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Adam Riger enjoys pancakes at the annual pancake supper organized by the St. George's Anglican Church Feb. 25. The event attracted 400 guests, and raised \$3,025 for Places for People. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

Highland Wood closure gets scathing feedback

By Joseph Quigley

Highland Wood staff, management and families have severely criticized the local health services' handling of the facility's emergency evacuation last year.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) released a draft action plan Feb. 21, which details its ideas for improvement in the wake of the feedback. The criticism

came during stakeholders' sessions Dec. 9 and 10, to address what happened after HHHS relocated residents Feb. 7 due to serious roof leaks at Highland Wood.

An unnamed third-party, external facilitator oversaw the process. Most of the feedback was negative, with the event reportedly creating long-lasting trauma.

"Every session had tears," the report

said. "Across audiences, there is a sense that answers have not been provided, that accountability has not been accepted and that there was a cover-up."

Feedback included a "lack of compassion" from management and the Ministry of Health. Stakeholders expressed the need for a better emergency plan and communications and HR support, which the

draft action plan calls for HHHS to address.

HHHS president/CEO Carolyn Plummer said the feedback was difficult to read but she appreciated the honesty.

"We wanted to make sure we had an opportunity to understand that experience," Plummer said. "We are taking this very seriously and actually as hard as it was to read, I really appreciate that people were as

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honest as they were."

Another common perception was the sense that the situation was preventable. The roof was ageing and slated for repair in the spring of 2019, after Highland Wood's sister facility in Minden, Hyland Crest, had its roof fixed in the fall of 2018.

"It was preventable and it's disgusting it was allowed to happen," the report quoted from a staff feedback session. "Played Russian roulette and lost."

HHHS maintains that the early failure of the roof "occurred suddenly without warning," as per the preliminary report of forensic engineering firm Michael Flynn & Associated Ltd., who inspected the roof on behalf of HHHS's insurance company.

"This event occurred very early on within the service life of the roof and without the normal signs of early failure," Flynn wrote after his inspection. "No one within your facility is at fault and certainly should not be blamed for this unfortunate incident."

Other points of criticism included issues with covering travel costs for family members, a lack of presence from the HHHS board, a lack of government funding for infrastructure and labour issues, with staff reportedly feeling unsupported during the incident.

Plummer said the Ministry

of Health was involved in the feedback process. She said she would like to see better infrastructure funding for long-term care homes, but HHHS will look to move ahead whether or not that comes.

"There are some avenues for infrastructure funding for hospitals, but we don't have access to those similar avenues for long-term care," Plummer said. "There needs to be something more in place to support homes or be able to keep themselves maintained and to sustain themselves. That's certainly something I've been advocating for and continue to advocate for."

Terry Hartwick was the former chair of the Highland Wood family council and participated in a feedback session, as well as another meeting with stakeholders Feb. 19 to discuss the draft plan. She said the plan has good ideas in improving communications and emergency procedures, but families were vocal about the prevention of future structural failures.

"Concerns that are brought forward by the on-site maintenance staff of HHHS need to be addressed in a timely manner," Hartwick said. "The plan needs to recognize and be proactive about the shortfall in the funding that the ministry provides for maintenance, especially in the area of long-term care."

Dysart changes septic program Will no longer mandate pump outs

By Joseph Quigley

Dysart et al is moving ahead with plans to eliminate mandatory pump outs in its septic re-inspection program and hire a third-party firm to handle inspections.

Council voted 6-1 on Feb. 25 to support staff's proposed changes to the program and have a new bylaw brought forward. Only Coun. John Smith opposed.

Chief building official Karl Korpela said the mandatory pump outs are unnecessary and have been the most controversial aspect of Dysart's program. He said removing them should help increase compliance and inspection speed.

He proposed pump outs only occur under maintenance requirements of the building code.

"It was determined that mandatory pump outs don't contribute towards protecting our lakes based on the results that we're finding," Korpela said. "Eliminating mandatory pump outs also allows us to concentrate on other issues we're seeing."

Coun. Larry Clarke spoke in support of the effort and only pumping out when it is felt to be necessary. Under the staff proposal, an inspector would do a sludge test to decide.

"What's important in this area, to me, he's come back to us with a workable and sustainable program," Clarke said.

Smith was against, noting the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations (CHA) and several lake associations feel it's needed.

"Every one of them says that pump out, it's a really important part. They've pointed out several

examples where flaws would not have been found if it were not for the pump out," Smith said.

Korpela said he has also heard from those sources opposed to the policy change.

"I want to emphasize a lot of that is based on misinformation about how beneficial a mandatory

"There's no benefit to a mandatory pump out. We're not degrading our program whatsoever."

Karl Korpela
Dysart CBO

pump out actually is," Korpela said. "There's no benefit to a mandatory pump out. We're not degrading our program whatsoever."

Other septic inspection programs, including in Algonquin Highlands and the one about to proceed in Minden Hills, do not include mandatory pump-outs.

Other changes proposed in a slate of revisions includes owners being notified of inspection dates and having

them change it if necessary, rather than having them book the inspections themselves.

The changes come after compliance issues experienced in the first area surveyed in the program, which included Kennisis Lake and Little Kennisis Lake. A total of 112 out of 964 properties failed to comply, or 12 per cent.

Korpela said dealing with even a quarter of the infractions is not possible under current staffing levels and has proposed non-compliant properties be included as the first batch in the revised program.

The hiring of a firm, as done in Algonquin Highlands, is expected to improve consistency over an owner selecting from a list of 12 qualified inspectors, Korpela said.

The new bylaw is slated to return to Dysart's Environment and Climate Change Committee before getting approval at the March council meeting.

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Left to Right: CAO Angie Bird, Deputy Mayor Liz Daniels and Coun. Jennifer Dailloux look over the agenda during the Feb. 20 council and special council meetings.

Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Algonquin Highlands strikes 5.19% levy increase \$1.62 per \$100,000 of assessment

By Lisa Gervais

Algonquin Highlands residents will be looking at paying an extra \$1.62 per \$100,000 of assessment when they get their tax bills later this year.

The township struck its 2020 budget Tuesday and will confirm it via bylaw March 19.

It equates to an increase of 5.19% of the municipal levy. The general municipal tax rate impact is less than two per cent.

Councillors said they were comfortable with the budget although wary of big-ticket items coming down the pike next year.

Coun. Lisa Barry said staff had come in with a "great" budget, and they were able to tighten the numbers during the process. She noted they are aware an asset management plan is coming as are other "big things" but is comfortable they can see the challenges coming.

Coun. Julia Shortreed was happy the general municipal tax rate impact was less than two per cent. However, she expressed concern that the township "knows the train is coming and next year is going to be really out of whack."

But Deputy Mayor Liz Daniels said they had discussed areas of the budget that could be at risk.

"We didn't get too carried away with cutting things. Are we going to have challenges going forward? Oh, yes. I'm good with where we are."

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux echoed the last statement, feeling confident that Mayor Carol Moffatt had compiled a list of some of the challenges going forward.

"We've done our job for this year and also nailed what we need to know for next year."

Treasurer Tammy McKelvey noted the services delivery review currently underway at the County may also find efficiencies for 2021 budgets. If there are added costs, she said there is still modernization funding from the province.

The township will fund road reconstruction on Buckslide and Braeloch

roads. It will also spend money to get a geotechnical study of slumping sections of North Shore Road.

Danielsen said she felt strongly about roads spending.

"It's a bad idea for us to cut out a major road improvement," she said.

Under parks, recreation and trails, there was a decision to cut the day camp in Dorset.

Shortreed said attendance was sparse and there is a private day camp at Camp Kawartha.

Council also decided to shelve work at the log chute, which was heavily damaged in flooding.

