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Paramedics and medical officials stand ready to test people for COVID-19 at a new assessment centre in the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team parking lot April 1. Left to right: Chris Parrish, Sylvie Drouin, Meghan Chouinard, Crystal Harrison, Kim Robinson, Kevin Penney, James Pulfer. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

## County's COVID-19 centre up and running

### COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

Six people — including two Haliburton Highlands Health Services employees — were screened at the County's new COVID-19 assessment centre March 31 as it officially opened for business.

The tent is in the parking lot of the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team building.

Dr. Norm Bottum of the health team said the idea is to keep people who might have COVID-19 away from the Haliburton and Minden emergency departments as they do not want cross-contamination.

"Remote assessment sites are very critical," he said. "Definitely an important part of our plan. Looks like we're ready and working and it's all good."

People must have a pre-booked appointment to use the centre. They enter through the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School driveway, and then make their way to the large white screening tent that has been set up.

They are asked about their medical history, have their temperature taken and oxygen levels assessed. They are swabbed if that is deemed necessary and asked to self-isolate at home for 72 hours until their results are known.

Bottum said in serious cases of COVID-

19, patients tend to see doctors first. In the case of screening, he said they will likely pick up cases of people who are exhibiting mild symptoms. However, that can make them more dangerous because they are not all that sick, but are still harbouring germs they can spread around.

He added he hopes most people who come through the assessment centre will have mild symptoms and be told to stay at home. But, "we have to be prepared. We are very prepared at this point to deal with any issues."

#### To access the centre:

1. If you are unwell, do the COVID-19 self-assessment at Ontario.ca/coronavirus.

2. If indicated by the self-assessment results, contact the Haliburton County COVID-19 Community Assessment Centre at 705-457-1212 (press 6) during regular business hours.

3. The centre is staffed by health care providers who will complete a phone assessment and advise as to appropriate next steps, which may include self-monitoring, self-isolation, or further assessment and possible testing in the drive-through facility. Testing is by appointment only. Testing will be administered according to Ministry of Health guidelines based on the results of assessment. Not everyone will be tested.

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## COVID-19 NEWS

### Children's aid society still helping families

The Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society is continuing to operate as an essential service during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The society said March 30 it remains committed to helping people during the crisis while also following public health guidance.

"We have taken steps to modify how we deliver service to children, youth and families, including closing our offices to outside visitors, having most of our staff work from home and limiting close face-to-face contact wherever possible, to limit the spread of infection," executive director Jennifer McLauchlan said. "Staff remain available to speak with the community and phone lines remain open."

McLauchlan said anyone concerned about the safety or well being of a child or youth under 18 should still immediately call the society day or night at 1-800-661-2843.

### Education changing during crisis

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) says it is working with the province to plan how to deliver education remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic.

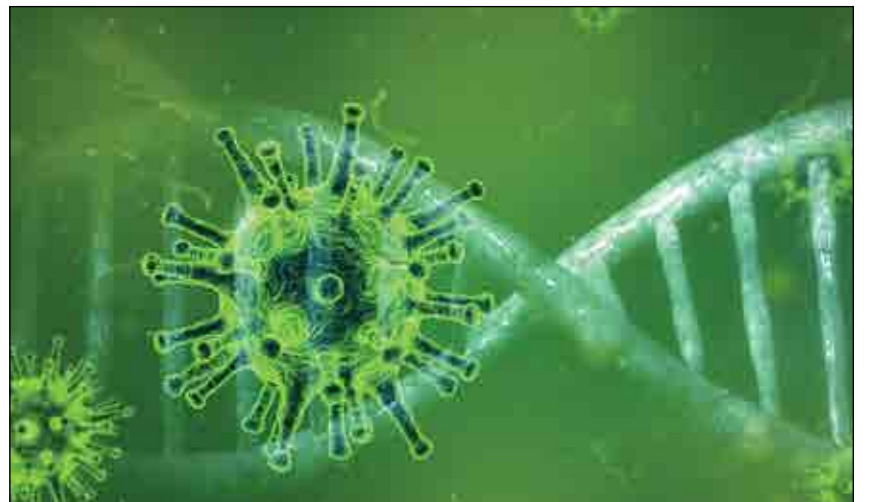
The province announced March 31 school closures will be extended until at least May 4 due to the crisis.

The ETFO said it is part of a working group of unions and the Ministry of Education, who are preparing for the situation.

"Learning is best face-to-face in a classroom setting," ETFO president Sam Hammond said. "We are working with the government and school boards to seek effective ways that ensure our educators can deliver the resources and supports that students need until the pandemic abates and we can return to classrooms."

Hammond added the union has reminded the ministry that many students have unique and specialized needs, as well as challenging circumstances, that impact learning outside the classroom.

"It is extremely important that during



Organizations across the County are adjusting due to COVID-19. Flickr.

this temporary situation, we strive to provide equitable and inclusive opportunities for students to advance their learning."

### College launches emergency fund

Fleming College has created a COVID-19 Emergency Fund to help support students in need.

The college announced the fund March 30. The money can be used by students to transport themselves home, rent or purchase equipment for online learning, purchase high-speed internet and pay for necessities if unemployed due to the outbreak.

"The College and the community are coming together to stop the spread of this pandemic, and will come through this stronger than ever," the college said in a press release.

Fleming has closed its campus buildings and proceeded with online and remote learning.

The college is asking for donations for the fund, which can be made at <https://flamingcollege.ca/giving-to-flaming/covid-19-flaming-emergency-fund>.

### CMHA goes remote

The Canadian Mental Health Association Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (CMHA HKPR) is offering its services virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The organization announced March 25 it continues to provide programs,

services and information online and over the phone.

CMHA HKPR offices are closed. Crisis intervention services are still available 24/7 over the phone, though there are no mobile visits or safe beds admissions until further notice.

For a full list of service changes, visit [cmhahkpr.ca](http://cmhahkpr.ca). More information also available by contacting 705-748-6711 or [info@cmhahkpr.ca](mailto:info@cmhahkpr.ca).

### Central Food Network offers delivery

The Central Food Network is offering more remote service during the pandemic.

The organization's food banks are moving to hampers and maintaining distancing when distributing food. Deliveries are also available for registered members in need by contacting 705-448-9711 or [tina@centralfoodnetwork.org](mailto:tina@centralfoodnetwork.org). Other Highlands East and Harcourt residents in need of emergency food assistance can also contact to ask for help.

Heat Bank Haliburton County is still operating, but face-to-face meetings are suspended. Emergency firewood is being delivered but recipients are asked to remain inside their home.

Income tax clinics have been suspended until at least April 13.

The organization said it has accrued additional costs to meet demand and is asking for support. Donations can be made at [canadahelps.org/en/charities/central-food-network](http://canadahelps.org/en/charities/central-food-network) or by mailing a cheque. (COVID-19 news compiled by Joseph Quigley)

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## Haliburton County doctors ask cottagers to stay away

Only 15 beds, four transport ventilators, no ICU

### COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

The physicians of Haliburton County released an open letter to seasonal residents March 28 asking them to keep away from the area due to COVID-19.

The letter came after Premier Doug Ford and Warden Liz Danielsen asked city dwellers on March 26 to stay home, not go to their properties in cottage county, to avoid straining local stores and health care.

The doctors said that the County realizes the importance of seasonal residents and visitors to the economy, and that they value their desire for time away from busier locales.

However, they said they face some "harsh" realities of limited capacity to manage a health emergency.

"A substantial influx of visitors will further challenge our ability to source adequate beds, medical supplies, equipment and personal protective equipment to manage this pandemic," they said.

They asked them to consider their choice to reside at their seasonal residences during COVID-19.

"We would like to request that before you decide to spend this uncertain time at the cottage, you consider that in Haliburton, we have a small (15-bed) hospital manned by a small pool of local physicians and another group of physicians who travel to our area for Emergency Room shifts.

"The same group of local physicians cover their own clinics, long-term care (three homes), and hospital in-patients."

They added that in Minden, they have an Emergency Department, but no inpatient beds.

Further, they said neither location is equipped as an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and each have two ventilators that are used for transport to the closest ICU over an hour away.

