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Aiden Mesh (centre, in green) handles the puck during The Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships this past weekend. Action resumes this Friday at The Pinestone. See more photos on page 17. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

Dysart drives snowmobiles off main streets

By Joseph Quigley

Snowmobilers will no longer be allowed to drive along the streets of Haliburton's downtown core.

Dysart et al council passed a new snowmobile bylaw Jan. 28.

The bylaw restricts snowmobiles from

driving on Highland Street between Cedar Avenue and Dysart Avenue, as well as Maple Avenue between York Street and Mountain Street.

It also formalizes \$200 fines for rule-breakers per offence.

Deputy Mayor Patrick Kennedy said

the bylaw lays the groundwork for the municipality to better direct snowmobilers and avoid mishaps.

He said last weekend was "pure pandemonium" with the number of sleds in town.

"The goal of this bylaw is to help

everybody and make things better," Kennedy said.

The bylaw allows for snowmobiles to cross the restricted zone at a right angle and to traverse other roads in Haliburton.

The bylaw specifies snowmobiles are allowed in public parks or municipal land

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HCSA says new bylaw strikes fair balance

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but prohibits them on sidewalks.

The bylaw also shows where snowmobilers can park.

Daytime parking is available by the arena, the Head Lake Park parking lot and just before the restricted zone on Maple Avenue.

Overnight parking is also being set aside at Head Lake Park for snowmobilers.

Kennedy said staff have worked to make parking amenable.

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) director of marketing John Enright said the new bylaw strikes a fair balance.

"It's a great compromise," Enright said.

"The views of non-sledders have to be respected but the other side of the coin is the economic impact of our recreation and people have to have access to the town. (The bylaw) does both."

Enright said the season has proven trying for the HCSA, with rainfall and warm weather making for poor trail conditions.

Land-use disputes have also arisen to close some trails, which the HCSA is trying to address.

Incidents of misbehaviour have also been highlighted.

Kennedy posted a picture on Facebook Jan. 25 of a snowmobiler driving on the wrong side of the road on Maple Avenue, over a sidewalk.

"HCSA and the municipality working hard to make Haliburton snowmobile friendly," Kennedy wrote. "Not helping folks."

"We have weather challenges. We have land-use changes and closures," Enright said, adding it has frustrated members of the HCSA.

Despite the downtown getting closed off, Enright said the association has plenty of trails riders can use.

"It's not a heartbreaker," he said.

"We have 375 kilometres of trails in three municipalities."

Mayor Andrea Roberts said the parking setup should work well for snowmobilers and the municipality still wants them to come through.

"We need the business. We appreciate the business," she said.

Dysart et al council has cracked down on snowmobiling on sidewalks and made other bylaw changes directed at sledders. *File photo.*



Dysart discusses scaling back septic program

By Lisa Gervais

A plan to essentially scale back Dysart et al's septic re-inspection program met with some resistance at Tuesday's council meeting.

Chief Building Official Karl Korpela came seeking revisions that would bring the program more in line with what Algonquin Highlands is doing, and what Minden Hills is planning to do.

They included: eliminating the mandatory pump out; using a single source third party contractor and notifying owners of inspection dates.

Dysart et al initiated a level 4 program starting January 2017. Since then, there's been a trial in the Kennis and Little Kennis Lake areas.

Korpela said 112 of 964 properties have not complied with the requirement to complete their re-inspections or had failed to submit a third party inspection report.

"Although this represents only 12 per cent of properties, beyond issuing 112 orders to

comply, dealing with even a quarter of these infractions is not possible with our current staffing," Korpela said. He added they could hire a lawyer but the courts would slow things down considerably.

He said before they begin area two, they should make the changes. He said while the mandatory pump-out would be eliminated, tank lids would still have to be exposed for inspection. He said the inspector would do a sludge judge test to verify if tanks require pumping and check the condition of the tank. He said it would be quicker since haulers won't have to follow inspectors around.

"The mandatory tank pump out has strongly been the lead complaint and most controversial aspect of our current program. Tanks will now only require to be pumped out under the maintenance requirements of the building code which is far easier to defend and closer to the province's guidelines on re-inspections," Korpela's report said.

The second change is moving to a third

party firm to do inspections rather than a list of 12 qualified inspectors.

Algonquin Highlands, for example, uses WSP Canada and charges under \$180 per inspection.

With notifying owners, Korpela said it allows better coverage of an area. He further suggested that those 112 properties be added to area two inspections.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said, "I think we have to listen to staff. They say it's not working."

However, Coun. Larry Clarke had some concerns with scaling back the program, asking if there could be scenarios requiring pump outs, such as property sales, certain types of tanks proving problematic or being old, or the absence of septic paperwork.

Korpela said it would add a level of complexity but could be done.

Clarke thought the issue should go to the environment and climate change committee before a decision is made.

Deputy Mayor Patrick Kennedy said he had only received the report the preceeding

Thursday and was not ready to make a decision.

Coun. John Smith said he was "very surprised" when he saw the report in the council agenda. He said the previous council was clear it wanted the highest level of oversight.

He added while 12 per cent were not compliant, 88 per cent were, which he said was indicative of "a tremendous buy in" to the program.

He felt now backing away was a disservice to residents. He said he was worried that without pump outs, deficiencies would go undetected and threaten lake health. "To walk away from that would be foolish."

But Roberts argued, "I feel like we're trying to catch the big tuna but it isn't working for us." She said they could send it back to committee but did not think there would be any new information to debate.

The item was deferred, however, to the Feb. 13 environment and climate change meeting.

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Head Lake Park: Proposed Building and Associated Arrival Plaza. From Basterfield and Associates. Dysart et al council agenda. Submitted.

Location chosen for new welcome centre

By Lisa Gervais

Residents of Dysart et al are closer to having a new visitor centre and washrooms in Head Lake Park after council, on Tuesday, decided where they'd like to see the new infrastructure put.

In consultation with the Rotary Club of Haliburton, which is putting money towards the new building, they chose the area where people now enter and exit onto York Street between the Rails End Gallery and the caboose.

A report to council by recreation program co-ordinator Andrea Mueller said, "this area will be large enough to receive and accommodate visitor centre, washroom and possible small seasonal food service activities associated with the new building."

In addition, she said a new pedestrian plaza entrance to the park, with benches and bike racks, is recommended. There's talk of some permanent interpretive panels about the history of the old mill, banner poles and a park map.

It is further recommended there be a driving lane to access the main parking lot across from Baked and Battered.

"With approval of the new building location and proposed site plan, the Rotary Club may advance the building and site designs to a construction-ready level," the report said.

Approval will also allow the refinement

and completion of the park master plan that Dysart has contracted Basterfield and Associates to do.

As reported in the May 30, 2019 *Highlander*, Rotary has so far committed up to \$75,000 for the washrooms and welcome centre.

Coun. John Smith did query the driving lane but fire chief Mike Iles said it was needed to provide EMS coverage of the park. Mayor Andrea Roberts asked if they'd need a well and CAO Tamara Wilbee said they were investigating whether to drill a well or draw water from the lake and treat it.

Roberts said in addition to the welcome centre, there would be seven washrooms.

"It's very exciting," she said, noting that people out walking or grocery shopping rate public washrooms as a number one requirement.

She added staff and councillors have asked Basterfield and Associates to break the overall park master plan into phases at it will be done over time. Wilbee said there'd be another meeting with stakeholders about the overall plan in March.

Deputy Mayor Patrick Kennedy said park users would also be disrupted this summer. For example, the farmers market is moving to the other side of the park. However, he said while it will take time to do it all, "I'm really excited about this project."

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Highlands East delays major works Draft budget includes 3.85 per cent tax levy increase

By Joseph Quigley

Highlands East is standing pat on making bigger changes to its organization in this year's budget as it waits for more reviews.

Council examined a new draft of the 2020 budget Jan. 28. It features a 3.85 per cent levy increase, amounting to \$18 per \$100,000 of assessment.

Many recommendations for facility and organizational enhancements made in recent reviews, were tabled for this year, CAO Shannon Hunter said. Although she said these bigger changes are important for sustainability, the present financial picture must be factored in.

"Financial availability and sustainability of the recommendations need to be considered," Hunter said. "What is presented in this budget is what has to be done in the current year to maintain the assets as we have them. So, this is just a maintaining mechanism."

