiscated by the military on Nov. 5, 2018.

The Canadian Armed Forces took it during a bomb scare at the Forest that had attracted the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

"I was given this very unusual piece by my predecessor as manager at Haliburton Forest, Pat Waddell," Schleifenbaum explains.

Waddell ran the Forest from the mid-1950's until 1988, when Schleifenbaum arrived. Waddell was already more than 70 years old at that point. During the Second World War, he had joined the Canadian Navy and served on patrol vessels accompanying convoys from Halifax to Belfast. The enemy were German submarines and Schleifenbaum said Waddell told him he had seen ships sunk by sub-torpedoes. The weapon of choice against subs was the depth charge.

"At the end of the war, Pat, who was not your run-of-the-mill kind of guy, brought an empty depth charge back home as a

memento of the war. He kept it in his basement for several decades ... what else do you do with a depth charge?" Schleifenbaum says.

He said in 2000, Haliburton Forest commissioned the design and construction of the world's first commercial, fresh-water submarine. In 2004, they took possession and subsequently ran their sub for two years with close to 1,000 dives until the Ontario Ministry of Labour shut them down because they couldn't assess the engineering and operation of the sub. Ironically, Schleifenbaum said the federal Department of Transportation found the sub bomb-proof. He said their assessor had worked with Jacques Cousteau and was very competent. The sub was named the "Pat Waddell."

Schleifenbaum said it was around this time that Waddell unearthed his depth charge and felt that Schleifenbaum should have it. "However, he could not help but remark this rather strange scenario where he risked his life for years fighting Germans on the Atlantic, bringing back this depth charge, which was designed and intended to kill Germans, and now, decades later, he presented it to a German who operated the only functioning sub in Canada at the time."

"To make a long story short, the depth charge represented no commercial, but substantial personal value," he said.

However, in the course of that November 2018 bomb scare, where explosives from the old sawmilling days at base camp were

*Never assume that something is safe. It's not a risk that is worth taking. Just because it's been in a relatives' basement since you were a kid or whatever, doesn't make it safe.*

Major Trevor Reid

Canadian Military

discovered in an old shed slated to be demolished, explosives experts came across the depth charge. They took it to Base Borden, to check if it still posed any danger.

Schleifenbaum says he waited two months for its return, however was told he might not get it back; that it had been destroyed; that it was lost. He claims the CAF didn't want to return it but "that was not an option for me."

"By that time, we had spent over six months of back-and-forth with no end in sight and an apparent hardening of lines. At that point, I involved [a lawyer] with the instruction to get the charge back at any cost.

"To make another long story short, on Dec. 11, 2019, two officers from CAF Camp Borden returned the depth charge to Haliburton. A substantial amount of

paperwork had to be processed, essentially covering Canada from potential liability, although the charge had been X-rayed and one of the corroded explosives departments had been opened and samples taken," Schleifenbaum said.

Senior public affairs officer for the military, Major Trevor Reid, said it is a unique case. He added it allows the military to use it for public safety education.

"We in the military, notwithstanding the somewhat unique nature of this case, people that have in their possession military ordinance, or something they suspect to be military ordinance, we would rather them call us so we can properly dispose of it." He went on to clarify that people should first call their local detachment of the OPP.

He added that the public should "never assume that something is safe. It's not a risk that is worth taking. Just because it's been in a relatives' basement since you were a kid or whatever, doesn't make it safe."

Major Reid said in most cases, the military destroys these types of items. However, in the instance of Schleifenbaum's depth charge, they realized they could use it to train their personnel. He said it was tested and verified as safe to handle and then returned.

The charge, which now bears a Canadian stamp of harmlessness, will soon dangle off the Schleifenbaum porch rafters for decades to come.

"Pat Waddell would certainly approve," Schleifenbaum said.

## Majority of County services meet provincial standards

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Library Board discussed the idea of branch cuts as a cost-saving measure during a meeting Sept. 25. But no decisions were made and Sullivan said the matter has not come up at the board-level since.

She further said municipalities could increase funding instead of branch cuts if it wanted to improve service levels. She also said the library depot model, which replaced the Dorset branch Sept. 1, and which still allows people to order books to borrow, could be considered elsewhere.

"Nobody wants to take anything away, ever," Sullivan

said. "The problem is we don't have unlimited funding."

KPMG found that 95 per cent of County services meet provincial standards, beside libraries. It also found its financial indicators compare well to similar municipalities.

The organizational review also offers other ideas for how the County could operate more efficiently, such as a continuous improvement plan, centralizing human resources, implementing more electronic records management and establishing development charges.

"Mere mention of that (charges) in some cases can

irritate," KPMG senior manager Chas Anselmo said, noting about 40 per cent of Ontario counties already have them. "This is an area to assist the municipality on a go-forward basis with your capital costs associated with any growth and development."

Chief administrative officer Mike Rutter said the review was a good exercise for staff and they will look for ways to improve efficiency.

"It's a good, foundational document for us," Warden Liz Danielsen said.



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Terry Moore has been spreading the word about the Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society. *File.*

## Trying to break ground with green burials

### Workshop Feb. 4 in Haliburton

By Lisa Gervais

The recently-formed Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society hopes a workshop for councillors and staff Feb. 4 will go a long way towards getting their initiative into the ground.

Terry and Shirley Moore, along with Beth Johns, attended the Jan. 16 Algonquin Highlands council meeting to discuss the concept, which would highlight best practices for winter burials.

Terry Moore updated council on what they had been doing since last making a delegation to the council in May 2019.

As previously reported in *The Highlander*, they've been engaging with the community. The society now has 26 members, with more than \$5,000 pledged. The not-for-profit's board of directors held its first meeting Jan. 17. Some 40 people are already personally interested in plots.

Moore added they had done a large amount of research regarding everything from cemetery bylaws to winter burial policies, methods, equipment and costs. They have a Facebook page up and running and a website under construction. They hope to provide a one-stop shop for green and winter burials.

They have also helped generate a possible design option for a green burial section at St. Stephen's Cemetery in the township.

Moore said council had delivered on most of its asks, namely: reviewing the existing bylaw to identify, investigate and make recommendations on removing barriers to green burials and looking into dedicating space at the Buckslide Road cemetery.

Last Thursday, he wanted council to agree to form a joint ad hoc township-society advisory committee to investigate both green and year-round burial options

at St. Stephen's. He further wanted the committee to report back to council with recommendations for consideration during the 2021 budget discussion process.

He reiterated there are no local winter burial options, which means no local burial options for five to six months of the year. He indicated there remains a lack of public awareness of the environmental and economic cost of conventional burials and cremation. He noted that 70 per cent of people dying in the County are being cremated.

He said as he has gone around the County, he's found people, "like the concept ... but would like to have a bit of meat on the bones." For example, he has been asked by people if voles would be able to eat their bodies.