While the township received \$215,000 in insurance, the company said it would not insure it in future. Mayor Carol Moffatt said it will require just under \$500,000 to rebuild.

"I don't think we're there yet," Coun. Barry said.

Danielsen noted, "I would hate to see us not do something there."

However, they elected to put some money into a reserve for a larger project one day that could include fixing the log chute and the park adjacent to it.

They'll also upgrade software for cemeteries. Now, Moffatt said when someone wants to purchase a plot, the township gets out a bristle board map with squares.

There was also talk about slowing down the airport development project to start putting some money towards a new public works garage needed near the Stanhope complex.

Moffatt concluded the philosophy has been, "moderate, ongoing increases to sustain ourselves going forward. While there was a "daunting list" of future needs, she said it was a case of approaching them and making some strategic decisions about what is in the best interest of the community, "versus making sure everybody gets everything. We're not a charity."

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Local education union members demonstrated outside Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Feb. 21.
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Province-wide strike shuts schools

By Joseph Quigley

Local secondary and elementary faculty joined a historic province-wide strike Feb. 21 as unions and the provincial government remain at an impasse in collective negotiations.

All four provincial teachers' unions joined in the protest, the first time this has happened since 1997. The event is the latest in a series of strikes as the province has been unable to come to collective agreements with those unions, who say they are pushing back against cuts.

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) has also spoken out against the province's proposal to mandate some online high school credits. Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) bargaining chair Jason Morissette said it is unfortunate the situation has escalated this far.

"We truly are out here today because the cuts they are proposing for schools, particularly, I believe, rural high schools, will be disastrous," Morissette said. "We believe the government is

definitely on the wrong track."

Minister of Education Stephen Lecce continues to criticize union action and said they are seeking wage increases. Unions have said they want a cost of living adjustment, pegged at inflation, which would be above the one per cent raise cap for public sector workers legislated by the province last year.

"While union leaders are continuing to organize further disruption, our government remains focused on getting deals that ensure students are learning each and every day," Lecce said in a press release.

But Morissette said teachers would not be giving up days of pay by going on strike if they were solely interested in money.

"This is about working conditions and it is about students, so we are standing up for that," he said.

The Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) members also demonstrated. The union announced its next phase of job action over the next two weeks, beginning Feb. 26. It will not include strikes but will see ETFO members not fill in for absences

or use personal funds to pay for school supplies.

"Using their own money to ensure their students have what they need to learn is just another example of the lengths our members will go to support Ontario's public education system," ETFO president Sam Hammond said in a press release.

Meanwhile, high schools are still managing the Trillium Lakelands District School Board's mandate for secondary school teachers to not leave for extracurriculars during the day. This is due to board concerns about being able to staff classes, as the OSSTF has decided its members will no longer cover for absent colleagues.

Although some sports teams have managed to play games due to fortuitous scheduling and help from volunteers, they have been unable to attend all.

HHSS principal Chris Boulay reported at the school council meeting Feb. 11 the status of spring sports is uncertain due to the ongoing labour issues.



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It's okay to protect our lakes

As members of the media, we attend the majority of council meetings in Haliburton County

Many times, we are the only ones - apart from staff and councillors - who sit in.

Occasionally the public gets wind of something contentious and shows up, but for the most part the public gallery is empty or close to empty.

Yet, very important business is conducted, such as draft shoreline preservation bylaws, which stand to improve the health of our precious lakes.

Perhaps it is because these meetings occur during the day that no one, or very few, attend. I tend to think there's a bit of apathy.

With regards to the now-controversial first draft of the shoreline prevention bylaw, we can tell you that it has been talked about, and written about in local newspapers - for months.

So, when members of the county's building profession stormed council chambers recently over the shoreline preservation bylaw, we can assure them the County was not trying to pull the wool over anybody's eyes or sneak this one through. There was always going to be a consultation process, in addition to the online consultation that has already happened.

It's frustrating for county officials and the media. In today's world of social media, someone gets a sniff of something, and then unleashes all manner of vitriol without knowing the facts.

County Coun. Carol Moffatt expressed her frustration on her Facebook page. She urged people to contact their county councillors if they had questions about the shoreline preservation bylaw, noting that tapping out an angry tirade on social media is not input or engagement. She added that failing to participate in the process but then creating chaos after the fact isn't helpful. So, we were pleased to see both the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association and Haliburton County Home Builders Association speak to County councillors yesterday.

Speaking of being informed, I rang around to some of the townships in the District of Muskoka earlier this week to see what they're doing. I spoke with a planner based in Port Carling. He told me their tree preservation and site alteration bylaws have been in place since 2008. They specify a buffer zone of 200 feet. What is being proposed here is 30 metres, or just shy of 100 feet.

For the most part, he says their bylaws

work well and there has been a drop in phosphorous - the stuff that causes blue-green algae.

They're not over the top with enforcement either, he explained.

If someone is in clear contravention of the bylaws, taking down several trees to ensure an "Oakville-like lawn right down to the lake," they will be held accountable.

But if someone takes down one tree, it is forgivable. He said selective pruning and modest thinning goes a long way. The other thing they have are remediation orders. So, if someone does take down trees, they are ordered to replant new ones and given a timeline to do so. The planner said they're not out to ruin someone's experience of seeing the lake through the trees. But they are out to protect the water.

Everyone in Haliburton County, including builders, should be able to see the importance of that to all of us. After all, does a new cottager want a clear view of a lake only to see blue-green algae? Let's hope all parties can strike a made-in-Haliburton solution.



By Lisa Gervais

HHHS, province must do better

Highland Wood could be a bellwether for catastrophe to come.

The long-term care facility's emergency closure has gotten scarce attention outside of our county, but it deserves a lot more notoriety. After a tumultuous evacuation due to a sudden roof failure last year, family, staff and management held nothing back in severely criticizing how it was handled. A report was released Feb. 21.

For the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC), and Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), it is an embarrassment. Highland Wood was a tragedy and exposes lapses in our health care system that need to be addressed.

It is no surprise that people involved described long-term trauma. It cannot be understated how difficult it can be to move someone from a long-term care facility, many at the end of life. Though such moves do not necessarily lead to worse physical health, the mental and emotional toll on some families and residents was severe. Nobody should have to spend their precious final days dealing with this, but it happened, and at least two residents passed away after getting moved.

By all accounts, the powers were not fully equipped to handle the situation. Residents were moved quickly enough, but things got more difficult after that. Some families

struggled with multiple moves.

People complained about communications problems and a lack of support. There were issues with the repatriation process and staff struggled with the increased demands of the situation. The HHHS board was criticized for being absent, and deservedly so; it has been quiet on Highland Wood, when it is apparent it should have been very vocal.

This all raises questions about the state of long-term care infrastructure, both with Highland Wood and across the province. The roof nearly made it to its replacement date in the spring but failed unexpectedly ahead of time due to ice buildup, after a difficult freeze-thaw cycle in the winter. HHHS maintains the early failure could not be predicted, but it is apparent that families, management and staff do not buy that.

We cannot say whether HHHS should have been able to avoid this, though we will endeavour to answer those questions. But long-term care infrastructure is an issue the province must address. With long-term care projects assuredly on the rise, they must be built to withstand the elements and the more severe weather climate change will bring. Those facilities that already exist must get funding to guarantee proactive maintenance. Staff also must get proper support, lest a critical part of our health care sector suffer employment shortages due to burnout.

It is worth noting not every family

found the experience onerous. Some felt the process went smoothly and their relatives received good care elsewhere after being moved.

But the scope of negativity from staff, management and families shows that nothing can be brushed aside. HHHS appears to be treating this seriously, but we will monitor closely to see their follow-through.

We do recognize that HHHS showed courage in releasing this damaging feedback to the public. We also recognize that if the local health services didn't have to worry so much about annual budgets, thanks to MOHLTC lack of funding, it wouldn't have had to play "Russian roulette" [as one reported point of feedback called it] with the roof in the first place. It did gamble, but the MOHLTC was the one holding the gun.