The municipality is tentatively allotting funding for several recommendations

from facilities and organizational reviews, including \$125,000 for a new municipal office and \$10,000 for a consultant to review ward structures for the possibility of deputy mayor elections.

A facility review from consultant WaterFeldy said large repairs were needed at many facilities in Highlands East, including several fire halls. But Hunter said the budget includes only what is necessary to meet health and safety requirements.

That includes \$59,600 for roof repair and exhaust fans at Station 6, \$20,000 each for exhaust fans at Stations 1 and 2, \$42,560 for exhaust fans and roof repair at Station 4 and \$20,000 for repairs at Station 3.

The budget also includes several repairs to Cardiff facilities, including \$200,000 for new change rooms, bathrooms, pump house and concrete repair at the pool, recommended in a facility review.

The budget has not yet received final approval.

Hunter said the bigger recommendations would have to wait until after the



Highlands East is planning a 3.85 per cent levy increase in its draft budget. *File photo.*

municipality finishes reviewing fire services and a County service delivery review.

"Due to those items, the draft budget

presented ... doesn't include many of the items our budget should include," she said.

Surveillance camera update

Dysart et al is closer to installing surveillance cameras on property it owns with a draft video surveillance policy going to councillors this past Tuesday.

Combined with a County of Haliburton draft policy now before townships, video surveillance could begin this spring in Haliburton.

Recreation program coordinator, Andrea Mueller and CAO Tamara Wilbee spoke about Dysart et al's draft policy on Jan. 28.

It reads in part, "The purpose of this policy is to regulate the use of video surveillance and recording on Municipality of Dysart et al property. Information obtained through video surveillance will be used primarily for safety, security and enforcement purposes, which relate to the protection of staff and the public, the deterrence or detection of illegal activity, including theft, vandalism, or other property damage or the contraventions of municipal policies."

Mueller and Wilbee will be responsible for operating and monitoring the systems, with Mueller doing the bulk of the work.

They said security camera footage would be kept on record for 30 days unless deemed necessary as part of an investigation. Further, they said monitors would be kept in a secure location, not visible to the public. They also said there would be limited live monitoring, only checking in when they have reason to be concerned that something is happening.

Coun. John Smith raised the issue of some members of the public being opposed to video surveillance. While personally not concerned, he said "some people have quite

an aversion" to them, using the term "big brother syndrome. They don't like it."

Wilbee said it was important to emphasize that people's privacy was not being breached. She said there would be no live monitoring unless there was a concern. For example, if there were reports of kids hanging around the bandshell and there was fear of vandalism. For the most part, she said it would be "after the fact" monitoring.

She said they would be compliant with IPC (Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario) regulations.

Wilbee noted there will be a follow-up meeting with CAOs on the issue.

Coun. Walt McKechnie could not understand the concerns.

"Are we the only people in the world that have a surveillance camera? We're trying to protect our kids and our property."

Rails End Gallery seeks annual funding

The Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre came to Dysart et al council Jan. 28 seeking a continuation of its \$50,000 in annual funding.

Board president Marguerite Easby and board member Dagmar Boettcher presented. They noted that Dysart et al is their main funder, and accounts for 25-30 per cent of their operating income.

"This gives Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre the stability to plan and deliver a wide range of services to our community and to maintain Haliburton's landmark rail station as a cultural amenity," a written report from director/curator Laurie Jones said.

Easby added they provided opportunities for "film buffs to discuss, buskers to busk,

ukulele players to jam, drummers to drum, knitters to knit, sound artists to perform, musicians to play and for community members to participate in local culture by volunteering, learning new skills and exploring their creative potential."

They also host the annual Trash n Treasures, the Haliburton Art and Craft Festival and DrumFest.

Volunteer firefighters recognized

Fire chief Mike Iles said the department responded to 364 calls in 2019.

He added that meant fire department personnel committed 6,195 hours of time, (an average of 200 hours per firefighter).

Iles said Dysart et al's volunteers are "very dedicated" and the township was very fortunate to have the volunteers it has.

Mayor Andrea Roberts noted it wasn't a 9-5 job, with calls coming during family meals and at 2 a.m. She added most have full time jobs so it is appreciated.

Counting cars

Council accepted an RFP from Ontario Traffic Inc. for traffic counting, classification and speed survey services.

The cost is \$33,700, less than the \$40,000 earmarked in the 2020 budget.

Director of public works, Rob Camelon, said it's part of updating the township's asset management plan, and goes hand-in-hand with the software (DOT Roads) program they purchased.

"One key component of determining needs is assessing the traffic on each segment. Previous traffic counts did not consider

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truck traffic or operating speed and counts were not taken on each section," Camelon said.

He said once completed, data will be available on all 337 road sections that indicate the volume of traffic, type of traffic and operating speed. Counts will be completed prior to the summer with a final report due in August.

Work on Coleman Lake bridge contracted out

Council has awarded the contract to replace the timber bridge deck with a new concrete bridge deck on the Coleman Lake bridge.

The job will go to Beam Construction (1984) Co. Ltd. for \$269,950 plus HST.

The project will be funded by the development reserve and be included in the 2020 Budget.

Camelon said he was recommending concrete since the existing timber deck failed after 13 years.

'Hurtful' winter weather

Camelon described the weather so far this year as "pretty hurtful" to the roads network.

It also saw two township trucks slide off of the road, he said. Camelon said no one was hurt, but one truck sustained \$5,000 in damages and needs its fuel tank replaced.

As for the state of the roads, he said the ice is building up. He said the amount of rain in the past two to three weeks had been "devastating" on roads. He added it's like the season is a month ahead and "April is just going to be messy." (Dysart et al news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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County shrinks levy increase to 1.67 per cent Assessment growth contributes

By Joseph Quigley

The County of Haliburton passed its 2020 budget Jan. 22 limiting its levy increase to 1.67 per cent.

Staff indicated more than half the levy increase, about 53 per cent, was driven by factors largely out of County control, including rising costs for external agencies due to provincial cuts, winter maintenance and cost-of-living adjustments for wages.

"We all know the provincial government has a deficit problem ... there were some changes in the budget last year that helped them come to resolve that," CAO Mike Rutter said. "What we have done our best to do is offset those cuts with actual expense reductions as opposed to just asking the taxpayer for more money. Doesn't really benefit the taxpayer if we just turn around and pass that on to them."

The increase is significantly lower than the 3.97 per cent projected in the first draft budget Oct. 11. Treasurer Elaine Taylor said this was largely driven by unexpected assessment growth, which increased by 3.34 per cent, more than the initial one per cent expected.

Coun. Carol Moffatt complimented the budget and said the 1.67 figure was quite low. She suggested rounding up to a two per cent increase to take an extra step somewhere in the budget.

"Will that little bit make a difference?" Moffatt asked. "Will it get us that one half-step, quarter-step further towards sustainability?"

But Taylor said she felt the figure should stay lower, noting other tax levy increases coming with lower-tier municipalities. She also cited the financial challenges of year-round residents in the County, who have

low average wages.

"Keep it at what it is, only because we're very close to sustainability and I think we have to consider the people that live here year-round," Taylor said.

Warden Liz Danielsen agreed.

"We're starting to hear a little bit about what we're looking at in the lower tiers," she said. "We need to hold off."

Social housing funding

One of the larger parts of the levy increase is more money being spent on affordable housing, about \$180,906. That includes \$75,000 for planning new capital projects.

Coun. Brent Devolin said several conversations are ongoing with developers and organizations about beginning new housing projects.

Council discussed how to direct housing forward and the possibility of a new County-centred committee.

"A big portion of this right now is driven by CKL (City of Kawartha Lakes) and committee members that sit on that one," Coun. Patrick Kennedy said. "We'd like to see some movement on this. Is \$75,000 the right number? We don't know. I just think we need more meat on this chicken."

"We do need to maybe have a broader conversation about the approach we want to take," Danielsen replied.

Transit fund gets a boost

The County budget includes \$50,000 to be put into a reserve to start a future transportation system, adding to the approximately \$43,000 placed there this



The County of Haliburton is investing more in new housing developments as part of its next budget. CAO Mike Rutter is pictured. *File photo.*

year. Staff estimate starting a system could cost between \$190,000-\$300,000.

"2020, we're not going to be able to move forward much for 1,000 reasons," Coun. Cec Ryall said. "Looking at 2021-22 as realistic"

Kennedy asked whether lower-tier municipalities might be able to apply for the

County's funding. He put forward the idea of the lower-tier taking more transportation on.