They said they anticipate that their closest ICU will be strained supporting the population within its radius.

In addition, "transport of patients between our hospitals and larger centers is always challenging but moving COVID-19 patients will put many emergency health providers (paramedics and nurses) at risk."

The physicians said they have extremely dedicated nurses, paramedics and support staff, who are all being asked to give beyond what should be asked of them.

They further pointed out the large proportion of senior citizens in their practices that are relying on them to keep them safe, as they are the most vulnerable.

"We collectively have a lot of work to do and look forward to when this threat is behind us and we can all rest and truly enjoy our County again.

"Until then, we ask that you recognize the limits of our local health care system

and consider remaining at your primary residence where you will receive more advanced care if you require it.

"This will allow us to focus on giving patients the best possible care we can provide within our limitations."

On March 26, Ford said he'd heard from a number of mayors throughout cottage county, worried about an influx of visitors from the city.

"If you have a cottage, please don't come up to the cottage," Ford said. "I have a cottage. I'd love to go up there but can't right now."

Ford promised that once the worst is over with COVID-19, "we're going to welcome you with open arms."

### FOCA update

The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA) put out a notice this past weekend as well.

It said it had heard from members, partners, and municipal contacts and "many are concerned that any transiting increases the chance for spread of illness."

The association went on to say, "cottage country isn't expecting you yet. Most of us wouldn't ordinarily open the cottage until nearer to the May long weekend. As we already know from our local grocery experiences, parts of the supply chain are under strain. Additionally, rural hospitals have limited capacity and resources, and you should consider where your health needs can best be met, in an emergency situation."

For those who do relocate or are there already, FOCA suggested:

- Connect with lake association on social media.
- Provision yourself for several weeks (with food, drinks, gas, hardware supplies, prescriptions) before leaving your off-season community, so that you will not need to make stops along the way. This is not the time for our usual credo to "buy local" in cottage country. As you would do anywhere at this time, should you urgently need anything from a retailer or pharmacy, you should call ahead to see if there are options for safe pickup or delivery.
- Continue to follow all the principles of social distancing at the cottage. Although cottage country is usually the place for relaxed rules, that cannot be the case anywhere for the foreseeable future. Cottages are often the gathering places for multiple households in an extended family; for now, and possibly for some time to come, that could put everyone at risk.
- Develop an exit plan with immediate family, in case you develop any indications of illness while at your waterfront property.

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## COVID-19 MUNICIPAL UPDATES

### Tax deadlines extended

The County's four lower-tier townships have all extended municipal tax filing deadlines.

Dysart et al has deferred interim property taxes until April 30, Highlands East has extended its deadline to May 1 and Algonquin Highlands, as well as Minden Hills, have extended the first installment for interim taxes to April 24.

Municipal offices are closed, and cash and debit payments are not available. However, payments at all four municipalities can be made by online or telephone banking, pre-authorized payment, through financial institutions or by cheques mailed or placed in drop boxes at municipal offices.

### Be careful what you flush

Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands council are asking the public to be careful what they put down their toilets during the COVID-19 pandemic. They have asked that people do not flush:

Tissues and paper towels. These products

do not break down like toilet paper and could potentially harm your septic field.

Baby wipes/disinfectant wipes/wet wipes. Many of these products claim to be flushable. They are not. These must be thrown in the waste basket. If these products enter the septic field, they could clog it beyond repair.

Cotton products. These products do not break down like toilet paper and could potentially harm the septic field.

Bleach and harsh cleaners. The septic system operates on bacteria to break down the waste, leaving waste water safely clean enough to percolate down into the earth. Bleach and harsh cleaners can kill the necessary good bacteria needed to keep our septic systems working properly.

They say the only things that should be flushed are the 3Ps: pee, poo and toilet paper. The rest should go in the garbage.

### Townships close outdoor spaces

All municipal playground structures and equipment are closed.

The province ordered all municipalities to shut down playgrounds, sports fields, basketball and tennis courts, beaches, community gardens, park shelters, skate board and BMX parks, picnic areas, outdoor exercise equipment and other outdoor recreational amenities. Parks, trails, ravines and conservation areas not closed off will stay open for walking.

### Algonquin Highlands changes

Departments deemed "essential" will continue to operate with accommodations made for working from home where possible, and with strict distancing and hygiene protocols in place where working from home is not possible (e.g. public works). In accordance with the provincial directive, essential municipal services include: airport fuel services (for emergency services), public works, landfills, payroll, drinking water testing, tax collection, emergency services licensing and permits, cemeteries.

As staff are working remotely, leave a message for the respective staff member

when calling the municipal office. Staff are able to receive voicemails at their remote locations and will respond as quickly as possible.

Bylaw enforcement officers with the assistance of parks, recreation and trails, public works and fire services, will be monitoring the community for public gatherings and to assist with enforcement to ensure social distancing and social gathering protocols are being followed in accordance with the provincial orders.

Scheduled recreational programs and events will be reviewed and decisions regarding cancellation will be made in 30-day blocks

Year three of the septic re-Inspection program is postponed until further notice and the 2020 septic social scheduled for May 30 has been cancelled.

All parks, playgrounds, trails, and campsites are closed effective immediately.

Dorset Recreation Centre membership fees will be adjusted once the recreation centre reopens.

(Compiled by Lisa Gervais and Joseph Quigley)

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## Pinestone workers hit hard by layoffs, delayed pay

### COVID-19

By Joseph Quigley

Pinestone cook Heather Allan Reid said it has been stressful working at the Dysart resort and conference centre over the past few weeks amid the COVID-19 crisis.

With fewer and fewer customers and layoffs, Reid said staff were anxious. She said she and other kitchen staff decided not to opt for an optional lay-off, staying on to run a take-out service.

That changed when she was laid off March 27, a scheduled payday. But Aurora Hotel Group, the owner of the resort, sent out a letter that due to difficulties with their payroll company closing its office due to COVID-19, pay would be delayed for one week.

Reid said that was not something she could afford.

"We go pay cheque to pay cheque and now we have nothing," she said. "My rent is now going to be behind today. I have other bills to be paying. I can't buy food. I have to wait now for EI (employment insurance) to come in and who knows how long that will take with so many people applying."

Other employees are upset about the delay

in payment as the Pinestone joins other businesses in slowing operations due to COVID-19.

Michelle Delaire worked as a waitress and kitchen staff. She said she also had the option of being laid off but kept working for an additional two weeks, until being let go March 18.

She, too, was counting on that March 27 paycheque. She said she would have been better off leaving and getting on EI sooner.

"I'm very pissed off that they have not been more accommodating in these last few minutes as they're shutting their doors," Delaire said.

The company has assured employees they will get their pay April 3. But Reid said that does not make delaying pay right and the employees should be treated more respectfully than that.

"We worked tirelessly for these people and this is how they repay us. It's very disheartening."

In a letter to workers provided by Reid, the Aurora Hotel Group said it ensured everyone got their record of employment and are working hard to resolve the pay problem.

"Our first priority is you the employees. We are literally working around the clock to make this happen as soon as we possibly



Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre line cook Heather Allan Reid holds up a notice about delayed pay due to the COVID crisis. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

can," executive director of operations Matthew Phillips said. "We sincerely appreciate your understanding during this

incredibly challenging time and we strongly urge you all to stay home and stay safe."

Ownership was not available for an interview before press time.

## Schmale assures businesses help is on the way

### COVID-19

By Joseph Quigley

Sandy Lane Resort owner Rob Berthelot said his business is experiencing severe difficulties due to COVID-19 and he needs government support.

Berthelot said he was glad to see the federal government shift its proposed 10 per cent wage subsidy – which he called an "insult" – to 75 per cent March 27, one of several initiatives the government is rolling out to help business owners during the crisis.

But Berthelot said navigating all the information being disseminated is also a struggle.

"There's a bit of a lag from the promise to the actual materialization of exactly how it's going to work," Berthelot said. "The government is a big wheel that takes a little bit of time to turn. Considering how

fast they've been moving lately, I applaud them."

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale helped business owners navigate the changes with a series of virtual town halls, including for Haliburton March 26 and the whole constituency March 30. Co-ordinated with chambers of commerce, Schmale answered questions about support programs.

