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The first customers enter the Minden 50's Diner May 29. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Minden diner defies provincial order

By Lisa Gervais

Minden 50's Diner owner Jason Lake ignored provincial orders May 29 by allowing sit-down customers to return to his restaurant.

However, the protest was short-lived with the local eatery reverting to takeout later in the day.

Lake said, "we had nice, positive conversations with OPP and the Health Unit. They didn't shut me down. We are continuing with takeout."

He added he was not fined at the time.

Richard Ovcharovich, manager, health protection at the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit confirmed health unit inspectors and the OPP arrived about 11:30 a.m. last Friday.

He said there was a sign advertising sit-down service only, but no customers were on the patio or in the diner at the time. He said they had a discussion with the onsite managers, and customers did come in, but for takeout only. Lake was called and arrived.

Ovcharovich said the fact no one actually sat down in the restaurant while they were

there is why they opted for education and a warning, over a fine.

He added that during their conversation with Lake, the restaurateur said it wasn't his intention to break the law, but to attract media attention to put a spotlight on the plight of restaurants during the takeout-only orders.

"We're empathetic," Ovcharovich said. "But we can't just ignore the existing legislation. We're all in this together. We are a small community and careless actions can affect the health of residents. He understands that."

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Restaurants say they're struggling

By Lisa Gervais

Rhubarb Restaurant owner Terri Mathews-Carl said things are "dire" for her Carnarvon-based eatery.

Mathews-Carl said takeout is simply not matching what the establishment would make from dining in.

She said they are open Friday and Saturday nights for takeout and delivery but are only making about 25-50 per cent of the money they would on a normal Friday and Saturday night with in-restaurant guests. They have also gone from six days a week to two.

"It's just not sustainable," Mathews-Carl said in an interview.

"I don't think that cottagers and local residents really understand how in dire straits the restaurant industry is in up here," she added.

She acknowledged that some places may be busier than others, but generally feels the trend is to not order out but cook at home. For a restaurant such as hers, which "makes everything from scratch", she said they have to take orders in advance, so they're only prepping what they need to avoid wastage. It limits what they can offer the public. She also conceded there is less overhead for staffing, with chef Christoph Carl, herself and the kids largely running the establishment.

She believes people need to get takeout a couple of times a week for local restaurants to survive. She added they should visit numerous establishments, not just one. "Everybody should share the pot, so to speak."

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Eateries crave provincial clarity on return to dining in

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She said another challenge is mixed messaging to cottagers, telling them to bring everything they need, and not shopping locally.

Aaron Walker, owner of McKecks in Haliburton, said they're fairly busy, and busier than they thought they would be during a pandemic. He credits this to community support, and the federal government wage subsidy.

However, Walker said they are still only making about 25 per cent of normal sales.

He is concerned that the Province of Ontario has not said where restaurants fit in with economic recovery, if they're part of phase two or three. There have been no

guidelines for reopening either. And, with emergency orders extended to the end of the month, he wonders what that will mean. It makes it hard to plan.

Molly McNerny of Molly's Bistro Bakery in Minden said their takeout business "has not been stellar" and is probably down 80 per cent. However, she said their pre-cooked freezer meals and desserts remain popular and have been keeping them going.

Otherwise, she said, "there just isn't the business. The May long weekend featured some of the slowest days since COVID-19 started, and since public health officials and politicians told people to bring food with them and stay where they are.

"And, yet, we have had no new cases of

COVID-19 in Haliburton County. [Since the interview there has been one new case.] If people behave, we should be allowed to reopen. This is our livelihood. I want to make sure it continues."

McNerny added, "we would make sure our customers are safe. Before the shutdown, every other table was closed off. If people come together in a group, they are likely a family unit. The only people at risk are my staff, not my customers."

County food tourism facilitator Thom Lambert said his impression is that takeout is more successful for some restaurants, kitchens and food trucks than it is for others.

He said he had heard from several

operators that they are busier now than they were this time last year. However, he said it varied from restaurant to restaurant.

"Our role has been to support operators as much as possible with weekly updates to our Food and Drink newsletter, as well as assisting them as much as possible in their marketing efforts," Lambert said.

Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce board president Andrea Strano said she could speak for businesses in general, not just restaurants.

"My opinion will always be shop local, support local, understand that if we spend our dollars somewhere else we are only making it harder for our local businesses to recover."

Diner owner says he's fighting for Ontario small businesses

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OPP, however, did further investigations over the weekend and on Sunday fined Lake \$880, not for opening to dine-in, but because there was a gathering organized outside his establishment in contravention of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, Detachment Commander Liane Spong said.

Lake said he knew the opening would be short-lived and the action was a protest to bring attention to all small businesses that are closed in the area, not just his.

"This was not just about my businesses. I'm fighting for all the small business in Ontario," Lake said.

He was at the eatery at 9 a.m. along with a large contingent of staff. They waved as people honked their horns driving along Highway 35. The business's windows were filled with neon-coloured signs reading "to all our diner fans, thank you for your support." The first customers rolled in about 30 minutes later.

Lake owns two restaurants in the County,

with his second one opening in Harcourt just weeks before the province was shut down by COVID-19. In the case of that restaurant, he didn't have the proof required to receive the federal government 75 per cent wage subsidy.

He said he took the action this past Friday because "we're a seasonal town. We have May, which we lost, and June is looking not too good, and we have two months to make money really. And we have zero cases of COVID as far as I last checked in the area, since the original seven cases." [The number of cases has risen to eight since the interview.]

He said he feels it is unfair since big box retail stores and multi-nationals are allowed to open.

"I go to [a local store] every other day and there are people everywhere, people are only two feet apart. There is no quality control. In a restaurant, I can definitely control things. It [the openings] should be the other way around," he said.

Staff members Lisa Hope and Shannon

Chiasson backed Lake.

"We stand behind Jason," Hope said.

Chiasson added, "we feel that we shouldn't be under the same guidelines as Toronto. We haven't had COVID cases up here for two months and the cases we did have are recovered. Small businesses up here can't make it like the ones in Toronto. We won't survive up here with closures."

Hope said takeout isn't cutting it.

"It doesn't bring in an income for anyone. It's not covering the bills for the restaurant. We're trying to take a stand for small businesses."

She added this is a "depressed area where people can barely survive as it is and even have a job, or a seasonal job. We have to support him (Lake). We need to get up and going."

She went on to say she feels safer in a restaurant than a grocery store.

"I sanitize everything inside. I'm using hydrogen peroxide, which is a very natural cleaner. I think it's a personal choice for people if they want to go into a

restaurant or not. I don't want to go into a grocery store. I'd rather eat my food in a restaurant."

A customer, who declined to give his name, said, "I don't think there's anything wrong with it. The whole town of Minden isn't social distancing. Go in the hardware store and you run into everybody, the grocery store, everywhere."

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Buttermilk Falls Resort said it has plenty of space to safely reopen under health protocols. *Photo submitted.*

Cottage resorts opening after legal confusion

Private rentals still restricted

By Joseph Quigley

Cottage resort owners received a welcome announcement as the County and local health unit said they could reopen May 29.

The interpretation of resorts under emergency orders was an issue. The province has mostly restricted short-term rentals throughout the pandemic, which authorities felt included resorts.

But Buttermilk Falls Resort owner Dale Rider said the classification was ridiculous and pushed with fellow resorts to change that interpretation, so they were considered under hotels/motels. They utilized Canada Revenue Agency classification to make their case.

“For housekeeping cottage resorts, this is our home, it’s our job, it’s our business, it’s our retirement,” Rider said. “People that are renting their private cottage and going through Airbnb aren’t regulated.”

The province has disallowed any short-term rentals booked after April 4, other than for those “in need of housing during the emergency period.” Hotels, motels and student residences were exempted, but cottage resorts were not specifically listed as exempt.

Coun. Carol Moffatt said County council lobbied the provincial government hard to clear up confusion and allow resorts to reopen. The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health unit ultimately recommended cottage resorts could open under similar restrictions as hotels/motels, noting resorts had already opened in other jurisdictions. Haliburton Highlands OPP was also involved in the change.

“Those resort owners, if they are not permitted to open up under strict health protocols, could be losing everything,” Moffatt said. “There has been quite a bit of a lack of clarification around the short-term rental issue and everything spills out into other areas.”