Mayor Carol Moffatt acknowledged Moore's passion for green burials - which stems from the family being unable to bury their son Kyle in the winter. He said they'd generated 'good' conversation about end of life planning. She said her township was on board but she felt that forming an ad hoc committee was premature, considering councillors and staff had not even attended the Feb. 4 workshop.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux said her family is planning green burials and she'd like to see them sooner rather than later. However, she said she wanted staff to guide the process after the workshop. She said they may recommend an ad hoc committee.

Deputy Mayor Liz Daniels said "the workshop will help people I'm sure."

"It's evident you have support here," added Moffatt. "We'll all become informed and move forward."

The Feb. 4 workshop will be held in the Dysart et al council chambers at 1 p.m.

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## Fire department recruitment

The fire committee is seeking ways to bring young blood into local fire departments.

Chair Cam McKenzie proposed the group look at other fire-related issues besides service delivery this year. He said it could consider solutions to recruitment and the difficulties of getting young people to join.

"If we don't get some young people in, our fire departments are going to disappear," McKenzie said. "I know it's a struggle."

Acting fire chief Chris Baughman said there are people interested but they don't want to commit.

The committee touched on pay structure but McKenzie ended the line of conversation over conflict-of-interest concerns. Baughman said he could bring up pay structure to council.

McKenzie said times have changed for recruitment.

"It's not as easy as it used to be," he said.

## Fire committee plans for 2020

The Highlands East Fire committee is advancing its efforts on information gathering as it examines municipal fire service delivery.

The committee discussed its 2020 plans during its Jan. 13 meeting. It is tasked with making recommendations on service delivery and has agreed to explore several different options, including status quo and reducing the number of fire halls.

Baughman said he plans to gather

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Highlands East fire committee chair and Coun. Cam McKenzie at a Jan. 13 meeting. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

more data for the committee and move beyond dealing with public rumours around the closing of halls. The committee has yet to make any recommendations on the subject.

"We want to move forward for 2020," Baughman said. "Spun our wheels for quite a while now, chasing rumours and covering our butts."

The committee plans to go ahead with gathering information from the public on fire insurance coverage and how increased distance from a fire hall would affect their rates.

"We have to get together some figures, I think, dealing with that," chair and McKenzie said.

He added it would be best if people supplied that information directly from their insurance companies while keeping out personal details.

## Organizational and facility reviews

The fire committee discussed the municipal organizational and facilities review but did not take any immediate actions related to them.

The organizational review recommended cutting one or two fire halls. The facilities review highlighted costly repairs needed at facilities throughout the municipality, including halls.

But Baughman emphasized council is not going ahead with many of those repairs and asked they be narrowed down to fixes required for health and safety.

"None of it has moved forward," he said of the recommendations and proposed fixes. (*Highlands East news compiled by Joseph Quigley.*)

## Algonquin Highlands news

### Way cleared for Zion sale

The way now appears clear for the sale of Zion United Church in Carnarvon.

Bylaws are expected to be passed at the next council meeting to authorize zoning amendments at the site to address reduced lot frontage and lot area.

The land has already been severed, with Algonquin Highlands taking over the cemetery.

There were no objections at a public planning meeting Jan. 16.

Bruce McClennan of Highlands Hills United Church said there have been interested buyers and "I think we're going to get there fairly shortly."

He thanked staff and councillors for their help since the church closed in 2019.

"We know it's been difficult ... we've been happy to help where we could," Mayor Carol Moffatt said.

### Dorset museum reno on hold for now

Council deferred taking any action on the Dorset Heritage Museum expansion project after tenders came in overbudget.

Chris Card, manager of parks, recreation and trails, tabled a report to advise council of the budget shortfall - and to seek approval for additional funding to award the tender.

Card said the anticipated project cost was \$270,000, and they got two bids: one for \$393,500 from Quinan Construction Ltd. of Orillia and one for \$483,000 from W.F. Rothdeutsch of Bracebridge.

While there is money for the project, including a \$150,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grant, reserves, an estimated surplus from 2019, and \$50,000 anticipated in donations - it still leaves a \$73,320 shortfall.

Card noted the OTF money must be

spent by September 2020.

Deputy mayor Liz Danielsen asked if the OTF deadline could be extended if the project was underway by this September. Card said the township can make a written request but it could be either approved or denied.

"We have to have a discussion about where the money is going to come from. It's too big a bite without plans to recoup it," Danielsen said. She wondered about a loan to the museum committee to cover the shortfall.

Other councillors asked about the discrepancy, wondering if new elements had been added or if there were "Cadillac" components. Staff said there were not.

Danielsen recommended a deferral to council's next meeting to give staff an opportunity to discuss the situation with the museum committee, and also go to the bidders about their pricing. (*Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Lisa Gervais.*)



# Highlander news



Top: Highland Grove firefighters gather with the Normandeau-Hennessey family at a benefit breakfast Jan. 18. Front row, left to right: Braedon Normandeau, Justice Normandeau, Raymond Normandeau, Bobby Joe Hennessey, Ryan Hennessey. Back row, left to right: Gary Burroughs, Spencer Swanson, Tom Burroughs, Todd McMillan, Ralph Baehre, Stephane Stern, Doug Bowen, Joe Burroughs. Bottom left: Gary Burroughs flips pancakes during a benefit breakfast Jan. 18 Bottom right: Brenda Bowen and Joanne Burroughs serve food. Photos by Joseph Quigley.

## Firefighters help burned out family

By Joseph Quigley

Highland Grove firefighters rallied the community to help support a family that lost their home in a blaze, raising more than \$2,200 Jan. 18.

The firefighters hosted a breakfast at the Highland Grove Community Centre. Funds raised from the 108 attendees go toward a GoFundMe to support the Hennessey family, whose home was destroyed by the fire Dec. 9.

Between the breakfast and online donations, more than \$3,800 has been raised. Ryan Hennessey said it is overwhelming.

“It’s incredible to see how community can pull together when needed. It’s amazing,” he said. “They’ll just go out of their way and help.”

Highlands East Station 2 fire chief Doug Bowen said firefighters wanted

to help given the difficulties that come after having a house burn down. He added firefighters from other stations and local businesses contributed as well.

“These people live in our town and we just wanted to give back,” Bowen said. “We wanted to help them out as much as possible because insurance doesn’t cover everything.”

The exact cause of the fire remains unknown, but it was something electrical, Hennessey said. They expect insurance to cover \$100,000 for the house and \$50,000 for contents – less than the \$198,450 mortgage they were paying on.

“Extremely difficult not having a place to call home,” Bobby Joe Hennessey, Ryan’s wife, said. “You don’t think of how important it is for all of you until it’s all gone.”