Much of the Haliburton town hall featured businesses and non-profits describing how dire the situation is. Schmale said he understands the difficulties.

"Some of you have seen revenues drop to almost zero overnight through no fault of your own," Schmale said. "It is extremely scary. You all have family."

The federal government is offering a wage subsidy to businesses who see a 30 per cent drop in revenue, for up to three months, retroactive to March 15. The subsidy will be deducted from payroll taxes and is up

to 75 per cent on the first \$58,700 of a salary, which could mean payments of up to \$847 per week per worker. For each month employers apply, they will have to show a 30 per cent decline in revenue from the same month in the previous year.

The government is also establishing interest-free loans of up to \$40,000 for small businesses and non-profits. Businesses can also defer income tax payments until after August 31. GST/HST remittance and custom duties payments are also deferrable until June 30.

"All of these measures put together give business owners, hopefully, a bit of flexibility," Schmale said March 30. "We need small businesses to be in operation to get our economy up and running."

However, Berthelot said he is not in a good position to take on more debt through a bank or other loans. Schmale acknowledged that is an issue facing many, adding people are concerned about being

behind whenever business can return to normal.

"We do recognize loans are a bit challenging for some. This is just one piece of the puzzle," Schmale said.

Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce executive director Jennifer Locke said she felt the town hall went well and they plan to have more.

"Participants felt heard and that they felt they have someone in government who is advocating for them," Locke said.

Berthelot said it is vital the government provides the right help.

"If the government does not find the right aid package for me personally, I will be financially decimated, both personally and from a business perspective," he said. "They need to understand the significance of this. Small business is what makes the world go round."



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## Let's play nicely

This past weekend - and continuing into this week - I've been disturbed by the social media exchanges between full-time residents and our cottagers.

For weeks, locals have been saying that they were uncomfortable with the influx of seasonal residents over March break and extending into the now three weeks since.

People were sending us emails telling us the grocery stores and pharmacies in Haliburton and Minden, and presumably Wilberforce and Dorset, were full of seasonal residents buying up stock and not practicing social distancing. We heard stories of van loads stopping at gas stations and not following provincial COVID-19 guidelines. There were tales of city dwellers descending on cottages en masse and congregating in driveways.

Perhaps some of this did happen. Maybe not. There's a pretty good chance some all-year residents were also engaging in risky health practices. As always, the truth lies somewhere in the middle.

In times such as these, fear and anxiety tend to override common sense. The panic gets in the way of civility.

Locals lashed out. They told cottagers to stay away. They were upset they were buying supplies when the local supply chain is not set up for an influx of visitors in March and into early April. It hasn't been

about stuff either. They expressed concern that out-of-towners coming from more densely-populated places could speed up the transmission of the virus locally. If there was a spread, how could our tiny hospitals - with 15 beds, four transport ventilators and no intensive care units - cope.

They were justified in their concerns.

As for seasonal folk, one can understand their desire to get away from the city. Living on top of one's neighbour makes it hard to practice social distancing to the same extent and one is exposed to the virus to a greater degree. With the walls closing in, why not go to the cottage? After all, it's bought and paid for, including with hefty municipal taxes.

They were justified in their reasoning.

The problem rested with those who did not follow the rules: who stopped for a big shop on their way and didn't keep six feet apart. Those who have come without stopping, bringing weeks and months of supplies, and social distancing, are welcome. They are not putting anybody at risk. And those who have said, if they feel unwell, they will directly drive back to the city, are appreciated.

What is not acceptable is the hateful vitriol on social media and the veiled - and in some cases - not veiled threats.

Some locals have been very courteous in

asking (as has Premier Doug Ford, County Warden Liz Danielsen and the physicians of Haliburton County) cottagers to consider staying in their primary residences for the duration of COVID-19.

Others have not. They have been extremely rude and forgotten how important our neighbours from the south are to us. I don't just mean financially, either. Many have been coming for decades and are our friends.

In the same way, I have to chastise those cottagers who have gotten on their high horses, stubbornly saying they own the place, pay taxes, and if it wasn't for them, we would all be financially doomed. Some have threatened to never shop locally again after the dust settles.

C'mon, people. I know everyone is on edge. However, there is no need for the angst and fear to spill over into our decades-old relationship. Let's remember the one thing we all have in common and that is our love of Haliburton County. Let's not do any more to destroy that. After all, COVID-19 will end and we have to go back to living with each other.



By Lisa Gervais

## Monkey business

Readers will recall that I make a point of not discussing personal issues, especially those related to health matters in this space, so this exception then proves the rule.

I can relate this now, as significant time has passed and I have just completed a four injection regimen and consider myself to be rabies-free. But I am getting ahead of myself.

In early March, we had the pleasure of travelling to Victoria Falls to meet our in-laws and, of course, take in the sights. First on that list was a visit to the falls itself, and that is where the vicious attack occurred. The falls is bisected by the border between Zimbabwe and Zambia, but by far the best viewing of this thundering cascade is from Zim. A national park, with a trail, follows the edge of the canyon on the Zimbabwe side of the river, allowing for a number of spectacular viewing stations along the way. I was travelling with a large group and we had just left the statue of Doctor David Livingstone, who looks somewhat forlornly out at the Devil's Cataract, the start of a series of individual falls that stretch for 1.7 kilometres (just shy of a mile) and make up this spectacular natural wonder of the world. The next station was the chain walk which descends partway into the 108-metre gorge. After the exertion of not only going down the steps, but also returning to the trail above, I sought the solace of a convenient bench

to rest my tired legs. Little did I realize the twist of fate that awaited me.

My companions had walked on and I was momentarily defenseless and a sitting duck. It was as I stood to take yet another photo of the tumbling cascade, that I was assaulted. A vervet monkey, (*Chlorocebus pygerythrus*), taking advantage of my diverted attention, swung down from the trees and, placing his hands on my, (for the more delicate among you, I will not use the word bum and any other three letter common terms), gluteus maximus and gave me a shove. Though shocked by this brutal and unprovoked attack, I was able to maintain my composure as the simian scampered over to a nearby trash can, where it perched, perhaps planning a second assault. Knowing I was within earshot of Dr. Livingstone, I was able to restrain myself, but I severely chastised the vervet and threatened legal action or worse. The monkey eyed me with what I was sure was contrition or perhaps derision and, before I could secure his name and license number, he scampered off into the undergrowth.

I rejoined my party and explained what had just happened, much to their chagrin ... a state that would continue for the remainder of our stay. We slipped into the bushes where my wife examined the site of the violation and declared there was indeed a scratch on my right cheek. Ever resourceful, especially in this day and age,

she extracted alcohol infused wipes followed by liquid hand sanitizer and I cleansed the offended area.

Needless to say the tragic incident quickly became the talk of the group and, though I was still recovering from the attack, I became what can only be described as the butt of jokes for the rest of the day and week. The juvenile humour continued back at our accommodation and into the evening as a doctor had been called. He arrived with a nurse, a pharmacist and three staff members from the resort, all wanting to see the guy apparently everyone was talking about. The doctor examined the wound, declared it properly attended to and that I was likely to survive. He injected the first of four anti-rabies shots and handed me a course of antibiotics.

I am pleased to report the good news: the final of four anti-rabies vaccines was administered Monday at the Minden Hospital and I am well on my way to a complete recovery. My butt has healed. But, and this is a big but, I fear I will continue to be the butt of monkey memes for some time to come.

And that is how I spent my March break.



By Jack Brezina

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# Editorial opinion

## EYE ON THE STREET

With social distancing, we have stopped Eye on the Street for now.

## PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



Left: Jennifer Burrows emailed this photo of the week, which she titled "hope for spring." Right: Maggie Lawrence names this photo of the week "man, that sun feels awesome."

## LETTERS

### Doesn't stay at home mean stay at home?

Dear editor

Hello Haliburton. In my eyes, Jeri-Lyn Cuda of Minden (*The Highlander*, March 26, page 6) is not wrong. There are quite a few people that believe that Doug Ford is full of hot air, but in this case, he is not. He hasn't stood up in front of the whole province stating that you need to stay at home, just because he had nothing else to do.