We are at a turning point in our country. Our senior population is ballooning and our health care system is attempting to adapt to that. Haliburton is at the heart of it, with its large senior population. But If Highland Wood is any indication (and we have not even touched on waiting lists yet) our health care system is not ready to handle the influx.



By Joseph Quigley



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Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: How do you feel about the end of the minor hockey season?



Karen Perrott

Haliburton

“Hopefully, there’s something else for the kids to keep busy if they don’t have any more hockey to play.”



Keegan Brannigan

Wasaga Beach

“It was pretty good hockey. There was a lot of sportsmanship.”



Doris Fischer-Jensen

Markham

“For my grandson, it’s a little bit sad because his team lost tonight, but there’s always something else to look forward to.”



Taya Tomlinson

Carnarvon

“Stressful, very stressful ... Every time I looked away, the other team would be at our end and score a goal.”



Matthias Malette

Gooderham

“I would really not like it to end because I really like hockey.”

By Joseph Quigley

LETTERS

Against shoreline preservation bylaw

Dear editor,

As waterfront property, and business owners, we’ve reviewed the proposed shoreline protection bylaw and materials prepared by the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations, the Haliburton Country

Home Builders Association and other stakeholders. We all agree the overall well-being of our waterways is of upmost importance and critical to the health and economic development of Haliburton County.

However, what is being overlooked, is the current content of the proposed bylaw will not save the lakes and will most likely have negative impacts on jobs and our economy.

According to the CHA, the majority of current and future risk (blue-green algal blooms, etc.) are caused by phosphates. Phosphates include septic leachate, fertilizers and pesticides, all not addressed by this bylaw. Similarly, road salt, leached vehicle fuels/liquids, pet and livestock waste, and shoreline erosion caused by the fluctuating water levels and flooding, which are controlled by the TSW, are the worst offenders. None are controlled by this bylaw.

The County already has a comprehensive tree bylaw that manages shoreline trees and stops lakefront clear-cutting. The MNRF and DFO manages work along the shoreline. The County, the municipalities (public parks and roads), Hydro and other government agencies are all exempt from the bylaw, and contributes most of the damage.

CHA’s short film promotes protecting the “Ribbon of Life,” the upland 10-ft strip of shoreline back from the high water mark, as this area benefits/protects water quality, wildlife habitat and erosion. The proposed bylaw seeks to control 100-ft.

It’s harsh, unnecessary, and an extreme overkill. Why does the County not start with a bylaw promoting/protecting/enforcing the protection of the “ribbon of life” area? This would be much

more feasible, less costly and meet the environmental goals. Property owners and businesses will be more likely to comply, and local tradespeople can be educators while still being able to work and provide jobs. It would allow property owners to continue to enjoy their very expensive waterfront properties, which helps make our community go-round.

If the bylaw solved the problem, these costs might be acceptable, but it doesn’t. It’s bad policy. It adds another level of government red tape. The adoption of this bylaw will cost us all money. It will negatively impact many local businesses that employ people, who support our community.

Michele Bromley and John Fedeski
Boshkung Lake Tree Service

Winter of our discontent

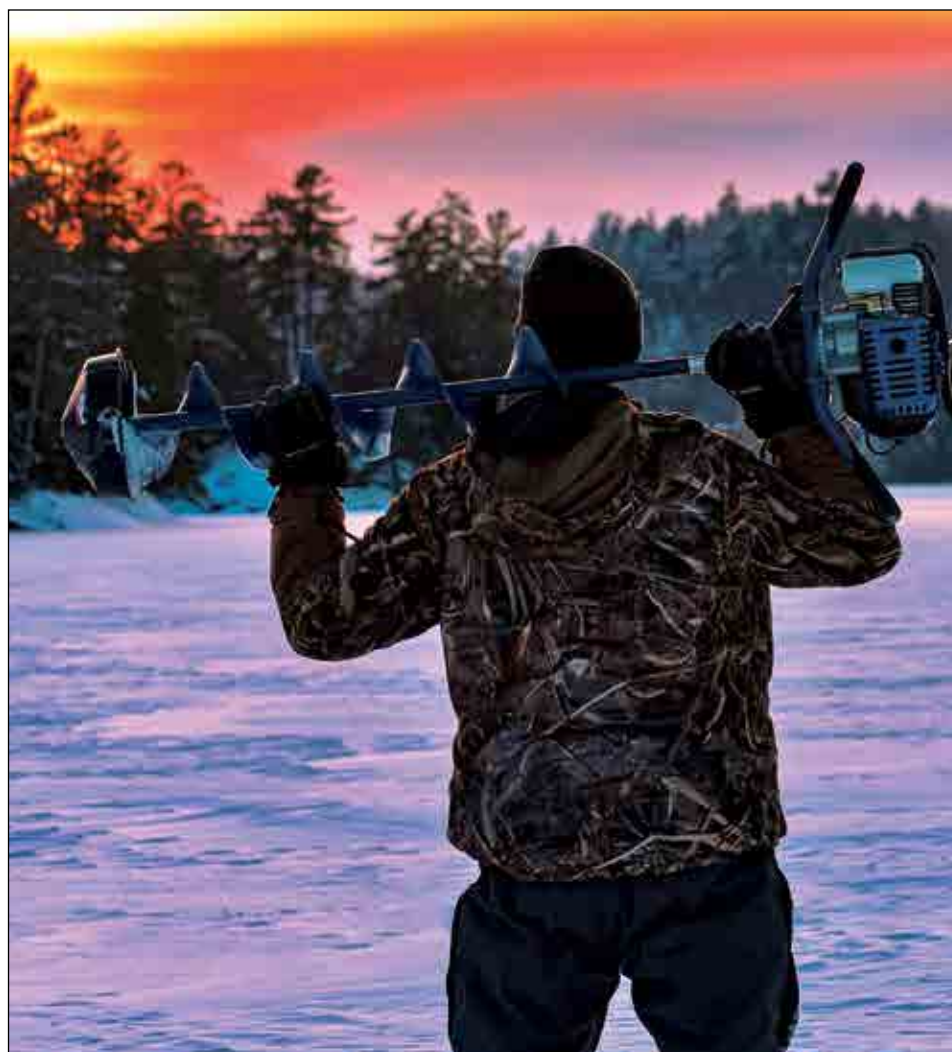
Dear editor,

Do you remember when Canada was a friendly, kind, compassionate country, respected in the world? When people said “sorry” when they bumped into you or “how are you today eh?” Now one is afraid to say anything for fear of offending someone.

Our railways connected our country from sea to shining sea, and we were prosperous. Now look at us. A group of Indigenous people who cannot sort out their own tribal chief battles have been holding the rest of us hostage for weeks while the government decides who is responsible to settle the issue of the blockage of the railways, roads, sea terminals, city streets, and now the US borders.

I have emailed both federal and provincial governments and they passed the buck, though now the federal government says it will try to resolve the issue. One of their Mohawk chiefs recommends that the blockades be removed in good faith as the economy is suffering, people are losing their jobs, food is rotting in freight cars, heating fuel, goods for construction, and other necessary items are not reaching their destinations.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Maggie Lawrence sent in this photo, ‘fire in the sky’ from the bridge in Fort Irwin.

We have read their signs and heard their shouts. Now, he is reprimanded by the other chiefs for his common sense approach. Others have joined the protests to wave signs and shout slogans when they really have no knowledge of the real issues. One should be informed before they join such groups to augment the size of protesters and create more chaos. The use of children is also concerning as they are our future and should know what they are representing. The wearing of masks or bandana face coverings makes it appear an illegal protest and one does not want to be recognized.

If you really believe in a cause you should show your face as you demonstrate.

