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Minden boy to skate for the blue and white

By Lisa Gervais

Minden's Hunter Hamilton will be on national television March 12 when he skates onto the Scotiabank Arena ice as the flag-bearer in a game between the Toronto Maple Leafs and Matt Duchene's Nashville Predators.

It was his mom, Cheryl's, idea to enter Hunter in the Scotiabank Skaters competition in December.

Cheryl got a message on her cell phone saying Hunter had won, and she should contact organizers by Friday, Feb. 21. However, she didn't get the message until Sunday, Feb. 23. Worried Hunter would miss out, she said she looked up the phone caller's name on Facebook and contacted her that way to ensure they would keep Hunter's spot.

In addition to the honour of Hunter skating on the ice with his beloved Maple Leafs, including his favourite Mitch Marner, the family gets four tickets to the game. Hunter will also get a jersey and prize package.

He's planning to wear a GoPro on his helmet to capture it all.

Asked how he felt when he'd found out he'd been selected, Hunter, who plays for the Highland Storm, told *The Highlander* this week, "I got really excited. Like, I get to hang out with the Maple Leafs."

Right: Hunter Hamilton will be the Scotiabank skater at the March 12 game between the Leafs and Predators. Photo by Lisa Gervais.



County seeks public input on shoreline bylaw

By Joseph Quigley

County council is planning to take its time to "get it right" on a draft shoreline preservation bylaw after concerned associations overflowed its chambers Feb. 25.

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (CHA) and the

Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA) came out in force for their respective delegations to council on the draft bylaw, which would restrict development and activity within 30 metres of shorelines. Council voted to undertake another line-by-line review of the bylaw, engage citizens online and in public

meetings, as well as consider a working committee or group to guide the process.

With more than 40 people in the room, County Warden Liz Danielsen said it was the fullest she could recall council chambers ever being in the past decade. She said although it was initially hoped the bylaw could be finished before the summer, it

is clear consultations would have to last longer than that based on input.

"We acknowledge that there's urgency there, but we also have to get it right," she said.

The bylaw disallows any removal, destruction or injury to natural vegetation within the 30-metre buffer zone, unless the

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Smokehouse fired up over fine

By Lisa Gervais

Norman Weber of Norm's Smokehouse in Gelert doesn't mince words in speaking about the unfairness he sees in his recent conviction for operating a meat plant without a licence.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) put out a press release Feb. 27. They said investigators had also discovered that Weber had been supplying a local business with uninspected meat products. He'll pay a total of \$7,500 in fines after facing Minden Court Feb. 11.

"In September 2019, a Compliance and Advisory Officer and a local Health Inspector visited the store for a follow-up inspection and found that Mr. Weber had been producing several smoked and cured meat products without the required license to do so," OMAFRA said.

They added it was his third conviction for offences under this regulation.

Weber told *The Highlander* in an interview he'd gotten out of the smoked meat business following his second conviction a couple of years ago. He said to make smoked meat, such as pepperettes, jerky, salami or sausages, plants require a category two meat license. He no longer had one.

At the end of last summer, before getting busy with wild game and fish,

he said he took the opportunity to make some smoked meat for himself and his family.

He said he had a substantial amount in the shop when a compliance officer made a surprise visit Sept. 10.

"They find me with category two products in my cooler. Bam, Bob's your uncle. How do I argue that?" He said he had no way of proving the smoked meats were for family so pleaded guilty for the sake of expediency.

He said his first conviction, which he calls the "salami caper," in 2016, occurred after he was required to send his recipes to OMAFRA but did not hear back from them and went ahead and made five salamis.

Strike two came a couple of years after that. Weber takes full responsibility, saying, "stupid me, I was cheating a bit." He said he had some pepperettes and jerky in his display cabinet when there was a surprise visit in 2018. He was fined \$3,000 plus court costs.

Through it all, Weber maintains there has never been anything wrong with the actual meat, "always the issues were paperwork, bureaucracy, stuff like that."

He said at one point, he had 12 different clipboards on the walls that had to be filled out on a daily basis. He added inspectors came every two weeks to check the "reams and reams of paperwork involved. Every step

They find me with category two products in my cooler. Bam, Bob's your uncle. How do I argue that?"

Norman Weber
Norm's Smokehouse

of every process you have to write down." He said he got into trouble for things such as not having all the clipboards filled out, a little bit of light coming under the door or light bulbs not being strong enough in the cooler.

He estimates inspectors used to spend about \$1,000 a day to come to Gelert to check up on him, and believes OMAFRA issued the press release about his conviction and fine to justify their existence.

Today, he still does wild game and fish but no longer sells meats. There's a sign in his shop that says he's been regulated out of existence.

However, OMAFRA said in the release that Ontario is a leader in food safety and meat inspection. They said the province's Food Safety and Quality Act, 2001 and its regulations are part of Ontario's food safety system and set high standards for the protection of consumers and the welfare of food animals.

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More than 40 people attended the latest County council meeting to hear discussion about the draft shoreline preservation bylaw. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Builders want more moderate bylaw

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activity is under an exemption or a permit is granted.

CHA board chair Paul MacInnes detailed the science of how the natural vegetation is vital to lake health by helping prevent contaminants from getting into the water. Failing to protect lake health leads to algae blooms, which can plummet property values, he said.

"There will be costs to this bylaw, absolutely," MacInnes said. "But it's our belief that the costs of this bylaw will pale, absolutely pale, in comparison to the costs if we don't protect our lakes."

HCHBA vice president Glenn Evans said his association is not

adversarial to the CHA's position.

He said the bylaw needs to be more moderate in its limitations on shoreline development than it is currently. He added properties that harm shoreline vegetation before the bylaw is in place need to take some responsibility too.

"We believe that we can work together to protect our lakes. We believe there is room for mechanisms, policies to be put in place," he said. "But we feel the bylaw is a little bit far-reaching."

Council discussed options for public consultation and the need to start meetings before the busy summer season. The County has conducted an online survey on the bylaw which attracted hundreds of responses, though Coun. Carol Moffatt said many

did not know of it.

However, Danielsen said the bylaw should not have been too surprising, given it was a subject in 26 different municipal meetings throughout the County and lower tiers and had multiple newspaper articles about it.

"For anyone to suggest that we've been working under cloak of darkness and we haven't been trying to get the message out is not fair," she said.

Danielsen said council also needs to sort out the costs of making the bylaw possible. The County has set aside \$50,000 in this year's budget as start-up funding for the bylaw.

"There is going to be a rather extraordinary cost, because I'm not interested in us developing a bylaw we can't enforce or manage," she said.

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County of Haliburton news



County of Haliburton council approved a \$219,000 proposal for its service delivery review, more than initially budgeted. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

Services delivery review awarded

The County of Haliburton has awarded a tender to Toronto-based Strategy Corp. - for \$219,000 - to help complete a service delivery review.

County council voted for the company's submission Feb. 26. It was one of eight received. The proposal is part of the County's efforts to explore governance changes.

Proposals ranged between \$64,800 and \$224,000, according to CAO Mike Rutter. He argued Strategy Corp. is well qualified and emphasized the importance of the project in justifying the higher cost. The project was initially budgeted at \$150,000.

"This informs a really big conversation about governance and service delivery," Rutter said. "Sets the County up for the next 25-40 years."

However, the municipality is receiving an additional \$150,000 in modernization funding from the province, which it will use to offset costs to lower-tier municipal partners, Rutter said.

He further stressed the review would not directly address the question of governance change, which council would have to decide afterwards.

The project is expected to be completed by June 12.

Tourism committee may get overhaul

County council is considering making an application-based process for general public tourism committee members after the controversy posed by TripAdvisor marketing.

The committee currently has three public appointees, chosen by the tourism stakeholder group. But Coun. Carol Moffatt said she is concerned by the division in the tourism sector and wants to ensure there is more broad representation.

The committee is embroiled on whether to spend marketing dollars on TripAdvisor.

Some accommodators have expressed concern about TripAdvisor's influence, and Warden Liz Danielsen commented there is some division between them and the tourism stakeholders' group.

No resolution came forward, but council members spoke favourably to Moffatt's idea. She said if the committee is dissolved or restructured, current public members could reapply.

"We try to ensure that broader representation for the entire community," Moffatt said. "We have seen it's not happening."

Cell project moving at 'lightning speed'

Coun. Brent Devolin is asking for patience as the \$213 million Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) mobile broadband project progresses behind the scenes.