Stay at home. This is the only way that we will get a handle on the spread of COVID-19. Ford has said in his addresses to the province that he has a cottage up north, and he would love more than anything to go up there, but he again reiterates that he, and us, must stay at home to protect not only ourselves, but others.

The level of selfishness and ignorance astounds me from what I have witnessed in the last few weeks. I figure that if Noah only took two of everything onto the ark, why not try to remember that when you are grocery shopping. This is not the zombie apocalypse. It almost makes me weep for society.

The province is under a state of emergency, and there are a lot of people out there that just don't get that, and I don't know why. My grandchildren are 10 and 12 years old, and even they understand

how urgent and how bad this situation has become. So, why is it that full-grown adults can't get their heads around that this could possibly be a life or death situation for not only themselves, but for their parents, grandparents, family and friends.

Like the old saying goes, "You can't fix stupid."

SallyAnn Winter  
Mallorytown, ON

### Lukewarm reaction to downsizing

Dear editor,

Excellent column by Lisa Gervais in *The Highlander* last week (re. March 26). What it really solidified in my mind was, who in elected office would support downsizing their own position? Not one.

The reactions from all councillors after the election was lukewarm at best regarding downsizing and streamlining.

Elect a mayor for Haliburton County, and a deputy mayor and councillor from each township. Pay them a decent wage, and truly, Haliburton County will be better off. The old phrase "less is better" rings true today, more than ever.

Patrick Misuse  
Highlands East

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Chris Lynd opens a fridge storing dozens of frozen meals at SIRCH's office. The community service organization is planning to produce 1,400 meals per month during the COVID-19 pandemic. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

## SIRCH cooking extra for COVID crisis

### COVID-19

By Joseph Quigley

SIRCH Community Services is planning to produce 1,400 meals per month to help people during the COVID-19 crisis.

The organization announced it would up its usual production of 400 meals per month, which it distributes for free through food banks, Ontario Works and other County organizations.

Food Initiatives Coordinator Jay McIvor said SIRCH saw a need given the budgetary challenges people will be under and the layoffs happening.

"Sort of a no-brainer to just jump into the full swing of things, when people probably need it most," he said. "We expect they will be needing more and more as these things progress."

The frozen meals will be a range of

"comfort food," McIvor said. Some meals will be available for diabetics and other special diets, SIRCH said in a press release. The meals will also be available at its office for takeout at 2 Victoria St. Haliburton weekends from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

McIvor said SIRCH cooks are taking precautions to practice social distancing, keeping apart during meal production and wearing masks. The public will not be let into the building, instead receiving meals outside the front door.

To produce all the extra meals, McIvor said SIRCH is relying on added volunteer help.

"We're hoping to utilize some of our staff that would otherwise be laid off or have less work," he said. "I have volunteers that are regular, some of whom are still willing to come."

SIRCH has had to make other adjustments due to the pandemic, including closing thrift

warehouses in Haliburton and Bancroft and halting training programs such as Ready for Retail.

"I am very appreciative for the commitment and caring demonstrated by our staff and volunteers both in Haliburton County and Bancroft. I have appreciated all comments, suggestions and willingness to be flexible as we navigate these unknown waters. I also appreciate being in such a caring community," executive director Gena Robertson said in a press release.

The organization has no base funding for the program and is asking for community donations, which can be made at [sirch.on.ca/donate](http://sirch.on.ca/donate) or by phoning 705-457-1742 with a credit card.

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Dysart firefighters bring the structure fire under control and work to address the smoking rubble. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

## Kennisis Lake cottage sustains \$350k in damages

By Joseph Quigley

A fire of unknown origin destroyed a Kennisis Lake cottage March 25, causing \$350,000 worth of damages.

Dysart et al firefighters, Haliburton Highlands OPP and EMS responded to the scene at a Wilkinson Road property. The home was fully engulfed and burned to rubble by the blaze, but there were no injuries to residents, firefighters or bystanders.

Fire chief Mike Iles said seven fire trucks and 21 firefighters responded to the scene and stopped the fire from spreading to nearby cottages.

"Firefighters were quick to respond and action the fire. Water supply was established very quickly by using an ATV to transport equipment to the edge of the lake," Iles said.

The cause of the fire was deemed undetermined and the Office of the Fire Marshall is not investigating, Iles added.

Neighbour Tessa Hobson said the home was glowing when she saw it ablaze.

"It was really, really, really fully engulfed," Hobson said. "I was scared. I was hoping nobody was in the building."

Hydro lines were disabled while firefighters addressed the scene, knocking out some power in the area according to Haliburton Highlands OPP. But Hydro One attended to address power, once firefighters extinguished the blaze.

Social distancing guidelines are in effect due to the COVID-19 pandemic. When asked what, if any, impact that has on emergency response, Iles said firefighters already take precautions for distance and sanitization regardless.

"As with any call, we need to respond with multiple people in a vehicle, firefighters try to maintain distances from each other and surrounding people upon arrival on scene," Iles said. "We try to do a thorough cleaning of touch surfaces (tools and vehicles) upon return to the fire hall."



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# Highlander news

## Lake association opposes Dysart septic changes

By Joseph Quigley

Lake associations are pushing back against Dysart et al's plans to remove mandatory pump outs from the septic re-inspection program.

Council voted to support changes during its Feb. 25 meeting. Staff were directed to draft a new bylaw, though council has not discussed it due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The alterations, not yet finalized, come after staff brought forward issues with the pilot project around Kennisis Lake, which had 112 non-compliant properties.

Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association (KLCOA) president Deb Wratschko said they are concerned that removing septic tank pump outs will mean problems get missed.

"There was never any consultation with the people that were involved," Wratschko said.

"We're just saying slow down. Don't just scrap a program, that is a very commendable program."

Other proposed changes include hiring a third-party contractor to run it and setting

inspection dates, instead of relying on owners to book their own inspections.

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations (CHA) also opposed removing mandatory pump outs. President Paul MacInnes said the association has heard from plenty of experts on the issue since 2013.

"There's no doubt in my mind, without a pump out, you miss problems that are polluting our lakes," MacInnes said.

But chief building official Karl Korpela said a lot of the pushback is misinformed. He said of more than 800 inspections done so far, only 30 had tank issues – and he could not find any that needed a pump out for the flaw to be discovered.

"Elimination of the mandatory pump out is not going to have any negative consequence," Korpela said.

Korpela is proposing a sludge test be used to determine if a tank needs a pump out, which is done in other jurisdictions such as Algonquin Highlands. The Ontario Building Code does not define the ideal inspection. It advises tanks be cleaned whenever sludge occupies one-third of working capacity.

HomePro Inspections owner Mike Rahme, one of the approved inspectors for the pilot, said mandatory pump outs are critical. He presented to Dysart's environment committee March 12 and said a sludge test would miss key issues such as root mass.

"When the whole objective of the program is to ensure lake quality, why are you willing to settle for a substandard process?" Rahme told the committee.

He also said he found 47 cases in the pilot area where pump outs identified issues that would be missed otherwise, including roots, corrosion and tank cracks.

Korpela said he reviewed Rahme's information and felt Rahme was too dependent on pump outs, and likely could have found any critical issues without them.

### Compliance at issue

Although 88 per cent of properties inspected so far complied, that still left 112 properties non-compliant. Korpela said staff do not have the resources to issue compliance orders or fines through court.

Korpela has also proposed including those

112 into the revised program, meaning they would not be required to get pump outs.

That is a significant concern for the KLCOA, Wratschko said.

"The 112 people just simply get away," she said. "Not getting penalized in any way for not following the bylaw."

Korpela said it will make it easier to get compliance and is a part of standards changing over time.

"It's one of those stumbling blocks when you're trying to implement a program," he said.

The issue is on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Korpela said inspections will likely be delayed until later this summer.

Coun. John Smith, the lone councillor to oppose the changes, said he is concerned the municipality could be sending the wrong message about environmental commitment and bylaw violations.

"I believe that council will continue to evaluate the matter carefully," Smith said, adding he is concerned about making the changes this year given the emergency.

"The best outcome might be to continue with the current bylaw for 2020."