Rider said resorts have already lost business and if they lost June as well, many would not make it. She added she spent months getting health protocols in place.

“We know we can provide a safe, family holiday option,” Rider said.

Short-term rentals controversial

Moffatt said she has heard from constituents with concerns about people continuing to offer short-term rentals for recreational use. She also said opening resorts helps level the accommodation playing field.

But at least one local private cottage rental owner is calling for fewer restrictions.

The host, who asked to remain anonymous out of concern about harassment, said he has followed the rules with his Airbnb listing during the pandemic.

But he said with other accommodations being open, private rentals should be allowed with appropriate protocols, including keeping gatherings to five or fewer people.

“With proper protocol ... there’s really no reason why a cottage rental – which is isolating people and stopping problems of mental health – couldn’t go ahead.”

He said he has experienced difficulty clarifying with officials the exact rules. One point is whether rentals can go ahead in the summer if they were booked before April 4, which Moffatt said the province has yet to clarify.

The host said tourism is vital in Haliburton and people are already coming to visit their own cottages. He said it is important that others can get out and experience Haliburton’s nature.

“The rich people can do it, but the poor people can’t,” he said. “I don’t really agree with that.”

Moffatt said she is not so concerned with who comes and goes as much as how they behave.

“Be good citizens and be polite and follow public health recommendations,” she said. “Don’t abuse the privilege of having access to communities like this, I think would be the bottom line.”

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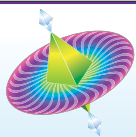
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Testing is ramping up at the Haliburton County COVID-19 Community Assessment Centre. *File photo.*

New testing criteria

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) says that effective immediately, testing at the Haliburton County COVID-19 Community Assessment Centre is available to anyone:

- if you have at least one symptom of the virus, even if it is a mild symptom;
- if you are concerned you might have been exposed to COVID-19 as a result of contact with a confirmed or suspected case;
- if you are at risk of exposure of COVID-19 as a result of your employment, including essential workers such as health care workers, grocery store employees, and other front-line workers.

To help control volume and protect the health and safety of assessment centre staff, HHHS said in its weekly update that an appointment is required for COVID-19 testing, but no Ontarian, who is symptomatic or is concerned they have been exposed to COVID-19, will be declined a test.

Anyone who meets the criteria, and wants to make an appointment, can call the Haliburton Family Medical Centre at 705-457-1212 (press 6) during regular business hours.

The county has recorded its eighth case of COVID-19 this week.

Ramping up non-urgent care

HHHS, along with its regional hospital partners, will start resuming non-urgent procedures and tests.

"We will proceed gradually and carefully as we ramp up diagnostics, such as ultrasound, and post-surgical support programs, such as physiotherapy," president and CEO Carolyn Plummer said.

She said HHHS staff will reach out to patients as spaces become available, and will be prioritizing patients based

on risk and urgency.

"As we ramp up these procedures and testing, the health and safety of staff, patients, residents, and the community, as well as our capacity to respond to any changes in local COVID-19 activity, will remain our top priorities," Plummer said.

YWCA raising money virtually

YWCA Peterborough Haliburton is inviting supporters to create their own virtual challenge fundraising page to help ensure strong, reliable support for women who experience violence, now and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.

Online tools and resources are available at ywcapeterborough.org to help people create, personalize and share their page with family, friends and coworkers in order to reach their fundraising goal.

"We wanted to offer as much flexibility and creativity as possible," said the YWCA's Ria Nicholson, "so that everyone can take part in a way that feels both manageable and personally meaningful. People can choose to create an athletic challenge, or honour a loved one, or host a virtual party, or create something entirely new. We'll be there to help every step of the way."

All funds raised will directly support YWCA resources for women and children, including safe nights at Crossroads Shelter and HERS in Haliburton County, 24-hour support by phone and text, emergency food boxes, Family Court support, violence prevention programming for youth, and enhanced cleaning and sanitization, Nicholson said.

Backcountry camping

Algonquin Highlands says backcountry campsites associated with the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails will open on June 16. Reservations can

be made starting June 3.

They said social distancing guidelines must be adhered to and provincial group size restrictions are limited to a maximum of five people, unless they are from the same household.

The trails office located at the St. Nora Lake access point at 20130 Highway 35 will remain closed to the public, no in-person transactions or interactions with staff are possible, and no equipment rentals will be available until further notice.

"Although the Provincial restrictions related to backcountry camping were lifted as of June 1, 2020 the Township requires the additional two weeks to ensure that the area can be opened safely for the return of visitors on June 16th, 2020," the township said.

When it comes to Algonquin Provincial Park, as of June 1, backcountry camping will be available, including access points, paddle and portage routes and hiking trails. Ontario Parks will also be expanding day-use activities to include picnicking and off-leash pet areas.

ASES to hold virtual grad

Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden is planning to hold a virtual grad this year.

In a note to graduates and their families, the school said the virtual grad will be on June 22 at 7 p.m.

"We will be compiling an online ceremony that will be made available to families and to our community through the social media platforms of Facebook and Twitter and sent to the inboxes of families via School Connects on the event of the graduation," organizers said.

They added there will be stage walk, awards, speeches and words of encouragement from dignitaries as well as an address from the valedictorian. (COVID-19 news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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Stay of execution for Minden's downtown pigeons

By Lisa Gervais

Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary's (WWS) 11th hour intervention may have saved Minden's downtown pigeons.

After learning the birds could be headed to death row, WWS emailed Minden Hills councillors on the eve of their May 28 meeting, founder and director Monika Melichar confirmed.

The correspondence was enough to convince councillors to shelve any culling plans for now.

Informed about the decision after the meeting, Melichar said, "I'm really happy they are considering alternative, more humane, methods. Euthanizing gives you a quick result, but ultimately it is going to back fire. What happens with any wildlife species is you create a void and others will fill it."

There were three options on the table at the meeting. Two involved euthanizing the pigeons. The price would have been \$50 per visit for a weekly service, for 30 weeks, (\$1,500) and a \$1,500 contingency for equipment and or birth control feed.

In the end, council opted to advise the property owner of a derelict building on Water Street to board up windows where pigeons are roosting; tell the public via social media and signs not to feed the pigeons, and investigate options with the WWS.

Coun. Pam Sayne said, "there was an offer from the wildlife reserve and I think



Missing windows, such as this one on a building on Water Street, are attracting pigeons to downtown Minden. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

we should consult with them before we need to take any action, financial, on this. Certainly, the first option of dealing with where they're nesting is important. We need to address that and with the owner as well."

Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell agreed. "Rather than just going out and killing them, I wouldn't mind trying some different options and hopefully they (WWS) can help us out. So, financially it would be beneficial but

also beneficial to the pigeons if we maybe just educate people right now, and ask that they not be fed and we board up that building where they seem to be roosting."

Coun. Jennifer Hughey said councillors had received a couple of emails from people concerned about a possible cull so "trying to investigate some of these other things is a good idea."

Melichar said the key is to remove shelter

and food. "I will gladly speak with them and work with them to find a solution," she said.

Coun. Jean Neville said she's a pigeon fancier. "I don't totally agree with annihilating them so boarding up the buildings where they are nesting and advising people not to feed and looking at other options, I'm much more comfortable with that."

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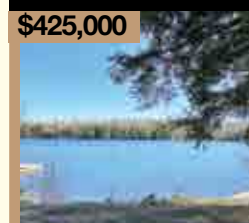
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Regional approach makes sense

I was parked outside the 50's Diner in Minden May 29.

Owner Jason Lake called me the evening of May 28 to make sure local media was on hand. He told me he'd called *Global News*. The story also made the pages of the *Toronto Sun*. Without a doubt, Lake wanted publicity.

We knew it was a big news story since only one other restaurant in the region had tried opening to dine-in since COVID-19 struck and provincial orders mandated takeout only. The Shuck in Cobourg opened May 23, garnering an \$880 fine.

Lake ensured a large contingent of staff and a few regular customers on hand for his protest.

The story generated a lot of commentary. Some backed him completely. Others empathized but weren't going to the restaurant. Others condemned him. It certainly got a conversation going.

In a nutshell, Lake and his staff felt it wasn't right to treat a little diner in Minden, in a County that had not seen a new COVID-19 case in weeks - similar to a Toronto eatery, where the number of cases has been so much larger and increasing at a

much greater rate.