Councillors pressed Devolin, an EORN board member, for news on the project. After years on the shelf, the project finally received the federal funding it needed to move ahead last July. The project will help improve cellular coverage in eastern Ontario.

Devolin said he could not comment much on what is happening, but said progress is being made and he expects more public news later in the year. Rutter said EORN is close to finalizing a transfer payment agreement with upper levels of government and hopes to release a request for proposals shortly after that, though added it would take months to review submissions.

Devolin said the project is complicated but is moving quickly relative to its scale.

"A quarter-billion-dollar project, with how many stakeholders and levels of government, people need to understand, this (procurement) is going to happen within a year. This is lightning speed," Devolin said.

He further said construction is going to take four or five years, once EORN finishes procurement. (*County of Haliburton news compiled by Joseph Quigley.*)

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Minden sets 'aspirational' climate change targets

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills councillors passed Greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) targets at their Feb. 27 meeting.

They are a 20 per cent reduction in buildings, 10 per cent for fleet and 10 per cent for waste by 2030. Council resolved to review yearly targets.

County planner Charley White and climate change coordinator Korey McKay spoke at the meeting.

McKay broke down Minden's current GHG inventory. The bulk comes from waste, at 81 per cent, then fleet (12 per cent) and buildings (six per cent).

She said the key to reducing waste GHG is education and initiatives to cut what goes into landfills and diverting waste; exploring the opportunity for larger changes; and improving data.

With fleet, it's about anti-idling potential and introducing some hybrid and electric vehicles.

As for building, McKay said the old community centre accounted for 28 per cent of emissions.

During a short discussion, Coun. Bob Carter said the township should be setting aspirational goals. "We must try to reach it. If we make it, great. If we fail, it's at least something to aspire to."

Coun. Pam Sayne said the township hired a consultant to do a building efficiency report and she wanted that now to be put

into practice, saying it's the key for the township right now. She added when it comes to fleet, technology is changing very quickly. She also raised the issue of a composting program, noting it had been talked about at the township but never put into place. She'd like to see the township move in that direction.

McKay said methane gas at landfills is a big emitter of GHG.

Coun. Jean Neville said municipalities should ease laws around backyard chickens. "People are all hung up on disease for some unknown reason." She said supplying compost to animals would largely eliminate the problem.

Mayor Brent Devolin added, "we're not interested in setting targets where we don't even break a sweat. The elephant in the room is landfills. The waste part is the most complex part and the one we know the least about."

He queried whether they should set higher targets. However, Carter said he did not feel it was right for council to arbitrarily establish targets, when White and McKay had done the research. He wondered about delaying for 12 months and going back to Minden's climate change action committee.

McKay acknowledged the waste data was not as good as for buildings and fleet. However, she said once they get more specific data, such as future diversion rates, they can adjust the 10 per cent figure. "Start at 10 per cent, then refine."



County planner Charley White and climate change coordinator Korey McKay speak to Minden Hills council Feb. 27. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Sayne said she wanted to affirm targets on the day and not defer.

Director of public works Travis Wilson

said later in the meeting that his department was working on a small-scale waste audit and he would report back to council.



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Then: The former Dummitt Homestead. Photo submitted.

Resident pleads for Minden to protect heritage buildings

By Lisa Gervais

Elizabeth Turner dons a pair of wooden snowshoes and begins trekking on her property on Soyers Lake Road. As she heads for the lake, there is a demolished building to the right - the excavator that brought it to the ground still onsite.

Looking at the ruins at 1942 Soyers Lake Rd., she remembers the building's past. It was built by her great-grandfather Joseph Dummitt in 1891. It was a lodge beginning in the 1920s until the 1970s. She lived in the farmhouse until going to university.

While she feels a personal loss, she thinks Minden residents need to know the building's wider significance and why she is devastated council was unable to have it designated under the Ontario Heritage Act before its recent demolition.

"The development of the property reflects the development of the municipality from farming and logging to the beginning of the tourist industry," she said.

She noted the gothic farmhouse was typical for pioneers of the day and the only example on Soyers Lake. Dummitt farmed dairy and beef cattle. The kitchen hosted square dances. For a half-century it was the Lakeview Lodge. The Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association held their early meetings there.

"So, the house has significance, not only to me and my family but to the whole lake community. I met a cottager yesterday who was shocked when he saw the demolition as he drove to his cottage from the city. He had always assumed that the house was a protected historic site and was shaken to think it is gone. A landmark on the lake is gone."

When she got wind of a possible demolition by the property's new owners, Turner had hoped to save the farmhouse from the wrecker's ball via council designating it under the Ontario Heritage Act. However, as she told Minden Hills staff and councillors Feb. 27, she was too late and believes a lack of communication at the township on the file has dealt a "significant blow to local history."

She noted that under the Act, council is allowed to make decisions regarding heritage properties, including to designate. She added they have to fulfill one criteria outlined in Ontario Regulation 9/06.

"1942 Soyers Lake Road clearly fulfills multiple criteria under Regulation 9/06 and is eligible for designation," she said.

She further noted that Ontario municipalities are required to protect their heritage resources and there are policies regarding cultural heritage preservation in the Minden Hills and County of Haliburton official plans.

She said she first raised the issue with a councillor in July 2019, and was referred to the planning department. She met with them last October and it was recommended she speak to council. She was originally to appear in January but was away and did not anticipate a winter demolition.

While waiting for the February delegation, staff issued a demolition permit.

"By issuing the demolition permit prior to council receiving the delegation and making a decision, staff undermined council's ability to fulfill their provincially-mandated responsibility to make decisions regarding historic properties within the municipality," she told council.

She doesn't think it was in any way malicious, just a "troubling lack of communication among those involved in this file and an insufficient understanding of provincial planning legislation and policy."

She said she hopes the township learns from the experience, since there are many important historic properties not now recognized or protected.

"If Minden Hills is going to remain the special place that it is with a rich and interesting history that is enjoyed by residents and visitors alike, the protection of historically significant buildings is something the municipality must begin to undertake," she said.

Mayor Brent Devolin said, "council is seeing this today for the very first time," and has asked for a staff report. He said Turner had given them food for thought and expressed an interest in council taking a more proactive role in future.

After the meeting, Coun. Jennifer Hughey, who first spoke to Turner last July said via email, "It's very unfortunate how circumstances transpired in this case, but a delegation is always the best way to present concerns to council as a whole. I commend Ms. Turner for bringing to light the way Minden Hills could work to conserve, protect and enhance the cultural heritage of the municipality through designation considerations in the future."

Planner Ian Clendening, who spoke to Turner last October, added, "at this time staff will be preparing a report to council regarding heritage designations."

The Highlander was unable to reach the owners of 1942 Soyers Lake Rd. for comment.

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These aren't my words, although I do agree with them. They were spoken by Elizabeth Turner, a woman who made an emotional delegation to Minden Hills council Feb. 27.

She talked about a missed opportunity to designate a building at 1942 Soyers Lake Rd. under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Through a series of apparent miscommunications, the building is now demolished.

It all started when Turner caught wind that the owners were seeking approval to demolish the structure. She went to Coun. Jennifer Hughey last July to see what could be done. She then met with planner Ian Clendening in October. Both Hughey and Clendening told her to make a delegation to council. There was absolutely nothing wrong with that advice.

What went horribly wrong was by the time Turner made her delegation last Thursday, the building had already been razed. The other hitch was Turner may have made her pitch in January but was out of town. However, she never anticipated a winter demolition. Somewhere along the

way, the demolition permit was granted and the owners notified.

Councillors, other than Hughey, only learned of the building's historic and social significance after the fact. They never got an opportunity to discuss whether they should pursue a designation under the act.

The case for one was arguably strong. After all, the house was a really good example of a gothic farmhouse, typical after pioneers decided to permanently put down roots.

Builder Joseph Dummitt later transferred it to Rizpah Dummitt and her husband Edward Elstone, who farmed but saw a tourism potential. They started out renting rooms to hunters and then summer guests. Before long the demand required cottages be built. Lakeview Lodge was born. Many stayed there while building their own cottages in the area. The lodge was where mail was dropped off and picked up, and phone calls made and received. In 1975, the lodge was transformed into housekeeping cottages and the house returned to being a private dwelling.

We take no umbrage with private owners wanting to demolish a building in the hopes of erecting a new one. They likely didn't know the depth of the building's history. How could they? It was not designated.

Nor would a designation have stopped

them completely. They may, however, have had to alter their plans to ensure some features were kept intact.