This country does not belong to any one group of individuals. Why can’t we sit down and talk peacefully as Canadians? As the great song says, “This Land Is My Land, This Land Is Your Land, from Bonavista to Vancouver Island, From the Arctic Circle to the Great Lake Waters, This Land Is Made for You and Me. Why can’t we keep it that way?”

Lois Rigney
Minden Hills

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Dorset Museum expansion going ahead

Council will proceed with the Dorset Heritage Museum expansion project in its entirety, while turning to the museum committee for some fundraising to cover budgeted shortfalls.

The move came after director of parks, recreation and trails, Chris Card tabled a report to the Feb. 20 regular council meeting.

In it, he updated council on the contract negotiation prices for the project that will include a 960-square-foot addition.

He said after going back to the successful bidder, total estimated savings were only \$6,300 on the \$525,552 project. The initial bid price was \$393,500 and the updated bid price \$388,300. Card said he'd hoped builder Quinan Construction Ltd. of Orillia would have trimmed \$20,000.

"The estimated savings are considerably less than what was desirable given the change in scope. The total estimated savings are relatively negligible given the overall project cost of \$525,552. Given the above information, staff recommends that the project proceed as originally designed and tendered," Card said.

An Ontario Trillium Foundation grant will cover \$150,000; \$32,000 is being transferred from general reserves; \$185,000 from the special projects reserve and \$35,000 from the 2019 surplus. The rest will have to be fundraised. Card estimated the overall cost to include engineering, project oversight and contingency.

Coun. Lisa Barry said she's hopeful they can save money on the contingency.

Mayor Carol Moffatt said while it was disappointing the updated bid was not

lower, the Dorset Heritage Museum Committee seems optimistic about covering the shortfall. "If anyone can fundraise, it's the folks of Dorset."

Enterprise might bring car rentals to airport

With the current absence of an airport committee, councillors expressed frustration about a perceived lack of information about what's going on at Stanhope Airport.

It came when director of public works Adam Thorn tabled the monthly report on fuel sales.

Mayor Carol Moffatt initiated the discussion, saying "I don't feel like council knows what's going on at the airport. Is there a way we can know more about what's happening?"

Thorn said one thing they continue to work on is getting an agreement with Enterprise in Haliburton to have car rentals available for people flying into the airport. He said the conversation was started under the former airport manager but nothing was finalized.

Moffatt said having rental cars at the airport would provide "a tremendous advantage" to the municipally-owned facility.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux was also interested in the ability to track those flying in and out, and where they come from. "How the facility is being used by real people."

Thorn said some of the things council is asking is difficult to track. For example, he said they could only monitor planes if staff are at the airport when people are flying in and out. It is the same with fuel sales.

Algonquin Highlands news

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fundraise, it's the
folks of Dorset."*

Carol Moffatt
Mayor of AH

Places for People request declined

A request by Places for People (P4P), for up to a \$200 exemption on annual landfill fees at the Maple Lake landfill, was turned down by council.

In a letter, the not for profit that provides affordable housing across Haliburton County asked for the break "as we have construction waste from time to time when there is a turnover of tenants and as the result of renovations that may occur during the year. This happens infrequently, however, the savings we can realize from this exemption help keep our operating costs down," administrative assistant Sue Yallop wrote.

Moffatt said Algonquin Highlands does not make donations and asked if Thorn, or council, had any suggestions.

She noted the Halls and Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association had been turned down when they wanted a break on landfill costs for disposing of abandoned docks they'd cleaned up from the lakes.

She was worried about opening the floodgates for additional requests.

While a few ideas were bandied about, council elected not to grant the P4P request. (*Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Lisa Gervais*)

County news

Sleeping in Cars gets green light

Places for People (P4P) has received approval from Highlands East and Minden Hills councils to host Sleeping in Cars for a second year. They're also expected to petition Dysart et al council in the near future.

The informational, and fundraising, event will take place Mar. 27 at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce, the township office in Minden Hills and the Haliburton library.

Details have still to be confirmed but spokeswoman Fay Martin said this year's event will focus on youth homelessness and the gap in services for youth.

Last year, event participants experienced some of what it means to be homeless by sleeping in their cars at the three venues.

P4P's Nataly Mylan told Highlands East council Feb. 11, "The understanding that came out of it was really interesting, especially for the ones who had kids ... that joined in." Mylan also presented to Minden Hills council Feb. 13.

Martin told *The Highlander* in an interview they've chosen youth

homelessness since young people are at high risk, and early intervention is key.

She noted that during the 2018 Registry Week, a homeless survey done over a one-week period in Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes, 16 people between the ages of 16 and 24 self-identified as homeless. Further, 10 of the 16 were from Haliburton County. She said couch surfing was identified by more than half of the youth as being where they sleep most often.

While still being finalized, Martin said she would be talking to representatives from the newly-opened youth hub about the initiative.

Places for People provides affordable rental housing to families across the county (www.placesforpeople.ca).

Pledge forms are now available, email admin.assistant@placesforpeople.ca (*Lisa Gervais and Lisa Harrison*)

County seeks input for destination plan

It's shaping up to be a big week for County tourism with the department holding

destination development focus groups and a town hall meeting next Tuesday and Wednesday.

"The County of Haliburton is undertaking a Destination Development Plan, which is being conducted by MMGY Next Factor, a consulting firm in the tourism and transportation industry that provides strategic planning and marketing services," said director of tourism Amanda Virtanen.

She said accommodation and restaurant providers; tour operators and experience providers; community leaders and land and cottage associations are being invited to attend.

In addition, there will be a town hall meeting Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. for any member of the general public.

All events are taking place at the Haliburton Legion. (*Lisa Gervais*)

"You are invited to take place in this focus group to provide your perspective and to feed into the development of the Plan," Virtanen said. "This is a continuation of the stakeholder consultation which began in spring 2019. We expect the Destination Development Plan to be finalized by summer 2020. (*Lisa Gervais*)"

Highlander people

Retiree burning a path to wellness with woodwork

By Lisa Gervais

It's a weekday morning as Haliburton's Allen Luke sits down to his workbench. He places tracings of the word 'welcome' and a picture of a rooster on a piece of wood, his trusty wood burner at his side.

He's surrounded by already completed works, including coat racks and hangers, clocks, candle holders and candle displays, plaques, animals and walking sticks.

It's "stimulating," according to Luke, born in Montreal, moved to Toronto when he was six for 45 years, before discovering the Haliburton area in 1988.

He's had a life, for sure, including health challenges the past 10 years that have included five heart procedures and being in the midst of a second bout of cancer.

"I haven't had many good breaks in my life," he adds, relating he was on his own at 15, saw his job as pencil and ruler draftsmen go the way of computers, and subsequent workplace downsizing and financial challenges.

However, "you know what? It's life," he says. "Attitude is a big thing. If you feel defeated by the word cancer, you might as well just die now." So, he lives life a day at a time, with a philosophy that, "if I was to die tomorrow, I would have not regretted having been here."

Since moving to a property just outside of Eagle Lake, he's found the peace and serenity he craves. Although he is close to 70, he said he feels like he's in his 50s so

doesn't attend a lot of programming aimed at seniors.

He loves to spend afternoon on the deck watching the birds, which inspires the wood burning.

He dabbled in the hobby about seven to eight years ago but has gotten more serious since they moved into their current house.

"Everything was coming around nicely. And, so I made quite a few last year and I gave a lot away to people and I went to several Minden markets and had a couple of garage sales."

However, he doesn't consider his work garage sale quality.

"I love them. I don't think there's one that I don't like. There's some unique ones. Like, I love making a walking stick."

He sources lumber locally, then cuts it into the size he needs. He uses tracings and then burns the wood. He uses a belt sander and circular saw.

"It's not that tough really," he confides.

