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Nick and Benton perform a live-streamed concert from Rhubarb Restaurant in Carnarvon on Saturday, May 2. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

County mayors okay with return of cottagers

COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

County mayors and the warden say it's ok for cottagers to come to Haliburton County for the Victoria Day long weekend, as long as they're responsible.

Premier Doug Ford said this week that backed by encouraging trends on COVID-19 testing, cottagers could be enjoying the May long weekend by the lake. He also said he would consult with cottage country mayors.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin and Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt

said municipalities have no authority or laws to tell people they can't come to their cottages.

Devolin added if people are social distancing and responsible "it isn't a huge deal where people are.

"There was some initial reaction in grocery stores by people coming and

buying all of the toilet paper in sight but that seems to have abated.

"I'm not saying that I'm not worried, but I am less worried than a few weeks ago ... but I still have concerns about more people with relatively limited health facilities and the challenges that could present, although it hasn't yet."

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The dogs that severely injured Sadie Lester were euthanized at the request of their owners. Photo via GoFundMe.

Dogs that attacked girl put down

By Joseph Quigley

The dogs that attacked and severely injured a young girl and her mother in Dysart et al have been put down.

Haliburton Highlands OPP said May 1 the two Saint Bernards were euthanized at the request of their owners. Police said the dogs had attacked a six-year-old and her mother April 12 when they were walking near their home in Dysart et al.

Police said their investigation is concluded, with no charges in the case.

"Our investigators did take it to the Crown Attorney and examined all the circumstances around it," Sgt. Jason Folz said. "They didn't feel at this time that there were offences under the

Dog Owners' Liability Act."

The act does state a dog owner shall take reasonable precautions to prevent it from biting or attacking a person. A dog owner also has civil liability for damages resulting from a bite or attack.

But the euthanization of the dogs may have played a factor in the case, Folz said.

"I feel the voluntary destruction of those dogs ... assisted in making determinations on whether those charges were continued to be examined," Folz said. "It was a traumatic incident; I'm assuming for everyone involved. Certainly, the young girl and the mother, but probably the owners of the dogs."

The girl who was severely injured is

Sadie Lester, who is still recovering. The community has supported the family, with a GoFundMe raising more than \$40,000 as of May 5.

In a May 2 update, her father AJ Lester said there have been ups and downs for the family.

"Emotional drain and strain have been hard," Lester said. "Waiting to see if nerves will regrow, to see if the scars become healed enough that there are no longer any open areas. Just helping to try to make life as normal as possible for Sadie."

In an earlier update, Lester discussed the family's feelings about the attack.

"Don't get me wrong, we are upset, frustrated and angry. But I want those who are watching to know we don't have hate in us right now," he said.

Urging everyone to be 'responsible'

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Moffatt agreed, saying small communities have legitimate concerns about medical, emergency and community resources, and Haliburton County is "a highly vulnerable community."

But Devolin said if COVID-19 were to spike, the premier would quickly adjust his thinking.

Moffatt said many seasonal people have chosen to stay away, but many are already here, and many more are planning to come.

She added she's seen good and bad behaviour on all sides, "so let's stop the finger-pointing. The virus could hitch a ride with seasonal folks just as easily as with the myriad daily deliveries coming into the County, or with those who are still going in and out of the County to Walmart and Costco. It's the unnecessary moving in and out of the County that needs to stop."

She advised people going to the

cottage to "stay there, and fully understand what can and can't be done here right now. Things are closed and cancelled, and some store shelves are persistently empty. These are very trying times and we're all inconvenienced."

She said all residents need to be informed and respect the moving pieces behind local decision-making. She said, ultimately, public health recommendations must be upheld.

"This isn't about rights. It's about doing the right thing - by everyone and for everyone."

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts said many seasonal residents are already here, and more will come for the May long weekend.

"Cottagers own property here and there is nothing telling them they can't come. I'm sure if people come to their cottage, they will be respectful of the same rules around COVID-19 as they have at their primary residence."

Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton said the message his township would

like to get out is that "we are all in this together. Please follow the rules, maintain physical distancing, do not gather in groups, stay at home if you are sick, no campfires, be prepared and everyone be respectful."

County Warden Liz Danielsen said that throughout the pandemic, she's been vocal in saying seasonal and permanent residents have equal rights, and understands why cottagers might want to come, feeling safer. She added they're welcome as long as they follow guidelines and understand and respect our health system's fragility.

"They are the driving force of our economy, and, as they pay taxes year-round like we all do, we should be hard-pressed to say that they aren't welcome. I would urge everyone, regardless of our desire to get our economy back on track, to remember that we are not out of the woods yet and must all remain vigilant to avoid further spread or another outbreak of the virus." (With files from Joseph Quigley)

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Baked and Battered is re-opening its doors as the province begins the process of economic recovery. *File photo.*

Businesses open doors as restrictions eased

COVID-19

By Joseph Quigley

Local businesses are re-opening, welcoming the province beginning to ease COVID-19-related restrictions.

The Government of Ontario allowed some businesses and industries to reopen starting May 4, as long as they comply with public health measures. The list included garden centres, landscaping, car washes and auto dealerships. Other sectors impacted included construction, marinas and golf courses.

The province further announced May 6 that retailers with street entrances would be able to open for pickup and delivery starting May 11. Garden centres will be able to open for in-store purchases May 8. Hardware and safety supply stores can also open for in-store purchases May 9.

The Haliburton County Home Builders Association said in a release it's glad to see the province easing its restrictions and expanding its scope of essential construction projects to include site preparation, excavation and servicing for residential, commercial, industrial and institutional development.

"Building new homes and communities is a long, complicated process and requires different construction activities over a number of seasons" HCHBA president Keith Thomas said. "Losing the entire construction season for site servicing would set our local housing supply back and risk the homes that our clients are looking to move into next year. Under the new provincial guidelines, we will continue to deliver homes safely today and in the future."

Marinas also welcomed the news that they

could begin preparations for the boating season by servicing watercraft and placing them in the water, though buildings remain closed to the public. Boating Ontario had requested eased restrictions in a release April 24.

Ann Gordon co-owns Haliburton RPM and they had advocated getting doors open for staff to prepare for the season.

"It's going to take us four-to-six weeks to get the boats ready before they can even go off. It made good sense to open the marinas," Gordon said. "When it does open up and cottagers are allowed to come up, the boats are ready."

The province released its framework April 27 to begin mass reopening. It proposed businesses to start reopening in phases, based on several criteria, including a two to four week decline in the number of new daily COVID-19 cases.

Although the plan has not started rolling out, other businesses are taking it as a sign to start re-opening. Gordon's other business, the Kozy Korner restaurant, is also opening again after being closed since March. Although restaurants have been allowed to stay open for takeout throughout the pandemic, Gordon said the province's moves influenced her decision to open the restaurant's doors again.

"I just think people are getting more comfortable with what they can do and what they can't do and they're not totally in their houses anymore," Gordon said.

Gordon said she feels safe running businesses right now, with measures such as social distancing and limited entry in place. However, she added she has concerns with another spike of COVID-19 cases occurring as the economy opens.

"But you've got to live with what you've got to live with," she said.

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Dysart septic inspection overhaul delayed to 2021

Some inspections to go ahead this summer

By Joseph Quigley

Dysart et al is pausing its planned overhaul to its septic re-inspection bylaw due to COVID-19 but will require outstanding properties in the first testing area to get inspected.

Council passed a resolution May 5 to postpone revisions to 2021. The municipality had planned to alter its program to be handled by a third-party contractor and no longer require pump-outs but decided to wait given the impact COVID-19 has had on municipal operations.

However, chief building official Karl Korpela said the situation should allow them to test the 112 properties that failed to comply with the bylaw around the Kennisis Lake area in 2019, where the first round of inspections occurred.

"We're looking to kind of revise that process because we will have time this summer," Korpela said.

The 112 properties will be sent an order with an identified date for inspection, with a \$250 fee. If an owner or representative fails to attend, they will be charged another \$250 with another inspection date, with the process repeating until compliance.

Initially, those 112 properties were going to be placed into the second round of inspections, meaning they would avoid having to get pump-outs their neighbours did. The Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association has protested that, as well as dropping mandatory pump-outs.

The revised process will force those 112 properties to get a pump-out by a certified septage hauler within one month of inspection, with the hauler also verifying the tank's condition afterwards.

But Coun. John Smith, the lone councillor to vote against the revised process, took issue with that. He noted certified inspectors had looked at tanks immediately after they were pumped out and said the same should occur this year.

"Eight-hundred people who had their septic inspected in Area 1 so far have had their inspector and pumper there at the same time," Smith said. "Why would we not continue with the same approach with the 112?"

Korpela said it would not be practical to repeat that this summer, given the modified process.

"What if those owners are not there? We'll have to pay those pumpers to follow



Dysart et al is delaying planned septic re-inspection changes to 2021. *File photo.*

us around to not pump anything," Korpela said. "It doesn't make any sense."

Smith said haulers are not required to get any qualification or training with respect for assessing tanks after a pump-out and that task should be left to an inspector. Korpela disagreed and said in his opinion, a qualified pumper could do that to the same standard.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said there could be more discussion in the fall about a revised process and said it is good the municipality is proceeding with some inspections when it could have easily done nothing due to COVID-19.

"We will have more fulsome discussion on this when we look to revise the bylaw," Roberts said.

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Minden to tender major projects despite COVID

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills council voted to proceed with tendering some major projects, including reconstructing IGA Road, when it met April 30.

Director of public works, Travis Wilson, was looking for direction amidst COVID-19.

“In regards to the continuation of construction with the current restrictions from the province in regards to critical infrastructure,” he said in a report. He also wanted to know how council felt about existing contracts, and if the municipality would consider compensation to contractors should their operations require substantially more money to complete.