"It's something I think we should be looking at. If the elephant's too big to take the whole County on, is there some kind of partnership between upper and lower, to deal with even a portion of the problems?"

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Tourists of the winter kind

Last Saturday, I was pulling out of the high school parking lot when it hit me. Looking towards the Haliburton train, I noticed two snowmobilers stopped to take pictures.

I parked and strolled over, curious to know where they were from and why they were there. The couple were from Pefferlaw, in Georgina. They'd driven to Fenelon Falls and then gotten onto the rail trail for the trip to Haliburton. After I took a picture for them, they wanted directions to McKecks. They were heading for lunch.

Other sledders were waiting to cross the road onto Head Lake. Still others were exiting the lake for the snowmobile staging area inside the park itself. Suddenly, I became aware of sledders everywhere. They were at both gas stations in Haliburton. They walked the main drag in snowsuits, helmets in hand. I got that feeling I hadn't had since late August. Tourists. Of the winter kind.

Despite puberty-like, unpredictable, winter weather, snowmobilers from all over our region, and points beyond, descended on our trails this past weekend. Based on my early week walks, they're here to stay.

That is a very good thing as Haliburton County businesses lurch through another

winter season, warily watching their businesses' bottom lines.

You may recall that last June, the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs released a new economic impact study.

Based on the report's data, the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) estimated that snowmobilers spent approximately \$29 million in Haliburton in the 2018-19 season, further contributing a total of \$8 million in taxes across all government levels.

The HCSA figures were based on the OFSC's district statistics. In District 6, made up of 14 clubs including Haliburton, snowmobiling visitors spent approximately \$99.458 million and contributed \$28.5 million in taxes. HCSA's stats for Haliburton County are 29 per cent of those figures, based on the HCSA having 29 per cent of the total snowmobile club memberships in the district.

While it is difficult to know just how accurate this data is, we do know that snowmobilers inject millions into the local economy - at a time when it is much badly-needed.

The HCSA has always used these numbers to lobby the tourism sector to support it.

They have, with a snowmobile section on their website. The club is working on townships for more staging areas.

The HCSA is an incredible organization that every year calls upon countless volunteers to maintain an impressive trail system. They groom and sign 370km. In a good winter, that means 2,000 hours of grooming.

The Highlander has long recognized the importance of the sport to the local economy in the dead of winter. That's why next week we're kicking off our first Trail Report.

We'll have information on conditions for the weekend; a forecast for the coming month; upcoming events; information on all county trail systems and associations and how to find them.

In February, we'll take a look at that economic impact of the industry and in March tell you how the season went as well as early plans for the 2020-21 season.

In the meantime, happy sledding!



By Lisa Gervais

Santa toys with retirement

I was talking with Santa Claus the other day.

I know, you are likely saying, 'Isn't it a little late to be talking with Santa?' To which I respond an emphatic "No!" January is a perfect time to have a chat with S. Claus because by then he is well rested, all the pressure is behind him and, well, he has all the time in the world. Oh yes, he loves to talk.

Now, don't get me wrong. I wasn't talking to the "real" Santa Claus. The real Santa forwards all the interview requests to his helpers around the world. And so I came to have a chat with Minden's Dick Schell. I had heard he was stepping back from his Santa Clausian responsibilities and wanted to get the inside story.

"I am not retiring," he said emphatically, almost following it with a "ho, ho, ho". He explained, like Harry and Meghan, he was just stepping back from some of his official duties.

He got into the Santa gig back in 1976, when the management at Hyland Crest asked if he would make a visit just before Christmas. Seeing the sparkle in the eyes of the residents, he was hooked. That was over 40 years ago, and he has been representing

Santa Claus in the Minden area ever since. In addition to nursing homes (he has been visiting Highland Wood as well), Santa has responded to calls from Archie Stouffer Elementary School, children's parties, the village parade and more. The parade is a relatively new event for him, taking over the reins from Gord Monk 16 years ago.

As word spread that he had the suit (from Sears) and was delighted to answer the call, he quickly found himself with 18 or more events each December. It's not that he didn't enjoy the opportunities, but it is hot work, he explained. The wig, the beard, the jacket and pants, and the boots intended for outdoors ... after half an hour inside, he's wringing wet. And since Sears and Eaton's have stopped sending out toy catalogues, he lost touch with that world and is confused by the odd names of the items the children ask for. Over the years he has also experienced a wet knee or three as children express their excitement to be in his lap.

Being the man of the hour at Christmas time, he said he likes when the parents are nearby, so that when a child asks for a horse, he can pick up a signal and provide the most appropriate answer.

Some time ago, he had to think quickly

when a child's request for Christmas was for her daddy. The father had passed away a couple of months earlier. He told her that daddy was in heaven and although he couldn't be with her, he would continue to watch over her.

Like all Santa's, he loves the view from behind the beard. "My delight comes when I walk into a room and see the eyes pop and big smiles on the children's faces. It is all the reward I need for donning the suit," he said, noting that he does not charge to make an appearance.

But there will be fewer of those for this Santa. He plans to continue with the Minden parade and visits to the seniors' residences and pre-school centres, but he hopes that a younger Santa might share some of his calls in the future.

For the moment at least, Minden's Santa has not hung up his suit for good, a gift for all of us.



By Jack Brezina



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Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: Should Canadians pay for Meghan and Harry’s security?



Amber Paquette
Kitchener
“Canadian’s relationship with the Royals is complex so I’m not sure.”



Terry Cohoe
Welland
“No. If they’re living here, they should pay their own way.”



Isabel Neveu-Geene
Peterborough
“No. Why should we pay for them when some of us can’t pay for ourselves?”



Cait Tippin
Haliburton
“No!”



Ryan Scott
Fort Frances
“No. They made a choice and they should pay.”

By Hannah Sadlier

LETTERS

Growth kills

Dear editor,
Re. Centre Lake development
It disgusts me to read about developers now wanting to rape Crown land. Crown land belongs to the public. It’s worse that Highlands East council is encouraging this. Hopefully the MNR will not give in. Is nobody happy until we have every lake totally surrounded in cottages, just so a few wallets can get fatter. Growth kills.

Liz Cowen
Highlands East

Thanks from the Daniels girls

Dear editor,
On November 20, 2019 our life changed forever. My husband was taken from us suddenly in a car accident. If it wasn’t for this town and the support we have received through the meals, cards, the love and kind words from strangers, I don’t know where we would be. We haven’t even been here two years but it feels like we are home. So, thank you to everyone for your kindness during our loss.

The Daniels Girls
Algonquin Highlands

We do need these sorts of stories

Dear editor,
I was very interested to read of the WW2 depth charge that Pat Waddell had given to Peter Schleifenbaum and the trouble that had to be taken to get it back from the Canadian Armed Forces. Though I never saw the depth charge, I remember well the encouragement and support Pat Waddell gave to myself, my family and friends in our endeavours to create a network of backcountry ski trails at Haliburton Forest in the 1970s and 80s.

At the peak of the network, about 50 kms of trails existed and we were able to host two events on an untimed long distance tour which had skiers start on the north shore of Green Lake at 9 a.m., ski 20 kms up to the Base Camp for a lunch stop at the cookhouse and return to Green Lake. In all, about 40 kms in five or six hours. Ski trail grooming had only just started, less than half the distance had some track setting. I can also remember a very blond Peter Scheifenbaum teaching me how to sail a windsurfer from our campsite on Clear Lake when he was 16 or 17 years old. We do need to be reminded of these sorts of stories.

Peter Brogden
Haliburton

Wondering about library closures

Dear editor,
I just read the online edition of the January 23rd Highlander, particularly the articles/op ed on library closures as recommended by KPMG. Notwithstanding the fact that not all branches might offer public use of computers/internet, I am wondering:
I wonder whether branch closures will affect e-learning of students who don’t have a computer or access to internet at home.
I wonder whether branch closures will affect the availability of a community gathering spot.
I wonder whether branch closures will affect the availability of a place where the community can gather/research information.
I wonder whether branch closures will affect the likelihood of a family being able to drive to the next town at which there is a library.
I wonder whether branch closures need to be the focus of County budget cuts instead of other areas for saving.
Just wondering.

George Denny
Benoir Lake

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Jennifer Burrows recently spent the weekend on Redstone Lake and caught these Blue Jays watching their version of a Saturday night fight.