For the record, we've had our eighth case of COVID-19 in Haliburton County. At last count, Toronto was up to 11,338 when I was working on this editorial. The GTA has about 66 per cent of the cases in Ontario.

Interestingly, the Minden 50's Diner protest came on a day when Premier Doug Ford said the province is now considering a regional approach to reopening.

He conceded the reality on the ground is different in every part of the province, and he was now comfortable with asking officials to look at a regional approach for a staged reopening.

It's an option they'll consider as they move into stage two - if there isn't a second wave of COVID-19.

He said it's the test results by region that are making this feasible now.

Ford has in the past resisted a more regionalized approach to reopening the economy, telling reporters that it is not something Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. David Williams has advocated for at this point. He was concerned by people visiting places with looser restrictions en masse.

There are medical officers of health in Ontario's 34 public health units, including Lynn Noseworthy at the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

We have not really heard much from her throughout the pandemic.

Sure, the Health Unit has done a good job of disseminating information, but hasn't provided other direction. For example, the board of the health unit never discussed the possibility of closing down cottage country to people from the GTA, as was done by the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit.

A number of other provinces have taken a regional recovery approach. For example, parts of Quebec opened up while still leaving some restrictions in place in Montreal. The same for Alberta, and Calgary.

As far as *The Highlander* is concerned, it makes sense to us for the province to go with a more regional approach.



By Lisa Gervais

Rediscovering an old friend

I received an unusual request from a friend last week, that sent me down memory lane. He wanted to know if I had a portable type writer he could use for some government forms he needed to complete.

Deep in the closet, after moving some boxes aside, there is was, the black case with the leather handle resting quietly in the corner as if anticipating that someday its moment would come again, and sure enough it had.

Lifting it out, I opened the case and just like the day it was put away, sat the Remington Rand 5, ready for work. The keys clunked with an authority and resonance that took me back to my childhood. The typewriter was my father's and I was often lulled to sleep by the sound of the keys hitting the platen as he sat at the kitchen table typing business letters. It was post war. In addition to his day job, he had taken on a second, at home job, to help pay the bills.

Most people type today because that is how one communicates with a computer. But he bought the Remington Rand 5 to open an at home business. The thought was: if you were in business, your correspondence had to be typed ... and so the steady clickety-clack of the keys and the

ding of the bell marking the end of a line, echoed through the house most nights.

Fast forward through several decades: I inherited the typewriter and wrote my university essays on it; took it to my first newspaper job in Cochrane (I recall madly typing away into the night, trying to meet a looming deadline while my wife attempted to sleep); and then brought it to Minden when I purchased *The Times*. Many an article, editorial and column passed under that ribbon as I wrote for the weekly.

Then suddenly, a computer arrived on my desk and the trusty Remington Rand 5 was slipped into its case and tucked in the corner where it slowly gathered dust. That is, until that recent call from a friend.

I was surprised by the good shape the typewriter was in, but I shouldn't have been surprised. Proudly Canadian-made, likely in the 1930s, the Remington Rand 5 was all steel. I felt the weight when I picked it up ... it was built to last; almost indestructible. Not surprisingly, the red and black ribbon had mostly dried out, but it still retained enough ink to make some readable impressions on the paper I slid into the carriage. Basically, it was ready to go back to work.

Then came the second surprise: I Googled

'typewriter ribbon' and the office supply chain, Staples headed the list. Clicking through, there it was, two spools of typing ribbon that looked like they would fit my machine. The ribbon was all black, a minor shortcoming, considering that I expected to find typewriter ribbons in the buggy whip department.

Alas, my friend called to advise that he didn't need a typewriter after all. The government agency had forms that could be filled in online. And so, I slowly closed the case and shuffled the Remington Rand 5 back into the closet ... along with decades of memories.

Upon reflection, it would be appropriate to have written this column on that 80-year-old typewriter. I thought about that for a while and quickly realized the nostalgia in doing so would complete the circle. But ironically, had I done so, I would just have had to type it all over again, into the computer, so I could send it to the editor.



By Jack Brezina



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Editorial opinion

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



David Talbot took this image as fog rolled in over the cold spring water on Bob Lake after the air temperature rose suddenly.

LETTERS

Masks and gloves the key

Dear editor,

In Canada, the COVID testing phase is upon us. We're told we need more testing. We need testing of frontline workers, those in long-term care facilities, to find cases of contagious people and serologic testing to find those who have immunity.

But is all of this testing necessary and does it actually reduce community spread?

Although testing is worthwhile, it seems to be looking at the spread from a rear-view mirror and seeing the past instead of the future. Current testing data is out of date. From the time a test is made, the results are usually not known until the next day and often for three to 10 days. What happened yesterday, or three to 10 days ago, is interesting and makes for a good conversation, but does little to stop the spread. It merely records the number of positive tests out of the number tested.

What about those who have not been tested and may be contagious? It can take up to 14 days for people infected with COVID-19 to develop symptoms, meaning that a test done too early in the latency period is likely to be meaningless.

Also, how accurate are the test kits?

Contact tracing may identify those who might be at risk from making contact with someone who has tested positive. Are those who have been contacted also tested, told to self-isolate for two weeks. Or, are they merely told to keep an eye out for the standard symptoms of COVID-19 and then

get tested? And how many will adhere? We are faced with the reality that in spite of testing, the number of cases is still rising, in Quebec and Ontario.

Let's look at the basics. We know that the virus is spread in only two ways, by respiratory water droplets, and by touching a contaminated surface and then one's face.

The main additional safety measure that will actually mitigate or help stop community spread is wearing a mask, because it addresses the water droplet issue.

We've tried staying home, thoroughly washing hands and physical distancing and the numbers are still not going down – mainly in the two big provinces where there is the highest human concentration.

It's time to do something additional, mainly have everyone wear a mask when travelling, shopping or working in a closed space. The second is wearing gloves.

Dennis Choptiany
Markham/Koshlong Lake

Expressing our gratitude

Dear editor,

Words fail us as we desire to somehow articulate our utmost gratitude to you all.

At a time when everyone is facing the challenges and hardships of COVID, our community has gone above and beyond in showing love and support to our little girl and family.

We have been overwhelmed and brought

to tears by your many acts of kindness; a welcome home parade, prepared meals, most generous gifts, heartfelt cards and messages, fundraisers as well as signs of encouragement for Sadie on the sides of roads and at local businesses. You have brought such joy to Sadie and have truly been a blessing to us. We thank God for each of you.

A special thank you to our amazing local OPP officers, the loving doctors and nurses at Minden Emergency, Dr. Coles and The Family Health Team as well as the Haliburton paramedics.

To our Lakeside Church family, though we can't be face to face, thank you for never leaving our side. Your love has been a significant source of strength and we thank you in advance for your continued support as we walk this journey.

Full of gratitude,

Lindsay and AJ Lester
Dysart et al

Protecting the pigeons

Dear editor,

The letter writer provided a copy of this letter to The Highlander addressed to Minden council.

I have to ask the question, why the municipality is even getting involved in this situation?

Receiving a letter of complaint over nuisance wildlife doesn't seem to me to warrant the municipality getting involved in this if the pigeons are not on municipal

property, which clearly by the picture in the paper, they are not.

This is different from the situation with the seagulls at the municipal dump, which I understand were culled much to my disappointment, but at least that was your own property.

If the municipality takes action and spends taxpayer's money on this issue it seems to me to set a pretty scary precedent. If you take every letter of complaint about nuisance wildlife and decide to handle the situation when the problem isn't on town property, then you are really setting yourselves up to be expected to handle everyone's complaints or concerns with respect to dealing with wildlife issues which seems to be outside of your jurisdiction of governance.

People need to be responsible for their own properties and educate themselves on how to take proper steps to deter wildlife from problem areas. This is not the municipality's job.

What's next, complaints of the geese by the river walk? Are we going to kill them, too, because they may make a mess on the sidewalk? Where does this end?

This really needs to be thought through very carefully. We cannot just eradicate things because they are deemed to be inconvenient. Every species on this planet has the right to life in their natural habitat just like we do. We need to live in harmony with them. We are to be stewards of the land not executioners for the intolerant.

Trina West
Minden

Highlander news

Farmers markets return but not business as usual

By Joseph Quigley

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market is returning in June under new restrictions after a months-long effort to reopen.