The 2020 budget has several rehabilitation, preventative maintenance, and maintenance and construction projects. They include: roads’ resurfacing, the Sunnybrook Bridge, Milburn, Bobcaygeon, IGA and Shetland roads, the Salerno Lake bridge, Scotch Line slopes and closing the Irondale waste disposal site.

Wilson said a number of projects can easily be justified as critical and essential, including resurfacing, Sunnybrook and Salerno Lake Road bridges, Scotch Line slopes and Irondale closure. However, he felt others, such as reconstruction of IGA

and Bobcaygeon roads, Shetland Road drainage and Milburn Road bridge, cannot be justified as critical and essential.

“(IGA) Road has been in poor shape for at least 15 years. One additional year will not make this road in any worse condition. The reconstruction will require storm sewer work, which will require close proximity of staff,” he said.

The current direction from the province would classify all of these projects as essential and critical, Wilson said, however, he said the township should be cognizant of the potential risk and health impacts of allowing, and in this case, promoting gatherings of contractors within the municipality.

But Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell said, “Yes, (some roads) have been that way for a long time but I still consider them critical. IGA Road may have looked the way it does for many years but that doesn’t make it any less worthy to be fixed.”

She went on to say the township has budgeted for these projects in 2020, understanding they may cost more now depending on COVID-19.

“My recommendation would be that we move forward and we put the tenders out and if they come in astronomically different than we thought they should have been, we don’t have to accept them at this time. But,



Minden Hills council will tender for IGA Road reconstruction. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

I’d like to see the current projects for 2020 all move forward and if grant money comes forward in the fall or later, even possibly for next year, that we look at projects we haven’t been able to do due to funding or money in Travis’s department.”

Coun. Bob Carter said as much as he agreed with Schell about trying to get ahead with roads, “at the same time, I think of things such as the Sunnybrook bridge ... if it hasn’t been tendered and if there

is the possibility of infrastructure money coming, it would seem that it might be a good thing to try to take advantage of that infrastructure money.”

In a recorded vote, the motion passed 5-2. Carter and Coun. Pam Sayne voted against. (Sayne wants work on the Shetland Road drainage done sooner, rather than later). Mayor Brent Devolin, Schell, and Councillors Jennifer Hughey, Jean Neville and Ron Nesbitt voted in favour.

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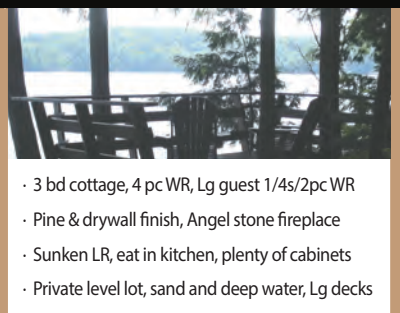


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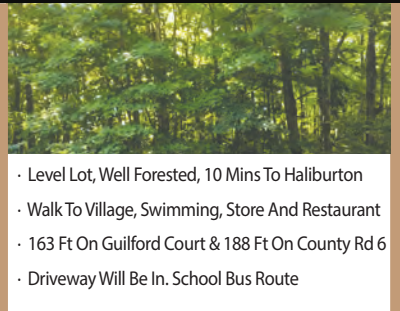
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Why in-person meetings are best

I've now watched two council meetings that were done via Zoom, and shown on YouTube.

Both were last week and both involved the Township of Minden Hills.

The first one was a special council meeting April 28. It was called to essentially sanction the use of virtual meetings, and quorum, going forward. It lasted less than 10 minutes with the council then going into closed session.

The second meeting, April 30, was a regular council meeting. It was a follow-up to a committee of the whole meeting that had been held back in March. It was longer than the first meeting but still not lengthy. There were no delegations.

However, a couple of staff members, public works director Travis Wilson, and planner Ian Clendening, did make appearances to discuss reports in their portfolios and on the agenda. After about an hour, the council again went behind closed doors.

The County's library board was the first municipal board to kick off virtual meetings. By the end of this week, all five tiers of government will have had a kick at it.

My thoughts?

It is nice to see the councils meeting again, and taking back some of their delegated authority. It allows members of the press, and the public, to know more about what is going on when it comes to the day-to-day running of local municipalities.

I applaud the work of the County's IT department, and municipal clerks in particular, for helping to get the technology up and running.

For the most part, I think it is going well. I have not noticed any major glitches, other than a few councillors forgetting to unmute microphones or turn on video.

As a reporter, it is actually convenient to tune into the meetings from home. There is no driving time. It is also quite easy to make audio recordings of the meetings to play back for more accurate reporting.

However, I do prefer going to council meetings in person for a number of reasons.

When in council chambers, you get a much better feel for a meeting. For example, you can read a councillors' body language. You can pick up on side comments. Often, some of the best story tips come when chatting informally with

the councillors, or staff, at the coffee station outside of the chambers.

It is also easier to clarify things on-the-spot and in-person, rather than chasing councillors and staff after-the-fact.

This is the same for delegations to council. There have not been any at the meetings I have covered. However, it is much easier to follow them outside after they make their presentations than trying to do so after they have virtually pled their case.

And, finally, the press is given an opportunity to ask questions at the end of council meetings, as long as the queries are pertinent to something that has been on the meeting agenda. While we don't always ask questions, the point is that we can.

So, while I am happy to attend some Zoom meetings for now - and delighted to have something to write about other than COVID-19 - I look forward to a return to business as usual and once again making my way to the County's council meetings.



By Lisa Gervais

Good for you COVID-19 and advanced care planning

Guest column by
Dr. Diane Duff RN PHD

Seniors living in residential care homes across Canada are bearing the brunt of COVID-19 related deaths in Canada.

It's hardly surprising. These homes provide congregate care to elderly persons who often are living with dementia as well as cardiac and respiratory conditions. Seniors residential care in Ontario is almost equally divided between long-term care homes (LTCH) and retirement homes (RH).

During the pandemic, residents and their family are being asked to update their "Do Not Hospitalize" (DNH) and "Do Not Resuscitate" (DNR) directives. While end-of-life decisions are often difficult conversations to broach, they are important conversations. The key is to determine whether there is any likelihood that care in a hospital or resuscitation would result in positive and sustained health outcomes or continuing quality of life. If not, we need to be able to make decisions to provide supportive palliative care that ensures the individual has a comfortable experience during their end-of-life, whether due to COVID-19, or other illnesses or disease.

As Katherine Arnup (2018) noted, while we would all like to live forever, or failing that, be fully able, active and then die in our sleep, these scenarios are unlikely to

happen. In more practical terms, people generally state that their end-of-life preferences would be to: die at home, if possible; die pain-free; and die with dignity. For individuals living in SRC facilities, this is their home. The real priorities during a COVID-19 outbreak in a SRC facility is to ensure there are sufficient numbers of staff to isolate ill residents so they do not infect others, and to provide comfort and dignity at end-of life, if recovery is not possible.

It is fair enough to critique that there should have been more proactive provincial and regional contingency planning to ensure adequate personal protection equipment to all care homes. as we could see the impact of COVID-19 in China, Italy, and Spain.

Additionally, it has been difficult to effectively formulate and mobilize clinical (SWAT) teams to ensure both normal care and end-of-life care when staffing levels were dangerously low. Our current health care system operates as loosely connected siloes. Ross Memorial Hospital stepped up to the plate to augment staffing at Pinecrest Nursing Home in Bobcaygeon. The University Health Network's CEO and staff worked together to bolster care in several Toronto homes. The military have enhanced care in key hotspots. Hopefully, other hospitals that have excess resources will follow their examples.

Advanced care planning requires all of

us to reflect on our own values and what makes life meaningful. Make sure your family knows what you would like your end-of-life experience to be and whom you would like to speak on your behalf if you can't speak for yourself. It is possible for you to designate one person to speak to both property/finance and personal care decisions, or you can designate one person for property and finance and another person for personal care and health decisions. Check out the excellent, and free advice and forms from the Attorney General of Ontario at attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/english/family/pgt/poa.pdf.

A "Living Will" generally begins with a statement of your end-of-life beliefs and then a statement of whether or not in the presence of terminal illness, prolonged unconsciousness with no expectation of recovery, or mental impairment/advanced dementia you agree to tube-feeding and/or life support (intubation/ventilation), CPR and/or defibrillation. Some people also specify whether they want other interventions such as hospitalization, surgery, radiation or chemotherapy; dialysis; IVs; and blood transfusions to be done or withheld.

You might find watching the following link helpful: cbc.ca/radio/checkup/covid19-seniors-refuse-ventilator-end-of-life-plans-1.5529828.



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Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Cottager says it's a constitutional issue

Dear editor,

Premier Doug Ford, I am sending you this communication with respect to possible curtailment of cottage owners from going to their cottages in light of COVID-19 concerns.

As a physician and responsible cottage owner, I do believe I have some insight. I don't have to remind you that as cottage owners, we pay taxes for services for the entire year that surely benefits our northern communities.

However, I do say that we do use our cottage in a responsible fashion 12 months of the year. With respect to COVID-19, it is much easier to isolate in the cottage setting than it is in a high-rise in Toronto having to use the elevator multiple times a day with a pet that needs to use the outdoors for obvious reasons. Isolation is much easier in the cottage environment where there is little person to person contact making the risks of contraction or spread of COVID slim and remote.

As responsible cottage owners, we bring most of our provisions from the city of Toronto and use local facilities sparingly. My wife, who has been residing there for the past two months, finds that stores are well-stocked and there is no problem with social distancing and business seems to be happy with our purchases.