Any council in Ontario can apply under Regulation 9/06 of the Act to get designation. Indeed, they are encouraged to via the province and their own official plans.

We may never find out what exactly happened with this file although council has requested a staff report. As Mrs. Turner has stated, she doesn't think there was malice involved, simply a lack of communication.

She hopes the township learns from this, and quite frankly, so do we.

It is important to protect heritage buildings and properties in the Highlands. There is a wealth of knowledge that can be tapped into, whether it is the Haliburton County Heritage Society, the museums, or long-time residents. A list should be struck now so we don't lose lodges or other important remnants from our past. It isn't about stopping development of the new but protecting the old so we can indeed tell the story of our community, maintain the character of our local places and provide ourselves with a sense of identity.



By Lisa Gervais

LETTERS

Bylaw needs revising

** Editor's note: The original letter, published Feb. 27, was edited for length. The letter writer felt all of her points were therefore not expressed. She also felt the title - "Against shoreline preservation bylaw" was inaccurate.*

Dear editor,

Boshkung Tree Service is not opposed to a shoreline preservation bylaw. However, it is our opinion that the proposed bylaw, as written, requires revisions and retractions.

We believe a big issue is the restrictions on landscaping and building projects taking place within the 30m zone, inland, from the high watermark.

In CHA's video series, Aquatic Ecologist, Barb Elliot states the shoreline as being "the transition zone between the land and the water." Also stating "what you really need is the riparian buffer zone between the land and water," that being a minimum of 3m.

We believe that CHA's shoreline stewardship approach of protecting the waterways, combined with the current County Shoreline Tree Preservation Bylaw (which already prevents clear cuts back to 30m) seems like a feasible method to preserve and protect our shorelines/waterways.

No one really can dispute the overall intent of the bylaw, however a balance of good intentions for the community needs to be kept in mind. County councillors themselves have been quoted saying "there is going to be a rather extraordinary cost" and that they need to take the time to "get it right." The analogy of "don't bite off more than you can chew" seems quite fitting. Let's focus on doing fewer things

well rather than developing a bylaw that is unenforceable or impossible to manage.

The ripple effect also needs to be considered. The amount of tax dollars, use and enjoyment of waterways, economic viability of our community and sustainability are equally important for today and tomorrow. We need a workable solution that both protects our lakes and our economy. We encourage everyone to do your research, stay informed and share concerns with your councillors.

John Fedeski/Michele Bromley
Boshkung Tree Service

Strengthen shoreline bylaw together

Dear editor,

The letter from Michele Bromley and John Fedeski of Boshkung Tree Service entitled "Against Shoreline Preservation Bylaw" in the Feb. 27 *Highlander* claims that the proposed bylaw is ... "Harsh, unnecessary and an extreme overkill."

They correctly point to phosphorus and a long list of other contaminants, including road salt, as being key threats to lake water quality but then go on to claim that the proposed bylaw would have no impact on any of those substances actually getting into our lakes. They could not be more mistaken.

Natural shorelines are the most effective means of protecting lake water quality precisely because native plants intercept the phosphorus leaching from even well-functioning septic systems as well as the road salt and other pollutants caught up in storm water runoff.

According to the "Love Your Lake" shoreline evaluation of over 12,000 individual shoreline properties across 60 Haliburton lakes, undertaken by the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (the CHA) between 2014 and 2018, there are 5,228 shoreline properties in need of restoration back toward the 75 per cent natural standard. The business opportunity this represents is estimated to be in the neighbourhood of \$25 million.

Our collective past practices, including those of the landscape industry, have contributed to a transformation of natural shorelines into artificial environments with lots of hardened surfaces and much less natural plant cover. A truly sustainable future lies in protecting our remaining natural shoreline and restoring what's been overly developed closer to the 75 per cent natural level.

Besides being the right thing to do, there's a huge economic opportunity for the landscape industry in helping do that work if they choose to embrace it.

The proposed bylaw is a good first step forward but it is not without its shortcomings, including the proposed exemptions for municipalities and other public agencies doing shoreline work, about which Bromley and Fedeski rightly complain.

But rather than throwing the baby out with the bath water, a much more environmentally responsible way forward would be for the landscape industry to join forces with groups like the CHA to support a more sustainable future by strengthening, not undermining, the proposed bylaw.

Terry Moore
Halls Lake

Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: What are your plans for March break?



Alexis Feero

Haliburton

I am going to Camp Wanakita this week. I am doing the forest camp and I am so excited.



Clare Kaloudas

Haliburton

Me and my family are travelling to Quebec. I really want to go ice fishing.



Noelle Kaloudas

Haliburton

I hope I get to go ice skating during the break. I love to skate.



Mia Kaneko-Crump

Haliburton

My sister and I are staying home during March break. We have already helped our parents by chopping fire wood.



Emi Kaneko-Crump

Haliburton

I really want to roast marshmallows over the fire with my sister. They are delicious.

By Danielle Martin

LETTERS

The state of the world

Dear editor,

Here we are in 2020, with genocide, terrorism, violence, and protests around the world.

Climate activists block streets, use the slogan shut down Canada and call for the end to pipelines. Someone should tell these people that climate change is caused by too many of us, for example, Canada's population is 37 million, China's is 1.4 billion. Consider the number of things fuelled by fossil fuels, the time needed to convert, the countries that won't convert, then oil will be around for at least another 30 years. I haven't heard one climate change activist make any constructive suggestions on how to solve the problem. By the way, people are blocking roads and protesting the mining of Lithium which occurs in arid regions and uses large quantities of fresh water.

Then we have the protesters for the Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs. The 20 elected band chiefs, some of the hereditary chiefs and the majority of the people want the pipeline that will spin off 1,021 million dollars to the bands, plus \$10 million a year. However, the land is not ceded which makes this a patriarchy, giving the minority group with the hereditary chiefs final control of the land. Their proposal to run the pipeline around their territory would take it under no less than eight lakes.

We have an aging population, which our governments have not prepared for. We have an electorate that wants everything their heart's desire. We have a declining work force, and both these groups are driving investment out of the country, and killing projects that would spin off much needed revenues. We also have governments and police who can't distinguish between peaceful protest, anarchy, and hooliganism. Who can travel all over the world doling out our money but haven't fixed the mercury poisoning at Grassy Narrows in 50 years, or dealt with the land issue behind Oka in 30 years.

Then along comes Covid-19, from what is best described as a cruel medieval live

animal market in Wuhan, which was dealing in protected Pangolins. Canada says we are ready, are we? Our hospitals and extended care units are at capacity now. Exactly where are the patients going to go if this gets bad? China built a 1,000-bed hospital in a week. It takes us 10 years to plan one.

Keith W. Stata
Kinmount

Reader appreciates TLDSB letter to minister

Dear editor,

I'm writing to commend TLDSB on their letter of concern to Education Minister Lecce regarding the Ford government's proposed changes to the delivery of curriculum. It is not only supporting our valued, publicly funded education system but standing in solidarity with our teachers' federations. Our teachers are united in their conviction that increased class sizes, mandatory E-learning and cuts to special ed are not in the best interest of students. I feel it's important to attend our local strikes (such as the one Feb. 5 at 1 p.m. at the train at the high school) to thank them for their commitment to preserving the future of our education system.

Some excerpts from the letter, written by board chair Bruce Reain, are:

"Decreasing funding to the board by increasing class size, which will inevitably result in fewer classroom teachers, will create significant challenges ... in our ability to support our students and offer a reasonable menu of core and optional credits."

"We have come to learn, however, that there is a significant difference between voluntary participation and mandatory participation in E-learning courses. We are concerned that mandatory participation ... is not for every student and that attrition from these courses may have the unintended consequence of students being required to return for an extra semester at the end of grade 12 due to incompleteness ... Many of our students will struggle with the

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Maggie Lawrence emailed this picture, of an ice waterfall on Haliburton Lake Road by Eagle Lake, from her morning drive to work at Sir Sam's Ski/Ride.



Correction:

We had the wrong cutline for the last photo of the week. It should be: Jennifer Burrows calls her photo of an ice fisherman 'Decisions.'

demands of self-directed learning; others may not have adequate broadband service in their rural setting."

"We continue to monitor the developments with the autism file ... we will support all learners ... in our schools. We believe it is critical, however, that the support

for students be appropriate and fully funded. Children with autism require very specialized expertise from their care providers and supporters."