Glancing at one piece, he shares, "I've got an artistic skill of zero. Give myself credit. One out of 10. Like with those ducks. If

you asked me to draw them by hand, sorry, I'd have stick ducks. But I was a draftsman for 35 years, so I was a bit of an artist, but with a pencil and ruler."

"Believe it or not, when I'm working with it, I actually talk to them, just like on NCIS where the coroner is always talking to his corpses during autopsies."

Not familiar with today's catchphrase



Allen Luke works with wood in his studio in Haliburton. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

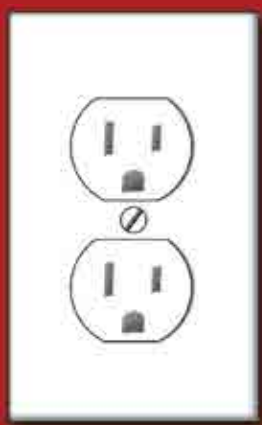
of 'mindfulness,' Luke says when he is working on this wood, "you don't worry about a lot."

As he continues to show off his work, he says he's discovering that indigenous and wildlife themes are his favourites.

His advice for other people new to the area, recently retired, or forced from work,

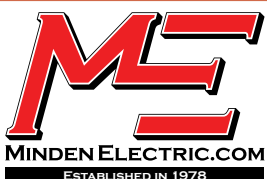
is pretty simple.

"Find something that grabs you, stimulates you, makes you feel proud of what you've done because you lose so much coming into senior-ship, because people in general have less and less use for older people. It's a young person's world."



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Fleming shows Pride with flag raising

The Fleming College community gathered to raise a Pride flag at the Haliburton School of Arts + Design for the first time Feb. 19. The ceremony was a way to signify the college's commitment to inclusion. "The flag will fly as a daily reminder that Pride is literally a feeling of being good and worthy," dean Angela Stukator said. "It's a visible symbol of our support, our celebration of diversity and our commitment to inclusivity." (*Joseph Quigley*)



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Council Meetings

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Feb 27 – Regular Council Meeting

Mar 12 - Committee of the Whole Council Meeting

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Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of July, August and December

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Highlander sports



Ice, ice, baby ... Left: Drivers race around the frozen oval at the Minden Fairgrounds Feb. 22. Right: Participants in the rookie school at the Minden ice racing oval speed around the track. This weekend (Feb. 29-March 1) marks the sixth weekend of ice racing. (Lisa Gervais)

High school sports news

Girls volleyball finished

The junior girls volleyball team wrapped up its season, losing in three straight sets to Campbellford Feb. 19.

Coach Dan Gimon said it was not unexpected, given the strength of Campbellford. Despite the loss, he said he was encouraged by how the season went. "It's about development. It's not win, win, win at all costs. If you develop enough, the winning will come," he said.

Meanwhile, the senior girls volleyball team battled back in the Kawartha semi-finals against Kenner but lost in five sets.

Coach Steve Smith said the team came out sluggishly, dropping two close sets, but battled back to win the next two. However, they lost 15-8 in the deciding fifth set.

Smith said he was proud of the team's performance this season. "Showed a lot of character for them to be down two and for them to come back," Smith said.

Curlers win Kawarthas

The boys curling team earned the Kawartha title for the third year in a row.

The Red Hawks triumphed at the Feb. 18-19 tournament, winning 7-4 over Lindsay Collegiate in the semi-finals before I.E. Weldon conceded when down 7-2 in six ends. The team will advance to COSSA March 9.

Wrestlers earn top-four finishes at COSSA

Four of Haliburton's high school wrestlers attended COSSA Feb. 20, earning top-four finishes in their respective weight classes.

El Samson finished second in the 83kg category, earning a spot at OFSAA March 2-4.

Nic Graham, in the 89kg category, will join him after placing third and winning in

a qualifying match.

Ethan Coles placed third in 67.5kg, narrowly missing out on a chance at provincials by losing in a qualifier.

Levi Samson finished 4th in the 83kg with a 4-2 record, stunning some senior wrestlers as a Grade 9 student, according to coach Paul Klose.

Basketballers go to provincials

The senior boys basketball team fell in the Kawartha championships to Norwood 55-44 but are still qualified to play in COSSA.

Coach Paul Longo said the game was much closer than the score indicated. He said they struggled making just eight of 26 foul shots.

"We had our chances and we didn't have a very good shooting day all around," Longo said. "But we really attacked and got to the line quite often. I think if we make six or

seven more foul shots, we're right in it."

The team will now be the number two Kawartha seed at COSSA Feb. 28.

Boys hockey falls short

The boys hockey team held their own against the league-best St. Peter Saints but could not hold on in the dying minutes, losing 4-2 at home Feb. 19.

They kept even with the team up until two minutes left, when the Saints scored two quick goals to surge ahead.

Coach Jason Morissette said it was not a negative game, adding he was encouraged the team played its systems well against a strong team.

The team qualified for playoffs with a 6-6-1 record. Haliburton will get an automatic berth into the Kawartha Championship tournament March 3. (High school sports news compiled by Joseph Quigley).

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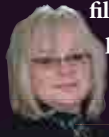
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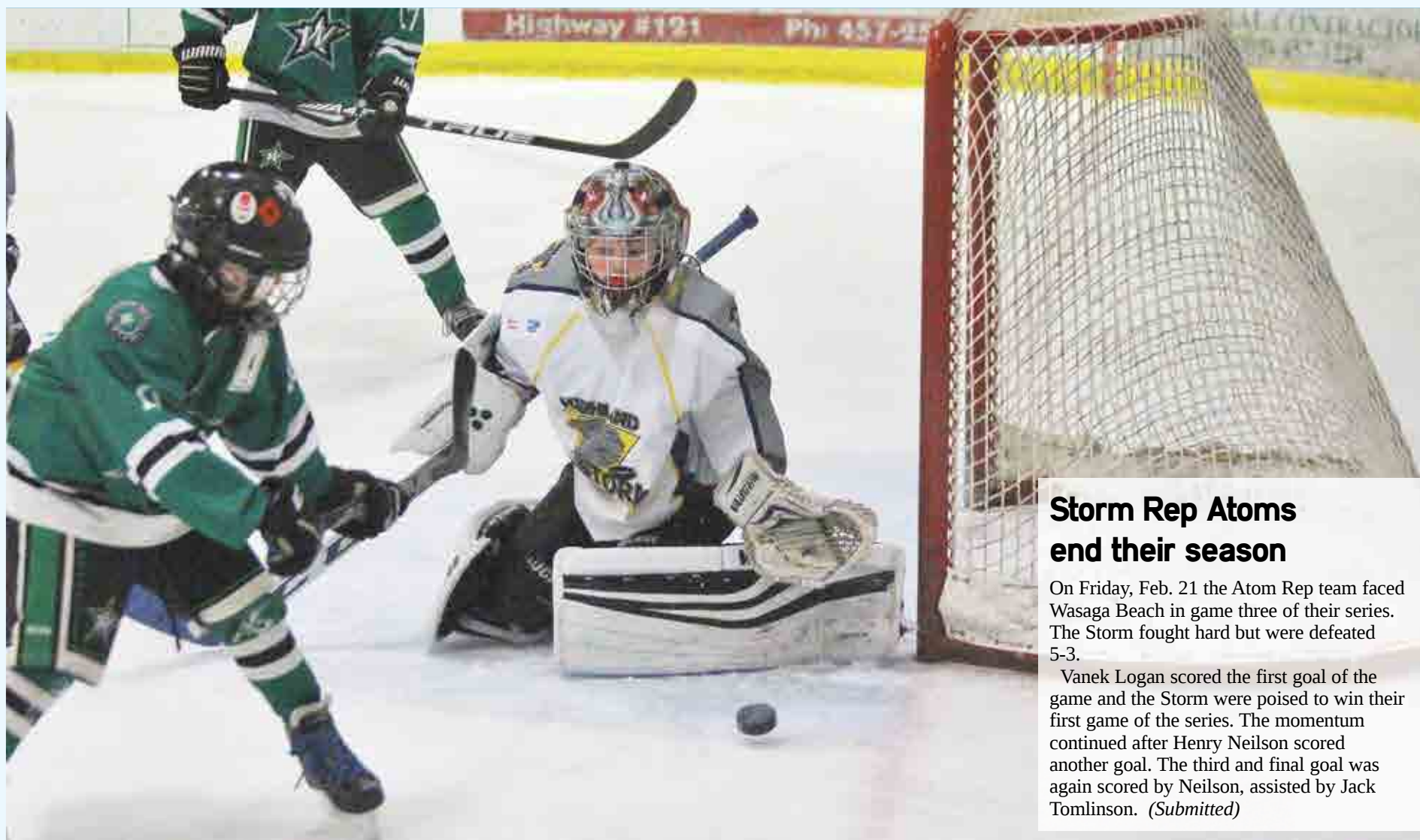