The family has had to move to Madoc to stay with relatives. Their family pets, three dogs and a bird, have also been scattered to four different locations, she added.

But the family said the community has really helped them pull through, including the local Lions Club, the Wilberforce Full Gospel Church and food banks.

“We’d like to throw them a benefit dinner,” Ryan Hennessey said. “It’s unreal. Nobody had to do anything for us, and they chose to, and God bless them.”

“I’d just like to thank everybody for turning out and just being supportive,” Bowen said. “That’s what it’s all about.”

The GoFundMe for the family is available at [www.gofundme.com/f/hys9ad-please-help-house-fire-victims](http://www.gofundme.com/f/hys9ad-please-help-house-fire-victims).

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## The future of our libraries

The mere mention of closures, of things such as fire halls, schools, and libraries, sends chills down the spines of residents of rural and remote areas of the province.

The local government services delivery review; operations review and eventually governance review have residents - particularly in Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands - on edge.

While services are not likely to change much in the villages of Dysart, Minden Hills and Wilberforce, it's areas north of Carnarvon, Cardiff, Gooderham and Highland Grove that are concerned.

Take for example the draft operational review presented to County councillors just before Christmas. The writers of the report - KPMG Canada from Sudbury - said our libraries don't meet provincial standards.

Drilling into the report, and in chatting with library CEO Bessie Sullivan, the newer Dysart et al and Minden Hills libraries are meeting standards. Wilberforce is close. It's Cardiff, Gooderham, Highland Grove and Stanhope that are bringing down the bell curve.

It's not surprising since the province uses metrics such as floor space, hours, computers, staffing and programming.

The three libraries in Highlands East and the one in Algonquin Highlands are

small; only operate on a part-time basis and don't have a lot of technology on hand. So, naturally, they are not going to have all of the bells and whistles that their larger counterparts do.

Dorset was another of those small branches but last year it was made into a depot, where people can pick up books and other materials they have ordered elsewhere, and drop them back off when they're done.

County councillors need to continue to plan the future of our library service. Will there be three main branches, in Haliburton, Minden and Wilberforce - and the rest be made into book depots? Undoubtedly, it would save money and that money could be poured back into the main libraries to provide even better services there.

But, if you have ever dropped into the libraries at Dorset and Stanhope, or Cardiff, Gooderham and Highland Grove, they're much more than just libraries. In addition to grabbing a good book, they are a community gathering spot - somewhere for people to have a chat. They are also a place to gather information. All of this is especially poignant in the midst of a long, cold winter, particularly for seniors who live at home, and others who are isolated.

The argument could be made that

there are cafes and restaurants to do that, or community centres. There are. However, many of our seniors on fixed incomes can't afford to regularly go to commercial eating establishments.

Thankfully, there is free programming at some centres and we do encourage people to go to those.

So, County councillors, in consultation with their constituents have some choices. They could spend more money on the overall library budget and bring the smaller branches closer to provincial guidelines. They could focus on the three main branches, as previously mentioned, and make the four smaller libraries into depots. They could also choose to close some smaller branches.

Looking elsewhere does not always provide solutions either. For example, our neighbours in the City of Kawartha Lakes have the same challenges, now sitting on 14 branches.

For now, the public has to think about what it wants. Can they live with the status quo or do they want change and what are the costs?



By Lisa Gervais

## Clearing the air on fire halls

Highlands East is facing decisions that are probably more difficult than any other municipality in our County.

It recently conducted a large-scale review of its buildings, many in need of significant repair. Based on a report, the municipality is convinced it has too many structures. Choosing whether treasured buildings, such as fire halls, get axed has proven time-consuming and contentious.

It is apparent there is some will in the municipality to cut fire halls, probably in Highland Grove at least, despite some public outcry. But doing so is going to take an open, frank and brave dialogue that we have yet to see.

Highlands East has undoubtedly had its struggles communicating as it reviews fire halls and services. As acting fire chief Chris Baugham put it, the fire committee has been too preoccupied with "chasing rumours and covering our butts." Firefighters and citizens have assumed the guillotine is already overhead from the get-go, when a 2011 report recommending closures was presented at the first fire committee meeting last March 11.

The backlash was swift, and the committee responded by tightening up and playing as close to the book as possible. It has since slowed to a crawl while it

faces far more public scrutiny than any subcommittee in the County.

The municipality assured the public they have made no decisions and councillors are not inclined one way or another. They have played that tune ever since, even as more evidence comes forward hinting towards closures.

The tune seems truthful. But a new one will be needed soon.

Councillors are certainly not dismissing the idea of closing halls. The fire committee formally put it on the table before doing much evidence-gathering beforehand. A recent organizational review indicated some people in the municipality already think it is what should happen.

The inherent conflict in the municipal position, versus the direction this file appears to be moving in, has generated more distrust, at least in Highland Grove.

But the municipality should not be faulted for exploring this topic. Finances are not unlimited and when you are dealing with communities this small and far apart, big changes may prove prudent. I doubt they would have undertaken this if the idea had no merit.

The mouth cannot continue to be at odds with the hands. Whichever people at the municipality think this is a good idea - and

it is obvious they exist - need to give more of an indication as to why. As far back as June, before the fire committee had any substantive evidence before it, some in the municipality suggested closing one or two halls. They must have had reasoning or evidence to do so. Let's see it already.

The municipality has appeared choked with fear over even arguing about the merits of exploring closing halls. But frankness about what challenges are driving this could go a long way. Something to really indicate why this gigantic headache is worth it.

Maybe we will get there, eventually. The municipality appears intent to show it has not put the cart before the horse, but that's become increasingly hard to believe. If any pretenses exist, perhaps some should be removed.

At the end of this road, when we probably get a public meeting on this, however long it takes, we will get more answers. But if closures prove to be the right idea, how is anyone in the public supposed to buy-in if nobody was ever willing to stand up for it along the way?



By Joseph Quigley

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# Editorial opinion

## Eye on the street: *What do you think of elementary teachers going on strike?*



**Pat Morrison**

West Guilford

“I don’t want to take sides. From a parent’s perspective, I don’t like it. Financially, whatever gains the teachers are going to get from it ... it might be more beneficial to them than anybody.”



**Andrew Guthrie**

Bracebridge

“I don’t really know. My kids are staying home, I’d rather they were at school. I don’t know what the teachers’ issues are really.”



**Gavin Simms**

Minden

“I think I don’t know enough about it to comment on it.”



**Nikki Latanville**

Algonquin Highlands

“I think we need to support the teachers who are supporting our children’s future.”



**Autumn Winder**

Haliburton

“I don’t want a day off school.”