Ode to the hole in front of Head Lake Grill

Dear editor,
I’ve heard a tale in recent days,
About a hole and where it stays.
It’s out in front of Head Lake Grill
And seems impossible to fill.
It’s become a topic of conversation,
throughout the county if not the nation.
It’s flattened tires and loosened bolts,
Suspension could never smooth the jolt.

In the lane it’s hard to stay,
Especially on a rainy day.
When snowbanks grow and the lane starts narrowing,
Going past the hole can be quite harrowing.
It seems it’s now a permanent fixture,
Despite the tar and gravel mixture.
The technology must not exist
To fill a hole such as this.
So, motorists be careful still,
Of the hole in front of Head Lake Grill.

Ann Smith
Haliburton

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County welcomes continued funding

By Joseph Quigley

County leaders are welcoming news of provincial rural funding streams but remain wary of future changes.

Municipal officials attended the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference Jan. 19-21, where the province made a host of funding announcements. Premier Doug Ford also promised there would be “no surprises” in the upcoming provincial budget.

Ford also announced a new intake of the Rural Economic Development Program, which allows municipalities, Indigenous communities, non-profits and service boards to apply to fund projects that spur job creation and economic growth.

“We were very pleased to hear,”

County Warden Liz Danielsen said of the announcement. “We’ve all had a variety of successes with this program and I’m hopeful that we will continue to have applications approved throughout Haliburton County going forward.”

Successful applications in 2019 included the Haliburton County Development Corporation receiving \$50,000 to do studies for a proposed student housing development and the County receiving \$20,000 for food tourism.

The province also announced the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, which provides for smaller municipalities, would be \$500 million for 2021, the same as this year. It also highlighted its ongoing municipal modernization funding to help find efficiencies at the municipal level. Rural municipalities have access to a \$125 million application-based extension to the program.

“I’m proud to say that this is a government



Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP, and Minister of Infrastructure Laurie Scott, makes a funding announcement at ROMA. Photo submitted.

that works for each and every community in this province - and that includes the hard-working people of rural Ontario,” Ford said in his remarks at the conference.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP and Minister of Infrastructure Laurie Scott also joined Ford Jan. 17 in announcing \$200 million through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to provide rural infrastructure, also steady from 2019.

Danielsen said although many of the government’s funding streams are good

news on the surface, many programs are oversubscribed, “making successful applications difficult.” She also said given the province’s efforts to streamline processes, she is worried about more cuts to come.

“The province’s debt will ultimately be borne by us all and I’m concerned that we will be feeling the pain down the road with offsetting cuts in other areas along with downloads, which we are already starting to see,” Danielsen said.

Algonquin Highlands news

Interim fire chief appointed

At a special council meeting Jan. 24, Algonquin Highlands executed an agreement with the Ontario Fire Administration Inc. (OFAI) to provide an interim fire chief.

The move comes after the recent resignation of fire chief Mike Cavanagh, who has accepted a job as deputy fire chief in Peterborough.

The interim fire chief will be Wayne McIsaac, a retired former chief on the OFAI roster.

The cost is \$96.50 per hour plus HST for a 35-hour week. If over 44 hours, the township will be billed \$144.76 per hour plus HST.

The agreement is for one month, starting Jan. 27 and ending Feb. 27, subject to automatic one-week renewals.

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen asked if four weeks was long enough. CAO Angie Bird said there was provision to extend the timeframe if mutually agreed upon. She said McIsaac had indicated he would be open to the prospect.

Mayor Carol Moffatt also raised the issue

if the interim fire chief for some reason does not like the posting.

The agreement says it can be terminated with notice by either party. Bird added that Cavanagh had the names of a couple of other candidates if needed.

Moffatt further noted the township is interviewing fire chief candidates this week.

Station 70 project approved

Council has approved \$76,000 plus HST for renovations at the Station 70 fire hall in Oxtongue Lake.

Cavanagh reminded councillors they’d already set aside \$70,000 in the 2019 budget for work that includes a new bathroom and main entry roof.

He said the project was put out for tender in the fall with no bids received. He said they then solicited quotes from four contractors and received two.

“It is recommended that the low quote from RCOOL Construction, in the amount of \$76,000 plus HST be accepted,” his written report said.

He said the \$6,000 overage is in his

department’s 2020 proposed budget.

Mayor Carol Moffatt said the rural and remote nature of Oxtongue Lakes makes it difficult to get tenders due to contractors’ required travel time.

However, it turned out RCOOL was building a house in Oxtongue Lake.

As to timeframe, Cavanagh said, “he’s ready to go.” He noted the department’s volunteers could use the recreation centre for bathroom facilities while the renovations are going on.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux said provincial building code requirements drive up prices for small municipalities such as Algonquin Highlands.

“We really have no control over how much that is going to cost.”

Moffatt agreed, saying there is a public perception that townships are building Taj Mahals, or don’t know what they are doing, but municipalities have no choice.

“We know full well that’s a ludicrous amount of money,” she said.

Cavanagh remarked it was a capital investment in the building and they should not have to do any other work for “quite a while after this.”

(Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Lisa Gervais.)

Highlander health

County, health unit at odds over financing

By Joseph Quigley

The County and local health unit are grappling with a funding dispute brought about by provincial downloading.

County of Haliburton council discussed the issue Jan. 22. The province has opted to pull back funding from some public health programs they previously funded at 100 per cent, instead expecting they be funded at a 70-30 split with municipalities. Other areas previously funded at a 75-25 split will also be shifting to 70-30. In response, the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Pine Ridge District Health Unit asked for municipalities to up their levy by 10 per cent as it deals with a \$1.2 million reduction in base funding.

The City of Kawartha Lakes and County have both declined so far. In the County's case, they have asked for more information before approving the increase. That has prompted the unit's board of health to message about municipalities going into arrears.

"This change to Provincial funding has left the Board of Health in the difficult position of providing programs and services without adequate funding," chair Doug Elmslie said in a letter. "We will be asking the Ministry for its advice."

He noted the matter was also discussed at a Dec. 18 provincial consultation

session about public health and EMS modernization. Elmslie said a resolution would have to wait until consultations are completed and a final report written.

Warden Liz Danielsen said with costs getting downloaded, municipalities need more information.

"We want to be able to say, hold on. We need to be able to have a say in this. There's so much going on in the area of health services in the province and we don't know where all of it is going to land," Danielsen said.

CAO Mike Rutter said a County request to get a report breaking down mandatory versus discretionary programming at the health unit has not been responded to yet. He said staff would monitor the situation and report back.

Deputy warden Andrea Roberts, who served on the board of health, said she could also follow up.

"This is going to be a deeper conversation," she said. "We shouldn't put the County in a bad situation and be in arrears and be in a potential legal situation."

"There's no question we're all in unprecedented territory on a variety of fronts," Coun. Carol Moffatt said. "I hope they (the board of health) don't see us as a challenge. I hope they see it as an interest in a group of elected officials wishing to make informed decisions in a partnership."



The Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Pine Ridge District Health Unit Board of Health has said the County could be in arrears if it does increase its funding. *File photo.*

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Highlander business

Sun sets on Eastmure's insurance career

By Lisa Gervais

Recently-retired Sun Life financial advisor Curtis Eastmure recalls delivering a \$1 million life insurance cheque to a client after his wife died - even though the policy had only been in force 14 months.

Eastmure said the client was embarrassed to take it, since the policy was so new.

But Eastmure told him he had signed a contract with Sun Life, and he was very proud to give him the money.

The client told him to photocopy the cheque, black out the name and use it as a motivation story.

"I will miss that," Eastmure says of his interaction with clients over a 27-year-career.

Most people would know him as a Sun Life advisor and through his work with the Chamber of Commerce group insurance plan. He finished up on Dec. 31, 2019.

During that long career, he said without a doubt the most important aspect was selling life insurance "since it makes the most difference in people's lives if tragedies happen."

While it's only been a month, Eastmure said he has slipped easily into retirement. He had just gotten off the curling ice when *The Highlander* rang. He's been a volunteer for years and now has more time to do that. He helps out at Abbey Gardens, with the Haliburton Fine Arts Society, occasionally takes the stage of the Highlands Summer

Festival and does ski patrolling. He and wife Brenda love to ski and do two trips a year.

He said he was ready to quit the day job. When Kyle Brewer took over after Sean Hagerman passed away about five years ago, Eastmure, now 69, told Brewer he'd give him four years and that ended last April. He noted that Brenda has been retired for seven years.