Concerning the possibility of becoming symptomatic with a respiratory tract infection or other illnesses that could overwhelm local community healthcare, I daresay it would prompt a quick return to the city where as you know our hospitals have been underwhelmed with emergency visits and COVID infection. I certainly can attribute this to your wise guidance and the institution of nonessential business closure, social distancing, encouraging appropriate handwashing etc, so kudos to your government.

However, it is quite clear that the plateau has been reached and certainly there has been a significant decline of COVID

infection within the City of Toronto itself as you well know. There is no reason why we, as responsible citizens, should be prevented from going to our cottages. We would continue to social distance. We would continue to avoid unnecessary gathering of people. Moreover, it makes no sense to institute such a policy other than to create animosity between cottage owners and those who make cottage country their permanent residence.

These communities need our existence in order to carry out their businesses which indeed is necessary for their economic survival. Also, it should be stated that if your government decides to implement such a policy then you must also do it for those citizens of northern communities who must travel to the city to do business or even attend for medical reasons - it works both ways.

I would also state that such a draconian policy of barring movement to our cottages would in my opinion represent overstepping of government into private lives which would have a negative impact in supporting your government financially or otherwise in future endeavors or elections. I can see no evidence that implementing such a policy would serve any useful purpose. Our own prime minister continues to use his "cottage" to address the nation on a regular basis. I do not believe that we are in store for a second major surge as long as we continue to be responsible citizens. I feel your government must continue the fight to encourage proper behavior in this era of COVID-19 but refrain from making decisions not based on sound evidence-based medicine that would interfere with freedom of the person and, as I see it, a constitutional issue.

David Kreaden MD FRCP
Toronto

Lest we forget

Dear editor,

This year is the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. On April 28, 1945, Mussolini, Italy's fascist dictator,



Maggie Lawrence captured this image of a fox, entitled "morning visitor."

was assassinated by his own people. I make no apologies for cheering as I watched the pictures. He was responsible for the death and wounding of 26,000 Canadians, many from Haliburton County.

Hitler was being guarded in his bunker in Germany. On April 30, he shot his mistress, Eva Braun, and turned the gun on himself, leaving orders that their bodies were to be burned.

I lifted the heavy drapes which covered my top-secret work at RCAF headquarters and I knew the war was coming to an end. The Russians were making great advances from the east towards Berlin and the Allies were making steady gains from the west towards Berlin. I knew it would not be long. On May 8, 1945, Sir Winston Churchill declared VE Day.

But we still had the Japanese. When the Allies got the secret of the atomic bomb, President Harry Truman order the Japanese

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to remove women and children from Hiroshima as it would be bombed. On Aug. 6, it was. The Japanese ignored the bomb, so, on Aug. 9, Truman told the Japanese to surrender unconditionally or Nagasaki would be bombed. It was and the Japanese emperor signed an unconditional surrender on Sept. 2, 1945, bringing the Second World War to a complete end.

I'm grateful to those on Facebook and *The Highlander* for encouraging me to write the Left to Tell series. I'm grateful to Lisa Gervais for typing my stories. These will begin to be published weekly in *The Highlander* in July until Remembrance Day 2020. I will be in my 97th year, and most of my comrades didn't make it. Lest we forget.

Mabel D. (nee Sawyer) Brannigan
Minden

More letters on page 8

COVID-19 and your septic system

By the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations

Septic owners should be mindful that every septic system has a finite capacity. If your system is stressed or overloaded beyond its capacity, you could end up with a messy, costly failure.

Self-isolation and shelter-in-place policies can stress septic systems. Are you spending more time at home trying to keep the coronavirus at bay? This can increase the load on your septic system. More food is being prepared at home. Many people are washing more dishes. More laundry than usual - many families are washing clothes, linens, towels, etc. more often, especially if someone in the home is self-isolating or quarantined. Some people are stripping down and washing their clothes after having

been outside. All this extra water usage and food waste going down drains increases the stress on septic systems.

Theres also disinfecting wipes and other toxins. In an effort to prevent the virus from spreading, many families are using higher than normal amounts of wipes and cleaning products

We all have enough to worry about with the health and economic impacts of the coronavirus. A septic system backup or leach field failure right now on top of everything else would be disastrous.

Septic care checklist:

So, what can you do to reduce the stress on your septic system and prevent overloading it?

- Never use bleach and minimize antibacterial products in a home with a septic system.
- Never flush wipes of any kind – there is so much thing as a flushable wipe in a septic system.
- Use regular, good old-fashioned soap for hand washing. There is no need to use soap containing harsh anti-bacterial agents which are toxic to the microbes in your septic system.
- Never do more than one water consuming activity at a time – e.g. do not do dishes and laundry at the same time as this can overload your system.
- Only do laundry when you have a full load and only do one load per day.
- Take showers of five minutes or less instead of having a bath, which uses more water.

- Never use chemical products in your toilet tank, like cleaning pucks that turn the water blue. Stop using them.
- Add more needed bacteria and enzymes to your system.
- Fix leaky plumbing fixtures especially toilet flappers that can allow hundreds of gallons of extra water to leak into your septic system.
- If you have not had your septic tank pumped in five years, contact a septic service company (they are considered an essential service) and arrange to get it done as soon as possible.

The basics – reduce water use and spread it out over the day and week; do not let any antibacterial product down your drains and supplement the good bacteria and enzymes once a month.

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Zooming into action

Minden Hills council held its second virtual meeting April 30, this one its regular council meeting.

It repealed a bylaw that delegated council's authority to its emergency control group.

Mayor Brent Devolin said with authority moving back to council, the plan is to hold virtual committee of the whole, and regular, council meetings in the month of May.

"It feels like after, what's been a couple of months, this is the first step back to normalcy in terms of operations by council," Devolin said. He added it was "in quite a different way and fashion than we're used to but certainly council's engaged with those matters that they could and should be. This is a good day for us to be able to do this."

Coun. Jean Neville inquired about virtual meetings of committees of council, such as the cemetery committee.

Devolin and clerk Vicki Bull said they would not be in a position to host such meetings in May, due to staffing and IT demands. However, if COVID prevents meetings throughout the summer they will consider such a roll-out.

Devolin pointed out it's not just Minden

Hills needing the service, but the County and other three lower-tier municipalities as well.

Earlier in the meeting, during his mayor's report, Devolin thanked County and township staff "that have made this possible so that we can get back to the business of conducting council in a different form and fashion than what we're used to. And it may be clunky the odd time, or with the odd faux pas, and after seeing a lit bit of the footage from Parliament Hill (April 29) we're not the only ones ..."

Waste app approved

Council gave the green light to signing an agreement with the Township of Algonquin Highlands so its residents can use the Waste Wizard App.

The app will go on the township website and will allow people to type in items to find out where they can be taken, with an emphasis on recycling and reusing items to cut down on waste.

Director of public works, Travis Wilson, said it's "something staff is looking forward to putting onto our website and providing that service to the public."

Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell, who has the environmental portfolio, added, "I'm

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actually learning stuff about recycling, so that's kind of embarrassing, but if I'm learning it, then the community's learning it, so thank you for that. I think the app will be even more well received."

Tenders awarded

Council awarded a roads tender for a street sweeping rate extension.

They are going with Glen's Sweeping for \$145 per hour (no increase from last year). The estimated cost is \$16,000 excluding GST.

Wilson said sweeping is slated for late this week into next week, to hopefully be completed before the May long weekend.

Coun. Ron Nesbitt asked what would happen to the sand, and Wilson suggested it could be used as cover at the landfill.

Council also awarded the tender for road resurfacing of various locations to Miller Paving Ltd.

The price is a total of \$423,526.71 under the single source procurement. Council also approved debenture funding to cover any unfunded costs related to the project, in the absence of a departmental surface. (Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

LETTERS

Disappointed and disillusioned

Dear editor,

Our COVID crisis has left me disappointed and disillusioned.

I have had a "cottage property" for over 30 years during which I have embraced Haliburton as my second home. I have never liked the word 'seasonal,' seemingly a pejorative, code for outsider or part-timer. And if you are treated for all tax-grabbing purposes as a full-time resident, 'seasonal' becomes a paradoxical insult, growing obsolete as no one builds "cottages" anymore. Everything is built to be a year-round residence, so how can its use be labelled seasonal?

But emphasizing taxes as the right to own/use property trivially distracts from a more profound issue. My taxes build and support all aspects of community life - its resources, infrastructure and facilities, including roads, bridges, landfills, libraries, schools and hospital/medical spaces. Likewise significant, I have spent thousands of dollars and hours over the years, investing in growing and patronizing the local economy, making lasting connections with "locals" (another needless divisive word), always proudly boasting of my link to Haliburton, and, until recently, thinking I belonged. Apparently not.

Now I am being told that I am not a part of the community. Both the message and its manner of delivery is hurtfully disappointing, laying bare a sad divisiveness. That is what truly is disillusioning, apart from a lazy failure to distinguish responsible property owners from visitors, tourists, renters, etc. Why am I being told that I am not a part of the

community? Why am I being told that community resources, facilities and places, however limiting, are (temporarily) off limits to me? Who even has the right to decide that I am not part of the Haliburton community, and on what arbitrary basis?

And if I had to visit a local hospital or buy from a local grocery, why is it I who is being labelled 'selfish' by those unwilling to share with me community resources that I have also helped develop, financially and otherwise, over 30-plus years? Limited resources are a community concern but not to be limited to only the self-chosen few.

Being told that I will be warmly welcomed but only when it becomes convenient is a reality check that now, despite 30-plus years of engagement and contributing, has indelibly and detrimentally altered my perception of Haliburton going forward. Being told "we are all in this together" rings somewhat hollow. How disappointing.