By Joseph Quigley

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Top left: Jonathan Roy’s 8-dog sled heads out from the starting line. Right: Brea Fetterley enjoys her third-place prize in the Kid and Mutt category along with her dog McCoy. Bottom: Eric Rochon guides his sled dog team from the starting gate. *Photos by Joseph Quigley*



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Elementary teachers braved the cold for a strike outside J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Jan. 21. *File photo.*

## Education battle escalates with strikes

By Joseph Quigley

Trillium Lakelands District School Board closed all its schools Jan. 21 due to union strike action.

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) went to the picket line for the first time this school year, joining with the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) for a one-day strike across the district. The action comes as union negotiations with the province continue to stall over issues such as funding cuts, compensation levels, elementary school violence and mandatory e-learning at the high school level.

OSSTF local president Colin Matthew said the teachers are trying to protect public education.

"Today, 16,000 students won't be in school as their teachers strike to protect public education from Doug Ford's cuts," he said on Facebook. "We'll strike in the winter for small classes and to stop mandatory e-learning in communities where

many don't have internet or a computer."

Unions across the province have expressed concerns about provincial plans to decrease class funding, increasing average class sizes from 22 to 25 at the high school level and 22 to 23 at the Grade 4 to 8 level.

Minister of Education Stephen Lecce criticized the escalation of job action. In response to ETFO strikes, he announced the province would provide parents direct funding to pay for childcare for students impacted.

"Our aim has always been to reach a negotiated settlement that keeps kids in class," said Lecce in a Jan. 15 press release. "We recognize the impact of union escalation on families is real, and unions expect hard-working families to bear the costs of their cyclical labour action."

He also criticized high school strike action happening close to exam time, though the OSSTF said it would not strike again until after the exam period.

Union job action is also being felt beyond the one-day strikes.

With teachers pulling back on services, TLDSB announced Jan. 21 elementary students will not receive term-one report cards, with teachers sending grades in without comment. Secondary students will get report cards with marks but will also not get comments. TLDSB said parents could contact teachers if they have questions about academic well-being.

Elementary teachers are also no longer taking part in field trips or after-school extracurricular activities as of Jan. 20. Meanwhile, Grade 9 EQAO math testing was pushed back from January as a result of teachers no longer participating.

Despite service changes, ETFO local teacher president Karen Bratina said parents should know students will still learn the curriculum.

"The teachers in Trillium Lakelands continue to teach the required curriculum to students," Bratina said. "We, as educators, are going to fight to make it better because we know that the issues that matter to us matter to parents."

## High school council news

### Searching for members

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School council is trying to find ways to bolster its ranks.

The council discussed membership during their meeting Dec. 10. The parent-led council has eight non-student members this year, including principal Chris Boulay and student services head Chris Duchene.

Co-chair Sharon Brinkos, who is in her last year on council, asked members to reach out to people.

"We need to start getting some more parents out. I know when I started four years ago, we'd have a big table," Brinkos said.

Emily Keller, who joined the council this year, said it needs to better express its vision as a way to advocate for change.

"A lot of parents out there have concerns about how things are run," Keller said.

"It has to be expressed what is our vision and role as a parent council. What can we accomplish as a team and how can we support the school, the principal, the teachers, the students?"

Boulay responded that the council is another avenue for parents to keep themselves informed and communicate with the school about ideas.

He added there are plenty of good things happening at the school but there is always room for improvement.

"You don't have to be bad to be better," Boulay said. "We're always open to that. This is an advisory committee to bring feedback for schools to consider and I encourage parents to do that."

### Going green

The high school is searching for ways to be more environmentally friendly in response

to a chorus of student leaders.

Boulay reported to school council about Trillium Lakelands District School Board's Student Leadership Conference Nov. 13. Student leaders from all the board's secondary schools met to discuss issues in need of improvement.

One of the issues raised was addressing climate change. Boulay said his school needs to improve its environmentalism but there are barriers, such as collective agreements with custodians not including recycling.

"We need to have an awareness, first of all, be spread amongst the student body," Boulay said. "We need to think creatively about how we do our bit as a school."

He said there could be a better consciousness amongst the school population about paper and single-plastics usage. *(School council news compiled by Joseph Quigley).*



# Highlander environment

## Serving up fixes at the Repair Cafe

By Joseph Quigley

From air hockey tables to lawnmowers, Chris Varga sees all kinds of repairable items make their way to the SIRCH Community Services thrift warehouse.

"Most of those could be easily fixed," Varga said. "Once upon a time, we easily fixed things and we had a repair culture."

To help bring that culture back and address some of that intake, SIRCH is launching a series of six repair cafés from January to August 2020, the first one set for Jan. 25. The events will invite the public to come with their broken items. Volunteers will be on hand to both fix things and instruct participants on how they can do the fixing themselves.

The organization hired Varga as the new repair café co-ordinator. He said the idea, which has gone worldwide since it began in 2007, will help reduce waste ending up in landfills.

"It's really become a disposable society. Our landfills are filling up," Varga said. "To divert that is a benefit, a positive."

Environment Haliburton! is promoting the new program. President Susan Hay said the group is excited by it.

"We feel that it is an important way to keep useable material out of landfill sites and that it is a great community-building project," Hay said.

Varga said he has worked as a computer repair person and been a handyman for

much of his life. He further said the cafés will support people trying their hands at fixing for the first time.

"When you don't know how to do something, there's always doubt and fear," Varga said. "The worst thing that can happen is it still doesn't work. You're going to have a great time being there. It's going to be a social atmosphere."

That atmosphere is a key part of the concept, he said.

"You have an opportunity to work together as a common group," Varga said. "To create bonds within a community. Create a stronger community, people working together on a common goal."

The program was funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Varga said they plan to have three in Haliburton, two in Minden and one in Bancroft. Dates, times and locations are to be announced.

The scope of what the cafes will repair is dependent on how many people will help, Varga said. SIRCH is looking for people who know how to repair all kinds of items, whether it be clothing, books, electronics, furniture or anything else.

The first café takes place at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. The events are free but donations are appreciated.

"We're hoping that the SIRCH initiative can be a great success," Varga said. "But we also hope to inspire other people to take up this idea and run with it."



SIRCH Community Services repair café co-ordinator Chris Varga is leading a new program inspired by the broken items the organization received at its thrift warehouse. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

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Lisa Tolentino is now a wellness consultant and health coach. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

## Not a one-size-fits-all approach

By Lisa Gervais

Lisa Tolentino is making a jump from helping guide communities to helping individuals get healthier.

The familiar face from food and transportation forums recently announced she is starting a new business.

"This new direction is really more of a lateral shift than a whole new career," she told *The Highlander*. "As a wellness consultant and health coach, I am now working more with individuals than with groups, but doing some very similar things."