Bonnie Roe
Concerns Citizens of Haliburton County

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Health agencies ready for Coronavirus

By Joseph Quigley

Local health agencies are continuing to prepare for any cases of the internationally-spreading Coronavirus, although the risk of contracting it remains low in Ontario.

Area health agencies, including the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR) and Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), are working together to share information, keep up to date and have protocols in place should the respiratory virus, technically known as COVID-19, develop locally. In a March 2 press release, agencies said the health unit is ensuring active screening protocols and proper protective equipment are in place.

"There have been a number of improvements made in the way we prepare for wide-spread illnesses since we experienced SARS (another respiratory virus which broke out in 2002)," HKPR District Health Unit medical officer of health Dr. Lynn Noseworthy said. "The bottom line is that we are prepared for if, and when, we may see a case locally."

However, the Public Health Agency of Canada has said the risk remains low for

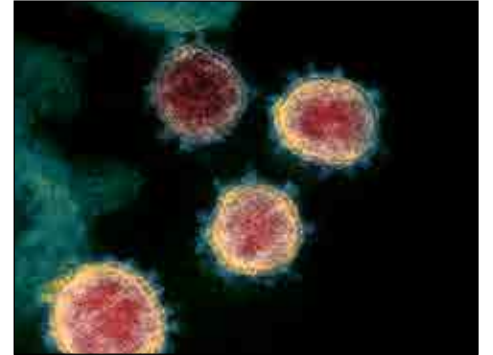
Canadians as of March 4. As of March 3, 33 cases have been confirmed across the country, including 20 in Ontario.

Other seasonal respiratory illnesses are also circulating, Noseworthy said. However, health agencies said in a press release that most people who get the virus only experience mild symptoms.

"The risk of serious illness appears to rise with age and the presence of other complicating factors. People who have died from the virus in other countries have tended to be older and have had multiple health issues that weakened their immune systems and put them at greater risk," the press release said.

But jurisdictions are taking extra precautions. Ontario announced an enhanced response structure March 2 to "review, strengthen and implement provincial and regional plans and ensure their responsiveness to the specifics of COVID-19."

Local health agencies offer the usual tips to avoid the spread of sickness and remain healthy, including washing hands frequently and thoroughly, covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, getting your flu shot and staying home if you or a



A microscopic image of the virus that caused COVID-19, also known as the Coronavirus. The spikes on the outer edge of the virus particles give coronaviruses their name, crown-like. *NIAID-RML via Flickr.*

family member are ill.

If you develop symptoms such as a cough or fever and have visited an affected area in the last 14 days or had close contact with someone under investigation or confirmed with COVID-19, call your local health care provider.

For more information on COVID-19, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 5020, or visit www.hkpr.on.ca

INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved 2020-2021 Annual Work Schedule Algonquin Park Forest

The **Pembroke District Office** of the Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR)** has reviewed and approved the April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Algonquin Park Forest**.

Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection at the Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) offices in Huntsville and Pembroke and the Ontario government website at www.ontario.ca/forestplans, beginning **March 15, 2020** and for the one-year duration of the AWS.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest operations such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

Tree Planting and Fuelwood

The AFA is responsible for tree planting on the Algonquin Park Forest. Please contact the Area Forester, AFA Pembroke Office (see address below) for information regarding tree planting job opportunities or for obtaining fuelwood.

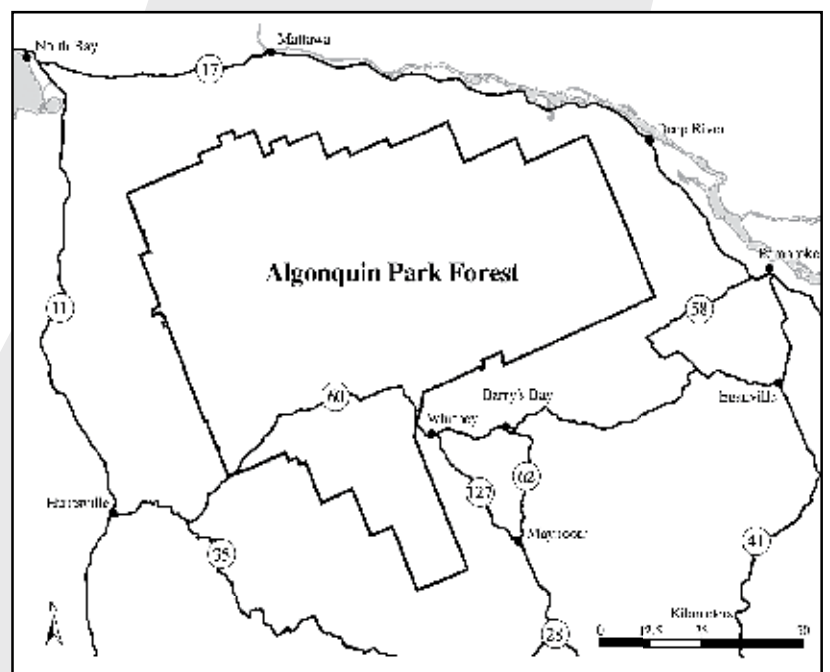
More Information

For more information on the AWS or to arrange an appointment with MNR staff to discuss the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

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County CAO Mike Rutter addresses a health unit funding conflict during a Feb. 12 council meeting. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

Health unit tells county it can't budge on bigger bill

By Joseph Quigley

County of Haliburton councillors are upset with the province about getting pushed to pay 10 per cent more into the local health unit.

Council discussed the dispute Feb. 26. The Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit has asked municipalities to increase funding by 10 per cent over last year, due to formula changes imposed by the province. For the County, that's an extra \$42,137 compared to 2019, yet to be released by council.

County council requested more information about any discretionary spending from the unit. Rutter reported the health unit said everything it is spending is mandated.

"Taxation by stealth," Coun. Carol Moffatt said. "The provincial government makes changes to a body that has the mandate to just ask for a certain amount of money and there's no discussion."

The province is shifting the provincial-municipal split for health units from 75-25 to 70-30. Certain programs once funded 100 per cent by the province now require municipal contribution.

The City of Kawartha Lakes is also reluctant to release funding, with its council voting not to provide the extra \$185,912 it's been billed for.

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care spokesperson David Jensen said cost-sharing was kept the same last year to "provide municipalities with additional time to find efficiencies." A 10 per cent cap was instituted for this year's increases to ease transition, he said.

The province is consulting with partners about health unit changes, including consolidation. Board of health chair

Doug Elmslie, a City of Kawartha Lakes councillor, said the board made its concerns about changes known at a consultation session in Peterborough Dec. 19.

"We're pitting our partner municipalities against the health unit that is trying to work for their benefit," Elmslie said. "It makes it very uncomfortable for the councillors and the elected officials who sit on the board."

He added he is hopeful the consultation report would lead to a solution. But the health unit needs the extra municipal funding to be released.

"We are still mandated by the province to provide the services for the programs that we have," he said. "But at some point during this year the money is going to run out."

When asked whether the province is open to reversing its funding decisions based on feedback, Jensen said "our government is committed to working with our partners to modernize public health services. We are making changes to ensure that public health units are sustainably funded and better positioned to support the needs of people."

He added municipalities are obligated under the Health Protection and Promotion Act to pay unit expenses.

Deputy warden Andrea Roberts, also a board member, said the unit has worked to cut costs as much as possible.

"I've seen them make changes in staffing, I've seen them make changes in operational, organizational things that have been very effective," Roberts said.

Coun. Brent Devolin said municipalities do not get enough say about the funding.

"They spend our money without any checks and balances," Devolin said. "Don't go through the charade of having us involved."

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION & PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT PLZBA2020011 – REVISED PROPOSAL

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law No. 06-10 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The site specific amendment applies to property municipally known as 112 Bobcaygeon Road and located in Plan 1, Lots 5 & 6, in the Geographic Township of Minden (see Key Map below).