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Storm Rep Atoms end their season

On Friday, Feb. 21 the Atom Rep team faced Wasaga Beach in game three of their series. The Storm fought hard but were defeated 5-3.

Vanek Logan scored the first goal of the game and the Storm were poised to win their first game of the series. The momentum continued after Henry Neilson scored another goal. The third and final goal was again scored by Neilson, assisted by Jack Tomlinson. *(Submitted)*

Highland Storm Rep atom goaltender Hudson Horsley makes a save during a game against Wasaga Beach Feb. 21. The Storm lost 5-3. . Photo by Lisa Gervais.

REP LEAGUE STARS OF THE WEEK



#1 HUDSON HORSLEY

Hudson has been consistent all year. He is always optimistic and putting his team first.



#2 DEAGAN DAVISON

Deagan has a positive outlook for each game and practice. He is always energetic and eager to play.



#3 HENRY NEILSON

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LOCAL LEAGUE STARS OF THE WEEK



#1 MASON LATANVILLE

Mason played a complete game this weekend. Our bench was short players and Mason was called upon to log some extra ice time and play multiple positions. Mason capped off his efforts with the team's lone goal.



#2 LANDYN SIMMS

Landyn played a solid game between the pipes this weekend. Landyn had to stand tall and make a few big saves to help keep his team in the game. In the third period, Landyn had to make a big stretch across the crease for a huge kick save.



#3 MCCARTNEY SAUNDERS

McCartney brought his A game this weekend. Using his speed and stick handling skills, McCartney was able to help dig out the puck and get it out of our end and help keep the team competitive and fighting for a chance for the win.

Storm fall 4-1 to Huntsville

On Saturday, Feb. 22, the Highland Storm GJ Burtch Construction took to the ice against Huntsville Little Ceasers.

During the first period, the Storm showed Huntsville they were going to have to fight for goals.

Logan Reid, McCartney Saunders and Mason Latanville drove to the net with persistent pressure. But Huntsville was able to keep the puck out.

However, with strong defense, L. Nesbitt and C. Morrison kept the puck in and were able to create more pressure to keep the game scoreless.

During the second, with the Storm winning faceoffs, creating shots and ringing the pipe with every shot, Huntsville kept persistent pressure on and found the back of the net.

During the third, having possession of the puck for 75 per cent of the game with awesome forechecking and backchecking, Latanville battled the puck behind the net



The Storm's Deagan Davison (#2) controls the puck behind the net. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

and found Saunders in front to score a beauty goal.

With the hockey gods not on the Storm side though, it ended in a 4-1 Storm loss. *(Submitted)*

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REP LEAGUE

Ridgewood Ford-Haliburton County

Chiropractic Novice

Feb. 22 - Storm 8 vs. Brock Wild 2
Goals: H. Neilson (5), T. Rowe (2), T. Hughes
Assists: H. Hamilton (2), C. Neave (2), T. Rowe, L. Rowe (2), B. Harrison, T. Hughes, B. Lloyd (2)
Feb. 23 - Storm 3 vs. Ennismore Eagles 7
Goals: H. Neilson (2), T. Rowe. Assists: H. Hamilton

Haliburton Timbermart-Castle Cottage Country

Building Supplies Atom

Feb. 21 - Storm 3 vs. Wasage 5
Goals: V. Logan, H. Neilson (2)
Assists: E. Perott, J. Tomlinson

LOCAL LEAGUE

Bright Woods Landscaping LL Minor Novice

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Feb. 22 - Storm vs. Almaguin

Tom Prentice & Sons-Docs of Haliburton

LL Major Novice

Feb. 22 - Storm 5 vs. Almaguin 4
Goals: N. Ecclestone (4), H. Meyer
Assists: M. Mueller, H. Meyer
Feb. 23 - Storm 8 vs. Parry Sound 5
Goals: N. Ecclestone (6), N. Wilson, R. Johnson
Assists: R. Johnson (2), N. Ecclestone

GJ Burtch Construction-Carquest Minden

LL Atom Blue

Feb. 22 - Storm 1 vs. Huntsville 4
Goals: M. Saunders. Assists: M. Latanville

Dewayne Simms Construction-TD Canada

Trust LL Atom Yellow

Feb. 23 - Storm 12 vs. Almaguin 3
Goals: G. Borgdorff (2), T. Mulock, J. Casey (4), E. Rowe (2), V. Heasman, I. Borgdorff, R. Gordon
Assists: I. Borgdorff (2), E. Rowe (2), E. DeCarlo (2), M. Little, V. Heasman, J. Casey

Canadian Tire LL Peewee Blue

Feb. 22 - Storm 6 vs. Huntsville 4
Goals: L. Reid, H. Bird, B. Maybury, W. Bowker, L. Harrison, C. Jones

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Feb. 22 - Storm 1 vs. Huntsville 7

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Feb. 22 - Storm 7 vs. South Muskoka 10




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Trail report



A sea of sleds parked outside a restaurant in Algonquin Highlands. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Winter trails attract tourism dollars

By Lisa Harrison

When you see a snowmobiler, skier, snowboarder or snowshoer in the Highlands, chances are good it's a visitor who will boost the local economy.

According to provincial data, approximately 32,000 Ontario residents visited the Highlands for skiing or snowmobiling in 2017, said Amanda Virtanen, county director of tourism, in an email interview.

"We have fantastic snow – and we're within driving distance of many major city centres, making us an ultimate destination for day-trippers seeking a quick 'snow fix'."

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association manages 370 kilometres of trails under the slogan "Grooming for Tourism" and sells about 2,200 permits annually, according to John Enright, HCSA director responsible for marketing.

The club is part of District 6 of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs. The OFSC's 2019 economic impact study estimated the district's visitor spending totalled \$99.5 million, with an additional \$28.5 million contributed in taxes across all government levels. Given HCSA's 29 per cent of permit sales in the district last year, the club estimates snowmobilers travelling through the county and beyond spent \$28.8 million and contributed an additional \$8.3 million in taxes.

"We've done traffic counts on B103, the Rail Trail, in excess of

a thousand machines a day," said Enright in a phone interview.

"Every one of those has a wallet. Some of them have two people on them. That's the best thing about the modern snowmobile – there's no space to carry anything except your Visa or Mastercard."

Ski, snowboard, snowshoe trails

Sir Sam's Ski/Ride operates 14 alpine ski, snowboard and snowshoe trails in Haliburton and is a major contributor to the local economy, according to owner Chris Bishop.

"We are the second-largest winter employer in the county with 95 staff," said Bishop via email.

"Cottagers purchase in the area because they want to ski [and] board. Many of our clientele stay overnight at resorts, B&Bs and cottage rentals [and] they purchase food, gas etcetera while they are in the area."

The Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trails Association's systems are three of the many managed by volunteers. Thom Lambert, president, noted HHNTA volunteers donated more than 1,500 hours last year.

"That is the equivalent of approximately \$37,500 contributed to the local economy in volunteer hours alone," said Lambert via email.

Lakeview Motel in Haliburton and Buttermilk Falls Resort in Algonquin Highlands are among the county businesses

that benefit from visitor spending off-trail. Both operators generally see winter guests arriving from the Greater Toronto Area, Ottawa and southwestern Ontario.

"Since we put in our own 1.5-kilometre feeder trail that connects to the B103 close to Trail 18, we have seen an increase in snowmobile traffic," said Lakeview owner Holly McDonald via email.

Nordic ski and snowshoe traffic has declined, but Lakeview still has "a decent number" of guests who alpine ski, said McDonald.

Buttermilk Falls owner Dale Rider estimated in an email interview that the resort has seen a 20 per cent increase in winter trail guests over the past five years. About 20 per cent bring snowmobiles and 35 per cent either Nordic ski or snowshoe. Alpine skier bookings rise to about 50 per cent during holidays.

"We are the only area in the province that has had consistent snow for the last five years," said Rider.

"We need to make sure that the rest of the province knows it."

Lambert noted the HHNTA considers both HCSA and Sir Sam's to be partners, not competitors.

"All three organizations invest a huge amount of time and money into creating and maintaining tourism infrastructure in the county and it benefits all of us," he said.

"Many families take advantage of the fact that some folks can downhill ski or snowmobile while others can Nordic ski, then get together at the end of the day for stories and good food."

Forecasts

To help you plan your trail use, following are short and long-term weather forecasts from The Weather Network and The Old Farmer's Almanac as of Feb. 25. However, the weather in Haliburton County is notoriously changeable and can differ by region. For current trail conditions, visit the trail system website.

Feb. 28: 40 per cent chance of flurries; -11°C

Feb. 29: 30 per cent chance of flurries; -11°C

Mar. 1: 10 per cent chance of flurries; -9°C

Mar. 2-8: Periods of rain and snow; temperature range -5 to 4°C

Mar. 9-14: Periods of rain and snow; mild

Mar. 15-22: Periods of rain and snow; cold

Mar. 23-31: Flurries; cold
March average temperature: -3°C

Events – Feb. 28 to Mar. 31

Events are recorded from trail system websites as of Feb. 25 and may be subject to change and additions. For details and updates, visit the websites.

Algonquin Snowmobile Club

Mar. 7: ASC Oxtongue Lake Fish Derby 2020

Frost Centre

Feb. 7 to Mar. 31: Algonquin Highlands Snowshoe and Ski the Frost Photo Contest

Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve Ltd.

Mar. 7: Pop-up Hot Lunch (cash only), Depot Lake Cabin

Sir Sam's Ski/Ride

Feb. 29: Sir Sam's Ski Challenge Final, 1 to 4 p.m.

Mar. 6: Ladies' Day

Mar. 14-22: March Break at Sir Sam's

Mar. 21: Hill Top Hijinks, 2 to 4 p.m.

Mar. 28: Spring Splash, 2 to 7 p.m.

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Highlander events



The group of students set to travel to Mexico. Left to right: Jordi Schell, Finn Tentrees, Jasper Schell, founder Greg Sadler and Owen Wootton. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Haliburton students prepare for cross-country arts trip

Camexicanus raised approximately \$900 with a dinner Feb. 23 to help prepare for an arts exchange trip to Mexico in March with four area students. Founder Greg Sadler said the travel group is very talented and will take part in running arts camps on the trip. "They're going to be representing this community to hundreds of kids and families that we're going to be working with," Sadler said (Joseph Quigley).

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That never should of come

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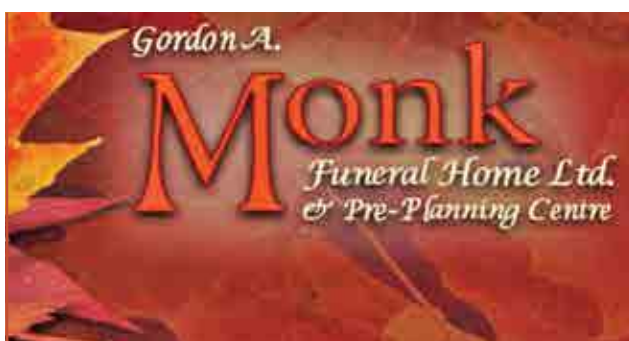
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by Barbara Olson
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- 7 It "makes the heart grow fonder"
- 14 A fishy omega-3 source
- 16 Ones with pressing business, maybe
- 17 Kept baaing and baaing and baaing?
- 19 Bravely unemotional
- 20 Hun king in Norse legend
- 21 I.D. that's in your blood
- 22 Not-so-woolly rivals?
- 26 Skateable canal in Ottawa
- 29 "___-haw!"
- 30 "I'll take that as ___"
- 31 Kind of drainage pump
- 35 "Doh!" elicitor
- 39 Highly-charged topics among sheep?
- 43 Get wet in a dry sauna, say
- 44 Last word before eating, for some
- 45 Protrude
- 46 Beefeater booze
- 48 Contrarian camp
- 51 Bath day comment on the sheep farm?
- 57 Aid for a stuck truck
- 58 Put one and one together
- 59 Parisian pocket change
- 63 Sheep herd well suited for a petting zoo, maybe?
- 67 Approached the target, with "on"
- 68 Relies on
- 69 "Understood," said to a new boss
- 70 The Once-___ (Dr. Seuss baddie)
- 71 One end of a beaming grin

Down

- 1 Trip-takers' ticket data, for short
- 2 Businessman, slangily
- 3 Back wheel lift, in biking lingo
- 4 "Understood," said to a pal
- 5 First name on amost 4000 coffee shops in Canada
- 6 "Are you calling me ___?"
- 7 It often leads to marriage
- 8 Eggheaded
- 9 Letters for a lout
- 10 8x10 from a wallet-size: Abbr.
- 11 "___ say more?"
- 12 Common origami bird
- 13 "¿Cómo ___?"
- 15 Licorice-yielding plant
- 18 VIA depot: Abbr.
- 23 Give the boot
- 24 They print head lines, for short?
- 25 "___ well" ("Ditto")
- 26 Cheery sounds?
- 27 "___ pronounce you ..."
- 28 Fuss over, with "on"
- 32 Hagen of the stage
- 33 "I'm telling ___!"
- 34 B.C.'s Playland fair
- 36 Japanese rival of Kodak
- 37 "Family ___" (game show)
- 38 Sunrise direction in Spain
- 40 Letters on a Trump cap
- 41 Elec. or gas co., e.g.
- 42 Labradorian First Nation
- 47 Dorchester diaper
- 49 Words with "the road" or "the money"
- 50 Lurk in the shadows
- 51 Like the feet of the restless
- 52 Tough row ___
- 53 Does the crawl, say
- 54 Key French river in W.W.I.
- 55 Short life lines?
- 56 Like St. Nick's "little mouth" in a tale
- 60 "Schitt\$ Creek" family name
- 61 Start to -gon
- 62 Swedish-named Hershey bar
- 64 It might ring your neck in Maui
- 65 They drink for free in some bars: Abbr.
- 66 Battlefield "them"

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What's on



Left: Haliburton native Mackenzie Robinson is taking part in CBC Searchlight 2020. Right: Lunar Bloom, whose band member Joceyln Regina is from Haliburton County is also in the contest. *Photos submitted.*

Haliburton's got talent

By Lisa Gervais

Two Haliburton natives have made the top 100 of CBC Searchlight 2020, but need voting help if they are to progress in the nationwide competition.