Garry Lamourie
Sharon Lake, Minden Hills

Self-described 'citiot'

Dear editor,

In last week's letters, I read a response to the cottager who continues to come and stay despite direction from our prime minister, premier and cottage associations. I agree that anger is based in fear but what we are fearing is not imagined, there are reminders everywhere; radio, television, billboards, newsprint and if that isn't enough to keep the pandemic fresh in your mind, the sight of people social distancing and wearing masks and gloves will bring it to the surface. On Friday, I saw a burial,

couples paired off under shared umbrellas, six or more feet from their loved ones. No hugs to provide comfort.

I appreciate the lengths to which the cottager is taking to reduce any impact on the community and send my heartfelt thanks. In saying this, though, so is everyone else.

While I admit that your personal impact is so small as to be almost insignificant, please come on this visual journey with me.

You see a beautiful garden with 1,000 pink and white flowers, all in bloom. You, yourself, would like to pick one to put in your hair or give to a friend. No one will even notice - it is true. But 999 other people have the same thought, each taking one tiny flower. In no time at all, the garden is a bed of soil, void of colour and life. Your impact is tiny but combined with other people's impact, it becomes significant and life changing - literally.

If I were in your shoes, I would want desperately to leave the city and come to my cottage. But, out of respect for others, and because it is the right thing to do - I would stay at home. If we are going to beat the current health crisis, each person needs to do their part - no exceptions. To believe you are exempt implies self-importance. Every citizen is making sacrifices that are heartbreaking, difficult and isolate people from their loved ones.

To quote Vince Lombardi "Individual commitment to a group effort. That is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."

More love, not less, by each person resisting the urge to pick their own little flower.

Cara Oleksuk
Haliburton

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COVID-19 UPDATES

Food providers get support

Community food providers are receiving emergency funding boosts to help support seniors' programs.

The United Way of Kawartha Lakes announced \$49,278 in funding May 4 for the region from the federal government's New Horizons for Seniors Program, aimed at helping expand organizational capacity to serve the age group.

"We are concerned that we have many seniors in rural areas who might become easily isolated," executive director Penny Barton Dyke said.

Grant recipients include Central Food Network, the Rotary Club of Haliburton's Good Food Box, and SIRCH Community Services, who will each get between \$3,000-\$5,000.

"We know that our local seniors were struggling with isolation and food security before implications of COVID-19 hit home," Central Food Network secretary David O'Brien said. "Now, more than ever, we need to be reaching out to those who are most vulnerable to offer a helping hand."

Other local food banks also got added funding this week, as the Haliburton County Home Builders Association donated \$5,600 May 2 to be split between the 4Cs, Central Food Network and the Minden Food Bank.

Graduation ceremonies postponed

Haliburton's graduating classes will have to go without June ceremonies as Trillium Lakelands District School Board has opted to postpone them this year due to COVID-19.

In a May 1 letter, director of education Larry Hope said the decision was based

on the precarious nature of large group gatherings during the pandemic.

"We have not taken this decision lightly as we know how important the opportunity to celebrate our graduates is for all of us," Hope said.

Hope said the board has asked schools to develop alternative plans in the coming weeks.

"This milestone is very important for our graduating students, and we will do what we can to ensure appropriate recognition on a school-by-school basis," he said. Ontario's schools remain closed until at least May 31 by provincial order. Other school boards across the province have also announced delays to ceremonies. (COVID-19 News compiled by Joseph Quigley).

Craft Brewers Fest cancelled

The Haliburton and District Lions Club is cancelling the Haliburton Craft Brewers Fest scheduled for July 18.

Lions Club member Gail Stelter thanked sponsors, and others who have supported the event.

"As you know, the Haliburton Lions raise funds to give away to those in need. While the cancellation of this and other upcoming fundraisers will result in the reassessment of our available funds, we are confident that we will continue to be here to serve and to help," Stelter said.

She added that "COVID-19 brings sadness, worry and personal struggle to the world and to our local community. To be able to serve at this time is a gift we will not pass up."

They can be contacted at haliburtonlions@gmail.com or via website haliburtoncraftbrewersfest.com (Lisa Gervais)

Dysart et al news

Staff brought forward a draft bylaw which featured several changes, including the removal of dog tag requirements, administrative penalties and the ability for a bylaw officer to declare a dog dangerous and require it be muzzled when off the owner's property. Staff said this stems from an incident last year where dogs running loose on a property went out onto the road to attack a dog being walked.

Smith questioned the additions to the bylaw, citing challenges the municipality has had had enforcing its septic re-inspection bylaw.

"Now we're talking about implementing another bylaw on something as difficult to legislate as dogs and behaviour of dogs," Smith said. "We should take this bylaw and throw it in the trash because people have learned here in Dysart that adhering to bylaws is a matter of choice."

Kennedy said the new bylaw should make specific note of hunting dogs, which were included in its previous iteration.

Chief building official Karp Korpela said he would take council feedback and bring forward another draft. (Dysart et al news compiled by Joseph Quigley).

COVID-19 hits budget

COVID-19 has cost Dysart et al \$41,500 in staff time and they estimate another \$179,600 in financial impacts.

Treasurer Barbara Swannell reported on the budget implications of the pandemic. She projected a series of revenue losses leading to a deficit through June, including \$60,000 in property tax interest deferrals, and \$45,000 in recreation revenue. The projections anticipate the economy will be partially mobilized by June 30.

Coun. John Smith proposed a staff report on discretionary spending that could be removed, which council agreed on. Council also decided to pull back from a \$33,000 plan to replace town docks this year, given uncertainty around their use this summer.

"We're going to have to be very prudent here," Mayor Andrea Roberts said.

Canine control considered

Dysart et al is considering changing its canine control bylaw to allow for the muzzling of dogs deemed dangerous.



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Trillium Lakelands District School Board is adapting to learning at home with schools closed until at least May 31. *File photo*

School board adapts to learning at home

COVID-19

By Joseph Quigley

Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) is working through the hurdles of Learning@Home but its polling indicates most families are satisfied by its efforts so far.

Director of Education Larry Hope reported to the school board about the program April 28. Boards across the province have rolled out home learning with schools closed until at least May 31 by provincial order due to COVID-19.

Hope said in a board-wide survey of families with 3,200 respondents, 68 per cent expressed they were satisfied or very satisfied with online programs and tools. Meanwhile, 80 per cent of respondents expressed satisfaction with schools' communication and 65 per cent expressed satisfaction with the quantity of schoolwork, Hope said.

"Particularly proud of our staff for the incredible work they've done to bring this to life," Hope said. "Doesn't mean we're done; it just means we have some things to continue to build on and hopefully do even better on in the coming days and weeks."

Hope said although they have received positive feedback, there are concerns. He said there is pushback on work quantity, with some families saying students are finishing too quickly and others struggling to get it done on time. Learning@Home includes reduced schoolwork hours, with Grades K-6 at five hours per week, Grades 7-8 at 10 hours per week, and Grades 9-12 at three hours per credit per week.

"We know there are students who will get

the work and have it in 10-15 minutes and other students who require an hour or two," Hope said. "We've asked our educators to be as mindful of that continuum as they possibly can be."

Another point of issue is grading, Hope said. The province has mandated students' grades cannot go below where they were March 13, when schools closed, though grades can still improve.

"We know that has caused some anxiety for some of our staff. It's certainly caused some uncertainty in our communities," Hope said. "The simple reality is when we're given a directive like this, we accept the directive because it is our responsibility."

Hope reported a common point of feedback is high stress and anxiety levels for students and their families. He said TLDSB has launched a series of video supports and is highlighting mental health supports in the area.

Bracebridge trustee Stephen Binstock asked about what guidance counsellors are doing and Hope responded they are reaching out to students.

"Our single greatest challenge is that's not happening in person, and that is a problem, there's no two ways about that. But they're doing everything they can," Hope said.

Haliburton trustee Gary Brohman expressed his appreciation for staff and sympathy for parents dealing with high workloads, particularly single parents.

"Let's just be really careful on workload," Brohman said. "Kids are going to school next September and they'll catch up regardless. They're the most resilient group of people in our society."



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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

Due to restrictions mandated as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic, the 24th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) originally scheduled to be held in June, 2020 will be delayed. As of this time, a date for the AGM is still to be confirmed. A further notice will be published once the date has been set.

2020-21 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who is a resident* of, or who is employed or operates a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria county, or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. **To be eligible to vote at the 2020 AGM, new memberships must be obtained by May 25, 2020.** Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board.

Forms for corporate membership can be found on the website listed below (under "Admin&Board/Board&Oversight") and payment of the membership fee can be arranged by contacting:

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* this includes seasonal residents (i.e., summer cottagers / landowners)

Highlander education

Elementary educators ratify new agreement

By Joseph Quigley

Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) members voted overwhelmingly in favour of ratifying new central deals with the province.

ETFO announced the ratification April 27, with 97 per cent of teachers and 94 per cent of education workers voting in favour of their respective agreements.

The union said the deal maintains 100 per cent of a special education fund, preserves the current kindergarten model and ensures there will be no class size increases during the life of the agreement.

The deal comes after a protracted battle between the union and province, which included one-day strikes. Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) ETFO teacher local representative Karen Bratina said the pandemic helped motivate both sides, but her members are very satisfied by the agreement.

"We're satisfied with maintaining what we had, and we were also very satisfied with the restoration for the funding of the student support program and also our benefits," she said. "Those were pretty big pieces."

Local agreements still need to be negotiated, but Bratina said that process is already underway, with two meetings done and further virtual meetings planned.

"We don't know whether or not we'll be able to settle and reach an agreement by the end of this school year," Bratina said. "But both the TLDSB and local are motivated to continue to negotiate."



Elementary teachers voted to ratify a new central deal with the province after a prolonged negotiation. *File photo*

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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 listen carefully to the full message and follow the message prompts or 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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Email: admin@mindenhills.ca

Please do not call or email the various Departments or their related extensions or submit inquiries through the Minden Hills website Contact Us form.