She will help people examine their health and wellbeing. That will involve assessing their current situation and identifying the issues they would like to work on. She then assists them to develop a vision of how they would like to be in the future, and works with them to set strategies to get there. She then continues to support them as they make changes to their diet and/or lifestyle to meet their goals.

"This involves helping them to recognize their strengths, assets and other resources, as well as providing inspiration and assisting them to keep moving forward by reminding them of just what is motivating them. It also includes offering encouragement and support when they run into any barriers, challenges and set-backs," Tolentino said.

She said another reason she chose the new path is because she's personally experienced Autoimmune Disease challenges over the years. She has previously been diagnosed with Endometriosis, Celiac Disease and Hashimoto's (a thyroid condition).

She didn't have a wellness consultant and health coach.

"As a result, I had to learn how to muddle through and eventually overcome those health issues."

She said she now has a lot to offer to others because of it.

"Over the years, I have managed to get each of them under control and now lead a relatively healthy life."

She had help from local holistic nutritionist Angela McGreevy and is offering a series of upcoming workshops with McGreevy.

Tolentino said her approach is different than getting advice online, since "we take how the body actually functions into account – looking at ways the various body parts are actually interconnected, work together and rely on each other."

"So, rather than simply focusing on one particular body part, as most specialists do, we consider the whole person. Functional health also means that we focus on the root causes of a person's illness, as opposed to simply trying to address their symptoms."

She said they also examine other aspects of well-being, such as the role

that the various environments a person finds themselves in plays, including family and home, work or school, the outdoor environment, social supports and connections.

### Workshops coming

The first workshop, Outsmart Your Sugar Habit, is happening Jan. 28 at the Abbey Retreat Centre.

Tolentino said the workshops that she and McGreevy are delivering go beyond what is currently available online, as they are tailoring the content to meet the individual needs of those who are participating.

"This is not a one-size-fits-all approach. People will be able to develop action plans that meet them where they are at and are geared toward their daily lives and the realities of their various situations."

"Moreover, being able to come together in person with other people in situations similar to yourself just doesn't compare to taking a workshop online. People are able to see and hear what others in the same town and county are dealing with and they not only no longer feel alone, but they can also draw upon one another for mutual support if desired. This type of connection is invaluable."

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# Climate change poses health risks

By Lisa Gervais

Because of our aging population, Haliburton County residents are vulnerable to climate change, health promoter Sue Shikaze told Environment Haliburton's enviro café Dec. 10 in Minden.

With rising temperatures, Shikaze said older adults are at higher risk of heat stroke, dehydration and heat exhaustion and will find it harder to breathe.

Shikaze, who is with the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, told an audience at the Highland Hills United Church she is currently working on an Adaptation Assessment for HKPR District, which includes Haliburton County, City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County.

Referring to a Lancet climate change commission report from 2009, Shikaze said that climate change is considered the greatest public health challenge of the 21st century, but there is a widespread lack of awareness about the impact of climate change on human health.

Locally, she said we are seeing the impact with things such as flooding, severe storms and extreme temperatures. She added these result in property damage, such as contaminated wells, heat waves and power outages. There is a correlation to health, with things such as more heat stroke, illnesses and mental health impacts.

"Climate change creates conditions that can lead to illness and injury. Seniors, young children, people living on low income and people with chronic illness are most at risk," Shikaze said.

She said other threats include climate change affecting the water we drink and play in. For example, we have seen a few blue-green algae blooms in area lakes. This can make water unsafe for drinking and swimming in.

Insect-borne diseases are also on the rise, she noted. With warmer temperatures, blacklegged ticks are continuing to move further north. They can carry Lyme disease.

Floods can lead to mould, Storms can result in power outages and food contamination. And, incidences of skin cancer are also projected to climb. One other thing she noted is there will be more visits to emergency departments.

Despite the dire warnings, Shikaze said climate change also creates new opportunities for collaboration between agencies such as the health unit, municipalities and other community partners. She noted that is happening with the County hiring a climate change co-ordinator and having committees across lower-tier governments.

"We can adapt locally as well," she said.

The other piece of the puzzle is mitigation, Shikaze said.

She said her project is assessing vulnerability and adaptation locally.

Shikaze said that with her report, she is aiming for Phase 1, the assessment, to be done in the first half of 2020.

She said Phase 2 is the development of an adaptation plan, "which takes what we learn in the assessment and identifies what the health unit's work should look like in the future to build adaptive capacity.

"Ultimately the goal is to ensure people, especially those most vulnerable, are as adapted as possible to the health impacts of climate change," Shikaze said.

"So, what should we keep doing, what else is needed in the way of public health programs and services? How can we incorporate climate change adaptation into all our work? And who we should be working with in the community to support their work as it contributes to adaptation from a health perspective."



Health promoter Sue Shikaze speaks at the Enviro Café Dec. 10 in Minden.  
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## Bears shut down Storm

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Highland Storm Pee wee rep player Austin Latanville (#19) contests a puck from his knees during a game against the South Muskoka Bears Jan. 18. Photos by Joseph Quigley.

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Atoms storm South Muskoka

The LL Atom Yellow Dewayne Simms/TD Canada Trust team should have come with its own storm warning this weekend as they defeated two South Muskoka teams over two days.

After two cancelled games last weekend, the Storm were a little rusty as they took on South Muskoka Wes Finch in Gravenhurst, but they started getting their groove back with a goal by Isaac Borgdorff early in the first period, assisted by Maxime Little. The steady goaltending of Zach Lowe held off the opposition for the rest of the period.

In the second period, the Storm ramped up the pressure. Defensive player Little battled for the puck and carried it down the ice where Veronica Heasman shot it in for another goal. South Muskoka answered with a power play goal, shrinking our lead to one. Carter Shaw took over in the net and made some great saves as the team fought hard to keep their lead.

In the third period, Heasman scored again, shorthanded, assisted by Jaxen Casey. The opposition came back with their second goal, but the Storm held them off and emerged with the win.

On Sunday, showing great teamwork, the Storm put non-stop pressure on South Muskoka with a strong offense and a defense that wouldn't quit.

The scoring kicked off in the first period with a goal by I. Borgdorff. South Muskoka scored a few minutes later after, tying the game, but not for long. Just a minute and a half into the second period, Little scored on a breakaway, followed by a Casey goal. I. Borgdorff widened the lead again and scored with just one second left in the period, assisted by Ross Gordon and Casey, and from there they didn't look back.