Mackenzie Robinson, who goes by the stage name Kashaga, and Jocelyn Regina of the band Lunar Bloom, are both still in the contest.

It invites musicians of any genre to submit an original song and compete for prizes courtesy of the Juno awards, the National Music Centre and CBC Music.

Robinson entered a song entitled *I Know*. His stage name is a tribute to Lake Kashagawigamog, where he grew up.

Regina is part of the three-woman band that has entered a song named *Sweater*. She grew up in Haliburton and went to Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Lauren McInnes and Tom Regina, both music teachers, are her parents.

During the last round, 50 artists made it through by popular vote - including Lunar Bloom - and the other 50 advanced by internal judging from a team of CBC music producers. Robinson was one of them.

The contest proceeds to the top 10 finalists on Thursday, Feb. 27, and finally, the winner of Searchlight 2020 will be declared on Thursday,

March 5.

"I can't even explain how excited I am to have made the top 100," Robinson told *The Highlander*.

He said when he found out he was part of the hand-selected group, it "blew my mind. I never expected to move on to the next round, so this is huge for me. Even if I don't make it to Top 10, I'm just happy I entered the competition."

He said he's doing his best to promote himself on social media to get as many people to vote for him as he can. Robinson said if he were to win the competition it would be a dream come true.

"Music is everything to me. It is my therapy, self expression, muse, escape, my best friend and my one true love."

He started playing the drums at a very young age, largely inspired by early 2000's Pop-Punk bands such as Blink 182, GOB, Billy Talent and others. He said his drumming transitioned into the world of Jazz and he is forever thankful he dove into that genre.

"It is so powerful and still such a heavy influence on the music I make and listen to today."

He said that it was at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School that he found his love for Hip Hop through a collective called, Odd Future, which he said plays a huge role in inspiring

the lyrical side of his music.

"When I began recording my own music, I labelled myself as a 'Rapper' but over the years I have found my voice in singing and I prefer the title of an 'Artist.' Although my music is mostly Hip-Hop based, I enjoy blending all of my favourite genres into one cohesive sound."

He said the best way to follow his journey of music is through his Instagram, 'Kxshaga'. He said all of his music content is on all platforms but he has the most attention from fans on Spotify. He said winning the competition would be the next step in making his passion become a career.

"I, like many other artists, doubt myself all of the time. Making the Top 100 has really shown me that what I'm doing is the right thing. If I win, then I will be more focused than ever to push this dream into reality and be successful in the music industry. I'm not looking for 'fame' or 'clout', but if my music can touch people and help get people through tough times, I will consider myself a success. The exposure from being in this competition will be a huge help in making this happen and I will be forever grateful if I make it to number one."

To vote, go to cbc.ca/musicinteractives/searchlight

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ELIZABETH BARBARA ANNE BURNETT

Bill Burnett and Christina Watson of Minden announce the birth of their second child Elizabeth Barbara Anne Burnett on February 20 at 8:41 am at Ross Memorial Hospital.

Weighing 7lbs 5oz and measuring 19" long, Elizabeth is already cherished by her older brother William, Margaret and Christopher Watson (maternal grandparents) and Karen Burnett (paternal grandparent).

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What's on

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2020 • EVENT LISTINGS



There'll be a beekeeping workshop at the Haliburton Museum this Saturday, Feb. 29 from 9-3 p.m.

Snowshoe trails in Glebe Park are open on a trial basis for Fatbiking. Please stay off the ski trails.

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 March 17 and 20, April 10, May 1.

Devotional Gatherings, to be held Mondays/Tuesdays. Please 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 people 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 or Pat 416-606-9657.

Thursday February 27
10 a.m – 2 p.m. HHHS Community Support Services - Don't fall on the ice! How to prevent falling on the ice or in the snowy weather so you can get outside and enjoy life! Carrot potato pancakes is our communal recipe... yummy! Wilberforce Legion, 1007 Burleigh Road

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

Friday February 28
9 a.m. – Noon - Volunteer Income Tax at the Haliburton Legion every Friday from Feb 28 – Apr 24.

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7 – 9 p. m. – The Swingin' Blackjacks live at McKecks Tap & Grill

7 p.m. – Trina West – Boshkung Friday Night Social live at he Minden Curling Club.

9 p.m. – Canada Rockz live in The Pinestone Ballroom

Saturday February 29
Ice Racing Weekend # 6 at Minden Fairgrounds

8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Devil's Lake to Moore Falls 10 km hike hosted by GHATA Wilderness Club

9 a.m.- 3.p.m. – Beekeeping Workshop at the Haliburton Highlands Museum

12 – 1:30 p.m. – Geoching Leap Year Event hosted at the Harcourt Community Centre

1 – 4 p.m. – Sir Sam's Ski Challenge hosted at Sir Sam's Ski & Bike

Sunday March 1
Ice Racing Weekend # 6 at Minden Fairgrounds

2 -3 p.m. – Ripopee hosted by Razzamataz live at the Northern Lights Pavilion

Wednesday March 4
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. – Minden Pride Ski Day at Sir Sam's Ski & Bike

12 p.m. – Service at Noon followed by a Lenten Lunch at St. Paul's Anglican Church

7 – 9:30 p.m. – Golden Shoals American Folk Duo live at Sawyer's Creek B & B

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1 p.m. - WORLD DAY of PRAYER: An ecumenical service will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd. Refreshments and short film to follow. Wheelchair accessible.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH
Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.
Tuesdays: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m. (Sept - June)
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start. Bingo Doors open at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 Jackpot \$1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month
Thursdays: General Meeting. Third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary. Last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Cribbage 1 p.m. start. Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., Last draw a 6:30 p.m., 6 tickets for \$2 per draw...Chester Howse, MC. Darts Friday fun darts – 4:30 p.m. onwards
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. 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 rc129@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 p.m. -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 p.m. - 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.
Feb 29 - Leap Year Dinner. Doors open at 5pm. Roast Beef Dinner including coffee, tea and dessert \$15 per adult and \$8.00 per child.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH
Feb 28 Pool 1:30 p.m. Community Care Lunch noon. Everyone 55+ welcome. If interested, call Denice Butler at 705-448-8865 to book. Wing night 6 - 9 p.m. Jam session 7:30 p.m.
Feb 29 Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. SHARP. If you come out, offer to help sell tickets please
Mar 2 Card night 7 p.m. Beginners welcome
Mar 3 Executive meeting 7 p.m.
Mar 4 Fun darts - everyone welcome 7:30 p.m.

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.

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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**

Kennisis Lake



Looking for a yr-rnd home or a 4-season cottage? Breathtaking 3-bdrm, 2 bath home. Custom built kitchen w/ granite counter-tops, built-in appliances, lrg island & much more. Low maintenance property is very energy efficient. 4 season sunroom. Ramps, paths & staircases suitable for all ages. 4 season bunkie & double car garage. Call LBO for all extra special details. **\$1,150,000.**

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**

Kennisis Lake



Low maintenance 4 season cottage. 4 bdrm, 1 Bath. Open concept. Oversized dining area perfect for hosting. Large deck with glass railing. Lots of space for the whole family to stay. Additional living space in bunkie. Beautifully landscaped maintenance free property. Granite flower beds and stairway to water. Ample privacy and much more. **\$899,000.**

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**

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**

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**

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
- REYNOLDS ROAD \$89,000. 9.13AC
- IRONDALE RIVER \$79,000. 3.22AC
- CONTAU LAKE ROAD \$49,000. 3.91AC
- OLD DONALD ROAD \$49,997. 3.49AC
- **NEW LISTING**
TRAPPERS TRAIL \$49,900. 0.93AC
- DEEP BAY ROAD \$49,000. 3.05AC
- **NEW LISTING**
FRED JONES ROAD \$34,500. 6.59AC
- FRED JONES ROAD \$25,000. 0.38AC