If you are aware of anyone who is not adhering to the Government's order which prohibits organized public events and social gatherings of more than five (5) people, or who are not practicing appropriate physical distancing; you are encouraged to contact your local police department or the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or online by visiting opp.ca/reporting.

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

DISCLAIMER : The information provided on this page is considered current and valid on as of May 4, 2020.

While the Township of Minden Hills works diligently to provide the public with the most current information regarding service provisions and reductions during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are aware that, due to the rapidly evolving nature of outbreak, information can, and may, change on a daily basis. The public is strongly encouraged to refer our website at www.mindenhills.ca for current and up-to-date information. Anyone unable to access the website can call 705-286-1260 or email admin@mindenhills.ca for assistance.

Council Meetings

As a result of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, all Council and Committee of the Whole meetings will be conducted virtually via web conference; and Closed Session meetings via teleconference, until further notice.

Meetings are held virtually, starting at 9:00 AM in the Minden Council office, 7 Milne Street. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

May 14 - Committee of the Whole Council Meeting
Mar 28 - Regular Council Meeting

During this unprecedented time, the health and safety of our community is of paramount importance. Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at www.mindenhills.ca/council/.

Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session

Tax Due Date Extension

The tax due date for the 1st installment of the 2020 interim tax billing is **extended to May 29, 2020**, without penalty or interest. The tax due date for the 2nd installment of the 2020 interim tax billing is **extended to June 26, 2020**, without penalty or interest.

Household Hazardous Waste Event Day

Due to COVID-19, the Household Hazardous Waste Event originally scheduled for Saturday May 16th has been **postponed** to Saturday June 6th, from 8am – 11:30am at the Scotch Line Landfill.

Request for Proposal #ENV 20-04 Furniture and Bulky Item Disposal

The Township is accepting bids from qualified Respondents for transport and processing services to remove materials from the Scotch Line site for recycling or final disposal off-site. The deadline for submissions is May 8, 2020 by 12:00 noon.

Visit mindenhills.ca/tenders to view all requirements and submission instructions for this tender.

Pre-Authorized Payment Plan

Preauthorized payment plan withdrawals will continue as originally scheduled. Ten (10) month plan payments will be deducted on the last business day of each month. The installment plan payments will be withdrawn on May 22nd, 2020. Post-dated cheques on file will also be deposited on the dates as indicated on the cheques. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your preauthorized payment plan or post-dated cheques, please call 705-286-1260, extension 201.



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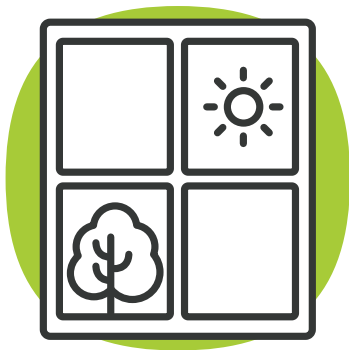
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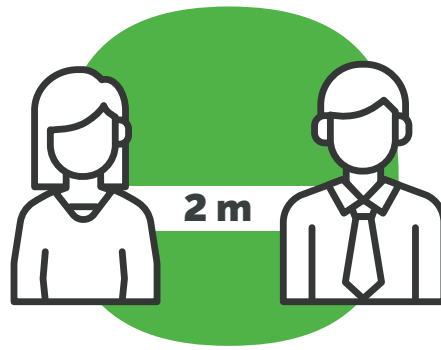
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Highlander people



Left: A 27-year-old Lee Gauthier. Right: Lee Gauthier loved art, writing, movies, travel and animals. Photos submitted.

Lee Gauthier has headed home

By Lisa Gervais

Kelly Gauthier called her aunt Lee 'Aunty Oz' because of their shared love of the movie, *The Wizard of Oz*.

"It was our favourite movie," Kelly said. "There's no place like home ... and Lee was my home, so I referred to her as Aunty Oz."

Lee Gauthier, who died peacefully via medical assistance in dying (MAID) April 30, is being fondly remembered by friends, family and colleagues.

Kelly said she and Lee had a special bond. She said she grew up in a dysfunctional home but was too young to know that. However, Lee did, and would pick her up every other weekend and whisk her to the cottage on Kushog Lake.

"She was instrumental in my childhood in terms of getting me away, and showing me ways of expressing myself."

While young Kelly did odd jobs, such as taking snow off the roof in winter or raking leaves, she was encouraged to do art. She went on to become an art and photo therapist.

As she grew into her teens and adulthood, Kelly said Lee was always home for her, no matter where she went. And she said other family members felt the same way.

"She was just my north, south, east and west. She probably was a compass for me, or maybe she was a healing spot for a lot of people in the family. She shared a friendship with some of us. She was more like a mom for others. She never hesitated to be there for someone. Her home was just a place where you felt comfortable and welcome."

Kelly said when Lee told her she had

cancer and didn't know how much time she had left, but was not going to do chemotherapy, "she said 'I've lived a great life. It's my time'. She was so comfortable with her decision."

Kelly and Lee's friend Darlene Brown were with her at the time she passed "and her decision never wavered. She was at ease the whole time, reminiscing about old times. We laughed and cried. She also made sure to let us know how deeply we were loved and made eye contact the whole time as if to take that image of us with her. She passed peacefully."

Friend Brenda Peddigrew said Lee told people she was going to be reincarnated as an owl so she isn't surprised that she, and others, have been seeing owls, or symbols of owls, since Lee passed away.

"Lee told most of us she's coming back as an owl. She loved owls. She told us 'just look out for owls'. Since she's been gone, the number of owl sightings, I've had three this morning," Brenda said in an interview May 4.

Peddigrew had known Lee for more than 20 years, part of three groups with the well-known local realtor: the Outloud Womyn's Voices, the Algonquin Highlands Writers Circle and the Soul Sisters group.

"Lee was a very significant, visible member of so many communities in our area. It is a huge loss. We all feel it. And we are kind of still on the edge of shock," Brenda said.

But she said Lee "was completely at peace. She had all of her affairs in order." Peddigrew last saw her on April 24. She said Lee had thought of everything, charities to give to, new homes for her cats, where to donate her movies.

She said once people learned of Lee's plans, they were able to reach out by phone and email. And, on Tuesday, April 28, a procession of people in vehicles did an organized drive by for Lee, who stood in her driveway,

farewelling them all.

Peddigrew said she would remember her friend for her love of art, writing and travel.

She said Lee was a global person in many ways. "It was part of her essence. She had a very big mind, and a heart that was capable of going to another country and absorbing their culture. Lee travelled for adventure. It symbolized her life and her being expanded when she went to these countries, not just to see what was there."

She said they've also learned new things about her, such as Lee's ongoing support of the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary.

"What she brought, besides her generosity,

was her interest in so many different things."

Peddigrew added her friend wasn't an angel.

"She also had a stubbornness and feistiness I think contributed to everything else. She had a quick temper and could go off like a firecracker, and then come back and apologize. She was totally human and knew it."

Century 21 Granite Realty Group's Andrew Hodgson said he'd worked with Lee for 14 years.

"First and foremost, she was a dear friend and a wonderful person," he said.

He added that she was a "great realtor, loved being a realtor, for over 33 years in Haliburton. She insisted on dying as a realtor." She was fully licenced at the time of her passing. "She was professional to the highest degree. Top notch."

He added she had a true affinity for Kushog Lake out of her Carnarvon office.

He estimates that during her career she would have served close to 1,000 clients, and had an amazing referral network and dedicated repeat customers.

"Lee was proud to be a realtor, proud to be part of our team. I loved working with her. She knew her stuff, she knew her cottagers, her area. She understood her buyers. I used to make jokes, 'that listing's a Lee special'."

Minden Pride also honoured Lee on their Facebook page.

"It is with sadness that we learned of the passing yesterday of friend of Minden Pride, Lee Gauthier. Some referred to Lee as the founder of the lesbian community in Haliburton. Our sincere condolences to Lee's friends and family."

She was just my north, south, east and west. She probably was a compass for me, or maybe she was a healing spot for a lot of people in the family.

Kelly Gauthier
Niece

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COVID-19

See the latest closures and cancellations at TheHighlander.ca

Doctor part of 'quite inspiring puzzle'

COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

Dr. Judy Suke isn't one for tooting her own horn. In fact, she said she finds it awkward to talk about herself.

However, Dr. Suke helped create, and is helping to run, the COVID assessment centre that continues to operate on the grounds of the Haliburton Family Medical Centre (HFMC).

"I am just one small piece of a much bigger, quite inspiring puzzle," Dr. Suke told *The Highlander* recently.

She was referring to what she calls the "inspiring collaboration between our HFMC office, led by our COVID hero and office manager Kim Robinson, Dr. Scott Coles, along with many other COVID heroes, including daily EMS involvement led by Jo-Ann Hendry, support from the local hospital, roads and fire departments."

She said all of these community partners contribute in key ways and the centre wouldn't exist without them.

Dr. Suke added that the day-to-day operations of the assessment centre rely on staff from all of the teams she's mentioned, along with dedicated HFMC staff who "care and counsel patients in our assessment centre tent."

She said their physician assistant, Kevin Penney, along with nursing staff, are at the frontline of the effort, along with nurses inside the office that field calls to triage, and or, make assessment centre bookings and help with all the follow-up calls and



Dr. Judy Suke has been a big part of the COVID-19 assessment centre in Haliburton. She is looking forward to return to normalcy. The photo is from the annual Gull River Race in September. *Photo submitted.*

counselling.

She said administration keeps it all rolling smoothly.