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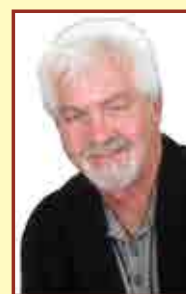


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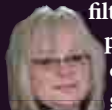


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# Highlander news

## Still sleeping in cars – at a safe distance

By Lisa Gervais

Places for People (P4P) may have cancelled Sleeping in Cars March 27, but that didn't stop Sylvia Claridge and Val Jarvis from overnighting in Jarvis' driveway.

Kim Switzerland and others also slept out to support the cause.

Claridge and Jarvis said they wanted to make good on the pledges they received for the fundraiser and to raise awareness about homelessness.

P4P launched Sleeping in Cars last year and was scheduled to hold its second annual event this year when the COVID-19 pandemic struck, forcing the cancellation.

However, Claridge, who is 79, said, "we wanted people to know we were actually doing it, not just saying that we did."

She said her husband had joked with her, "don't forget to park your cars six feet away from each other."

Claridge said it's an important cause. She said she knows people, including retirees, who are struggling to find a home in Haliburton County. She said waiting lists are long. A few years ago, she and her husband let some people live in a tent in their backyard when they could not find affordable housing.

They also fostered for 40 years, so know quite a bit about youth being displaced from homes. She said she still keeps in touch with some of them. One was palliative



Sylvia Claridge, left, and Val Jarvis, right, slept out in Jarvis' driveway March 27, to fulfill their pledges as part of the Sleeping in Cars fundraiser. *Submitted photo.*

when they took him in, but today he is alive and well and working in Ottawa.

"I think it's important. As a community, we are beginning to look at homelessness," Claridge said.

Jarvis said she worked as a police officer for 30 years so knows the numbers of people who do not have homes.

She said she and Claridge feel blessed to own cars, and have a roof over their heads.

She added they got up in the morning to a hot meal and a hot tub.

"It really brought home to us how awful it must be for someone to be without a warm bed and access to food and sanitation needs," Jarvis said.

Claridge worries about homeless people during the pandemic, wondering where they go to self-isolate.

Fay Martin of P4P, said it appeared the

three had raised about \$2,347, with possibly more to come. "I do think COVID-19 underlines the importance of housing for well-being," she said.

Martin added the organization is now discussing its major annual fundraiser, the Highland Yard, but has put off making a decision until April 19.

Meanwhile, they hope to bring Sleeping in Cars back in 2021.

## An 'explosion' of pigeons in Minden Hills

By Lisa Gervais

All Stanley Russell wants to do is teach music in downtown Minden. Instead, he's fearful that a large pigeon population, and its droppings, are going to force him to fly the coop.

"I have emailed, phoned, texted and gone to the township. I need help with this. I cannot be the only business affected by this. I don't want to move out and leave another empty building on the main street," Russell wrote in a letter tabled in the Minden Hills committee of the whole agenda March 12.

Russell said he's been teaching music in the town since 2003 and is now teaching in his third location downtown, in the Grill on the Gull building.

He said the pigeon problem on the roof is affecting his business. He said he had been sharing the space with acupuncturist Al Kwan but he had to move out because he is

allergic to the pigeon droppings.

Russell said the sidewalk in front of the studio "is literally layered in the stuff. It is constantly being stepped in and brought inside my studio. It is toxic."

Mayor Brent Devolin commented "we've had an explosion of pigeons."

He added it's gotten to the point where their waste is on public property.

He said there'd be a future staff report about what the township can, and can't do.

However, he said it is key to find out not only where they are living but where they are getting food.

He said much like how people are feeding deer and causing issues, he's worried people are feeding the pigeons, and asked them to "cease and desist. If you remove the food source, the population detracts," he said.

Coun. Pam Sayne wondered about public education, noting bacteria from pigeons has



The township is looking to get more information about a pigeon explosion. *Flickr.*

been linked to mental health problems.

"You're going to hear more on this," Devolin said.

The meeting was held before the province mandated the closing of non-essential businesses.

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# Highlander news

## Owner overjoyed by return of lost wallet

By Joseph Quigley

When Bryan Todd lost a wallet with \$400 on a snowmobiling trip in Haliburton with his co-workers, he figured it gone for good.

He took great pains to cancel credit cards and replace what he lost.

But when a stranger arrived at his door more than two weeks later to return the wallet, cash still within, he said he could not believe it.

"I was just overwhelmed, the fact it was all there in this day and age. We do a lot of work in the City of Toronto. This doesn't happen in the city," Todd said. "So very impressed you guys know what's important. People are important."

The wallet, lost Feb. 27, was found by 10-year-old Hayley Vandenhoeck, who worked with her family to return it to its rightful owner.

Vandenhoeck said she found it in a ditch at the end of her grandparents' driveway, which links to a snowmobile trail.

"It's always right to do a nice thing and return something," she said.

The family turned to Facebook and Haliburton Highlands OPP. But with Todd's address listed on his licence within the wallet, Andrew Vandenhoeck, Hayley's father, took it upon himself to hand-deliver the wallet.

He took it to Todd's home in Uxbridge March 15, two hours from Haliburton, on his way back home to Shelbourne.

"I was going home anyway," he said. "A long time since I have been there, go for a nice drive and make sure he got his stuff back, because no matter who you hand it to, you never know."

The gesture was meaningful to Todd and he made sure the Vandenhoeck family knew it.

"As screwed up as our world seems to be today, with the (corona)virus, with the haste and lack of friendliness people show to each other, you and your daughter did something that shows there are good people out there," Todd said in a text message.

"You could have easily taken the money and cards ... You are an amazing dad, and you have an amazing daughter."

"Families like yours are what our world needs in these troubling times."

"It's almost too much, to be honest with you," Vandenhoeck said. "It's just doing the right thing."

Todd's wife, Elizabeth Todd, provided Vandenhoeck with \$100 for gas.

Vandenhoeck said he intends to give to his daughter as a reward.

"Teaches a lesson," he said. "No good deed gets unrewarded."



Right: The Vandenhoeck family (Andrew, Hayley and Lloyd), worked to return a wallet to a cottager who lived two hours away. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

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# Highlander news

## Roadwork coming to 35/118 in the coming year

Major roadworks are on the way for Highway 35 and 118.

The province has contracted WSP Canada to complete the design and environmental assessment for the work, which includes rehabilitating four bridges on Highway 35 in the County.

The scope of work includes:

- Rehab of pavement on Highway 35, from 1.6 km south of the 35/118 intersection, and north for 8.1 km.
- Rehab of pavement on Highway 118, from .3 km west of the 35/118 intersection, to .3 km east
- Replacement, lining or repair of 12 centreline culverts
- Rehab of the Mountain Lake Bridge, Beech River Bridge, Kennisis River Bridge and Ox Narrows Bridge
- Removal of the pedestrian bridge over Buttermilk

Falls, next to the Halls Lake Dam.

Consultant project manager for WSP Canada, Carmen Lapointe, told *The Highlander* they started work at the end of September. She said the detailed design of the project is scheduled to finish by January 2021 and construction will likely start in the Spring of 2021.

"That is if WSP's scope of work doesn't change and, or if there are no changes to MTO's scheduled construction programme," Lapointe said.

"At the moment, we're just in the field investigation phase of this project and haven't started the actual design and as such, it is difficult to provide the duration of the work and the anticipated completion date/timeframe of the construction at this time."

*The Highlander* will provide more information as it becomes available. (Lisa Gervais)



Major roadworks are on the way for Highway 35 and 118.  
Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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### Township Service Provision Reductions

A reminder that all Township facilities remain closed to the public, until further notice. Administrative call answering services will remain available between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM Monday to Friday, 705-286-1260 x 200 or [admin@mindenhills.ca](mailto:admin@mindenhills.ca).

Please provide your name, contact information (phone and/or email) and a clear and brief message regarding the reason for your call.

The public can be assured that essential services will be maintained as much as possible.

**We are asking the public to restrict inquiries to Township priority requests only and please understand that it may take longer to reply to messages as Staff handle increased phone and email inquiries.**

We are also asking the public for their patience during this time and to observe our request to contact the Township for municipal related inquiries by the following methods only:  
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Please refer to the list below for **NEW and/or UPDATED** service provision reductions.