The market association unveiled its reopening plan to Minden Hills council May 28. The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit approved the plan, which features new restrictions due to the pandemic. Minden Hills, Algonquin Highlands and Dysart et al have all permitted the market to start operating in their municipalities.

Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association (HCFMA) secretary Gus Janca said they appreciate all the support.

"There are a lot of small businesses that depend on income revenue from the farmers' market," Janca said. "We have some very, very loyal customers and we didn't want to let them down either. What we do for the economy here is so important."

It will not be business as usual for the markets, situated in Haliburton, Minden and Stanhope. They will employ a one-way, walkthrough model. Only food products are allowed and no food can be prepared on-site. Customer interaction will also be

limited, with people disallowed from eating or standing around. Online pre-ordering will be encouraged. The market plan said, "the goal is to have customers pick up and go."

"Our number one priority was this has to be safe," Janca said. "Would I like to see the artisans there? Would I like to see a table for a non-profit? ... I'd like to see that, but I understand that that's not going to happen this year."

Honey vendor Ron Lofthouse plans to return to the market this summer. He said it will be good for his business and commended the HCFMA.

"I'm so pleased that we have the persistence and the personnel at that level," Lofthouse said. "It's going to be a different market but I'm sure we'll get some laughter there."

County food tourism facilitator Thom Lambert said the market is vital to the local food economy.

"It offers one of the best chances for local farmers and producers to get their product to customers," he said.

The Minden market will open June 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Minden Fairgrounds and run weekly on Saturday. The Haliburton market will begin June 16 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Rotary Park and



Steph Dart sells strawberries at the Fisher Farms table in 2019. *File photos.*

continue every Tuesday. The Stanhope market will begin June 26 at the Stanhope Community Center from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and continue every Friday.

"We feel very confident it's going to be a very safe operation for customers and vendors alike," Janca said.

Library board shelves curbside pickup option for now

By Joseph Quigley

The Haliburton County Public Library board feels it is too soon to start curbside pickup despite the province allowing it.

The County library board met May 27 and opted to defer going ahead with a curbside pickup and delivery pilot at its Dysart et al branch. Instead, the board will review the situation at its June 10 meeting and consider beginning the program at the end of June.

The province allowed libraries to offer curbside pickup and delivery May 19 as part of first stage of its reopening plan.

Library CEO Bessie Sullivan presented an option to begin the service locally June 11, but board members said that was too early.

"I don't see the urgency of jumping into this without any kind of life jacket," board member Cec Ryall said. "I'm not comfortable with this at all."

Staff brought forward a plan to begin a no-touch, arm's length system for book delivery, starting at the Dysart branch. Patrons would be able to place a hold on a book via website, phone, or email and pick up their order from a table outside the library. Orders would be scheduled in

30-minute blocks to start. Books would be quarantined for 72-hours after getting returned, which the library has been doing for returns throughout the pandemic. Individual staff members would decide if they are comfortable participating.

But Sullivan said there are some unknowns, such as the level of demand. Although some library systems have started the service, she added Haliburton is challenged given its seven branches, noting it is easier to implement at single-branch libraries.

"It's a good document and you've done

good work, I just think that we are all getting a little bit ahead of ourselves," board member Liz Danielsen said. "There's been so much good work on developing programs online that I think there's enough in place to keep people happy."

The board agreed to discuss the program and implementation at its next meeting. Danielsen said it would give the board more time to evaluate the progress of the pandemic.

"It just gives us a little bit more breathing room, a little bit more time to look into things and feel a bit safer."



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County director of tourism Amanda Virtanen presented a repositioned tourism marketing plan May 27. *File photo*

Tourism sector seeks more from County

Calls for recovery plan

By Joseph Quigley

The Haliburton tourism sector is seeking a recovery plan from the County, but council is not going in that direction for now.

Council discussed a repositioned tourism marketing plan May 27. Director of tourism Amanda Virtanen presented the plan, shifted due to COVID-19, to advertise the County for tourism whenever it is safe to do so.

But Virtanen said many tourism stakeholders are looking for more than marketing efforts. Yours Outdoors owner Barrie Martin said although the County's efforts are positive, the industry is in danger and needs more support.

"A recovery plan that addresses challenges beyond marketing is necessary to ensure that our tourism industry survives," Martin said. "Such a plan would continue to foster more collaboration, help stakeholders access supporting grants, and help re-orient the industry to be more successful, sustainable and community-based."

"We need to move quickly to save our industry," he added.

Virtanen reported many stakeholders have asked for a working recovery plan. But she said the tourism department's mandate is "to focus on demand generation through marketing tactics" and that council has not asked to change that. She also noted it is likely prohibited under the Municipal Act for the County to provide financial assistance under a recovery plan.

Instead, the tourism department is planning to push back media campaigns until it is safe for more travel and focus

more on audiences within a three-to-five hour driving range. Marketing will also highlight the open space.

"We're looking at pivoting our messaging toward really leveraging our accommodation as a focus," Virtanen said. "That cottage resort, cottage lifestyle experience."

Haliburton Forest general manager Tegan Legge said although a recovery plan would be nice, the County is in a difficult position and it is important to be adaptable. She added praise for the tourism department's efforts so far.

"As long as they keep focusing on promoting what can be open and reminding people that we're here when we can be fully open, I think it's a great (marketing) plan," Legge said.

Although council discussed the idea of centralized recovery efforts April 22, it did not get much traction. Warden Liz Danielsen said May 27 it seemed the townships wanted to go their own way.

"There seemed to be a drive by individual municipalities to take care of their own and not see anyone overstep their bounds," she said.

Coun. Brent Devolin said economic development not being present at the County level is an issue.

"Post-COVID, this is one of at least a half-a-dozen things we need to change with our five levels of government," he said.

Danielsen said that it would be addressed in an upcoming service delivery review.

Council voted to accept the repositioned tourism marketing plan.



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Minden Hills parks budget surplus

By Lisa Gervais

With COVID-19, and unknown future finances, Minden Hills Coun. Bob Carter wants the township to take a “very careful, sober” look to what to do with its \$900,000-plus budget surplus from last year.

CAO-treasurer Lorrie Blanchard tabled a report to the May 14 committee-of-the-whole meeting, outlining the unspent funds.

On May 28, she said money might be needed for refurbishment at the township office since it is moving the building, bylaw and planning department upstairs, and the clerks department downstairs.

Director of public works, Travis Wilson, also came cap-in-hand.

He said with possible stimulus money coming from the provincial and federal governments post-pandemic, the township should complete its asset management plan. That way, he said they would be ready with reports on the condition of infrastructure, need, rationalization, and costs, for shovel-ready projects for possible funding.

He said both Scotch Line and Blairhampton roads would be perfect candidates.

“Both of those roads are pretty much our busiest roads outside of the village of Minden, and are such large-scale projects that they usually never make it to a draft budget,” Wilson said.

“They are discussed then included as a general note in the budget reports.



The Township office will be undergoing some changes in the near future. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

They never actually end up being budgeted for.”

He said other road work could include Wigamog, Tom Bolton, Bacon and Russell roads.

Coun. Pam Sayne asked about boat ramps, saying some are in pretty bad condition, particularly one on Gull Lake she said is eating away at the edges of the road.

Carter supported the main recommendation of parking the money in capital reserves for now. He said when it came to a list of projects, “if we’re going to be looking at applying

that money to these types of projects, I really think we should do almost like a new budget and determine what moneys we are going to have, and what projects should go into that budget.”

He added, “I think with COVID, things are very much still in the air. We don’t know what the financial health of the total area is going to be over this next little while. Money might be better spent or utilized by reducing taxes or whatever. I guess all I am saying is there are so many unknowns.”

County of Haliburton news

County gets clean audit

The County of Haliburton received a clean audit for its 2019 finances.

Auditor Oscar Poloni of KPMG reported to County council during its May 27 meeting. Poloni said KPMG had a “clean” audit opinion, representing the highest level of assurance under auditing standards.

But the audit did find some deficiencies in the tendering process. Poloni said they found two tenders were not presented to the standing committee per policy and another did not have approval from the chief administrative officer.

CAO Mike Rutter said in one case he gave verbal approval, but did not sign as was proper. The other cases were tenders going straight to council due to timing, versus through committee first. He added staff plan to create a formal CAO approval document and ensure more information is included in status reports to council and committee of the whole.