"I have never doubted how lucky I am to work with such an amazing group of people. All of our staff have stepped up with ideas, contributions and creativity to help."

She had accolades for physician colleagues, such as Dr. Steve Ferracutti, for his leadership in educating hospital staff around care of COVID patients,

while training them around policies and procedures that ensure staff and community safety.

She said Haliburton Highlands Health Services chief of staff, Dr. Keith Hay has been a guide and excellent leader; Dr. Kristy Gammon and Dr. Tina Stephenson key "and honestly every single physician, nurse and administrator that is a part of our HHHS and HFMC team.

"Members of our medical community are working hard at many levels to contribute

not just to pandemic care, but evolving primary care models and needs. COVID heroes are everywhere you look right now amongst your medical community and beyond, which says a lot about our community."

As for the public, she lauded them for playing their part in the physical distancing measures which are essential in keeping our population healthy during this difficult time.

"Physical distancing and COVID stress are hard. You all are COVID heroes."

Paramedic chief worked front line of SARS, managed Ebola

COVID-19

By Lisa Gervais

Supporting frontline paramedics during COVID-19 keeps Jo-Ann Hendry more than busy these days.

One of two deputy chiefs with the Haliburton County Paramedic Service, Hendry's job is to provide ongoing information and education to paramedics.

In relation to COVID-19, she said their focus has been on putting on, wearing, and taking off proper personal protective equipment (PPE), as well as standards and regulations that are continually changing.

She is also participating on multiple task forces, committees and organizing of the assessment centre.

"The current most important role through

this pandemic is to protect and support our frontline paramedics," she said.

It isn't completely new territory for her as she was an on-road paramedic during the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) outbreak in 2003. She also had a managerial position during the ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak in 2014.

Hendry said COVID-19 had changed a lot of things for frontline paramedics.

"They have gone from a fast-paced, critical thinking, decision-making, treatment-based working diagnosis to our focus being shifted to assessing a patient from a distance in full PPE to mitigate and manage the COVID-19 risk. Our paramedics continue to provide service for the sick and injured during a time of increased risk of communicable disease transmission," she said.

She had a number of thanks you's, including: The County of Haliburton, Haliburton Highlands Health Services, Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team and the physicians in Haliburton and Minden, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, Geriatric Assessment and Intervention Network, OPP, municipal fire departments, and the Central East Local Health Integration Network.

"I would also like to thank the rest of the HCPS management team, our executive assistant, community paramedic and staff of paramedics for their dedication and continuing efforts to battle this invisible threat. Haliburton County residents, and in time, our visitors, can be confident in the quality of patient care they continue to provide."



Jo-Ann Hendry is one of two deputy chiefs with the Haliburton County Paramedic Service. *Photo submitted.*

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Highlander community

LKO hands out first conservation award

By Lisa Gervais

The Silver Beach stewardship committee, from Silver Beach Condominiums, has been named the winner of the inaugural Lake Kashagawigamog (LKO) conservation award.

LKO spokesman John Sheard said the project created and instituted a five-year plan to rehabilitate the common ground areas left after construction, the lake shoreline and the pond and to reintroduce native plants, shrubs and trees.

"They began by engaging the expertise of the Haliburton County Master Gardeners to help identify areas suitable in the common areas for gardens and plantings of native trees and plants," Sheard said.

He said three Hugel beds were then created for residents to dump compostable material to be used in the future gardens. Following this, to reduce the number of common

grassy areas, three flower beds were created to be planted this summer with pollinator friendly plants. Areas that were not suitable for gardens were identified for planting edible plants such as raspberry and blueberry and native species such as milkweed and sumac, he said.

Sheard said the LKO created the awards as an incentive to make lake cottagers and residents more aware of the need for lake conservation. He added that since Lake Kashagawigamog is part of a five-lake chain that covers "a huge area and many people," they felt it was an important step toward overall conservation awareness in the Haliburton area.

The LKO conservation award committee consists of three people: Sheard, Wendy Hampson, and Kathleen Conlan.

Sheard said they had hoped to present the award at their yearly



Volunteers work on the grounds of the Silver Beach Condominiums. Submitted photo

Spring meeting in June, however, due to COVID-19, they will instead present it Thanksgiving weekend, 2020.

Do you want to be their conservation hero for 2020? The 2020 contest is open now. See contest details at lko.ca/lko-conservation-award

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Roofer gives \$300 from every job to charity

By Lisa Gervais

As Haliburton County grapples with the devastating COVID-19 pandemic, a Wilberforce-based roofing company is donating \$300 from each of its projects to three community charities.

Up Right Roofing Inc. says it has partnered with Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, the YWCA Peterborough Haliburton and SIRCH Community Services to donate proceeds from each roofing job completed in 2020.

"We have seen the great assistance and programming that each of these charities provide to our community and are excited to be partnered with them. We are proud to be giving back to a community that has given us so much," said owner Cory Valentini in an April 28 press release.

Point in Time offers a wide range of mental health supports and services to children, youth and families in the County.

Executive director Marg Cox said, "we are thrilled to be able to extend our ability to support Haliburton County children, youth and parents as a result of Up Right Roofing's generosity."

SIRCH identifies community needs and responds with innovative services, programs and partnerships that support individuals, families and communities. They are doing a lot of COVID-19 related work, such as cooking extra meals and being the hub for mask-making.

"At a time when many businesses are struggling, Up Right Roofing has come up with a way everyone wins. Someone gets their roof done; Up Right keeps people working, and organizations like ours get a donation from each job. Thank you, Melissa and

Cory," said executive director Gena Robertson.

The YWCA Peterborough Haliburton runs the women's shelter in Minden and provides support to women and children across the region. They have said pandemics increase the need for their services since incidences of domestic violence rise.

"Up Right Roofing's generosity is helping to ensure that YWCA Women's Centre and HERS can continue to meet our community's growing need for safety. At a time when women who experience violence are finding it more challenging than ever to safely access resources and support, we're deeply grateful for this compassionate partnership," executive director Kim Dolan said.

Up Right Roofing Inc. is a family owned and operated business, co-founded by Cory and Melissa Valentini. Cory, the primary on-site operator, comes from a roofing background in Sault Ste. Marie. Melissa, the primary office operator, comes from several years of office management and business development.

For more information, visit uprightroofing.ca.

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Cory Valentini
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We sustained many injuries during our season, both on and off the ice. Nevertheless, our team persevered in the face of adversity. Our fearless captain, Nigel Smith, sustained a serious injury during his football season. Despite this devastating setback, Nigel proved worthy of the title he was given by attending all games and providing encouragement and positive feedback to his teammates – he is a true class act.

As the season progressed, the team developed and refined their skillsets, came together as a unified front by always having each other's backs, and gained the confidence to own their space on the ice (and at times, in the penalty box).

Friendships were formed, team spirit was high, and these players learned what it takes to be successful both on and off the ice. They proved to all of us that they don't back down when times get challenging. For that, I am truly grateful and honored to have coached these young men.

I wish the third year players all the best in their future endeavours; the first and second year players success next season. A special shout out to all the people who contributed and devoted their time to our team, Jenn Clements, Brad Robinson, our seamstress Shannon Robinson, Greg Turner, Jeff Martin, and Jamie Morton. A special thanks to our sponsors, *The Highlander* newspaper and Smolen Dentistry.

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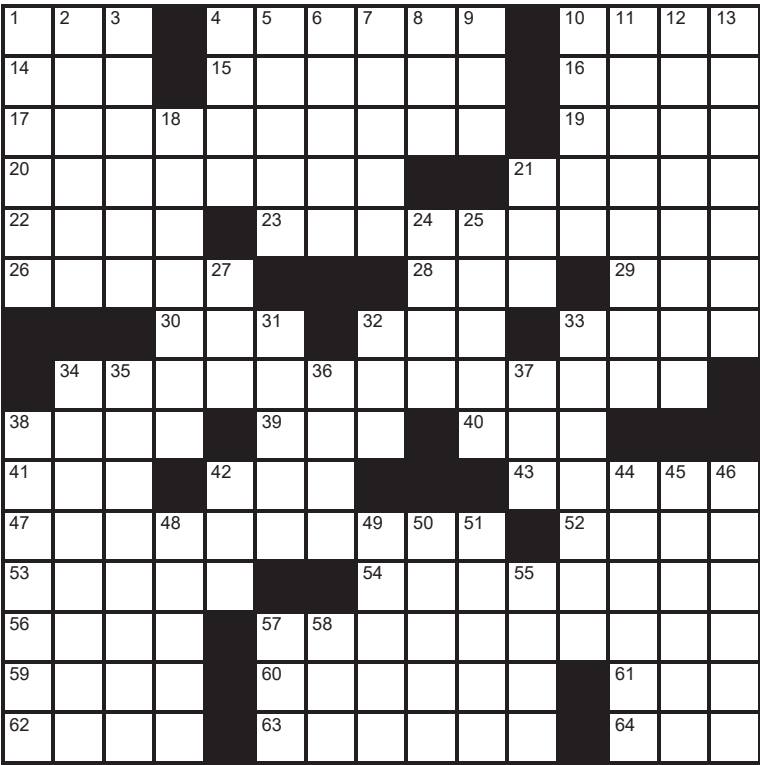