The Storm's scoring rally continued in the third period, with five more goals. (Submitted)

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REP LEAGUE

Ridgewood Ford-Haliburton County Chiropractic Novice

Won 'A' Championship at Centre Hastings Novice Rep Tournament Jan. 18

Game 1: Storm 11 vs. Douro 4

Goals: C. Neave (3), T. Rowe (4), H. Neilson (3), L. Rowe

Game 2: Storm 8 vs. Napanee 4

Goals: H. Neilson (4), T. Rowe, J. Manning, H. Hamilton, B. Harrison

Game 3: Storm 7 vs. Norwood 1

Goals: H. Neilson (5), T. Rowe (2)

Haliburton Timberrmart-Castle Cottage Country Building Supplies Atom

WON 'B' Championship at MPS Atom Tournament

Jan. 18- Storm 6 vs. Almaguin 1

Goals: L. Gruppe, V. Logan, E. Mueller (2), D. Davison, E. Perrott

Assists: L. Gruppe, D. Davison (2), E. Mueller

Jan 18- Storm 1 vs. South Muskoka 2

Goals: E. Mueller. Assists: D. Davison

Jan. 19- Storm 5 vs. South Muskoka 1

Goals: D. Davison (2), H. Neilson (3)

Assists: E. Mueller, E. Burk, L. Gruppe, J. Tomlinson, B. Hartwig

Peppermill Steak & Pasta House - McKecks Place Bantams

Jan. 19 - Storm 4 vs. Durham Crusaders 1

Goals: K. Brannigan (2), A. Boylan, K. Hall

Assists: K. Brannigan, A. Boylan, C. Coles

The Highlander-Smolen Family Dentistry Midgets

Jan. 17 - Storm 4 vs. Parry Sound Shamrocks 2

Goals: B. Robinson (2), C. Martin, S. Hoenow

Assists: T. Clements, B. Coumbs, J. Mitchell, I. Little

Jan. 18 - Storm 1 vs. South Muskoka Bears 3

Goals: B. Robinson

Assists: T. Clements

Jan. 18 - Storm 3 vs. Huntsville Otters 0

Goals: R. Casey, B. Robinson, T. Turner

Assists: B. Coumbs (2), I. Little (2), T. Martin

Jan. 19 - Storm 0 vs. South Muskoka Bears 5

LOCAL LEAGUE

Bright Woods Landscaping LL Minor Novice Team Navy

Jan. 18 - Storm vs. Huntsville Little Caesars. Player of the game: Louen Little

Bright Woods Landscaping LL Minor Novice Team Grey

Jan. 18 Storm vs. Huntsville Near North. Player of the game: Corbin Elliot

Tom Prentice & Sons-Docs of Haliburton LL Major Novice

Jan 18- Storm 13 vs. South Muskoka 2

Goals: N. Ecclestone (9), R. Johnson (3), Hudson Meyer

Assists: R. Johnson (4), C. Gilbert (3), H. Meyer, K. Bagshaw (2), J. Curry (2), M. Mueller (2), L. Burk

GJ Burtch Construction-Carquest Minden LL Atom Blue

Jan. 18- Storm 0 vs. Huntsville 8

Jan. 19- Storm 3 vs. South Muskoka 6

Canadian Tire LL Peewee Blue

Jan 18 - Storm 8 vs. Almaguin Ice Devils 0

Goals: E. Bagshaw, L. Harrison, H. Bird (3), L. Reid (2), C. Jones

Jan. 19 - Storm 7 vs. South Muskoka 1

Goals: L. Harrison, H. Bird(3), E. Bagshaw, E. Bird, W. Raposo

Total Site Services-Pharmasave LL Midget

Jan. 19- Storm 0 vs. Parry Sound 10

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# Highlander sports

## Red Hawks boys fall short against Wolves

By Joseph Quigley

The Haliburton Red Hawks boys hockey team had its chances but were unable to mount the comeback at home, losing 3-1 to the Cobourg Wolves Jan. 15.

The team had its chances in the third, after falling behind by two goals in the second period. But after sustained pressure, including a puck going off the post, they were unable to break into the deficit. The Red Hawks closed out the period on penalty kills, curtailing any offensive attempts over the last five minutes.

The team had six penalties in the game. After letting in goals on the powerplay and 4-on-4, coach Jason Morissette said he spoke to his team after the game about discipline.

"Our team played really, really well. We did hit a couple posts," Morissette said. "You got to stay disciplined ... It's a learning experience for them, but again, the game could have quite easily been 3-2, 3-3.

"Hockey ... it's also about making choices that are good for more people, for the greater good of your team," he added. "They're learning that."

The Wolves surged ahead in the second period, scoring three goals in a 6:07 timespan to go up 3-0. But Red Hawks rookie Will Craftchick scored his first goal from in front of the net to cut into the lead, assisted by Lucas Haedicke and Brendan Coumbs.

"It's awesome. I don't know how to describe it," Craftchick said about scoring. "It was more the other guys working than me. I ended up in the right spot and I just got rewarded."

Despite the loss, Morissette said he is happy with where the team is at and



Billy Walker (#12) battles for a loose puck in the offensive zone. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

confident about getting a playoff spot. They also defeated Norwood 6-0 Jan. 14 on the road.

"Offensively, we're getting chances. Our

defense is playing solid to gives those offensive guys those chances. I think everything's working well," Morissette said. "I'm confident they can compete in the

playoffs."

"We can get a good playoff spot and make it pretty far. We got a good team here," Craftchick said.

## Girls volleyball goes undefeated at tune-ups

By Joseph Quigley

The Red Hawks junior and senior girls volleyball teams went undefeated in their homestand Jan. 13 as they continue to develop towards year-end qualifiers.

The senior team won both their matches and all their sets, defeating Brock and St. Thomas Aquinas (STA). The junior girls won against Brock but tied St. Thomas, splitting a pair of sets.

The juniors came on strong, winning sets by scores of 25-14 and 25-13 against Brock. They beat out STA by 25-10 in their first set but struggled in a 25-22 loss in set two.

Junior girls coach Dan Gimon attributed the last set on the day to some mental fatigue and poor serving. But despite the stumble, he said his 9-3-2 team can go deep this season.

"We have the potential to go far. We should be able to make it to COSSA (regional championships)," Gimon said. "If they keep playing the way we can, I believe

we can get there."

The senior girls rose to a 4-6 record with a pair of wins, including close sets against Brock (25-22, 25-20) and bigger wins against STA (25-17, 25-14).

Coach Steven Smith said the team had some nerves playing at home, resulting in a closer game against Brock. But they were able to bounce back to defeat STA more handily, he said.

"We had a little talk about that. Tried to get them to settle down and just play their style of volleyball, which they did," Smith said.

Though the regular season does not affect qualifying games, Smith said he is happy with where the team is at developmentally.

"We are on the right path that I need them to be on," Smith said. "We're not going down, we're not dipping They're improving every match, every game. Every point, I see some improvements."

Kawartha qualifying games start Feb. 11.