“We acknowledge that this was a gap and we’re hoping we can address it,” Rutter said.

Asphalt rejuvenation

Council approved a \$144,256 tender for asphalt rejuvenation on County Roads 503 and 648.

The County went with Tottenham-based Superior Road Products Limited over Miller Paving Limited, which bid for the project at \$105,056. Staff justified recommending the more expensive bid as Superior had more experience with the emergent procedure, aimed at preserving asphalt.

“Miller paving is unable to prove that their product is the same to the extent required, did not provide proof of successful history or testing and have minimal experience using the product in Ontario,” engineering assistant David Thaler wrote.

Road closure app

The County is upgrading its Road Closure App to Municipal 511.

Council voted to replace its app at an initial cost of \$9,300 with an annualized expense afterwards of \$4,300.

Staff reported the Municipal 511 would show the same information as

the Road Closure App but be picked up by Google traffic and GPS services, allowing the closures to show up for those users.

Staff also said there is an option to correct inconsistencies with the Google road network with County data.

“It’s just a good modernization step,” Coun. Carol Moffatt said. “It will be nice to have one-stop shopping as a legitimate place for road conditions.”

Planning applications proceeding

The County will once again begin processing and providing decisions on planning applications despite the pandemic.

Director of planning Charsley White reported although the province made a series of amendments to the Planning Act amidst the state of emergency, they allow a municipality to continue approving applications if it chooses.

Council voted to direct staff to continue processing applications. That will include virtual public meetings as needed. (County News compiled by Joseph Quigley).

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Highlander news

County plans bigger hiking festival for 2021

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton County council voted May 27 to cancel the 2020 Hike Haliburton Festival due to the pandemic.

Councillors expressed concern with spending more money planning the September event given the public health restrictions that may still be in place.

The event has a \$46,500 budget, with only \$7,107 spent so far. Council also voted to put the remaining budget into a reserve for future Hike Haliburton events.

"I'm not in favour of spending any more money for something that really just won't be what our event should be," deputy warden Andrea Roberts said.

Director of tourism Amanda Virtanen presented council with three other options besides cancelling.

They included trying to proceed with a full-scale festival, running a smaller-scale version, and "packaged" version with local businesses, providing visitors with the option to get a hike as part of their stay.

But Virtanen also highlighted challenges. With the need to finish most planning in June, it is difficult to know what the restrictions would be and whether the event might have to get cancelled closer to the date. The average hike has 20 participants and Virtanen said those sizes might not be possible. She also noted it is difficult to know the availability of all spaces needed, and restrictions around administering first-aid could create

greater liability.

Virtanen also said businesses would likely not be in a position to provide sponsorship this year, leaving the County with more of the cost. The sponsorship target was \$25,000 for 2020.

She added cancelling the festival would be an economic blow to businesses. A total of 2,790 people participated in 2019.

"Cancelling the festival will have an impact but we do need to keep in mind that it's likely they may not be able to stay in those accommodations or spend in the way they were able to in prior years," Virtanen said.

Coun. Brent Devolin said he might favour trying for a smaller-scale event, depending on stakeholder feedback.

"If there's some light at the end of the tunnel, I'm more supportive," Devolin said, adding the smaller version might still have to get cancelled closer to the date.

"I would rather have circumstances dictate that to us."

Coun. Cec Ryall said informal hikes could still go on, promoted by the County. Virtanen noted the event's social media feed posts year-round and could continue to promote hiking.

"We really don't want to spend a lot of money on something that is so way up in the air at this point," Ryall said.

"We can possibly make next year's bigger and better," Coun. Dave Burton said.



Hike Haliburton Festival project manager Barrie Martin. The festival was cancelled this year due to COVID-19. *File photo.*

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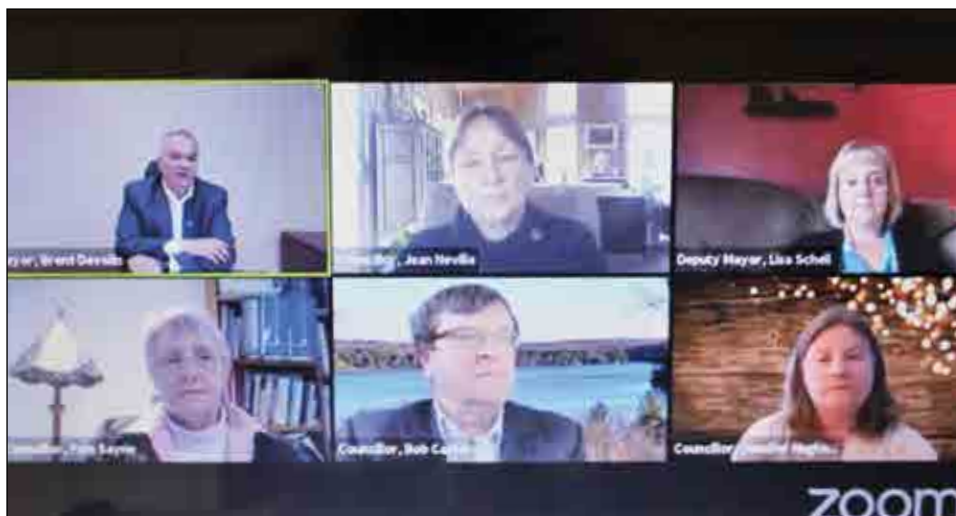
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Minden Hills news

New CAO-clerk hired

The Township of Minden Hills has a new CAO-clerk.

Mayor Brent Devolin announced at the May 28 regular council meeting that Trisha McKibbin would start July 6.

Current CAO-treasurer Lorrie Blanchard is stepping down to be director of finance only.

"She comes to us with over 17 years of municipal experience," Devolin said of the new hire.

He noted The Township of Tilsonburg, the Town of Lincoln, and the Town of St. Mary's, where McKibbin has been director of corporate services for a dozen years.

The mayor added that McKibbin is familiar with this part of the province.

"She has spent more than a decade on Twelve Mile Lake within our jurisdiction. She's an outdoor enthusiast and likes an active lifestyle and she is looking forward to moving to the Township of Minden Hills and developing new relationships and becoming an active member of the community," he said.

Protecting shorelines

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) appears poised to help the township ensure that people who want to do shoreline work are keeping in line with Minden Hills' Official Plan.

Worried about the so-called hardening of shorelines, or the use of retaining walls, council deferred requests to stop up, close and convey parts of the original shore road allowance.

Planner Ian Clendening tabled a report to the May 28 meeting that included a letter from MNRF resource operations supervisor Bancroft district, Jesse Van Allen.

In the letter, dated Feb. 19, 2020, she said "In recognition of the Township's stated concerns that many shoreline work permits may be inconsistent with the Official Plan policies, for applications received within the Township of Minden Hills, MNRF will be requesting supporting documentation from the applicant in the form of municipal comments to support these attestations."

Council received the report as information and further directed staff to work in consultation with the MNRF in ensuring that shoreline work permits issued under the Public Lands Act are consistent with

the Township Official Plan as is required by regulations pursuant to that Act. Council also authorized staff to proceed with the sale of current shoreline road allowance purchase applications in accordance with Policy 45.

Drinking water reports

Director of public works Travis Wilson tabled reports for drinking water systems in Minden and Lutterworth Pines.

For Minden, he said they received 100 per cent on their inspection report last year, with zero compliance issues. He said they were about 50 per cent capacity of what the system can handle.

"It's good news."

As for Lutterworth, he said it had also received a good inspection report and the system is also running at about half capacity.

He noted one small compliance issue (a sinkhole) which was rectified upon finding the issue. Coun. Pam Sayne had asked about it during the meeting.

Coun. Bob Carter queried an incidence of high sodium level content that "needed to be reported to the health unit. I just wanted to know that that was done," he said.

Wilson said they didn't have to notify the health unit since a follow-up sample done by the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) was clear and reported to the ministry.

Carter wanted a follow-up to ensure all processes and procedures had been followed.

ROMA update on COVID

Coun. Pam Sayne, who sits on the board of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), said at their last meeting they'd reviewed how people are coping with COVID-19 in various rural areas of the province.

She said one main theme that emerged was clarity from the Government of Ontario on various issues.