For a complete list of all Township service provision reductions, please go to:  
<https://www.mindenhills.ca/covid-19-information/>

### Spring Thaw Reminder

A reminder that springtime is typically the time of year when periods of precipitation historically occur. Property owners are reminded to be aware of and monitor their situation, as each can vary depending on: distance from watershed(s), distance from an unaffected accessible road, height of land, property saturation levels; and the availability, number, size and type of sump pump, etc.

Residents in areas that are susceptible to flooding should take necessary precautions to protect property, and continue to monitor developing conditions.

Please use caution around area lakes, rivers, creeks and other water sources such as ditches, as high water levels and swift currents can create unstable conditions. Avoid driving on any roadways that are underwater, as road conditions may be unstable and dangerous.

Floods are among the most frequent and costly natural disasters in Canada. Take steps to protect your property:

- Install backflow valves or standpipes to prevent sewer lines from backing up.
- Elevate your washer, dryer, water heater, oil tank, furnace and electrical wiring on concrete blocks. If you're unable to raise an item, anchor it and protect it with a floodwall or shield.
- Install a sump pump system if you have below-grade floors. For more information on sump pump maintenance, see below.
- Landscape with plants and vegetation that resist soil erosion.
- Store any irreplaceable family items and important documents somewhere other than the basement.
- Install a flood-detection device in your basement that sounds an alarm or calls your phone if it senses water.
- Be prepared - build an Emergency Survival Kit that allows you to be self-sufficient for at least 72 Hours.
- Keep Emergency contacts near your phone.

### Sump Pump Maintenance

Old or new, although your sump pump may not be used regularly, it's important to keep your sump pump in working condition. A number of sump pumps sit quietly for most of the year until the spring thaw or rainy season starts and we assume or expect these tools to jump into action.

**IMPORTANT** – Due to the current requirement for social/physical distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic, it may be difficult for a contractor to visit your home for repairs and/or maintenance. Please call your contractor directly to discuss a plan for any required repairs or maintenance.

#### Suggestions:

- Ensure the sump pit is clear of debris and all electrical connections are plugged in correctly and circuit breakers are operational.
- Check your maintenance manual for instructions on how to check the float, test the check valve and clean the impeller.
- Remember to keep all items up and off the floor where potential flooding could occur.

## SERVICE PROVISION REDUCTIONS:

### Meetings

All Council, Committee of the Whole, Public, Advisory Committee and Local Board regularly scheduled meetings have been suspended until further notice.

Staff are working diligently to find a solution for moving forward the business of Council and to resume meetings as soon as possible; by means that meet legislative requirements, provides transparency to the public, and adheres to all safety measures for Staff, Council and members of the Public.

### Property Assessment Values and Assessment Review Board:

The Request for Reconsideration (RfR) deadline is usually March 31st of the applicable taxation year. However, given the emergency declared by the Province of Ontario, pursuant to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and regulations made thereunder, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, (MPAC) has announced that the RfR deadline for the 2020 taxation year will be 16 days after the emergency is lifted. <https://www.mpac.ca/>

For information regarding Assessment Review Board deferrals and timelines, please refer to the Board's website **under News and Updates:** <https://elto.gov.on.ca/>

### Waste Sites (Landfills)

Reduced services at waste sites to the acceptance of bagged garbage and household recycling only was undertaken in response to the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the announcement of these reductions on March 18, 2020, site traffic has not reduced. Residents are attending waste sites in higher volumes than is typical for this time of year, and many are attending with minimal amounts of waste.

The Township of Minden Hills is urging residents to avoid waste sites as much as possible, in order to reduce the number of individuals on site at any given time.

**Do not attend waste sites unless you have accumulated 3 full bags of garbage**

When attending waste sites, please adhere to the following:

- **Do not** bring passengers to waste sites unless you need physical assistance unloading your vehicle or have no other arrangements made for watching a dependant (child, elderly, etc.).
- **Do not** cross any physical barriers put in place at each site.
- **Do not** approach attendants for assistance unless you are in physical distress.
- **Do not** attend the site with any materials beyond bagged household waste and recycling.
- **Do not** enter the site attendant's shelter or bring food or beverages for the site attendants.
- **Do not** exit your vehicle with the exception of unloading your vehicle at the household waste bin and recycling bins.
- All communication with site staff shall be completed through the window of your vehicle, and shall be limited to discussions regarding the disposal of your waste.
- When you have exited your vehicle, ensure that you are practicing social/physical distancing with a minimum of 2m (6 feet) between yourself and members of the public.

Any person verbally harassing or abusing site staff and/or failing to comply with the above requirements or regular waste facility rules/regulations **will be** suspended from attending the site for the remainder of the Provincial and Municipal declared COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency.

Please remember that these are **temporary** measures put in place to stop the transmission of COVID-19 and **a return to normal operations will require the immediate and full cooperation of the public.**

### Water Testing (Laboratory testing of well water)

The Haliburton HKPR District Health Unit is closed to the public, however water bottles can be picked up, and returned samples can be dropped off, outside the office located at 191 Highland Street, Unit 301, Haliburton, Monday to Thursday - 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. All returned water samples are to be placed in the cooler provided outside of the building. Ensure that you are practicing social/physical distancing.

Please call ahead as pick up/drop off times may change -1-866-888-4577, ext. 5006.



# Highlander news



Due to COVID-19, local marinas are unsure when they will get boats in the water this year. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

## Old Mill Marina getting new owners

By Joseph Quigley

The new receiver of Dorset's Old Mill Marina is reassuring concerned customers that it is planning to continue business operations and launch all stored boats.

The firm MNP Ltd. made the announcement March 11 after the Ontario Superior Court of Justice appointed it as receiver March 9. The previous owner of the facility Rob Walisser announced Feb. 26 he was stepping away from the business which he said was due to difficulties negotiating with the estate of business partner Dave Harvey, who passed away last October.

In a letter, MNP said it is working towards a sale process for the Old Mill.

"We are developing a plan to provide for the timely launching of all customer boats in storage as well as the installation and slip rentals for, in particular, water-access cottages," the company said in a letter. It declined an interview with *The Highlander*.

In an update March 25 MNP said

the spring boat-launch and slip rental program is almost complete and will be released in the coming days. However, due to COVID-19, the marina was deemed non-essential and operations will remain closed for now.

Walisser's announcement received an outpouring of support. He said in a Facebook post Harvey bankrolled the operation for years and became more involved as time went on. But when Harvey passed without leaving clear legal instructions for business ventures, Walisser said the estate was not interested in investing in the marina. He said legal hurdles forced him to turn the business over to the estate to sell.

Kawagama Lake Cottagers' Association president Kathleen Hedley said it was sad to see the marina change hands under these circumstances.

"We understand that business difficulties happen," she said. "We're hopeful that the new owners, whoever they end up being, will continue to see the value in the services provided in the lake."

She said she welcomed MNP's plans and said communication will be important from here on.

"I really hope that communication out to cottagers becomes their number one priority," she said.

Peter Willmott owns one of the hundreds of boats stored at the facility over winter. He said MNP needs to act quickly and should contact customers more directly, especially those who need boats for water-access only cottages.

"That's what the real concern is, a lack of communication to the actual clients," he said.

He added Walisser's departure is unfortunate.

"When you're losing a reliable operator that's been there for years, it's always concerning."

With the marina gone, Walisser also said he is departing the area.

"It is sad to be leaving Dorset. So many great memories in this town," he said. "I wish each of you well and thank you for your friendship, support, and business."



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A big thank you to the coaching staff, who volunteered their time so our players could have a season. And to the parents who made sure the players made it to games and practices, regardless of weather, and for providing support after a tough game.

Championship weekend brought the best hockey of the season and even though we didn't move on to the finals, I feel our team won because they proved they can do anything they put their minds to.

Watching these players from the beginning of the season

and excelling in their positions by the end of the season, was the only reward needed for the coaching staff.

Coach Mike, coach James, trainer Syl, trainer Jessica and manager Sharon, are very proud of this team and wish them the very best for the years to come and hope that everyone continues to play hockey for the love of the game.