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

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The subject property is presently zoned Village Commercial (C4). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to the site specific Village Commercial Exception Four (C4-4) Zone in order to permit five (5) dwelling units as an additional permitted use of the property. A previous proposal requested three (3) dwelling units.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – PLZBA2020011

Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

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

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

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

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

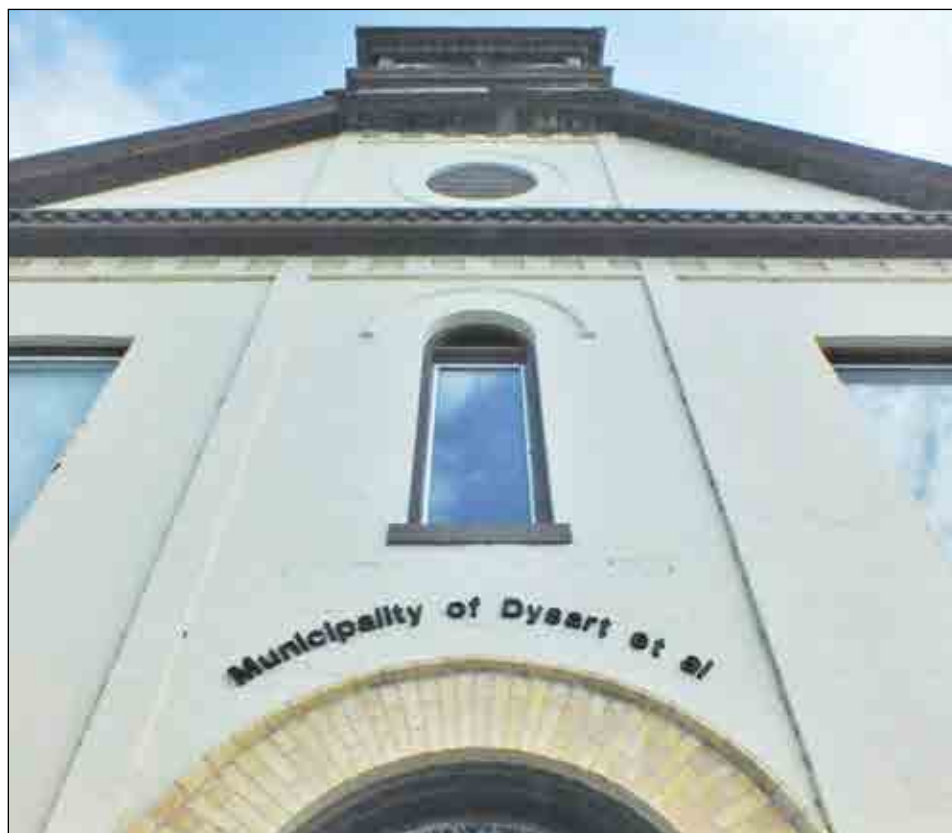
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We cannot guarantee the exact time the Public Meeting will commence as the time may vary depending on the number of items on the agenda and the complexity of each matter brought forward.



Dysart et al has dissolved its economic development committee due to struggles getting quorum. *File photo.*

Dysart et al news

Economic development committee disbanded

Dysart's economic development committee is no more, and the municipality is not planning to continue its work on short-term rentals, Mayor Andrea Roberts said.

The committee was officially dissolved this month, announced during the council meeting Feb. 25. It first met in January last year, but Roberts said the committee had issues with holding meetings due to lack of quorum.

Roberts said council members feel a task force should work better for economic development.

"We have the economic development strategy and many of those things are being worked on," Roberts said. "We will continue to use that document and create ad hoc groups as needed."

At its first meeting, economic development committee members decided to focus on creating short-term rental regulations for the municipality.

But Roberts said that is not something Dysart wants to tackle, and other bylaws should work to address most concerns. "The short-term rental issue just went around in circles and I think until another municipality of our size gets something in place and proves it's working, nothing will happen in Dysart," Roberts said. "Most of the concerns were around noise, septic overuse, fireworks, etcetera, and we have bylaws in place for those."

Waste emission targets set at 80 per cent

Dysart et al set its greenhouse gas reduction targets at 80 per cent for its waste sector, 10 per cent for its vehicle fleet and 20 per cent for its buildings.

County climate change coordinator Korey McKay presented to council Feb. 25 and recommended the targets for 2030, which are from a 2018 emissions baseline. The municipality produced 4,623 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent that year, according to McKay.

McKay said the waste sector reduction target – which makes up 86 per cent of the overall municipal emissions – will be significantly helped by landfills closing and becoming transfer stations, meaning their emissions will not be part of the municipality's inventory. However, councillors pointed out trucking the waste elsewhere will have an impact.

"The amount of emissions from the trucking of vehicles back and forth is still less than having the waste of your site decomposing and having the methane and other gases coming out," County director of planning Charsley White said. "Not saying it's better."

Deputy Mayor Patrick Kennedy questioned how achievable the vehicle emissions targets would be given the size of the roads network, but McKay and White said technological advancement in the next decade should help make it possible.

"You'd be amazed by the progress I think we can make there," White said.

\$75,000 for service delivery review

Dysart et al has received a \$75,000 grant from the province to do a service delivery and modernization review.

The review is separate from the one being undertaken at the County level and aims to find more efficiencies for the municipality.

The municipality has released a request for proposals, with a March 18 submission deadline. (*Dysart et al news compiled by Joseph Quigley*).

Highlander sports

Red Wolves roll to four silvers at nationals



The Haliburton Red Wolves team earned four silver medals at the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games. *Photo submitted.*

By Joseph Quigley

The Haliburton Red Wolves Special Olympics team rolled to success at the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games Feb. 25-29 with a haul of four silver medals in five-pin bowling.

The five-person team travelled to Thunder Bay for the competition, their second consecutive national games, where they earned a team silver medal in the M1 division. Team members Kim Buie, Marianne Stammers and Andrew Bourgeois also all earned individual silver medals in their respective divisions. Lucas Anderson and Casey Heley joined them for the team medal.

Coach Rick West said the competition created lifelong memories for the club.

"It was very meaningful. They may never get a chance to do this again," West said. "They'll remember the experience for the rest of their lives."

The squad qualified for national competition with gold-medal performances at provincials last June.

The Special Olympics uses a division system, sorting athletes and teams by skill to promote people

of all ability levels to compete. The system creates some close contests, with Haliburton only 13 points off first in its division with a total score of 5,772. On the individual side, Buie won her silver medal by only one pin.

West said the team battled well in its last round to secure second, which they only got by 18 points.

"Our bowlers did really, really well," West said. "It's a whole different level of bowling."

West attributed the team's success to some heavy practice in the three months leading up to nationals. They play out of The Fast Lane in Minden, where they were given free rein to practice as much as they wanted.

"That was huge," he said.

The team made other memories together outside of bowling lanes, such as a visit to the Terry Fox Memorial in Thunder Bay, West said.

The trip to nationals was all made possible through community fundraising.

"The support of the community was great, as it always is," he said. "Everybody that supported us, thank you so much for being there."



Snowmobile racing: The Ontario Snowmobile Oval Racers descended on the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre Feb. 29-March 1. Competing for The Pinestone Cup, there were races for Super Mod 300, 340, 400 and open. Plenty of spectators lined the track and stopped along County Road 21 to watch the races. Genevieve MacCormack of Peterborough makes her way off of the racing oval following a kids' race Feb. 29. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*



Sir Sam's fun: Sir Sam's Ski/Ride was the place to be Feb. 29 and March 1 as Mother Nature delivered sunshine and cool temperatures. The hill was packed for the final race of Sir Sam's ski challenge. Coming up at the popular Eagle Lake ski hill are: ladies' day (March 6); March break (14-22); Hill Top Hijinks (March 21) and Spring Splash (March 28). Sir Sam's Randy Pielsticker checks out the ski challenge course for the final race of the 2019-2020 season. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

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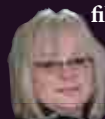
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Storm dominate Thunder 17-1 in Haliburton

The Highland Storm Ridgewood Ford/Haliburton County Chiropractic REP Novice Team played the Sturgeon Lake Thunder on Saturday, Feb. 29. The Storm came out on the ice ready to dominate and that is exactly what they did.

Henry Neilson started off the first period with a hat trick, and a fourth goal by Levi Rowe, ended with the Storm up 4-0.

The goals continued to rack up in the second period with the Storm adding another seven to their tally. Brycen Harrison scored two, Cruize Neave, Hawksley Dobbins, Tyler Hughes, Travis Rowe and Neilson one each. With only one-minute left in the second, the Thunder took away Colten Simms' shutout with a nice breakaway goal.

The Storm came out in the third showing their strength and determination to add six more goals with two from Jacob Manning, T. Rowe, H. Dobbins, B. Harrison and H. Neilson. The final score was Storm 17 - Thunder 1.

This team gelled together nicely with the defensive partners of Dobbins and Duncan Evans-Faulkner and Neave with Hunter Hamilton as they continually cleared the defensive zone and limited shots allowed on net - all while the forwards showcased their strength, skating abilities and puck rushing skills from one end to the other.