He said the insurance and investment industry has changed a lot since he started in 1993, with heightened compliance and "astronomical" amounts of paperwork.

Leaving now, he is confident that clients - many of whom have become close friends - are going to be well taken care of with the likes of Chris Salmans, Kyle Brewer and Abby Blythe-Luck. "My clients are going to be just fine."

Brewer remarked on Eastmure's "constant striving for honest and hard work and making sure clients' best interests are always forefront."

He said they'd miss him and his stories but "we're excited for his next phase of life for sure."

Brewer is also enthusiastic about the recent addition of Sean's daughter, Abby.

He commented she already has a lot of relationships locally that will be enhanced by the work she and The Sun Life office does.

He said her ability to relate and empathize



Curtis Eastmure, left, and Kyle Brewer stand in front of the building that has been home to the local Sun Life Financial office for about 20 years. *File.*

with clients "is better than most." He is looking forward to watching her develop into a successful young businessperson.

Eastmure said losing his business partner and friend, Sean, was one of the most

difficult times in his life.

He recalled writing his resignation to Sun Life and, "It was certainly poignant. Sean never got a chance to write this letter and I did."

New youth-centred Rotary Club launching

By Joseph Quigley

The Rotary Club of Haliburton and the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce are working to bring a new youth-focused group to the County.

The organizations announced the creation of a Rotaract Club Jan. 16. The international model is similar to the Rotary Club and offers people aged 18-30 a chance to network, develop professional skills, socialize and work on community service projects, according to a press release.

Organizing committee member Scott Walling said it is important to have groups like this to help connect youth.

"It's hard for this age group to connect in such a wide community," Walling said. "This is helpful for us as well to find that social aspect of the community, that wants to keep us here."

The chamber previously organized a Young Professionals Network (YPN), which offered monthly social events for young adults. But Rotary has worked with the chamber over the past several months to transition the network into a Rotaract Club, which will operate independently and without chamber involvement.

Melissa Tong, a Rotaract organizer who previously planned events for the YPN, said the group had good momentum at the beginning but started to fizzle out.

"I believe with a (bigger) membership base and community involvement outside of



The organizing committee for a new Rotaract Club in Haliburton meets Jan. 21. Left to right: Heather Battie, Melissa Tong, Scott Walling, Ted Brandon, Rebecca Anderson. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

running around social events, I think it will really help stabilize the group," Tong said.

"The opportunities for members of the YPN will be greatly enhanced under the Rotaract umbrella," chamber president Andrea Strano said.

Rotaract has a wide infrastructure, with more than 20,000 clubs in 159 countries. Although it is modelled and tied to Rotary, Ted Brandon said the new group can chart its path for its involvement with the Rotary Club of Haliburton, which tends to have older members.

"Rotary will provide support, or as much

support as it feels it needs. Some clubs work autonomously, and others work very closely," Brandon said. "There will be a visioning session where they decide how they want to proceed in terms of the service."

Brandon said the club will aim to be as accessible to people as possible in terms of time commitment, costs and what will be expected of members.

Besides offering professional development and community service, Tong said a group such as this is important to help people's wellness.

"A lot of people, especially in smaller communities, have a higher rate of depression and a lot of that ... is a lack of community, a lack of a sense of purpose, a lack of a sense of belonging," Tong said. "This is a really good opportunity to kind of help people find their place in Haliburton."

The Rotaract Club will host a free information night Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Haliburton School of Arts and Design. More information is also available by contacting Brandon at 705-457-7923 or haliburtonrotaract@gmail.com

Highlander environment



Carrie Pearce and Bob Hudspith examine a lamp that Pearce brought for repairs at the Jan. 25 Sirch repair café.
Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Repair café diverts more than 50 per cent from landfills

By Lisa Gervais

An excited Carrie Pearce, holding an antique pole lamp, was one of the first through the door at the repair café this past Saturday in Haliburton.

Pearce said the lamp held sentimental value because it came from a cottage she and her late husband rented.

"He loved it and restored it but it doesn't work," she said as she made her way to one of the fix-it stations inside the high school gym.

"I think it's fabulous," she said of the SIRCH initiative birthed with help from Environment Haliburton! and an Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grant. "I wish there was more of this. So much stuff is going to the landfill."

At one of the general repair areas, Pearce was met by volunteer Bob Hudspith.

He explained he's had lots of opportunities to do handiwork and he'd always been comfortable using

tools. When he saw the poster looking for volunteers, he concluded it was something he could do.

As the two worked on the lamp, an official ceremony marked the launch of the inaugural café with Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, along with Sirch executive director Gena Robertson, repair café coordinator Chris Varga and volunteers.

Scott represented the OTF at the opening. She gave "a shout out" to the once-a-year application program encouraging people to apply since "it all helps our community." She added the day was about reduce, reuse, recycle and repair.

Robertson said OTF funding allows organizations such as hers to try new programming.

She noted it was launching in a rural and remote community so "if it goes here ... it will go anywhere."

Varga thanked the numerous

fixers who had volunteered their time, offering everything from wood and furniture, to general repairs, computers, small appliances and electronics, clothing and cloth, and jewelry. As a fixer and environmentalist, he thanked Sirch for the opportunity.

"This is amazing. This is the start of it."

At the end of the day, Vargas said 48 repairs were attempted; 26 were a success; 16 needed parts and will be fixed at a later date; one could not be tested and four could not be fixed.

"We achieved a very respectable 54.2 per cent repair rate and 33.3 per cent can still be fixed."

"That is an amazing outcome. Even if we don't get more than 54.2 per cent, that is still over 50 per cent less stuff going to landfill. And in the process, we shared knowledge, had fun and got to know our neighbours."

County of Haliburton news

Devolin outraged on provincial watershed

County council is not happy about the province's watershed management process focusing on Muskoka.

Coun. Carol Moffatt reported to council about a recent Muskoka Watershed Advisory Group (MWAG) she attended. The group received a \$5 million provincial grant to identify risks and issues facing their watershed in 2018.

But she said she discovered a part of MWAG's mandate is to inform a province-wide process on

watershed management. She feels that is excluding other areas such as Haliburton from consultation.

Devolin agreed.

"That is bullshit," he said. "This region is so far ahead of others with regards to planning."

"I'm done being nice and the gloves are off. I'm offended and every member of this government I meet in the next month to a year, I will absolutely unload on them on this issue," he added.

Moffatt hoped to get a delegation to address the issue with provincial officials at the Rural Ontario

Municipal Association (ROMA) conference Jan. 19-21.

Haliburton did get some consideration in the report from the province's special advisor on flooding. One of the report's recommendations is for the County of Haliburton to document how their collaborative model for the 2019 flood worked and share that information.

However, the province has not yet formally requested this. Planner Charsley White said it is uncertain which recommendations the province will act on. (County news compiled by Joseph Quigley).



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HOME OF THE HIGHLAND STORM!

Midgets take first two games of series

On Friday, Jan. 24, The Highlander and Smolen Dentistry Highland Storm Midgets opened their best-of-five first round series against the Durham Crusaders.

The first period was a little scrumbly, as both teams took the measure of each other. After a few key saves by goaltender Darrian Maddock, the Storm opened the scoring. Hunter Arnott buried a rebound off an excellent Ty Mills shot from the point.

The Storm play grew stronger throughout the game and early in the second period, Braedon Robinson scored, assisted by Isaac Little to put the Storm up 2-0.

When the teams came out after the second intermission flood, the Storm dominated and were rewarded with two more goals by Robinson to complete the hat trick. The first was assisted by Tyson Clements and Tyler Martin, and the last assisted again by Clements.

The Storm played with high effort, which grew stronger throughout the game and they were rewarded with a 4-0 victory, taking the lead in the series 1-0.

This was Maddock's second shutout in his last three games.

On Saturday, the Storm travelled to Whitby for game two and again got stronger as the game wore on.