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# Highlander sports



The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School boys curling team poses together after winning the Schoolboys Trophy.  
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## Curlers' winning season swept away by COVID-19

By Joseph Quigley

Red Hawk curlers Jacob Dobson, Liam Little, Corin Gervais and rookie Owen Nichols expected to be competing for another provincial title March 25-28. Instead, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School team is stuck at home with the season cut short by the Ontario Federation of School Athletics Association (OFSAA) cancelling its curling championships due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was a successful season for the group, who earned a provincial title at the Ontario School Curling Provincial Championships and followed that up with wins at the Kawartha and COSSA levels. But skip Dobson said the team was excited to participate at the OFSAA championships and hoped to improve on a fifth-place finish last season.

"We're definitely disappointed that we didn't get to go," Dobson said. "We were all really excited that we got the chance to go back and change what we weren't able to do the previous year."

Little is in Grade 12 and OFSAA was going to be his last high school tournament. He said the cancellation was hard. "Just getting it swept out from under was definitely a shocker," Little said.

Coach Darrell Dobson, Jacob's father, said it was unfortunate considering how short high school careers are.

"We all try to balance this important thing going on in the world that's more important than a sporting event," he said. "At the same time, the boys have worked hard for years. The window of opportunity for them isn't very large."

Still, Dobson said he was proud of the team's performance this year, adding they had strong co-operation. "One of the reasons they've been so successful is because all four of the boys have such a really positive attitude," he said. "They have a high skill level but they're also very positive, optimistic."

He added praise for the Haliburton Curling Club's youth program for the team's ongoing success. With only one graduating player, the coach said he feels good about next season.

"You can't replace a Liam Little, he's a pretty awesome curler," Dobson said. "But there's depth in the Haliburton youth curling program and we're optimistic we can find someone to come and join the team."

Little said curling is a big part of his life and he hopes to continue in college.

Although he said the end of the season was disappointing, he added it was important to put it into perspective what the team achieved this year.

"You can't help but be proud of yourself because we accomplished so much this season, no matter how short it was."



## Haliburton Red Wolves HIGH BOWLING SCORES

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## OBITUARIES



### TOUSAW, RODNEY CHARLES

At his residence on Saturday March 21st, 2020 at the age of 68. Loving husband of Jane (Donaldson) Tousaw. Dear father of Angela (Karl) Rumpf and Kevin (Donna) Tousaw. Adored Grandpa of Morgan Tousaw, Ava Rumpf and Klara Rumpf. Son of Lillian (the late Douglas) Tousaw, brother of Garry (Gloria) Tousaw and son-in-law of Alvin (the late June) and Jean Donaldson. Rod will be missed deeply by his extended family and many friends. A memorial service will be planned for a later date. In memory of Rod, if desired a donation may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or Northminster United Church. Online condolences may be made at [www.comstockkaye.com](http://www.comstockkaye.com)




### Kenneth "Ken" Wilson (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully surrounded by his family at Soldiers' Memorial Hospital in Orillia on Friday afternoon, March 20, 2020 in his 93rd year. Beloved husband of 70 years and best friend of Dorothy Wilson (nee Playford). Loving father of Paul (Kim), Debbie (Ed McCallum), John (Marilou Mizzan) and Tracey. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Lauren (Chris W.), Adam (Ashley), Jeff (Jessica), Hilary (Ryan), Andrea, Courtney (Monte), Brett (Lauren), Holly (Pablo), Michael (Laura), Ryan (Joanne), Shawn (Alex), Lyndsey, Andy, Carter and by his twenty seven great grandchildren. Predeceased by his brother Donald.

Ken moved to Haliburton in 1962 and worked as Manager of the Bank of Montreal. In 1969, he left the bank after 23 years and became part owner of Haliburton Lumber until he retired in 1989. He had a great love of sports and was an accomplished hockey player and coached for many years. He also enjoyed baseball, fishing and hunting.

Ken was a very generous volunteer and served many years on the Haliburton Hospital Board and the Haliburton County Development Corporation. He was Past President of the Haliburton Rotary Club and served as Treasurer of Haliburton United Church, and local chapters of Victorian Order Of Nurses (VON) and the Salvation Army.

#### Visitation, Celebration Of Life & Reception

A Celebration of Ken's life will take place at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209. 



### In Loving Memory of David Richard Arbuthnot

Passed away suddenly at home in Minden on Friday March 27th, 2020, at the age of 58.

Beloved son of Ron (predeceased) and Eleanor. Dear brother of Bob and Kathy (predeceased) of Williamsville, NY, Karen and Kim Colliss of Fenelon Falls, ON, Loving Uncle of Kristen (Shane), Stephen (Corey), Jamie (Kelsei), Maureen (Jed). Special Great Uncle to Nathan, Kate, Huxlee, Jackson, Wren, Dylan, Luke, Tyke and Winnie. David will be fondly remembered by his many aunts and uncles. As well as by many amazing friends. A special thank you to Michelle Miscio and Dr. Scott Coles for their ongoing support.

In keeping with Dave's wishes, cremation has taken place. Private family arrangements.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Health Care Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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Our firm is still operating to the best of our ability in order to provide service to our families in their time of need. We will discuss options and address any concerns with each family until the crisis is over.

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#### JOB SUMMARY

The Housing Manager reports directly to the HCHC Board of Directors and oversees all day-to-day operations at Parklane Apartments and Echo Hills Apartments in compliance with federal, provincial and municipal legislation, ensuring that all operations are conducted in timely and cost-effective ways. The Manager maintains positive relationships with tenants, staff, vendors and the Board of Directors.

#### SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

- Tenancies Act and regulations, social housing programs, other legislation pertinent to operating residential properties
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- The successful candidate will be required to obtain a clean Vulnerable Sector Check prior to being confirmed for the position

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**Resume plus cover letter must be submitted electronically no later than 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 to:**

**Mr. Glenn Scott, President  
Haliburton Community Housing Corporation  
Email address: [president@haliburtonhousing.com](mailto:president@haliburtonhousing.com)**

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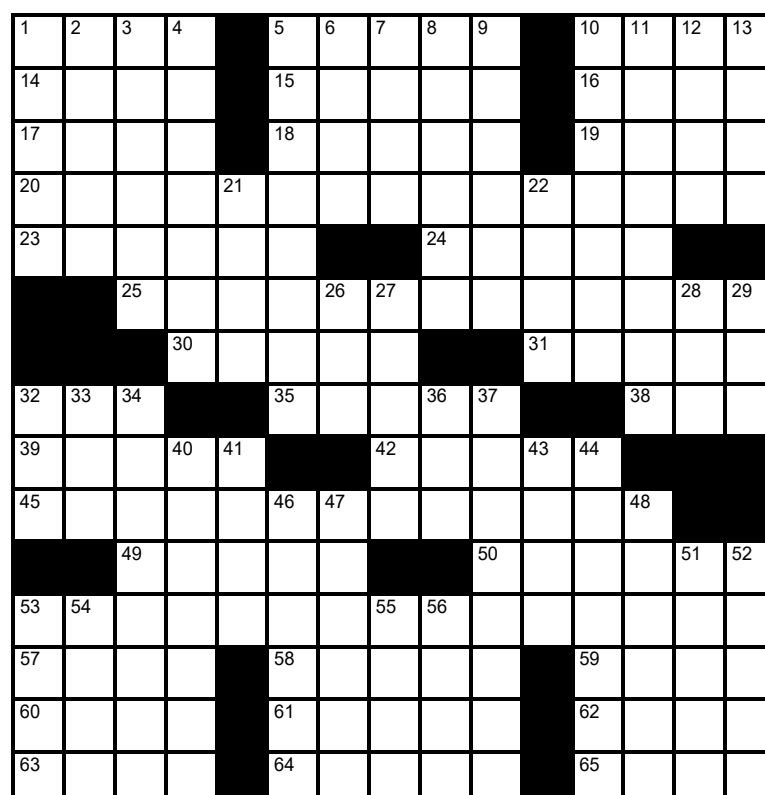
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### Across