The Haliburton Red Hawks junior girls teams embraces in the midst of a set at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Jan. 13. Photo by Joseph Quigley



# Highlander sports



## Lords of the rings

The Haliburton Curling Club hosted the 61st annual Men's Skyline Bonspiel Jan. 17-19. Twenty-four teams from across the province competed. An Oshawa Curling Club team was the overall winner in the A event, while a Haliburton Curling Club team was runner-up. "It's about the fellowship, it's about the sportsmanship and it's about the party," convenor Dave Moss said. (Joseph Quigley).

Left: Brian Moore of Niagara Falls starts a shot during Haliburton's annual Skyline Bonspiel Jan. 17. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

## Hybrid team sweeps J.O. Jackson bonspiel

The annual J.O. Jackson memorial bonspiel was held at the Minden Curling Club Dec. 29, 2019. Participating players were from Minden, Haliburton, Uxbridge, Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon as well as ad-hoc teams from around the Highlands. Winners of the first draw, and overall winners of meat prizes from Coneybeare's and the J.O. Jackson trophy, was a hybrid team skipped by Dave Connell with Wanda Stephens at vice, Ray Kidon at second and Gord Maclean at lead. Winners of the second draw were: Bruce Fisher at skip, Paul Prentice at vice, Dan Butorac and Ross Petch at lead. A sponsored closest-to-the-button competition was won by the team of Russ and Owen Duhaime, and Steve and Jesse Colliver. Convenor Wes Lytle closed the event by extending warm thanks to the participating teams, staff, helpers and the many others who helped make this event successful. (Submitted)



The winning team of Dave Connell, Wanda Stephens, Ray Kidon and Gord Maclean with their prizes. Photo submitted.

### SNOWSHOE hikes!

**"SNOWSHOE SNOWDON"**  
Monday January 20th, 2:00pm –4:00pm  
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Hike Leader: Rick Whitteker

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### NOTICE SPECIAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on **Friday, January 24, 2020 at 8:45 a.m.**

The purpose of the meeting will be to consider the following:

- Authorizing the execution of an Agreement with Ontario Fire Administration Inc. for the provision of providing Interim Fire Chief services;
- Passing a By-law to appoint an Interim Fire Chief;
- Awarding of Renovation Project for Station 70

The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2020.

Dawn Newhook, Clerk  
Township of Algonquin Highlands  
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Last month the Kosy Korner was broken into, the only thing taken was the kitchen's tips. During the last few weeks, a few good-hearted people have come in with contributions to our tip cup. Not one or two bad apples will hurt us. We are a small community that look out for one another. Heartfelt thanks from the kitchen staff.



# Highlander events



## NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION & PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT - PLZBA2020004

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law No. 06-10 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The site specific amendment applies to property municipally known as Vacant Land on Bobcaygeon Road and located in Part of Lot 5, Concession 'A', in the Geographic Township of Minden (see Key Map below).

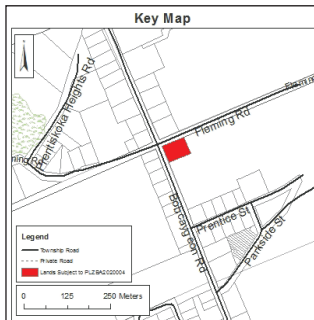
**AND TAKE NOTICE** that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The subject property is presently zoned Residential Type One (R1). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to the site specific Residential Type One Exception Five (R1-5) Zone which would permit a duplex dwelling as an additional permitted use of the property.

### DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – PLZBA2020004

**Date:** Thursday, February 13, 2020  
**Time:** 9:00 AM  
**Location:** Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street during normal office hours and online at [www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom](http://www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom). For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at [iclendening@mindenhills.ca](mailto:iclendening@mindenhills.ca) or by phone at 705-286-1260 (ext.206).



**ANY PERSON MAY ATTEND** the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

**IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED OF THE DECISION** of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills at the address below.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY DOES NOT** make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

**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.

**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.

**DATED** this 23rd day of January, 2020

Ian Clendening, MPI., Planner  
 Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359, Minden, ON, K0M 2K0

*We cannot guarantee the exact time the Public Meeting will commence as the time may vary depending on the number of items on the agenda and the complexity of each matter brought forward.*



## Shredding the slopes

Skiers and snowboarders from across the province travelled to Sir Sam's Ski and Ride for the first cross races in this year's Ontario Snowboard Speed Series Jan. 18-20. The youthful competitors raced against the clock and each other down the slopes. "We got to see some awesome riding from all our snowboards and skiers," Ontario Snowboard said in a social media post. *(Joseph Quigley)*

Top: Lyla Elsley from Collingwood competes in U14 ski cross and finishes a timed run down the course Jan. 19. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*



## Fur harvesters continue tradition

The Minden and District Fur Harvesters presented their 32nd annual winter workshop at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre in Minden Jan. 12. The public enjoyed many interactive demonstrations, such as pelt preparation and fur handling. MNR representatives were there as well as a number of vendors. There were contests and door prizes. *(Lisa Gervais)*

Top: Noble Cummings and Hannah Darling of Curve Lake check out some of the pelts on display. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

# INFORMATION PAGE

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### Council Meetings

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

**Jan 30** – Combined COTW/  
 Regular Council Meeting

For Council, Boards & Advisory  
 Committee meetings,  
 visit [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca)  
 Note: Council meetings are reduced  
 to one (1) for the months of January,  
 July, August and December

### 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

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 note there is a limit of one  
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### Riverwalk & Wetlands Boardwalk – Winter Usage

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 are cleared of snow regularly but are not  
 sanded or salted. Residents are advised  
 to "Exercise Caution" when using these  
 pathways as they could develop slippery  
 conditions.

### Notice – 2020 Budget Deliberations

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence the 3rd Round of its 2020 Budget deliberations during its Regular Meeting of Council scheduled for January 30, 2020.

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

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- 35 "To be read by": Abbr.
- 36 Little nipper
- 38 Dot \_\_\_ (etailers)
- 39 Prefix with -tope or -propl
- 40 Red or white, atop a red and white tablecloth
- 41 Live to \_\_\_ old age
- 42 "The lady doth \_\_\_" ("She's overly competitive"?)
- 46 Big Turk?
- 47 Medical prefix meaning "the plumbing"
- 48 Semi-colon bottom
- 51 Bad bottom lines
- 57 Behaviour of a neat freak?
- 59 French equal
- 60 Pick up at school
- 61 With the bow, to a violinist
- 62 Line below a letterhead
- 63 Singer Nelson and others
- 64 Be good with secrets

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- 25 "That's a lie!"
- 26 "The Jungle" author Sinclair
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- 29 Like a brick wall, emotionally
- 30 Get-up-and-go
- 31 Bring the house down?
- 32 Not of the clergy
- 36 "Pshaw!"
- 37 Clearly no beach bum
- 38 Fine wine term
- 40 Animal product shunner
- 41 "... followed by \_\_\_ shadow, ..." (Cat Stevens)
- 43 "Hot" meal in Mexico
- 44 Resistant roar
- 45 Wrinkle-free fabrics
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- 49 Gold-medal gymnast Korbut
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- 52 "Jumpin' Jehosafat!"
- 53 Mt. Rushmore's state, for short
- 54 Sarcastic "I don't believe you"
- 55 "Behold!" to Brutus
- 56 School bus sign
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# What's on

## JANUARY/ FEBRUARY 2020 • EVENT LISTINGS



Highland dancing is expected at Robbie Burns night. *File photo.*

Devotional Gatherings, to be held Mondays/Tuesdays. 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 earth..." baha'i.org. Call Kathie/George at 705-286-3378.