"So, we'll be asking for more clarity when they make declarations or give direction. I think we're all struggling with that, one size does not fit all, and so it's been very confusing but, overall everybody is trying to do their best so there was quite a review of that," Sayne said. (*Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais*)



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Highlander education

Trillium Lakelands District School Board news

Protest workload

Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) Grade 7-12 students say the workload being put on them during this pandemic is too much, according to a board survey.

Director of education Larry Hope discussed results during the May 26 board meeting. Hope said the survey, using the online platform ThoughtExchange, received approximately 1,300 responses to the question: "What are the most important things we can do to better support your learning and well-being during this time?"

Hope said the number one thing students spoke out against was the amount of work their teachers are assigning during this pandemic.

"We don't have more time just because we're at home," Hope said, quoting from the survey. "Some of us are working and getting behind on our work because there's so much of it."

Hope said the information will be shared with principals and there is a need for teachers to better co-ordinate how much is getting assigned across classes.

"Our staff must absolutely know what's going on with the experience of their

students through this process," Hope said.

Trustee Stephen Binstock said he appreciated the information.

"We'll get better at this," he said. "The students are sending us some pretty clear messages, so I appreciate their honesty."

Graduations going ahead

Graduation plans will begin to roll out across the board with ceremonies changing due to COVID-19.

Hope said there will be no board-wide format and each school can decide how it wants to run its graduation ceremony.

"There must be a celebration and an opportunity to honour our students as they move along to the next stage of their lives," Hope said.

However, proms are not going ahead. Hope also expressed doubt about the idea of schools planning a prom for students after they graduate, which he said has been requested.

"I don't want to burst anybody's bubbles, but you have to think about the ramifications of hosting a prom for students who are not our students anymore. Many of whom will be of drinking age," Hope said. (Compiled by Joseph Quigley)

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

Requests for Tender

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Submission deadline has been extended to June 19, 2020 by 12:00 noon. Please visit www.mindenhills.ca/tenders/ to view the tender documents and for complete information on how to submit bids.

Virtual 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:

June 11 - Committee of the Whole Council Meeting
June 25 - 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.

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The 2020 property tax installments are due on:

- May 29th
- June 26th
- July 24th
- September 18th

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Absolutely no cash is to be deposited in the drop box.

DISCLAIMER : The information provided on this page is considered current and valid on as of May 29, 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.

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Highlander sports

Pandemic puts Red Hawks athletic awards online

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is planning to honour the achievement of its student athletes despite the pandemic preventing its normal awards event.

The high school will host a virtual ceremony June 4-19. Each weekday will feature presentations with coaches' messages to recognize individual award winners and sports teams from the fall and winter.

Coach and teacher Janice Scheffee said although the pandemic halted spring sports, staff felt it important to do something for teams that did compete.

"The ending of the school year hasn't been great, but we were there for six-and-a-half months," Scheffee said, adding 15 teams did get to play. "We felt it was important to at least recognize those teams."

The sports getting recognized include volleyball, wrestling, field hockey, basketball, football, curling, rugby and hockey. Individual awards will also be featured starting June 15, culminating in the female athlete of the year June 18 and the male athlete of the year June 19.

Scheffee said the school researched several different options for awards formats but felt this would build momentum and excitement.

Typically, the school would host a one-night event. Scheffee said a one-night stream was also considered, but the school



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will recognize its fall and winter sports teams with a virtual ceremony. *Submitted photo.*

wanted to keep the awards accessible to everyone and it would be difficult to find a time to work for everybody.

"There's a lot of high school students right now that are busy. A lot of them are working," she said. "Not everyone here has great access to internet capabilities all the time ... We didn't want anyone to not be able to see it."

This year will lack any of the spring sports, cancelled due to the pandemic. Scheffee said it is a tough situation and unfortunate for athletes of all grades, especially for graduates who may have missed out on their last chance to wear a Red Hawk jersey.

"There's no sense of closure to it unfortunately and that's hard," she said.

"We did miss five (teams) but we decided to focus on the 15 we did have."

The presentations will be posted on the school website at hss.tdsb.on.ca.

"It's about recognizing the time we spent together there. That all those efforts they had were not in vain. Despite the finish, the time we were there did matter," Scheffee said.



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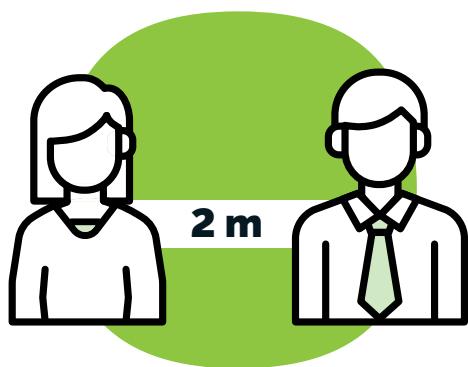
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Ashley Hunter, holding daughter Annalise McPhail, and Shelly Hunter sit together outside their home May 18. Missing from the photo are McPhail's great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother, who are isolated due to COVID-19. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Five-generation family split by pandemic

By Joseph Quigley

Ashley Hunter can only imagine what it would be like to get a proper, five-generation, family photo after the birth of her daughter.

Annalise McPhail was born February 29, three months premature, requiring an extended stay at hospitals. By the time she could finally go home, the world had changed because of COVID-19, meaning much of her family could not meet her in-person.

Hunter planned to get a photo of five generations of women from the Gooderham-area family – including her mother, her 77-year-old grandmother, Sharon Stoughton-Craig, and her 94-year-old great-grandmother, Myria Stoughton. For now, it's impossible due to COVID-19, and she's left with attaching separate photos together.

"My great-grandma's 94 now. Time's ticking," Hunter said. "She's pretty special in my life."

"We're all a very close-knit family and a lot of people don't have that today,"

Hunter's mother, Shelly Hunter, said. "People are busy. They live here, they live there, and they don't have the connection that we have in our family because we all live here in this area."

The new mother said it was difficult to go through the weeks visiting the hospital for her daughter as the pandemic hit. They started out in the Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto before being moved to Peterborough, where she experienced the beginning of new safety protocols, including more limited visitors.

"It was hard because you want your mother there, you want the baby's father," Ashley Hunter said. "You heard about the first patient coming into the building, there's somebody with the virus ... It was super crazy."

"It's a miracle she survives coming into the world a few months soon," Shelly Hunter said. "And to survive this nasty virus."

They came home April 24, but social distancing measures were well into place. Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health

has advised all people over age 70 to self-isolate. McPhail had to meet her great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother through windows at their respective homes.

"It's just hard. The first person I wanted to take her to is my great-grandma and I can't," Hunter said. "I just wanted them to touch her ... You want to touch her; you want to kiss her and hug her."

"She (Stoughton) wanted to come right out," Shelly Hunter said. "It's hard for her to realize what's going on. She still lives in her own home."

For now, the family is taking photos apart. But as soon as possible, they plan to take a proper photo together.

"First thing on the agenda, that's for sure," Ashley Hunter said. "When you can't see them and you want to, it's pretty hard."

"What a lot of people are learning over the course of the virus is how important family is," Shelly Hunter said. "Maybe a thing coming out of this virus, people may get closer with their family members. They'll realize how important that is, because they could be gone tomorrow."

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1. **File No. PLSRA2019002:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10261, registered July 9, 2019.
2. **File No. PLSRA2019003:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Little Boshkung Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10300, registered November 28, 2019.
3. **File No. PLSRA2019004:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Little Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 14, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10264, registered July 23, 2019.
4. **File No. PLSRA2019031:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10338, registered January 7, 2020.
5. **File No. PLSRA2019034:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of Lot 9, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10289, registered October 25, 2019.
6. **File No. PLSRA2019041:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 23, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 5, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10363, registered January 16, 2020.
7. **File No. PLSRA2019043:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10354, registered January 15, 2020.
8. **File No. PLSRA2019044:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 22, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 5, 6, and 7, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10262, registered July 18, 2019.
9. **File No. PLSRA2019048:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 4, 5, and 6, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10369, registered February 6, 2020.
10. **File No. PLSRA2019076:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 21, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10345, registered January 8, 2020.

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection and additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned at 705-286-1260 (x206) or by e-mail at iclendening@mindenhills.ca.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at the hour of 9:00 AM. At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard by contacting the undersigned. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on **Thursday, June 25, 2020**.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this June 3rd, 2020
Ian Clendening, MPL, Planner



Gone fishing ...