- 1 Old Apple computer for schools
- 5 Pox marks
- 10 Rock band whose lead singer quit due to hearing loss
- 14 It's new in an Atlantic province?
- 15 Complaint of a stiffed server
- 16 Something to aim for in carpentry
- 17 \_\_\_ before noon (no later than 12:00)
- 18 Break down, as trust
- 19 "There \_\_\_ I in 'team'"
- 20 \* Like a \_\_\_\_ (clumsy)
- 23 TV host who says "Thank you, Johnny" on each show
- 24 '50s Ford flop
- 25 \* As rare as \_\_\_\_
- 30 The \_\_\_ Gang of Idiots ("Mad Magazine" staff)
- 31 Words of speculation
- 32 5% levy in most of Cda.
- 35 Lighter alternative to naan
- 38 Drink after blowing off steam?
- 39 "With this ring \_\_\_"
- 42 The Weeknd's genre
- 45 \* You can't make a silk purse \_\_\_
- 49 Put down new roots, in a way
- 50 Strategic gain
- 53 \* Three \_\_\_\_ (troll's targets in a fairy tale)
- 57 Battery terminal buildup
- 58 Hang \_\_\_ (frequent)
- 59 Word-of-mouth
- 60 Northwest Territories' official language
- 61 Mutual give-and-take?
- 62 Tulsa's state: Abbr.
- 63 One a-leaping in a song
- 64 Equally awful
- 65 Turn to mush

### Down

- 1 Pass into law
- 2 Glider plane's lack
- 3 Firm arguer
- 4 Head on a quarter's tails



- 5 Arrives suddenly, with "on"
- 6 Alternative to "boeuf" or "poulet"
- 7 Flip side intro, in a tweet
- 8 More mom-proof, as a dorm
- 9 Isn't miserly with
- 10 Licorice liqueur source
- 11 Like most of Sweden's retail now
- 12 Pebbles' purple pet
- 13 Hoof-on-pavement sound
- 21 Trendy up-and-comers
- 22 \_\_\_ spumante (wine)
- 26 "The way" of the East
- 27 Ontario home of a famous gorge
- 28 Mai \_\_\_ (cocktail meaning "good")
- 29 Leg of a rt. triangle
- 32 PC pic file
- 33 Bering or Bosphorus: Abbr.
- 34 More feather-ruffling
- 36 Cousin of .zip
- 37 Stuck to one's guns
- 40 Made more readable, say
- 41 Like physics for Einstein, likely
- 43 Successor to Mao
- 44 Boozy brawl site, maybe
- 46 Colombia's capital
- 47 What the nose knows
- 48 Boxer-turned-actor Mickey
- 51 Take \_\_\_ (tumble)
- 52 C sharp equivalent
- 53 Pepper partner, to a chemist
- 54 Bat beginner
- 55 Words after run or pay
- 56 "Look what I did!"

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# Highlander advisories

## COVID-19 LOCAL BUSINESS ADJUSTMENTS & CLOSURES

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**Subway** Minden and Haliburton is open for Take-out / Remote order from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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**Minden Wine Store** – closed. Will reassess on April 7, 2020.

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**Castle Antiques** and Cafe is closed.

**Stone 21** located at Pinestone is still open for take-out each day from 2 p.m. – 8 p.m. To place an order you can call 705-457-1800 ext. 4300.

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**Glecoff's Family Store** – effective March 19, 2020 their store hours are Monday – Saturday 9 a.m.– 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**McKeck's** is still open for take-out! Mon-Sat from 12-7 p.m. Menu is online at [mckecks.ca/menu](http://mckecks.ca/menu). Call 705-457-3443 to order.

**Canadian Tire** will be reducing hours effective March 20 – April 2, 2020. Monday – Saturday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Hudson Henderson Insurance Brokers** want to assure their clients that they are open, however taking appointments instead of walk-ins from Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Pet Valu** in Haliburton is operating with reduced hours Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.- 5 p.m, and Sunday 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

**WRD** Cottage Rental Agency is open as usual but they are sheltering and

operating in place from their homes as per government recommendation. If you wish to contact them, call 705-457-9434 or send an email to [fran@ontariocottagerental.com](mailto:fran@ontariocottagerental.com)

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**Fleming CREW Employment Centre** is providing service via phone and email until further notice because their office at 49 Maple Ave is closed to the public. Call 705-457-2020 or email [flemingcrew@flemingcollege.ca](mailto:flemingcrew@flemingcollege.ca).

**Courtney @ Bruce's Barbershop** will be closed until further notice due to the COVID-19 outbreak. "For my clientele's safety and for my own! Stop the spread."

**Pine Grove Point**, 4445 Elephant Lake Road, Harcourt is open Sun-Thurs 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Fri-Sat 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. The Variety Store is open for essential needs and the Pizza & Snack Shack is open for take-out orders.

**Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre** is closed. They are posting images from their current exhibition on Facebook/railsend.

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- Bright home on a sunny lot
- 1957 sq ft, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. AC.
- Convenient location, close to all amenities.
- Heated pool
- Full home inspection report available



## KINMOUNT 2 BEDROOM HOME

- Recent home/septic inspection – see report
- Extensively renovated – call Steve for details
- 3 bedrooms w/den & office; in-law apartment
- Huge garage with service pit, 13' ceiling height
- Walk, sled, or ATV on multi-use rail trail.



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## LITTLE BOB LAKE \$564,900

- Low maintenance 4-season 3 bdrm. chalet-style cottage
- 2 bath, open concept layout, large lakeside deck
- Lovely landscaping w/118' of sand wade-in shoreline
- Stunning views up the lake
- Detached single car garage with carport.



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## EXCLUSIVE TROOPER LAKE

- Trooper Lake with great fishing, swimming, & boating
- Curb appeal is gorgeous, tall Birch trees lining the drive
- .73 acre lot with loads of room to play
- Delightful 2 bedroom/1 bath winterized cottage
- Many improvements.



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## \$1,950,000 GULL LAKE

- Custom Viceroy "Wilmington" 5 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom Open Concept Home
- 207.5 Feet Frontage of Clean "Weed Free" Deep water
- Stunning Expansive South West Panoramic Views



## \$1,500,000 EAGLE LAKE

- 5 Bedroom, 3 Bath, 3700 Sq.Ft. Custom Built Home
- Short Walk to Sir Sam's Ski & Bike/Inn & Spa
- Sunset Views, 180 Ft Sand Frontage, Screen Porch



## \$799,900 BAT LAKE

- 5 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom Hobby Farm Just Outside Minden
- 4402 Sq.Ft. Living Space with Potential In-law Suite
- Sugar Bush, Barn with Hydro, Drive Shed, Wood Shed



## \$749,900 GULL LAKE

- 3 Bedroom Open Concept Cottage with Bunkie
- 202 Ft Frontage on Clean "Weed Free" Deep water
- Sunset Views, Year Round Access, Ample Parking



## \$699,900 COMMERCIAL

- High Exposure Corner Commercial Building, Buy or Lease
- 2000 Sq Ft, Large Paved Parking Lot, Many Possibilities
- 12 Office Spaces, 2 Washrooms, Utility Room, Kitchenette



## \$699,000 BASSHAUNT LAKE

- Landscaped 0.76 Acre Lot with 154.55 Ft Fr on "No Motor" Lake
- 4 Season, 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Home, 2300 Sq Ft Living Space
- Close to Eagle Lake Village, Sir Sam's Ski & Bike Resort



## \$624,900 SILVER BEACH

- 2 Bedroom, 2.5 Bathroom Condo in Gated Community
- 2,280 Sq.Ft. Luxury Living Space with 2 Fireplaces
- Cathedral Ceilings, Custom Kitchen with Quartz Counter top



## \$578,900 BARNUM LAKE

- 2440 Sq.Ft. Finished Home Near Haliburton Village
- 285 Ft. Fr., On Level 4.17 Acre Private Lot
- Extensive Lakeside Decking, Master Ensuite



## \$539,900 EAGLE LAKE VILLAGE

- 4 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom, 2500 Sq Ft New (2015) Home
- 4.4 Acre Treed Parcel Close to Amenities
- Extensive Decking, Screen Porch, Master Ensuite, Custom Kitchen

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Chris Smolarz\*

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