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- Across**
- 1 L x VI
 - 4 "___ Children" (sequel to a beloved deer story)
 - 10 Range once crossed by elephants
 - 14 "That feels so-o good"
 - 15 Preferring Gen Nexters to Gen Xers, say
 - 16 Bangkok currency
 - 17 Safe for highway driving
 - 19 "Take it as ___ not at all"
 - 20 The masses, as a whole
 - 21 Zeus's island birthplace
 - 22 "... , ___ sure you're all aware"
 - 23 She played Phoebe on "Friends"
 - 26 22:00
 - 28 Building material for Québec's Hôtel de Glace
 - 29 Scot's opposite of "tak"
 - 30 Mama's boy?
 - 32 Cheek swab stuff
 - 33 Put up the money for
 - 34 Turning to internet users for ideas and services
 - 38 Prom goer, likely
 - 39 Wrinkly-faced pooch
 - 40 "Exodus" actor Mineo
 - 41 Off one's food, maybe
 - 42 Rush frontman Geddy
 - 43 Get-ready-to-stop colour
 - 47 Sources of hot air at a salon
 - 52 Title for Maggie Smith
 - 53 Click to send
 - 54 Devilish
 - 56 Snowbirds' identifying features, maybe
 - 57 Anagram game that's depicted literally in 17-, 23-, 34- and 47-Across
 - 59 Suit to ___
 - 60 In ___, out the other
 - 61 Yiddish "sheesh!"-es
 - 62 Some Edwards, for short
 - 63 Some point-and-shoot brands
 - 64 Doofus



- Down**
- 1 Criticize constantly
 - 2 Get off the fence
 - 3 "Cats in the Cradle" singer Harry
 - 4 Have a wail of a time?
 - 5 Set ___ (aim to do)
 - 6 "Bienvenue" elicitor
 - 7 Is a major bummer
 - 8 "Kinda"
 - 9 Place where the food is slop
 - 10 "I'm Like ___" (Nelly Furtado hit)
 - 11 "Zapper" in a tag game
 - 12 Pointing and shooting, say
 - 13 Scattered, as hay
 - 18 Uses as an (often unwilling) shoulder
 - 21 Pool hall wall hanging
 - 24 Northern Japanese native
 - 25 Chryslers following the J and M series
 - 27 Cut blades with blades, say
 - 31 Supporter of Jagmeet Singh, e.g.
 - 32 Member of a K9 unit
 - 33 The silver screen world
 - 34 Pen pal?
 - 35 Like a popular library book, maybe
 - 36 Chop ___ (stir-fry dish)
 - 37 Countrywide car club: Abbr.
 - 38 Dalai Lama, ethnically
 - 42 The "bad" cholesterol: Abbr.
 - 44 Finale for Rocky?
 - 45 Carr and Brontë
 - 46 Teacher's coffee break, perhaps
 - 48 Smartens (up)
 - 49 English king, 946-55
 - 50 "___ painted pony let the spinning wheel ..." (song lyric)
 - 51 White's partner at the "wheel"
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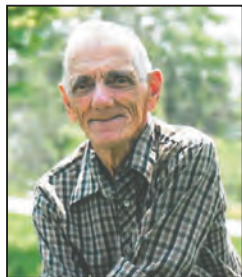
Beloved husband of the late Mathilde (nee Korell) (2018). Dear father of Barbara (Hugh) Trask, Sandra (Steven) Skidmore and grandfather of Christopher. Dear brother of Elisabeth Bartocha and predeceased by his brother Klaus Kieckhoefer.

In keeping with Hans wishes cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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In Loving Memory of

Harold "Nipper" James Alden

Passed away peacefully at his son's home in Wilberforce on Thursday, April 30, 2020, at the age of 80.

Beloved husband of the late Ruby Ellen Alden (nee Madill) (2018). Loving father of Jim (Ann), Mike (Gail) and Rob (Brenda). Loving papa of Crystal, Chris (V), Ashley (Chris), Bert (Kate), Christina, Shenese, Hailey and great grandpa of Ryan, Jessica, Auston, Holly, Keelan, Emma (deceased), Sara, Rebecca, Keira and Mia. Predeceased by his sisters of Elva Pearce and Ruth Liscombe, and by his twin brother Harvey. Lovingly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A private family graveside interment service will be held at South Wilberforce Cemetery, Wilberforce on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 11:00 am. A Celebration of Nipper's life will be held at a later date.

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In Loving Memory of

Doris Mae Moore (nee Hobden)

Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Saturday, May 2, 2020, at the age of 92.

Beloved wife of the late Robert John Moore, Dear mother of Sheila (Keith) Cowen, Scott (Donna), Delaine (Blake) Sisson. Loving grandma of Judy (Michael), Colin, Lisa (Steve), Kim (Geoff), Christina, Autumn (Austin), Regan (Ashley), Caley (Craig), and great grandma of Marissa, Kaylan, Kate, Ava, Rileigh, D'arcy, Amy, Max, Calen and predeceased by Cayden. Dear sister of Walter and sister-in-law of Liz, Betty (Mitt) and predeceased by Olive, Blanche (Jack), Alice (Vince), Rene (Lew), Harry (Neva), Lloyd (Ada), Bernie and Iva. Daughter of the late Elfreda and Walter Hobden. Loved by many nieces and nephews.

A Private Family Graveside Service will be held at Zion United Church Cemetery on Wednesday, May 6, 2020.

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Lee Gauthier

Lee Gauthier of Haliburton, Ontario passed away peacefully on April 30, 2020 in her 79th year. Loving daughter of the late Leonie and Joachim Gauthier. Predeceased by her sisters Estelle Murphy and Clare Needham and brother Eddie Gauthier. Lovingly remembered by her brother Paul Gauthier. Cherished Auntie OZ to Nephews; Mark, Greg, Jean-Paul and Christopher Gauthier, and Paul Joseph & Peter Murphy. Nieces; Patricia Lynch (Tom), Michelle Mesheau (Carl), Marcia Jukes (Paul), Leslie Needham, Paula Needham (Phil), Kelly Hill (Andrew), Stephanie Needham, Kelly Gauthier and Lisa Finch (Chris). Great nieces and nephews and Great-great nieces and nephews.

Lee's life was the epitome of a life well lived. She was a strong proponent of equality issues and worked hard to support and uplift people in her life. From Lee's perspective, this fundamentally meant that we have a duty to be decent, respectful and kind to one another. She was passionate about her community. Lee had an exceptional career in real estate and will be deeply missed by her Century 21 family. She was also extremely gifted in many artistic areas. Lee's artwork evolved from graphite works to 12x12 acrylic canvases inspired by nature, a book she read, a place she has been, a favourite view or a spiritual rendering of a concept. Lee also created beautiful landscapes. She was a skilled writer and loved participating in OutLoud Womyn's Voices. Lee loved nature and animals, whether it was caring for her cats or her deer family. Lee loved to travel and experience different places in the world and this gave her an appreciation and respect for all people and cultures. She will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by all her family and friends.

A celebration of life will be scheduled after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. As an expression of remembrance, donations to Minden Cat Angels or the HHHS Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family.



JAMIE TEATRO



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Haliburton Legion Closed. Contact office Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 705-457-2571.

Up River Trading Co. Closed.

Haliburton Auto Closed.

Tails and Trails Offer doggy daycare and pet sitting. Open with regular hours. Call (705) 935-8245 to find out what measures they are taking to avoid human contact.

Highlands Medical Supplies In-store personal shopping no longer available. Available to take your orders by phone or email. Pre-paid orders can be delivered or via "Pick-Up Box". Call 705-457-9355 (Mon - Fri 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.), info@highlandsmedicalsupplies.com. Weekend/after hours: 705-455-2705 (urgent only.)

Hawk River Construction Open for business but closed to public. Payment, statements and invoices through email or mail.

The Pregnancy Care & Family Support Centre Closed to face-to-face client interactions. Staffed regular hours (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Friday 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.) and available by phone or text (705-457-4673) or email (hope@haliburtonpregnancycentre.ca). If anyone (including non-clients) needs diapers, formula or baby clothing, contact them and arrangements will be made for pick-up.

Castle Antiques and Cafe Closed.

Stone 21 located at Pinestone No longer offering takeout.

The Cookhouse Restaurant – Haliburton Forest Only takeout. Order ahead by calling 705-754-1729. haliburtonforest.com/amenities/

South Algonquin Dinner Open for take-out daily from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Call

705-448-1168.

West G Pizza & Grill Open for take-out and delivery after 4 p.m. Call 705-754-9141.

Abbey Gardens Food Hub open for retail shopping and take-out food only. Pre-orders welcome by calling 705-754-4769 or abbeygardens.ca/shop-online/

AM/PM Outdoor Gourmet Special takeout menu. Open 6 days a week. Call 613-876-4639 or email amanda@ampmoutdoorgourmet.com. ampmoutdoorgourmet.square.site.

John E. Francis Fuels Office closed but operating business as usual by phone or email. Invoices will be mailed or emailed, not delivered by drivers.

McKee's Open for take-out and online ordering. Mon-Sat from 12-7 p.m. Menu at mckecks.ca/menu. Call 705-457-3443.

Hudson Henderson Insurance Brokers Open for appointments not walk-ins from Monday - Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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

WRD Cottage Rental Agency Open as usual but working remotely. Call 705-457-9434 or email to fran@ontariocottagerental.com.

Molly's Bistro Bakery Open 7 a.m. – 3 p.m., Wednesday - Sunday. Takeout or frozen carry-home cuisine. Call ahead for order. 705-268-6988.

Fleming CREW Employment Centre Providing service via phone and email. Office at 49 Maple Ave closed to public. Call 705-457-2020 or email flemingcrew@flemingcollege.ca.

Courtney @ Bruce's Barbershop Closed until further notice.

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

Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre Closed. Posting images from current exhibition on Facebook.com/railsend.

Riverview Furniture Open with regular business hours via email or phone for furniture/flooring needs.

Lacey's Hair Design Closed. All appointments will be postponed. To rebook call 705-457-9888. or click the Phorest link on Instagram page.

Baked and Battered Reopening for takeout May 13. bakedandbattered.com 705-457-BAKE.

Nourished Offers healthy, delicious, fresh and frozen food options. Wed - Sat 11:30 a.m. -3 p.m. for takeout/delivery. 705-306-0526.