Our final game of the season is March 7 in Sunderland versus the Brock Wild at 1 p.m. (Submitted)



The Novice Rep were all smiles after Tyler Hughes landed his first goal of the game. Cheering him on are twin brothers Travis and Levi Rowe. Submitted photo..

RIDGEWOOD FORD/HALIBURTON COUNTY CHIROPRACTIC REP NOVICE THREE STARS:



#1 DUNCAN EVANS-FAULKNER

Duncan has been a great defensive player all year. One of the most coachable players on and off the ice, listening to skill development tips and putting it into action. Duncan holds the offensive blue line very well and is a great stay at home defenseman.



#2 HUNTER HAMILTON

Hunter started the year as a forward and mid-season quickly transitioned as a strong defensive player. Hunter goes hard into the corners, clearing our defensive zone with a strong shot and uses his skating abilities to take the puck off the opposing team.



#3 COLTEN SIMMS

Colten has been working really hard at practice over the past few weeks and played his best game of the season Feb. 29 against Sturgeon only letting one goal in and making many saves throughout the game.

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#2 BLAKE HUTCHINSON

Blake, in his first year between the pipes, was the Storm's key to success throughout the season.



#1 NIXON ECCLESTONE

Always an offensive threat to the opposition, Nixon and all his spirited teammates finished off the regular season undefeated.



#3 COOPER GILBERT

Never one to back down on an offensive threat, "Coop" led an inspired defensive squad in protecting their goaltender and clearing the zone.

Local league major novice end season undefeated

The major novice Tom Prentice & Sons/Haliburton Family Medical Centre team finished their regular season undefeated.

This past weekend, the Storm completed the 'perfect regular season' by winning two games against two strong Huntsville Otter teams.

On Saturday, Feb. 29, the Otters' Little Caesars, also undefeated, visited Haliburton. In an extremely close game, with the lead changing several times, the Storm pulled off a 5-4 victory with a late third period goal.

Nixon Ecclestone notched a hat trick, while both Hudson Meyer and Matt Mueller scored clutch tying goals in the second period. Ecclestone and Jacob Currie added assists.

Sunday afternoon, the Storm visited the Summit Centre in Huntsville to meet another undefeated Huntsville Otters' club and following a very close first period, the Storm cruised to a 12-5 victory.

Ecclestone collected seven goals, both Nash Wilson and Currie each collected two hard-working goals and Lucas Burke's single snipe ended up being the game winner.



Hawksley Dobbins rushes the puck out of the defensive end through four Sturgeon players and scores his second goal in the Rep game. *Submitted photo.*

Mueller set up three goals and Wilson and Currie added several assists.

To wrap up the season, the MPS Championship will be held in Bala and Port Carling March 7 and 8, with the four top teams participating. *(Submitted)*



SCOREBOARD

REP LEAGUE

Ridgewood Ford-Haliburton County Chiropractic Novice

Feb. 29 - Storm 17 vs. Sturgeon Lake Thunder 1
Goals: Henry Neilson (5), Travis Rowe (2), Brycen Harrison (3), Jacob Manning (2), Hawksley Dobbins (2), Levi Rowe, Cruise Neave, Tyler Hughes

LOCAL LEAGUE

Tom Prentice & Sons-Docs of Haliburton LL Major Novice

Feb. 29 - Storm 5 vs. Huntsville 4
Goals: Nixon Ecclestone (3), Hudson Meyer, Matthew Mueller
Assists: N. Ecclestone, Jacob Currie
March 1 Storm 12 vs. Huntsville 5
Goals: N. Ecclestone (7), Nash Wilson (2), J. Currie (2), Lucas Burke
Assists: M. Mueller (3), N. Wilson, J. Currie

GJ Burtch Construction-Carquest Minden LL Atom Blue

Feb. 29 - Storm 4 vs. Muskoka Rock 6
Goals: Mason Latanville, Logan Reid (3)
Assists: M. Latanville, Brady Hamilton

Dewayne Simms Construction-TD Canada Trust LL Atom Yellow

Feb. 29 - Storm 7 vs. South Muskoka 0
Feb. 29 - Storm 2 vs. Muskoka Rock 2

Walkers Heating & Cooling -Walkers Home Hardware LL Pee wee Yellow

Feb. 29 - Storm 1 vs. Parry Sound 6
Goals: Owen Sisson
March 1 - Storm 3 vs. Huntsville 8
Goals: Mikayla Sisson (2), O. Sisson
Assists: Ethan Thomas, Jacob Davis, Andy Lippolis

Total Site Services-Pharmasave LL Midget March 1 - Storm 1 vs. Parry Sound 5



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Trail report



Sleds parked at the Pinestone Resort for the Feb. 29-March 1 OSOR snowmobile races. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Unseasonably good winter trail season

By Lisa Harrison

Despite uneven weather conditions, many winter trail operators report steady or increased permit sales and trail use as spring approaches.

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association maintains 370 kilometres of trails across the county. Permit sales are running steady with earlier years, at about 2,300 in the face of difficult conditions for this activity, according to John Enright, HCSA director responsible for marketing.

“Last winter was ‘snowmageddon’, this winter below average,” said Enright via email.

“It’s just like going to the casino, you are not dealt the best hand, but you have to play it anyway.”

Haliburton Highlands Nordic Ski Association president Thom Lambert reported “a very successful” season to date on the HHNTA’s 36 kilometres of trails, with estimated sales of just under 1,000 permits.

“We have surpassed our 2018/2019 number, both [in dollars] collected and number of skiers, already and we still have March ahead of us,” said Lambert via email.

features 21 kilometres of by-permit Nordic ski trails and 38 kilometres of by-donation snowshoe trails, with equipment rentals for both sports, and backcountry camping.

“The temperature swings and lack of snow early in the season made it difficult to maintain consistency on the trail base, which was most of January,” said Chris Card, the township’s parks, recreation and trails manager, via email.

“February has been fantastic and we anticipate some great late-season skiing.”

Permit sales have been equal to last season’s, although “interestingly we have had a higher number of youth and seniors skiing this year,” said Card.

Sir Sam’s Ski/Ride operates 14 alpine ski and snowboard runs and a snowshoe trail in Haliburton.

Weather conditions have been “certainly warmer than last year with up and down temperatures but generally [it’s been] an average winter for weather,” and trail conditions have been the “best in years,” said owner Chris Bishop via email.

Permit sales are up by five per cent over last year and “should end up 10 per cent [over] on skier visits,” Bishop added.

This season saw a new use for trails as the county’s tourism department mounted a winter version of Hike Haliburton, hosting snowshoers on several systems.

The event drew 380 participants, 40 per cent of whom were visitors, according to Amanda Virtanen, county tourism director. Many hikes were over-subscribed.

“We are hearing from local retailers that the demand for snowshoes is high – and from experience providers that snowshoeing expeditions are sought-after,” said Virtanen via email. “It’s an easy activity that most anyone can participate in, with little investment.”

An event report is slated for mid-March.

Trail systems close for winter use when conditions can no longer support that, but several systems also operate from spring through fall.

For example, at the Frost Centre, the Nordic trails will close and the snowshoe trails will become hiking trails and gateways to canoe routes and summer backcountry camping.

Sir Sam’s will switch gears to downhill and cross-country mountain biking and interpretive five-kilometre hiking. They’ll even mark the changeover with Spring Splash, where competitors ski over open water, and the Slush Fest – Fat Bike Festival.

But if you prefer winter sports, never fear – come the fall, winter trail operators will be joining you to watch for snow.

Forecasts

Following are weather forecasts from The Weather Network and The Old Farmer’s Almanac as of Mar. 3. However, Haliburton County weather is notoriously changeable. For current trail conditions, visit the trail system website.

Mar. 6: 40% chance of flurries; -2°C

Mar. 7: 20% chance of flurries; -2°C

Mar. 8: 30% chance of flurries; 5°C

Mar. 9-14: Periods of rain and snow; temperature range -3°C to 3°C

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

Mar. 23-31: Flurries; cold

April average temperature 6°C, precipitation 75mm

Trail Events – Mar. 6 to April 30
Events are recorded from trail system websites as of Mar. 3 and may be subject to change. 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 – over \$1,000 worth of prizes

Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve Ltd.

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

Sir Sam’s Ski/Ride

Mar. 6: Ladies’ Day

Mar. 14-22: March Break at Sir Sam’s

Mar. 21: Hill Top Hijinks food/beverage tasting, 2 to 4 p.m.