### Thursday January 23

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Community Support Services Free Drop-in program, at Wilberforce Legion, 1007 Burleigh Rd. Aging brains...how to live your best life and lean into treating your brain with some TLC. Communal cooking: poached eggs! Yummy, and good for your brains!

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](http://sirch.on.ca/lunchisonus)

### Friday January 24

1 – 4 p.m. – Community Support Services Free Drop-in program, at Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St., Minden. Aging brains...how to live your best life and lean into treating your brain with some TLC. Communal cooking: poached eggs! Yummy, and good for your brains!

### Saturday January 25

6:30 p.m. – Robbie Burns Night, with Haliburton Highlanders Pipes & Drums,

at Haliburton Legion. Pipes & Drums, dancing, Scottish music, a taste of Haggis and fixings, scotch tasting. Tickets \$20, available at Canoe FM 705-457-1009.

### Monday January 27

1 – 3 p.m. – Eventide: Community conversation on living and dying well. An open discussion about life to end of life journey, at the Dorset Recreation Centre. For more info contact Hospice, Community Support Services [ngosse@hhhs.ca](mailto:ngosse@hhhs.ca) or 705-457-2941 x2932.

1 – 4 p.m. – Community Support Services Free Drop-in program, at Haliburton United Church, 10 George St. Haliburton. Aging Brains...how to live your best life and lean into treating your brain with some TLC, communal cooking: Poached Eggs...yummy, and good for your brain.

### Tuesday January 21

7 – 8:30 p.m. – Dance For Fun sessions at Lloyd Watson Community Centre, Wilberforce. Shake off the winter blahs, all fitness levels welcome, no skills required, no judgment! For fun and exercise.

### Thursday January 30

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](http://sirch.on.ca/lunchisonus)

### Saturday February 1

11:30 a.m. – Minden & District

Horticultural Society potluck luncheon, at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden. Guest speaker Jon Faulknor "Seed Starting & Succession Planting". 11:30 social, lunch at noon. Please bring your own plate, cutlery, cup and serving spoon. [mindenhorticulturalsociety.ca](http://mindenhorticulturalsociety.ca)

1 – 3 p.m. – Creative Interlude: 3D Valentine Cards, at Dysart Library, Haliburton. Join us for a chance to create a few beautiful pop-up Valentine's cards for people you care about. Please register in advance, space is limited. Suggested donation \$7, or pay what you can. [visiblevoicesstudio@gmail.com](mailto:visiblevoicesstudio@gmail.com)

2 – 5 p.m. – Gord Kidd & No Friends, "Hello February" at the Minden Legion. Light lunch available noon – 2 p.m., meat draw 1 p.m. No cover charge.

7:30 p.m. – Homemade Stew, presented by Haliburton County Folk Society, a celebration of local musicians, at Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. Tickets available at On The Spot Variety in Minden, or The Source in Haliburton. \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door.

### Monday February 3

7 p.m. – The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association monthly meeting, at the HCSA Clubhouse, 171 Mallard Rd. It's a busy time for the HCSA with a number of projects on and off trail on the go. For further info email [info@hcsa.ca](mailto:info@hcsa.ca) or call 705-457-4263. Everyone is Welcome.

## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

### 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](mailto:rcl129@bellnet.ca) or visit [haliburtonlegion.com](http://haliburtonlegion.com) Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome.*

### MINDEN BRANCH

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- 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.-

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**Wednesday** - Darts 7 p.m.

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

**Saturday** - Meat Draw 5 p.m.

### WILBERFORCE BRANCH

**Jan 24** Community Care Lunch noon. Everyone 55+ welcome. If interested, call Denise Butler at 705-448-8865 to book. Wing night 6 - 9 p.m. Jam session 7:30 p.m.

**Jan 25** Pat & Phyllis Gallen Memorial Lake Trout Derby. Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. SHARP. If you come out, offer to help sell tickets please.

**Jan 27** Card night 7 p.m. Beginners welcome.

**Jan 29** Fun Darts. Everyone welcome 7:30 p.m.

### Upcoming events:

**Feb 15** Ken McFarlane Memorial Lake Trout Derby. Having an event? Book our hall and have the L.A. cater for you. They do a great job.

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# What's on



Weather has been challenging for organizers readying for the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships. *File photo.*

## Pond hockey championships battle nature

By Joseph Quigley

Organizers are working against nature to ready for the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships, schedule to begin Friday, Jan. 24.

The event, returning for its sixth year in Haliburton at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre, promises two weekends filled with hockey on outdoor rinks. Approximately 120 teams are expected to attend from across Ontario, Quebec and the US.

But the weather has proven extra challenging this year according to event

owner and resort general manager John Teljeur. Recent rain and a large snowfall Jan. 18 have required extra effort by staff.

"It's a constant battle," Teljeur said. "You try to put together 18 rinks on an ice surface that's not really co-operative, with Mother Nature probably even less so."

The future forecast is a concern too, with a warm spell expected for the first weekend, temperatures around -1 C. Organizers say anything above freezing could degrade the playing surface, which may lead to schedule compression.

Still, with crews working hard to prepare, Teljeur said he is confident things can

go ahead, even if not all the rinks will be perfect.

"To have something like this, which is still one of the largest events of its kind anywhere in the world, in a small area like Haliburton, it's a pretty big deal to pull that off," he said.

New this year is a 40-foot igloo tent getting placed on the ice as a warming area, something Teljeur said participants have been asking for.

Also returning for the second straight year is the non-competitive "Pondimonium" divisions, for those seeking a more casual experience.

"Teams just wanted to come up and experience pond hockey without worrying about competing," Teljeur said. "They just want to do three of four games and have a beverage and talk about old times."

The event is also good for local businesses during a slow time of the year, Teljeur said.

"We're bringing in over 1,000 people who are staying here two nights at a minimum. That will keep Pinestone and a few other places busy," he said.

The games go Jan. 24-25, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, with live music in the evenings. More details can be found at [canadapondhockey.ca](http://canadapondhockey.ca).

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