The Beer Store Minden and Haliburton locations will be closing at 7 on Fridays. No longer accepting empties.

Century 21 Granite Realty Group Available only through appointment. Call 705-457-2128 or email info@century21granite.com.

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RENOVATED HOME - \$419,900

A renovated 3 bdrm., 3 bath home with a view! Wood plank ceilings add warmth and character throughout. The large kitchen with an island, and wait until you see the amount of cabinetry! The Master Bedroom has a walk-in closet. The view from the deck is lovely. The lower level has 8 ft. ceilings and is partially finished with a 3 pce. washroom and walkout to the back yard. An oversized attached garage adds to the package. The 5-acre parcel has excellent space for gardens, building a shop and parking the toys..



NEWLY BUILT HOME - \$525,000

Newly-built 3 bdrm. Home or Cottage with deeded access to Halls Lake is the perfect way to get the lakefront without lakefront prices! The quality-built home is open-concept with a floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace with wood insert, large sliding doors to the deck, hardwood floors and beautiful vaulted ceilings. The deeded access across the quiet dirt road offers a fabulous sand beach and access to one of the area's more popular lakes - deep, clean and excellent boating.



HOME WITH ACREAGE - \$385,000

Looking for a home with acreage, privacy and a gorgeous pond? This beautiful property starts with a driveway lined with trees that leads to a spacious home with detached garage and loads of storage. Two bedrooms on the main floor with a third bedroom in the unfinished basement. The house has loads of windows to let the sunshine through, and a large sunroom facing the forest. The acreage is a mix of forest and open spaces and the back of the acreage is a gorgeous pond. Sit, relax, and take in nature. There are trails throughout the property so go and explore!



PRIVATE FAMILY HOME WITH ACREAGE - \$659,000

Large 4 bdrm. 2 bath home situated on a beautiful, private 90 acre parcel of land. Acreage backs onto Marigold Lake. The spacious, well-built home has a large livingroom great for entertaining plus a separate family room with granite fireplace, breakfast nook and full dining room. 3-bay garage comes with 14' ceilings and the middle bay has a 10' door. The spacious loft upstairs is almost finished and ready to use. This property has so much to offer.

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FABULOUS HOME OR COTTAGE - \$459,900

A beautifully renovated 3 bdrm., 2 bath home or cottage sitting on a lovely landscaped corner lot. With 101 ft. of frontage and sand beach on Benoir Lake, you have everything you need. Oversized double garage. With a one of kind Bunkie, your guests will never want to leave. Location of this home or cottage is fabulous - you are 3 minutes away from Algonquin Park's High Falls trail and the property sits on a 3-lake chain that gives you over 34 miles of boating and fishing. Close to snowmobile and atv trails. This property has it all.



UPSCALE LIVING - \$649,000

This exquisitely built home is newly finished in the finest of details. Quartz countertops in kitchen, open concept, illuminated mezzanine, Napoleon propane fireplace, propane outlet for BBQ, insulated/encapsulated/heated crawl space, walk-around deck,, 3/4" brushed Birch hardwood floors. Location can't be beat - close to both Minden and Kinmount for amenities and attractions/events. A quiet community with excellent walking/skiing/snowshoeing, atv and snowmobile trails within walking distance.



OUTSTANDING ACREAGE - \$695,000

Your playground awaits! Words cannot describe this 730 acre parcel of land. A huge pond, a babbling creek, miles of road and trails in every direction, and the best part.....Birchy Lake! All completely within the borders. It even backs onto the snowmobile trails. The perfect property for naturalists, atv and snowmobile enthusiasts, or hunters. You won't believe this property.



AFFORDABLE COTTAGE - \$259,900

Don't miss this opportunity to get affordable waterfront! This seasonal, 3 bdrm 1 bath cottage has been well maintained, sits on a well treed lot, has a trail directly off the back yard leading to a gorgeous sand beach! Waterfront is deeded access, sharing with other owners - room for your dock and excellent swimming and boating a 3-lake chain.



LODGE & CAMPGROUND \$1,149,000

Ray's Place is a combination of motel rooms, cottages, camp sites, trailers and bunkies. Catering largely to atv and jeep enthusiasts, the 131 acre property sits on the edge of an official trail system in Haliburton County. On the property - kilometers of trails, a mud bog, inground swimming pool, playground and extensive grounds. Ray's Place is the host to several special events attended by hundreds each year and has an excellent reputation for being the place to be! A lovely 3 bdrm/3 bath brick home provides living quarters.



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Kennisis Lake



INCREDIBLE ESTATE PROPERTY! Ultimate privacy with 6.90 acres and 550 ft of clean clear shoreline. Granite walkways and patios. Over 4000 sq ft of living space. This custom built "True North" log home has recently had numerous quality upgrades. Too many to mention. You'll appreciate them when you see them. 5 bdrms, 4 baths, full finished bsmt, Haliburton room, insulated triple garage with finished loft. \$2,389,000

Spruce Lake



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

Kennisis Lake



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

Colbourne Lake



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

Kennisis Lake



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

Wenona Lake



Looking for a quiet, calm and peaceful four season cottage or waterfront home? Look no further. This 3 BR, 3 bath immaculate cottage sits on a private lot. Large open concept living, excellent for hosting family gatherings. 125ft of frtg with stunning western views. \$662,000

Kennisis Lake



It's all about the lot!! Enjoy the gorgeous sunsets from this west facing level lot. Amazing rock shoreline, deep water entry is great for the avid swimmers. 125 ft frontage and year round road. Looking for a fixer upper this one is for you! 3 bdrms 2 with balconies. 3 product pellet stove and back up solar system. \$569,000

Twelve Mile Lake



Offering a million-dollar view and spectacular sunsets! Bright open concept custom built 3 BR, 3 bath home. Floor to ceiling windows providing stunning lake views. Finished lower level. Cozy 3 season cedar screened in porch. 56 ft of Houston docking. Waterfront enjoyment without waterfront taxes. \$558,000

Miskwabi Lake



Looking for the perfect traditional cottage to call your own? This turnkey 3 bedroom, 4 season cottage is on beautiful Miskwabi Lake. Open concept living space. Finished with pine walls and ceilings, gives the true cottage feel. Recently installed laminate flooring throughout, indoor sauna. This property has it all! Walk-out to wrap around deck. Bunkie for additional living space. \$486,900

Nesbitt Road



Recently renovated 4 bdrm, 2 bath home. Low traffic year-round municipal maintained road. Beautifully treed level lot. Many recent upgrades include new roof, fully renovated bathrooms, luxury vinyl flooring throughout, blown-in insulation and much more. Bright open concept living space, spacious kitchen, large rooms and ample storage space. Finished lower level, large deck and heated attached double car garage. \$399,999

Airport Road



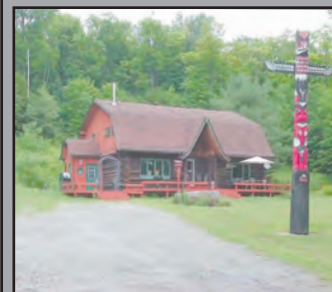
We found the perfect starter or retirement home for you! 1.10-ac level lot surrounded by mature trees. Cozy 2-bdrm, 1 bath home with open concept kitchen and living space. Kitchen is finished with Pine cabinetry and beautiful views of the backyard. In-floor radiant heat and recently installed vinyl flooring throughout. Attached oversized single insulated garage. \$259,000.

Haliburton Lake



Meticulously cared for 3 BR, 2 bath year round home/cottage. Private lot perfect for children to play. 176 ft frtg. Beautiful sandy beach, dock and full sun. Bright open concept living. Fully finished lower level. Enjoy the stunning views of nature. Detached single garage. A property that can be enjoyed all year. \$619,000

Carroll Road



Every nature lovers dream! 3 bdrm, 2 bath rustic log home perfectly situated on 92 acres. Deck around the front & side to enjoy your lovely yard, gardens & forest. Complete and utter privacy! Open concept kitchen-dining finished with wood cabinetry and grand wood cookstove. Large sunken living room with propane stove. Large 3 bay garage. \$559,500

Long Lake



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

Little Glamor Lake



4 season 3 bdrm, 1 bath. Open concept living provides ample space for the whole family. 3-season sun porch. Walk out to the lake front deck. Sloping to level lot. Hard sand bottom shoreline. Firepit at the water's edge. Start enjoying your family's vacation with this turnkey package! \$439,000

Percy Lake



Great traditional family cottage! 4 Bdrm, 1 bath cottage has open concept living space finished with laminate flooring and wood interior boasts cottage charm. Large lakefront deck. Enjoying the Southern exposure. The list doesn't stop there, sauna building at waters edge, large sitting deck and dock provides ample space the whole family will enjoy. \$379,000

Vacant Lots

- DRAG LAKE \$499,000. 7.24 AC
- WEST LAKE \$349,000 0.60 AC
- SOLD** • WEST LAKE \$319,000 0.81AC
- SOLD** • OTTER LAKE \$289,000 - 67.9AC
- COLBORNE LAKE \$289,000. 4.83AC
- PADDYS BAY \$259,000 45.72AC
- CONTAU LAKE \$165,000. 1.33AC
- HARBURN ROAD \$99,000. 44+AC
- IRONDALE RIVER \$65,000. 3.22AC
- SOLD** • TRAPPERS TRAIL \$49,900. 0.93AC
- DEEP BAY ROAD \$49,000. 3.05AC
- TATTERSAL ROAD \$37,000 1.03AC
- FRED JONES ROAD \$34,500. 6.59AC
- TWIST LANE \$27,900 0.43 AC
- FRED JONES ROAD \$25,000. 0.38AC