Wilson and Justin Lee enjoy fishing together at the docks in Haliburton June 2. With warmer weather and recreation facilities opening, more people are getting outdoors amidst the pandemic. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*



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Highlander outdoors

Foraging for food a great COVID-19 activity

Editor's note: Lisa Gervais had a virtual chat with Carolyn Langdon of Wild Edibles.

Q: Why do you forage?

A: Growing up in Haliburton County, I was introduced to the wonder of the forest and the plant world by my grandmother and mother as a young child. Over the years, I've sought out naturalists and people who know about plants and were willing to share their knowledge. Now, I'm studying The Art and Science of Herbalism with the renowned herbalist, Rosemary Gladstar.

If you spend any time at all in the County, you'll recognize that the climate and geography necessitates a different understanding of what is local food. Yes, it's true that some residents grow fruits and vegetables and raise livestock but many more (and more successfully) hunt, fish and gather food from the wild.

Q: Where, and how, do you forage?

A: You can forage on your own property. If you forage elsewhere, you'll want to get permission from the property owner. Harvesting edible wild plants from public (i.e., Crown land) is permitted but there is no commercial harvesting in national or provincial parks and no harvesting of nationally or provincially listed species at risk.

My friend, Laura Gilmour, of Muskoka Botanicals, sets out five rights of wildcrafting. wildmuskoka.com/blogs/news/five-rights-of-wildcrafting.

My personal ethics is that local residents and cottagers should experience their natural surroundings, harvest a few edibles and experience local food at its finest. I cannot condone the commercial harvesting of woodland plants. They are too vulnerable.

I do not forage for fiddleheads because there are not vast colonies of Ostrich fern in our county. In locations where they are abundant, many cars are spotted at this time of year and that lays waste to the 10

per cent rule. It goes like this: you harvest 10 per cent of a plant within a colony. If nine other people visit this popular spot, how much of the colony will be left to regenerate for another year? If you have a colony on your property and you are the only one harvesting, then you can use your good judgement and pick sustainably. My other rule is to leave no trace and that means shaking the soil off of your leeks to fill in the hole and cover it over with surrounding leaves and debris.

Q: What about mushrooms?

A: Morel mushrooms is what mushroom lovers are looking for. It's the mushroom that appears in spring while most other mushrooms show themselves in August through to November. Morels, like most other mushrooms, like moist conditions. It's not possible to over-pick mushrooms but it is possible for the ground around favourite sites to become trampled and destroy the underground ecology of the mycelium.

I compare picking mushrooms with picking apples. You pick the fruit but the tree survives and in the case of mushrooms, the larger web of mycelium is underground and not affected by picking the mushroom which is the fruiting body.

The problem with mushrooms is that you have to be 100 per cent certain of what you are picking. There are no second chances. It's best to go out with someone who knows how to identify the species that you are after and limit yourself to a handful of easily identified specimens.

Incidentally, mushroom poisoning is on the increase since the introduction of cell phone apps to help users identify mushrooms and plants. They give the user a false sense of confidence.

Q: What other tips do you have?

A: I would recommend the novice to build their knowledge one plant at a time. Go

out with a neighbour or a friend and have them show you the plant in its natural place. Read up about a plant and learn about what parts of the plant are edible and at what time in the season. You could register for an herbalist course, join a Facebook group in your area, your local field naturalists group, or go with a group on a guided plant identification walk. Books and internet resources are not a reliable substitute for in site learning but should be viewed as a complement.

Large public forages and even small group workshops and forages are not possible for the foreseeable future. But I'm able to come to your property and identify plants and trees of culinary and medicinal interest. I provide identification markers for the uncommon species so that you can remember them long after I've gone. Physical distancing is quite possible in this type of outdoor activity.

Contact Wild Edibles Haliburton for more information and cost of a private plant walk. windfallfoodforest@gmail.com or facebook.com/wildedibleshaliburton.

Q: What are you harvesting right now?

A: Recently, I harvested Japanese Knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*). There are invasive stands of knotweed all over the county usually along roadsides, in gardens or on disturbed land.

At present, the shoots, which look much like fat asparagus spears, are just emerging from the soil and this is when you want to harvest them. Bring a pail and small knife to cut the tender shoots when they are four to eight inches tall. You will have to push away the dead stocks and debris to find them. The hollow, bamboo like stocks can grow to be three metres tall with rhizomes 50 feet long.

In late August, they will produce a modest creamy-white cluster of flowers. It is the dead remnants that you'll notice first when looking for it in the spring. It's considered a noxious invasive but it is a major source

of Vit. C. and resveratrol (found in red grapes – an anti-oxidant and anti-cancer compound.) In his famed book "*Healing Lyme*," herbalist Stephen Harrod Buhner lists Japanese knotweed as one of the most important herbs in a protocol for fighting Lyme disease. The roots of the plant are used for medicine, having a strong immune enhancing capacity. (Take only under the guidance of a health practitioner.)



RECIPE: Japanese Knotweed Custard Pie

Pastry for one 9" pie

Filling:

4 cups of small diced Japanese Knotweed*
1/3 cup of fresh or frozen cranberries
1 1/4 cup organic cane sugar
2 Tbsps. flour/rice flour
Grated rind of one organic orange and some juice (optional)
Ginger (optional)
1 Tbsp butter (optional)
3 eggs beaten

Mix well and let stand while preparing pie shell

Fill uncooked pie shell and bake at 400 degrees F for 20 minutes, then 350 degrees F for 30 minutes or until set and knotweed is tender.

*If using frozen fruit, measure first, thaw and drain (don't press). Serve warm with vanilla ice cream.

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Editor's note: This is the third installment of a series entitled Harp on the Water. It's written by Hope Thompson, who lives in Algonquin Highlands.

Chapter 3: The Curse

At the end of the Mackenzie-Wilson interview, Constable Terry Becker had taken their phone number and advised them to stay in place until further notice. Bob wasn't interested in being told what to do, not even by the police, so Detective Harry Harp took a chance and told him the murderer would be in custody by the end of the day. That bit of news quieted him and made Harp pray his gamble would work.

Batting away a cloud of mosquitoes, Harp stepped onto the dock with the Mackenzie-Wilsons and Becker trailing behind him.

"Do either of you ever use the shore path?" he asked.

Bob spoke first, as usual. "No way. Too buggy. I take the boat or the car. Why?"

Harp turned to Heather Mackenzie-Wilson.

She looked at her husband, then back to Harp. "What path?"

Bob rapped his knuckles on his wife's head. "See what I got to put up with?" he grinned.

Back in the boat, Becker rowed on a course towards the next cottage. He said, "Running the fireworks show, that's a pretty solid alibi."

The sun was high and Harp wiped sweat off his forehead. Loosening his tie, he considered the Mackenzie-Wilsons' comments regarding the night of the murder. "But he could have done it before the fireworks-there's an hour window. And she could have done it anytime."

The sudden sound of an accelerating motor made Harp turn. A police boat carrying the Spruce County Coroner, his two assistants - and a small shape on a stretcher - sped across the water towards the boat launch. Harp knew the small shape was the body of Ida Calvert and felt a sudden sadness.

"In the middle of all this natural beauty - murder," the detective said.

Just then, laughter came from another direction and the two men turned. They were approaching a raft, which was anchored off a dock in front of a vinyl-sided cottage. On the floating platform a woman crouched over, fumbling with the straps of her bikini top. Beside her, a man lay on his back laughing.