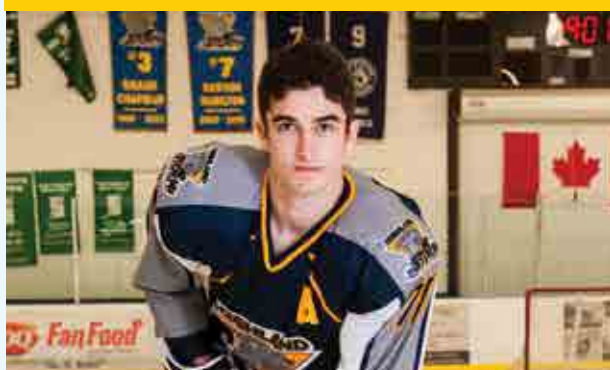
With a hat trick from Little and single goals from Robinson and Arnott, the boys secured a 5-1 victory to take a 2-0 lead in the series.

The next home game is Friday, Jan. 31 at 8:30 p.m. at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. (Submitted)



The Storm's Reese Casey takes a shot in the offensive zone. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

THE HIGHLANDER/SMOLEN DENTISTRY MIDGET 3 STARS



#1 BRAEDON ROBINSON

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#2 DARRIAN MADDOCK

His excellent play has made him a key part of the team's late season success. He continued the strong play by holding the Crusaders off the scoreboard for a shutout



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The Novice LL team pictured with their silver medals. Photo submitted.

Novice Storm bring home the silver

The Highland Storm Tom Prentice and Sons and Haliburton Family Medical Centre Novice LL played in the Innisfil Fun Fest.

In their first game, the Storm beat Ennismore 8-3. The team had an early start Saturday playing the Otonabee Wolves with the Storm winning 7-3. They then made the semi-finals by putting out Clearview at 1 p.m. by a score of 20-0, giving Blake Hutchinson a shut out.

The team took to the ice for semis at 9 a.m., Sunday, winning against the Kawartha Coyotes 10-3, securing their spot in the finals.

At 1 p.m. the Storm played Port Credit. This game was a crowd pleaser but our team fell one goal short of gold. We brought home silver medals and are looking forward to

our home tournament this weekend.

The Storm held the top three spots in tournament stats with Nixon Ecclestone with 41 points and eight hat tricks; Matthew Mueller at 20 points with one hat trick; Jacob Currie with 13 points; Rowan Johnson with seven points and two hattricks and Nash Wilson and Charlize Tomlinson both with six points.

On defence, Hudson Meyer had five points; Kelson Bagshaw four; Cooper Gilbert and #33 both with three points.

Hutchinson held second place with a goals against average of 2.25. With a total of 10 teams, the Storm was well represented. (Submitted)

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Jan. 25th- Storm 5 vs. Durham Crusaders 2
Goals: E. Mueller (2), E. Perrott, D. Davison (2)
Assists: D. Davison, E. Burk, B. Hartwig (2), E. Perrott
Jan. 26th- Storm 4 vs. Durham Crusaders 3
Goals: E. Perrott (2), D. Davison, J. Tomlinson
Assists: B. Hartwig (2), E. Perrott, D. Davison, H. Neilson

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Jan. 24th- Storm 0 vs. Durham Crusaders 3
Jan. 25th- Storm 0 vs. Durham Crusaders 5

Peppermill Steak & Pasta House - McKecks Place Bantams

Jan. 25th- Storm 4 vs. Durham Crusaders 2
Goals: K. Brannigan (2), K. Hall, A. Boylan
Assists: K. Hall
Jan. 26th- Storm 5 vs. Durham Crusaders 2
Goals: K. Hall, K. Brannigan, M. Wilson, G. Hutchinson, C. Stamp
Assists: K. Hall, K. Brannigan(3), M. Wilson, C. Stamp, C. Coles (2), A. Perrott, A. Hendry, C. Fowler

The Highlander-Smolen Family Dentistry Midgets

Jan. 24th- Storm 4 vs. Durham Crusaders 0
Goals: H. Amott, B. Robinson (3)
Assists: T. Mills, I. Little, T. Clements (2), T. Martin
Jan. 25th- Storm 5 vs. Durham Crusaders 1
Goals: I. Little (3), H. Amott, B. Robinson
Assists: B. Robinson, T. Clements(2), S. Hoenow

LOCAL LEAGUE

Bright Woods Landscaping LL Minor Novice Team Navy

Jan. 25th- Storm vs. Mariposa. Player of the Game: Marshall Heasman
Jan. 25th- Storm vs. Manvers. Player of the Game: McKay Windover

Bright Woods Landscaping LL Minor Novice Team Grey

Jan. 25th- Storm vs. Mariposa. Player of the Game: Bently Bull
Jan. 25th- Storm vs. Woodville. Player of the Game: Keon Kerkhof

Tom Prentice & Sons-Docs of Haliburton LL Major Novice

Took silver in the Innisfil Fun Fest Tournament
Jan. 24th- Storm 8 vs. Ennismore 3
Jan. 25th- Storm 7 vs. Otonabee 3
Jan. 25th- Storm 20 vs. Clearview 0
Jan. 26th- Storm 10 vs. Kawartha 3
Jan. 26th- Storm 3 vs. Port Credit 4

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Jan. 25th- Storm 2 vs. Parry Sound 8
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Highlander sports



Ice racing kicked off in Minden this past weekend. The local track hosted DAC round two. Some 17 rookies made their way to the oval. Racing continues this coming weekend. See the Ice Racing in Minden Facebook page (facebook.com/mindeniceracing/) for more. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*



Youth curlers hit the ice in Haliburton

Youth curling teams from Haliburton, Minden and Bancroft came together for a one-day bonspiel at the Haliburton Curling Club this past Saturday. Local youth coach Hugh Nicol said it was a great opportunity, as for some, it was their first bonspiel. He said it was all about introducing them to the game, getting them to enjoy the sport and hopefully having them continue to play throughout their lifetimes. *(Lisa Gervais)*

Left: Kara Chumbley throws a rock down the ice at the Haliburton Curling Club. Right: Back, left to right, Hendrik Haase and Kara Chumbley with front, left to right: Cole Hamilton and Emily Austin-Ward. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*



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Highlander sports



Ponding on at The Pinestone

Despite delays caused by rain and warmer temperatures, it was game on at the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships Jan 24-26. Teams came from far and wide to compete in the open competition at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. The championships will continue Jan. 31-Feb. 2 (Joseph Quigley).

Top: Boomers Betty's celebrate after winning the ladies open section of the pond hockey championships Jan. 25.
Bottom: Gillian Morgan makes a pass during a match.. Photos by Joseph Quigley.



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Highlander events



Bagpipes, jigs and haggis

The Highlands came to life Saturday night, as people from across the County came to celebrate poet Robbie Burns 261st birthday at the Haliburton Legion. The night was filled with music, dance, Scottish drinks and – of course – haggis. “It’s sort of like how on St. Patrick’s Day everyone wishes they were Irish. Tonight, everyone wishes they were Scottish,” said band member Dan Collings.

The Haliburton Bagpipes and Drums Band welcomed everyone with music, as the people of the Highlands gathered to celebrate Robbie Burns. *Photo by Hannah Sadlier.*

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Feb 13 – Committee of the Whole
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Feb 27 – Regular Council Meeting

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meetings, visit www.mindenhills.ca
Note: Council meetings are reduced to
one (1) for the months of January, July,
August and December

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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.

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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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OBITUARIES



David Dundas (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Peterborough Regional Health Centre on January 9, 2020 in his 80th year. Beloved husband of Robin Wilson and the late Barbara Dundas (nee Loucks). Loving father of Elizabeth (Steve) and Suzanne (Shawn), Brent (Melanie) and Loran (Don). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Camille, Samuel, Ayliah, Asha, Christopher, Dillon, Devon, Owen and Nolan. Dear brother of James. Predeceased by his daughter Deborah and his brother Bruce. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. David was the General Manager of Civic Employee Credit Union in St. Catharines, Ontario for many years. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking, history and genealogy.

Visitation, Celebration Of Life & Reception

A Celebration of David's life will take place at the **HALIBURTON UNITED CHURCH** 10 George St. Haliburton, Ontario on Saturday afternoon, February 8, 2020 at 12 o'clock Noon. Reception to follow in the Church Hall. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton United Church or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be 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



In Loving Memory of Eileen Rosemarie Makepeace

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on January 20, 2020, at the age of 76.

Loving wife and best friend to Rick Frankland for 38 years. Dear Stepmother of Cheryl Frankland and Charles Frankland (Tess) and loving nana of Amya. Dear sister of Barbara (Ted) Jackson, and Larry Makepeace. Fondly remembered by her nephews Ed and Ronnie, by her niece Tammy, and by her close friends Bob and Dianne Segar, Shannon and Rick Harding. Beloved daughter of the late Ronald and Greta Makepeace.