Mar. 28: Spring Splash costumed “water skiing,” 2 to 7 p.m.

Apr. 4: Slush Fest – Fat Bike Festival, rentals available, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Apr. 11: Easter weekend with Easter egg hunt, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Frost Centre in Algonquin Highlands

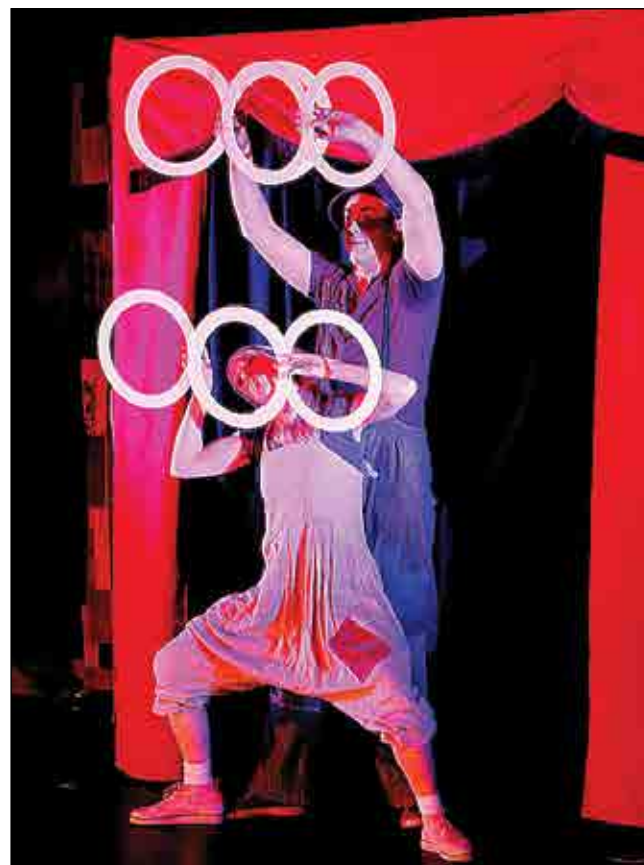
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Non-stop laughter

Razzamataz fun ... The beloved Razzamataz Kids Show was back in Haliburton March 1 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The show, *Ripopeé*, by *L'Aubergine* from Quebec, was exciting, silly, playful, and riveting. The kids and parents were laughing non stop. The last show of the season, *The Adventures of Mary Jane Mosquito*, is on Sunday, April 19 at 2 p.m. (Danielle Martin)

Who should be my Power of Attorney for Property?

Every adult should have a power of attorney for property. It's a document that gives another person legal authority to deal with your bank accounts, investments, real estate – almost anything you can do with a signature.

A power of attorney can be used in two situations: with your permission, for example if you are going on a long trip and need someone to sign cheques for you; or if you become incapacitated. Either situation can be temporary or permanent.

Most married and common law couples name each other as attorney, which makes sense for a lot of reasons. Having made a life together, couples generally know what each partner expects, and their interests are usually similar. Hopefully they also trust each other with money and other important matters.

However as couples grow older together, they may also decline

in their abilities. If one partner is experiencing age-related decline or illness, the other, also likely elderly, may not be up to the task of managing everything.

It's important therefore to have an alternate attorney. It should be someone trustworthy, reliable, reasonably good with money and likely to be available when needed. Usually, people will name an adult child to be their main or alternate attorney. But it's worth considering a few issues before making that decision.

Is your attorney also a main beneficiary under your will?

An attorney's responsibilities may include making financial and living arrangements for you, and there's a bit of a conflict if your attorney is also a main beneficiary. What they spend on your housing and other needs is likely to reduce their future inheritance, so you want to be sure

your attorney will not scrimp on your care to benefit themselves.

How many children do you have?

If you have more than one child, sibling rivalry is something to consider. Putting one adult child in charge of your affairs can cause conflict with the others; making them all attorneys can create other kinds of conflict.

Are they really up to it?

Being someone's attorney can sometimes be a major pain. Think paperwork – lots of it – and many trips to banks and post offices. You want to choose someone with a bit of grit, someone who can still take care of things even when they're busy themselves.

For these reasons, often a friend, brother or sister is the best choice of attorney, but it's a lot to ask. Attorneys can be paid, but most friends and siblings aren't looking for compensation. Ideally you're looking

for a someone you feel close enough to that you would do the same for them.

A power of attorney is one of the three documents every adult should have; the other two are a will and a power of attorney for health care. In my practice, we talk about many of the above issues to ensure that we have the right people named in your planning documents, so that when the time comes, your affairs are being managed by people you trust who can be relied upon to fulfill your wishes.

Call my office to learn more about planning. We can't know the future, but we can be ready for just about anything.

The above is general information and not legal advice. Powers of Attorney and other legal documents can have important and serious effects you should discuss with a qualified legal professional before signing anything.

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Call for Committee Members Cemetery Advisory Board

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for volunteers to participate as members on the Cemetery Advisory Board which governs the operations of the cemeteries which are located within the boundaries of Minden Hills and which are owned by or fall under the responsibility of the municipality.

If you, or someone you know is interested in getting involved, please complete and submit an Advisory Committee Application Form in person, by mail or email to:

Cemetery Board Advisory Committee Application
Clerk's Department, 2nd floor
Township of Minden Hills
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or email: sprentice@mindenhills.ca

This is an open call for applications until membership is filled.

For more information, please contact Vicki Bull, Clerk at 705-286-1260 x. 215 or vbull@mindenhills.ca.

Application Forms are available online at <https://mindenhills.ca/advisory-committees-2/>.

Call for Committee Members Community Centre Fundraising Working Group

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for volunteers to participate as members on the Community Centre Fundraising Working Group (CCFWG)

If you, or someone you know,

- enjoy being involved in an interactive volunteer committee, and/or
- want to be part of a historic, community based project for Minden Hills, and/or
- have fundraising experience, and/or
- administrative skills

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Change your Clock. Change your Battery.

Clocks will be turned forward one hour at 2 AM on Sunday, March 8 and the Minden Hills Fire Department wants to remind everyone of the following.



Protecting your home is as simple as:
CHANGE, CHECK, COUNT, AND CLEAN!

Change your clock, change your batteries on your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms. Replace old batteries with fresh, high quality batteries to keep your Smoke Alarms ready to protect you all year-long.

Check your alarms, After inserting fresh batteries in your Smoke Alarm, make sure the Alarm is working by activating the safety test button. The Minden Hills Fire Department recommends that you test all of your Smoke Alarms at least once each month. If you have any doubt regarding the working condition of a Smoke Alarm, we recommend you replace it.

Count Your Smoke Alarms. The Minden Hills Fire Department highly recommends that you have a properly functioning Smoke Alarm in every sleeping room -and- in the hallway directly adjacent to those rooms. Have at least one working Smoke Alarm on every level of your home, including the basement and family room.

Clean your Smoke Alarms. Help your Smoke Alarm remain sensitive and ready to protect you by gently using a vacuum cleaner once a month to remove dust and cobwebs.

We hope these simple tips from the Minden Hills Fire Department will help keep your family safe. Please remember that fire prevention is your best course of action.

Council Meetings

Public Welcome

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

Mar 12 - Committee of the Whole Council Meeting
Mar 26 - Regular Council Meeting

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

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

Notice Regarding Water and Sewer Usage Fees

By-law #20-29 was passed on February 27th setting the 2020 sewer rates for the Village of Minden. The fee shall be \$3.66 per cubic meter with the minimum quarterly amount being \$172.02 for consumption that is equal to or less than 47 cubic meters.

By-law #20-30 was passed on February 27th setting the 2020 water rates for the Village of Minden. The fee shall be \$3.15 per cubic meter with the minimum quarterly amount being \$129.15 for consumption that is equal to or less than 41 cubic meters.

By-law #20-31 was passed on February 27th setting the 2020 water rates for the Lutterworth Pines Community. The annual flat rate fee shall be \$1,157.63.

DID YOU KNOW?



The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is offering Half Day March Break Camps for children and Afternoon Open Studio Sessions for all ages during the March Break. Visit www.mindenhills.ca/events/ for more information.

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Summer Student Employment Opportunities

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These positions are for a 16 week period from May to August with the rate of pay being \$14/hour, pending 2020 budget and grant funding approval.