In keeping with Eileen's wishes, cremation has taken place and interment will be held at the Pine Grove Cemetery, Port Perry at a later date.

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In Loving Memory of Eileen Gough-Pentney (nee Bull)

Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Sunday, January 26, 2020, at the age of 68.

Wife of John Pentney. Dear sister of Phil, Isobel, Gerald, Neil, Marjorie and Leigh. Loving aunt to many nieces and nephews.

A Private Family Service will be held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, February 1, 2020. Cremation has taken place.

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NOTICE SPECIAL MEETING 2020 Budget Deliberations

TAKE NOTICE that Council will commence its 2020 budget deliberations at a Special Meeting of Council scheduled for **Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

TAKE NOTICE that Council will continue its 2020 budget deliberations during its Regular Meeting scheduled for **Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

Both meetings will take place in the Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2020.

Dawn Newhook, Clerk
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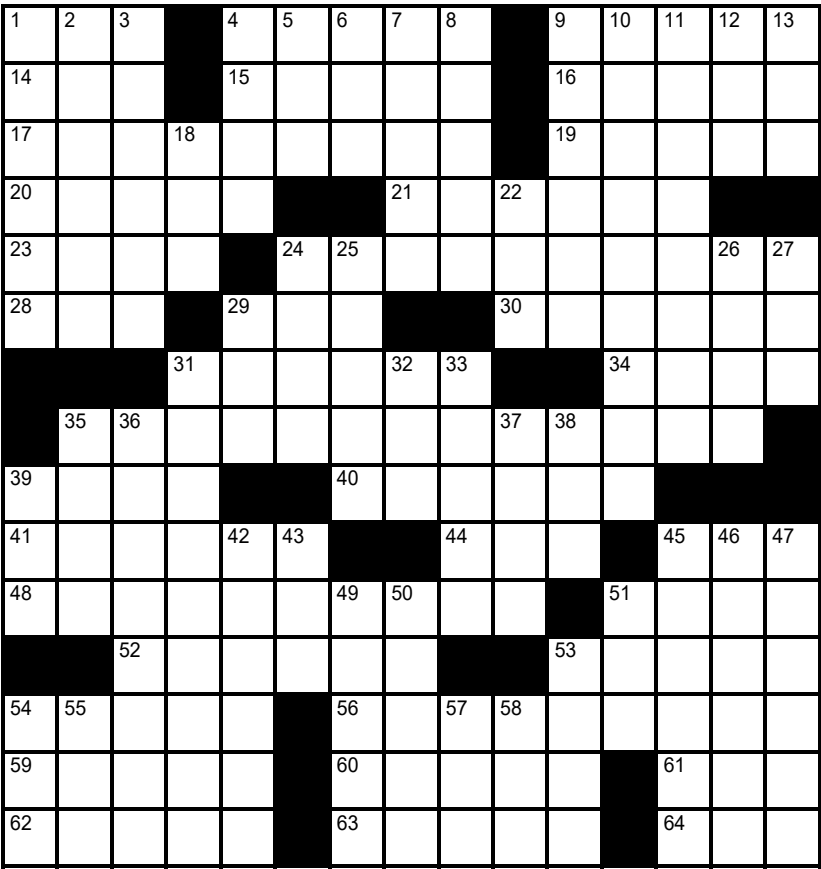
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- 1 Photo ____ (media shoots)
- 4 Coll. hotshots
- 9 Raised, as the ante
- 14 Ex-Prime Minister Campbell
- 15 Nonreactive, chemically
- 16 Spanish "north"
- 17 Band #1: X-rated event at the Calgary Stampede
- 19 "____ around, around..." (lyric in "The Wanderer")
- 20 Sing from the mountaintops
- 21 Airtime for ads
- 23 Home loan: Abbr.
- 24 Band #2: Arson attack at a pinball joint
- 28 Suffix meaning jargon
- 29 Wheat: Fr.
- 30 He bees
- 31 Ratted out
- 34 Many TV screens
- 35 Band #3: Drug-addicted cattle ranchers
- 39 The Captain's Tennille
- 40 Edmonton athlete
- 41 "I need a hug"
- 44 Four-song albums
- 45 Bossy utterance?
- 48 Band #4: Upper atmosphere enthusiasts
- 51 Bear with a too-big chair
- 52 Novelist Huxley
- 53 Moved like The Blob
- 54 Played a military flute
- 56 Band #5: Sommelier's springtime beverage
- 59 "It's the end of ____"
- 60 In contention
- 61 8 1/2" x 11" paper size: Abbr.
- 62 Filled with the latest
- 63 Yoga position
- 64 'Hood hollers

Down

- 1 "I'm good with that"
- 2 They raise a flap at work
- 3 Painter's boo-boo
- 4 Do some logrolling
- 5 Somnolent trio?
- 6 Ref. that recently added "fatberg"
- 7 Bach's buildup: Abbr.
- 8 "It's hard to ____ Trane" (ad slogan)
- 9 Wedding minister, for one
- 10 Artwork folder
- 11 Premier location?
- 12 Journey's end approx.
- 13 Donkey party in the U.S.
- 18 Broad foot size
- 22 A little "out there"
- 24 French phone greeting
- 25 Turn to ash again, say
- 26 Some lipstick shades
- 27 Half of a figure 8
- 29 He's your uncle, in a saying
- 31 Digit spinners?
- 32 Morning quaffs, for short
- 33 Kitchen zapper

- 35 ____ the books (cheat at accounting)
- 36 Not many at all
- 37 Puppy bites
- 38 Hwy. distances
- 39 Fractional suffixes
- 42 Busy cafeteria time
- 43 I problem?
- 45 In a slothful way
- 46 Accepting of
- 47 Moms in the kiddie pool, say
- 49 Pink-fleshed tropical fruit
- 50 Annual sports awards
- 51 "Whammo!"
- 53 Bra brand
- 54 Athletic supporter?
- 55 Serpent tail?
- 57 Fjord relative
- 58 Overnight stop





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What's on

JANUARY/ FEBRUARY 2020 • EVENT LISTINGS



This year's Homemade Stew - on Saturday, Feb. 1 at 7.30 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion - is a tribute to the memory of George Farrell. *File Photo.*

Pickleball every Tuesday and Friday from 7 – 9:30 p.m. at Haliburton High School gym. Cost is \$2 and racquets available. Contact Jennifer Coates at 705-749-3787. No Pickleball Jan 31.

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...”, bahai.org. Call Kathie/George at 705-286-3378.

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

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

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

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.

3 – 6 p.m. – Apres Ski with country entertainer Ryan VanLieshout at Sir Sam’s Ski/Ride. No Charge.

7 – 10 p.m. – Minden Pride 2020 bowling night, at Fast Lane in Minden, 12281 Hwy 35. Admission \$5

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 or call 705-457-4263. Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday February 4
6:30 p.m. – 100 Women Who Care winter meeting, at the Dominion Hotel dining room, Minden. We meet 3 times a year for one hour to raise money for local charities. Since we began we have raised over \$50,000. Come out and see how we do it. It’s awesome and it’s fun!

Thursday February 6
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

7 – 9 p.m. – Shout Sister Choir Rehearsals Thursday evenings at Haliburton United Church, 10 George St Haliburton. An unorthodox approach to choral singing, no auditions, and no need to read music. Everyone welcome. For more info contact Oriole at members@shoutsisterchoir.ca.

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 rc1129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome.

MINDEN BRANCH
Monday - Thursday Breakfast 9 -11 a.m.; Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday Liver Lovers Special plus regular menu

Friday Fish and chips or wings and chips (onion rings) -11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4:30-7 p.m.

Saturday All day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a lunch special from noon.