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Recycling Tip of the Week



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Hearty haw-haw
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Kick in the pants, for the unambitious
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Elvis song, modernized ["... end of Lonely Street at ____"]
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"Street Legal" fig.
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Suffix with sex or spirit
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CBC TV streaming app
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Foreigner song, modernized ["He's a ____, got stars in his eyes"]
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Word with "avion" or "excellence"
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Borealis beginning
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Sticks around
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Types in again

Down

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Big Turk

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Fatty bird treat

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"Not much, ____ all"

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Product-making co.

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Quaker tidbit

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Beetle on the road

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Breakfast three-egger, maybe

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Vancouver hardcore punk band

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Part of TSX: Abbr.

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"Room with ____" (seaside motel ad)

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Pre-game routine

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Horse wagering site, for short

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"__-Tiki" (South Seas raft)

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Tarzan creator's initials

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Disney role borrowed from "Othello"

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Bit of sunshine

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Osso ____ (veal dish)

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"Be adventurous, give ____!"

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Hang out in a hammock, say

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"Fa" followers in a carol

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Rodeo race obstacle

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Adorn with raised lettering

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Blog feed abbr.

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Mozart's "The Marriage of ____"

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Iqaluit outerwear

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Mao's military grp.

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Not budging from

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Hang ____ thread

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More of a background person

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"Close one!"

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Observed suspiciously

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Have fun with bubble wrap, maybe

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In a vulgar way

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Take to the cleaners

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Whiskered tunnellers

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"The ____ lama, he's a priest": Nash

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Ringo's drum-playing son

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Battling it out

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Stick ____ in (test, as water)

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In a big way

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Fat, as in Fat Tuesday

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"Am ____ the right place?"

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Edith Hoxie
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Extendicare in Haliburton on February 29, 2020 in her 84th year. Loving wife of the late Erven "Scotty" Hoxie and dear sister to Dorothy Anne Black of Bobcaygeon. Predeceased by her parents, James and Jessie Black. Edith was born in Glasgow Scotland and was a former employee of The Toronto Star. She has gone home to her beloved Highlands at Nethybridge, Inverness-Shire, Scotland.

Private Funeral Arrangements

The funeral arrangements for Edith are private. As an expression of sympathy, donations can be made to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



In Loving Memory of

Raymond Edgar Nobles

December 16, 1927-February 25, 2020

Much loved father, grandfather, and great grandfather, passed away at Pioneer Elder Care in St. Catharines, Ontario on February 25th 2020 at the age of 92. He is survived by his devoted family: daughter,

Julie (Kirk) Springett, and sons, Derek (Jacqueline) Nobles and Richard (Cheryl) Nobles. Six grandchildren, Erin (Christian) Pilgrim, Adam Springett, Roxy Nobles, Daniel Nobles, Charlotte Nobles and Andrew Nobles. Great grandchildren Myla Pilgrim and Makenna Pilgrim. His dear brother Ged (Toni) Nobles, sister-in-law, Stella Little, and much loved nieces and nephews. Ray was predeceased by his adored wife of 63 years, Norma Louise Nobles (Hanna).

Ray was born in Assiniboia, Saskatchewan and grew up in Edmonton. His business career with CIL and later Stauffer Chemical took him and his family across much of Canada and into the USA for a short time. One of the last moves was back to Toronto where he served as a Warden at St Paul's Church, Bloor Street for a number of years. He and Norma later retired to Minden, Ontario. Ray was fiercely proud of his Irish and United Empire Loyalist roots.

Pursuant to Ray's wishes, Cremation has taken place. A celebration of Ray's life will take place at a later date. The family requests no flowers.

Donations in Ray's memory are welcome to Highland Hills United Church or the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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What's on

MARCH 2020 • EVENT LISTINGS



There was a beekeeping workshop at The Haliburton Highlands Museum Feb. 29. Photo by Danielle Martin.

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.

Friday March 6

Dysart et al and The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills are offering free cooking classes led by our Chef Jay. Contact Andrea at 705-457-1740 x 635 to register.

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

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.

7 p.m. – Sheri Hawkins live at Boshkung Social Friday Night at the Minden Curling Club.

8 p.m. - Open Mic at The Dominion Hotel.

Saturday March 7

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Repair Café hosted at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden.

1 – 3 p.m. – Opening Reception of Paradigm of Wonder hosted by Elizabeth D'Agostino at the Minden Cultural Centre.

2 – 5 p.m. – Gord Kidd & Friend featuring Brad Sales at the Minden Legion. Light lunch available from 12 – 2 p.m. and meat draw at 1 p.m.

7 p.m. – Chad Ingram and Friends live at The Dominion Hotel.

6 – 10 p.m. - Full Moon Shenanigans at Haliburton Highlands Brewing – live music, outdoor fun, bonfire, Into the Blue wood fired pizza, full moon snowshoe (7-9).

Monday March 9

1 – 4 p.m. – HHHS Community Support Services presents gentle and fun fitness class, technology tutorials, Needle felting projects, fantastic snacks and coffee/tea to warm your hearts. Health benefits of CBD oil at the Haliburton United Church.

7 – 9 p.m. – Open Ukulele Jam live at Haliburton Highlands Brewing

Tuesday March 10

7:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Envio-Café about Protecting Natural Shorelines: Shining Light on the ByLaw Debate at Haliburton United Church

Wednesday March 11

No-Family Doctor Immunization Clinic Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) Free immunization clinics for families without a doctor. To book an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507.

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Sexual Health Clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections also provided. For more information, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

12 p.m. – Service at noon followed by a Lenten Lunch at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

7 – 9 p.m. – For the Love of Our - Land Stories in Conservation at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery with Peter Dahl, Margaret and Leo Dobrzensky, the Bathe family, and Wayne Krangle. All have provided excellent stewardship of their land and two families have donated their properties to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. A partnership with Yours Outdoors Speaker Series. Please register through Yours Outdoors at www.yoursoutdoors.ca

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.

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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

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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.

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Mar 7 Meat draw 2 p.m. Early bird 3 p.m. SHARP. If you come out, offer to help sell tickets please

Mar 8 L.A. breakfast 9 - noon

Mar 9 Card night 7 p.m. Beginners welcome

Mar 10 General meeting 7 p.m.

Mar 11 Fun darts. Everyone welcome 7:30 p.m.

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What's on

Folk camp 'perfect antidote to a winter's night'

By Lisa Gervais

Once again, there'll be great live music in the Haliburton Highlands with the annual Winter Folk Camp concerts coming up Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8.

The Haliburton County Folk Society, in a press release, said the concerts always surprise and delight audiences, with three performers sharing the stage each night at YMCA Camp Wanakita.

Saturday night's show features the trio Boreal, and "the sweet harmonies" of Katherine Wheatley, Tannis Slimmon and Angie Nussey, Sue Shikaze said. She added Boreal's songs conjure up vivid sights and sounds of winter that all Haliburtonians will recognize: pine branches bending low, squirrels' footprints in the snow, the icy breath that accompanies shovelling, the sound of slap shots off the boards, and the angel truck drivers who lead us home in blizzards. "These three artists create a warm, friendly, and genuine rapport with their audience. Their music is the perfect

antidote to a winter's night," Shikaze said.

On stage Sunday night are a trio of guitar players: blues guitarist Emily Burgess, Drew Gonsalves playing calypso, and local jazz guitarist Nick Russell. Burgess has toured across North America, performed at Massey Hall as the guitarist for the Women's Blues Revue Band, and fronts her own band, the Emburys. Gonsalves is the founder, frontman and songwriter for Kobo Town, a Juno award-winning band that blends calypso with musical influences ranging from reggae to hip hop. Russell is no stranger to local audiences, sharing his music at Rhubarb and other venues throughout the county, with a style that combines classical and contemporary jazz and progressive rock.

"With this mix of genres and talent, there are sure to be musical moments that will only be heard on this night," Shikaze said.

Tickets are \$25 each and available online at haliburtonfolk.com or at the door. Shows start at 7:30 p.m. Cash bar is available.



Top: Boreal, featuring Katherine Wheatley, Tannis Slimmon and Angie Nussey, will play Saturday night. Bottom: The guitar trio of Emily Burgess, Drew Gonsalves and Nick Russell will take to the stage Sunday. *Photos submitted.*



Township of Algonquin Highlands

NOTICE

ADOPTION OF 2020 BUDGET

NOTICE is provided that the Council of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-law to adopt the 2020 Municipal Budget at its Regular Meeting scheduled for Thursday March 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting will be held at the Township's Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2020.

Dawn Newhook, Municipal Clerk
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