Weekly events
Monday 10 a.m. to noon, Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers (every two weeks)
Tuesday 10 a.m. to noon, seniors' art group and 1-4 p.m. bid euchre
Wednesday noon - four meat draws with butcher quality meats. \$1 per ticket; 1-4 p.m.; ladies darts; 5:30-6:30 p.m. calorie counters
Thursday 7 p.m., darts in the Sports Room and euchre in the Club Room
Friday 7:30 p.m., mixed darts. 7:30-11:30 p.m. every second week Karaoke with Fred and Linda
Saturday 1 p.m., four special draws.
Sunday noon-4:30 p.m. sports day

KINMOUNT BRANCH
Wednesday - Darts 7 p.m.
Friday - Bingo - Starts at 6:56 p.m.
Saturday - Meat Draw 5 p.m.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH
Jan 31 Ham & Scalloped dinner 5 - 7 p.m.
Feb 1 Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. SHARP If you come out, offer to help sell tickets please
Feb 3 Card night 7 p.m. Beginners welcome
Feb 4 Executive meeting 7 p.m.
Feb 5 Fun Darts - everyone welcome 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming events:
Feb 15 Ken McFarlane Memorial Lake Trout Derby \$15/person 1 fish entry. Valentine dance \$5 cover. DJ Isla.

Having an event? Book our hall and have the L.A. cater for you. They do a great job. Want to get involved? Call the legion at 705-448-2221 now if you can help.

What's on

Suicide or foul play? The mystery of Harold Heaven

By Joseph Quigley

Mike (Heaven) Mildon remembers learning about the 1934 disappearance of his great-great-uncle Harold Heaven around a campfire.

The Minden-based family passed down the tale about the mystery for generations, letting it take life as a ghost story.

"Just trying to scare the younger generation, trying to make them think Harold is still with us," Mildon said. "It's a fun thing to have, but on the underlying side of things, it was a real family tragedy."

Inspired by the story, the award-winning sketch comedy filmmaker has returned home with a film crew to take on a new project: uncovering what happened to Heaven for a documentary titled 'For Heaven's Sake.' Mildon and his friend and film partner Jackson Rowe are shooting around Minden to unravel the mystery over the next two months. They plan to conduct interviews and search for Harold's missing body.

Despite the disappearance happening more than 80 years ago, they believe they will likely solve the case.

"We've done a lot of work," Rowe said. "We have a lot of resources. We're confident. We have some blanks to fill in certainly, but we feel like we're making real progress."

What documents show

Heaven was known to be a lonely man, who lived in his cottage on Horseshoe Lake according to police reports posted by Mildon. He went missing around Oct. 26, 1934, and despite large searches in the brush and nearby lakes, his body could not be found.

That impeded OPP investigations. As police interviewed people, they moved away from the idea of foul-play. Instead, reports raised the idea he died by suicide.

"It has been suggested that this missing man has become somewhat deranged in his mind," one report said. "There are also suggestions he might have done away with

himself and this is being investigated very carefully."

Police also reported a second-hand account that his mother had indicated Heaven had considered suicide the year previous.

But the family has other theories. Harold's brother Boyd posited in a letter at the time that Harold was doing well, excited to work on a property he had recently bought there near his father's cottage.

Boyd Heaven felt Harold was unlikely to die by suicide and suggested accidental manslaughter was more likely. Since Harold kept to himself, Boyd suspected the young farmers in the district disliked him – and set out to annoy him after a Saturday night drinking.

"They might stop and call out a few objectionable remarks ... a fight would probably result, which in turn might quite logically result in Mr. Heaven's death," Boyd Heaven wrote.

He said it would explain the body's disappearance and cited evidence that Harold's departure from home did not seem premeditated; the door was open, the keys there and his oil lamp was still burning.

The documentarians said they are leaning toward the idea this was manslaughter.

"The police in our minds made up their mind this guy was crazy, he was a loner and he just had a mental breakdown," Mildon said. "I don't think it's fair to paint him as this troubled individual."

But the two do not want to discount any possibility yet.

"There are many theories we're looking at. Even aliens, even supernatural, we're not stopping at the traditional," Rowe said.

Mildon said it would mean a lot to his family to get closure.

"It's only fair and I think it's kind of justice for Harold," he said. "Everyone benefits from the truth, whether it's a hard pill to swallow or not."

The filmmakers are looking for anyone who might have information on the case. They can be contacted at 1-800-858-9710 or findharoldheaven@gmail.com.



Filmmakers have put out a sign for the missing Harold Heaven to gather more information about his 1934 disappearance. *Submitted.*

THOSE OTHER

MOVIE NIGHTS

THOSE OTHER

Thursday, Feb. 13 Maiden
Gripping documentary: Tracy Edwards leads the first all-female crew in the 1989 Whitbread Round the World Yachting Race.

Thursday, Mar. 12 The Farewell
Awkwafina shines in this complicated family dramedy.

4:15 & 7:15 \$10 at the door
Save the date: Doc(k) Day April 4, 2020
705 286 3696 www.haliburton-movies.com
Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion



Fridays 11:00am-1:30pm

Haliburton Dates:
January 10, 24
February 7, 21
March 6, 20

For more info, or to register for these dates, contact Andrea at amueller@dysartetal.ca

Minden Dates:
January 17, 31
February 14, 28
March 13, 27

For more info, or to register for these dates, contact Elisha at eweiss@minderhills.ca

Cooking Classes



Alyssa Kinghorn
Client Care Assistant

Kim Barnhart
Client Care Manager

Karen Wood
Broker

Linda Baumgartner
Broker of Record

Wenona Lake



Looking for a quiet, calm and peaceful four season cottage or waterfront home? Look no further. This 3 BR, 3 bath immaculate cottage sits on a private lot. Large open concept living, excellent for hosting family gatherings. 125ft of frtg with stunning western views. **\$683,000**

Haliburton Lake



Meticulously cared for 3 BR, 2 bath year round home/cottage. Private lot perfect for children to play. 176 ft frtg. Beautiful sandy beach, dock and full sun. Bright open concept living. Fully finished lower level. Enjoy the stunning views of nature. Detached single garage. A property that can be enjoyed all year. **\$639,000**

Vacant Lots

- KENNISIS LAKE \$895,000. 4.3AC
- DRAG LAKE \$499,000. 7.24 AC
- COLBORNE LAKE \$289,000. 4.83AC
- CONTAU LAKE \$165,000. 1.33AC
- HARBURN ROAD
\$99,000. 44+AC - **NEW LISTING**
- REYNOLDS ROAD
\$89,000. 9.13AC - **NEW LISTING**
- IRONDALE RIVER \$79,000. 3.22AC
- CONTAU LAKE ROAD \$49,000. 3.91AC
- OLD DONALD ROAD
\$49,997. 3.49AC - **NEW PRICE**
- DEEP BAY ROAD
\$49,000. 3.05AC - **NEW LISTING**
- ERIC POTTER ROAD
\$46,500. 2.82AC - **NEW LISTING**
- FRED JONES ROAD \$25,000. 0.38AC

Twelve Mile Lake



Offering a million-dollar view and spectacular sunsets! Bright open concept custom built 3 BR, 3 bath home. Floor to ceiling windows providing stunning lake views. Finished lower level. Cozy 3 season cedar screened in porch. 56 ft of Houston docking. Waterfront enjoyment without waterfront taxes. **\$569,969**

Long Lake



Choose to build your dream cottage on this stunning property overlooking Long Lake or renovate the existing building which includes 2 BR and 1 full bath. Extensive 650' of water frontage. Private seasonal access and beautifully wooded 54+/- acres provides ample privacy. Endless possibilities. **\$499,900**



Spruce Lake



Custom built 3 BR, 3 bath waterfront home/cottage. With 25 acres, 225 ft of frtg and Southern exposure. This private and peaceful property. open concept living with beautiful maple cabinetry. Cozy sunroom, gorgeous gazebo or stone patio with firepit. 2 BR guest cottage. Wheelchair accessible. **\$1,399,000**

Grass Lake



Stunning 4 BR, 4 bath turn key home/cottage. Large sunny level lot. 100+ ft of private frtg and personal boat launch. Panoramic lake view. 80 ft deck. High quality finishing's. Many upgrades in fall of 2018. Double attached garage and detached single garage with carport. Shows pride of ownership. **\$1,050,000**

Colbourne Lake



Enjoy being close to nature in a quiet, private and peaceful setting. 4 BR, 2 bath log home/cottage. 25 acres of mature trees. Stunning open concept living. Engineered hardwood flooring, granite countertops and walk-out to covered wraparound deck. Heated workshop with loft. **\$999,000**

Four Good Reasons You Should Market Your Home During Winter!

1. Less Competition!

2. More Motivated Buyers!

3. Better Timing- By selling your home during the winter you may have "first dibs" on the plentiful spring market!

4. Shorter Days- as the days get shorter, more of your showings will take place in the dark of the evening. Beautiful lighting can make for a comfortable homey feeling for potential buyers!