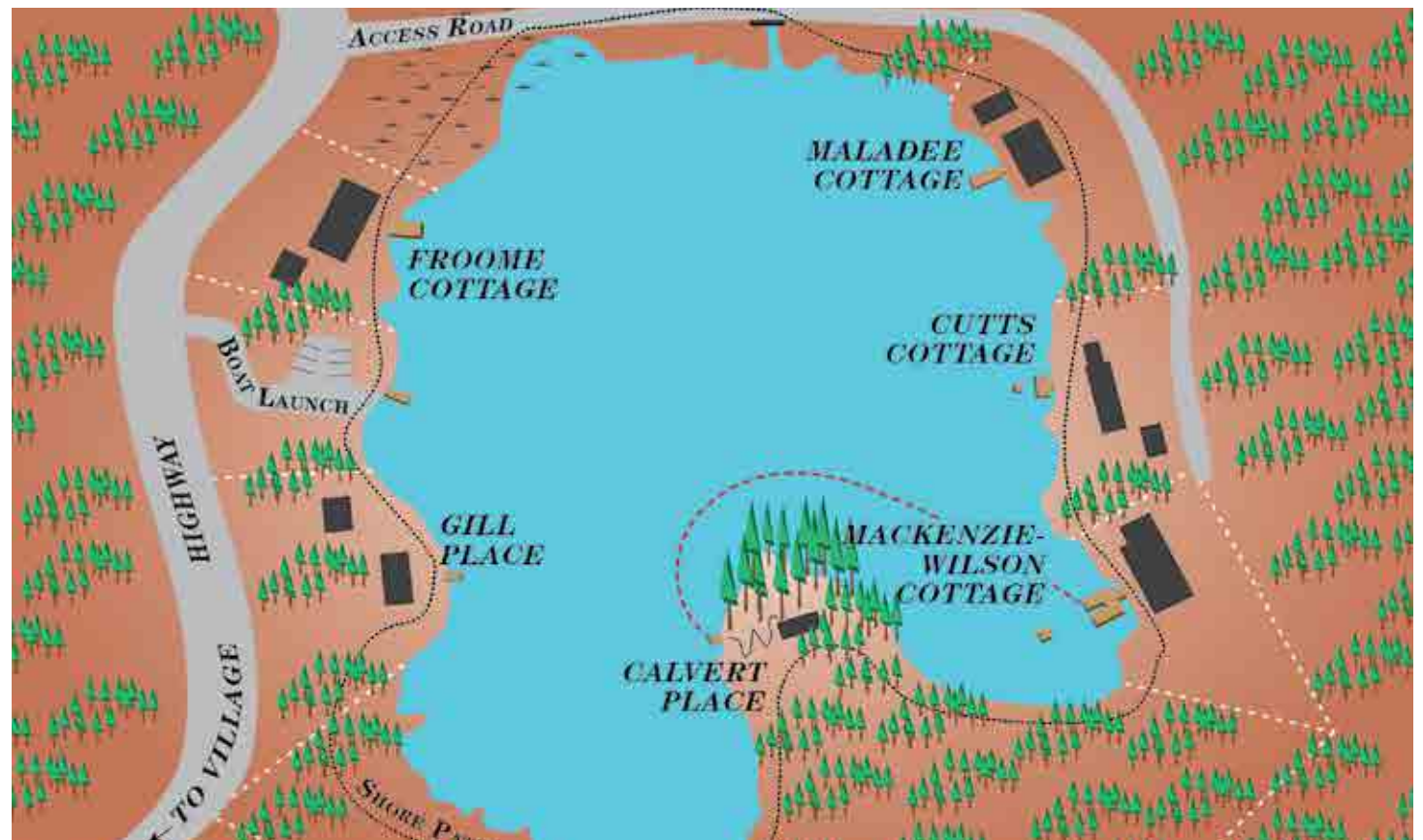
Finally, the woman snapped her top in place and stood up. "Hi," she said, eyeing the rowboat suspiciously.

"Spruce County Police," Harp called as Becker pulled the boat close. "Can we have a word?"

The sunbathers swam to their dock while Becker tied up next to a motorboat and a red canoe. Harp glanced in the canoe and noticed bits of wrinkled plastic.

Condoms, he thought.

The woman introduced herself as Sally Cutts and told Harp the cottage belonged to her parents who were in Tuscany on a wine tour. She introduced the guy as Lance Nibblitsky—or 'Nibbles'. They were both in their late 20s, tanned and fit in a vacant sort



of way.

Nibbles rested his arm around Sally's shoulder.

"So what's up?" he asked.

"I've got this," Sally cut in.

"Maybe we could talk in the shade?" Harp suggested.

"Sure. You know, I've never seen anyone wear a suit at the lake. Hilarious."

When they were seated in a screened-in gazebo next to the dock, Harp asked, "Do you know Ida and Grace Calvert?"

Sally smirked. "Yeah. I know them. The witches. What about them?"

Harp frowned. "Ida Calvert was murdered last night."

Sally and Nibbles exchanged glances.

"Is that my problem?" Sally said.

"It could be. Where were you both last night between 10:00 and midnight," Harp asked.

Again Sally looked at Nibbles. "We were in the canoe - watching the fireworks."

"Rocking the boat, man." Nibbles grinned suggestively and Sally shushed him.

For a moment, the only sound was Becker's ballpoint pen scratching the page of his notebook.

Harp said. "Why do you call them witches?"

"No reason."

"What about the curse?" Nibbles looked at her questioningly.

Sally gave him a 'how could you?' look.

"Curse?" Harp asked with feigned innocence.

Sally sighed loudly like a kid forced to admit that they broke something. "Ida Calvert put a curse on me. She hates our family! I mean, we just like to have fun,

play music, go tubing - everyday cottage stuff, right? But one time, when I was a teenager and I was partying in the boat with a bunch of friends, well - she came out on that point and said ..." Sally's eyes welled up at the memory: "Sally Cutts, I curse you to never know success."

Becker looked up from his notebook, incredulous.

"From that moment on, nothing, I repeat, nothing has ever gone right for me. So you know what? I'm glad she's dead."

Nibbles put his arm around her. "Hey babe - it's not so bad. You've got me."

She ignored him and brushed away her tears.

The wind had picked up and the red canoe banged against a strip of black rubber that ran around the perimeter of the dock.

Harp said, "When did you finish in the canoe?"

Nibbles laughed and made air quotes, "We finished - ." Sally kicked his foot and again he stopped talking.

Harp suddenly thought of his own dismal love life. Then he recalled how Grace Calvert brushed her hair away from her face and how the light caught her features - then he remembered the pine needles in her hair.

Sally's voice interrupted his thoughts. "After the fireworks, we drifted around the point then came back here. About 1:00."

"Why go to the point? Why not watch from your end of the lake?" Becker asked.

Sally smirked. "To bug the old witch, that's why." Then a panicked look spread over her face. "Look - I didn't do it. I may be cursed but I'm not a murderer."

Nibbles nodded to some internal beat and Harp wondered if he was high.

"You two ever use the shore path?" The detective asked.

Sally shook her head and Nibbles looked confused.

Sally said, "I told you, the path around the lake."

Nibbles nodded some more then suddenly blurted out, "Wait - I saw a light."

Sally turned to him. Gone was the crying, cursed child; her face was all business now. "What - are you talking about?" She demanded.

Nibbles squirted some lotion into his palm and rubbed it slowly over his chest. "When we were in the canoe, I saw a light in the trees. Just for a minute. Then it was gone."

Harp leaned forward. "What time was this?"

Nibbles shrugged. "I'm not great with time." He massaged the lotion. "Wait - it was during the fireworks. Yeah."

Sally looked out at the water. Her face was set hard but she forced it into a smile. "Are we done here?"

Becker said, "Did anyone see you in the canoe? Did you speak to anyone?"

"No, but we saw people arriving - so they must have seen us, right Nibbles?"

Nibbles put down the lotion and turned to Sally. Her eyes flashed. "What? Why are you looking at me like that?"

"The curse," he said slowly. "That's why these men are here. Ruining everything for you. I'm just like - thinking this through now." He rubbed the blonde hair over his temples. "You really are cursed."

Sally let out a short, sharp cry, jumped up and ran out of the gazebo. A moment later, the sound of a slamming door echoed over the water.

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OBITUARIES



Glenn "Terry" Goodwin (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Passed away suddenly in Haliburton on Thursday, May 28, 2020 in his 60th year. Loving husband and life partner of Julie (Coreno). Much loved father and friend of Jennifer MacMillan (Connor) and Daniel Goodwin. Beloved brother of Kim Goodwin and her daughter Kylie; brother of Mark Goodwin. Brother-in-law of John Coreno (Barbara Jane) and Joe Coreno (Erin). Son-in-law of John and Grace Coreno. Special friend to Kristen and Kurtis Adams. Terry was predeceased by his parents Glen and Marilyn Goodwin. After working for A&P and IGA, Terry began a career in Corrections in 1987, working as a Probation and Parole Officer until his retirement on May 1, 2019. Terry wasn't one to sit around and he thrived on keeping busy. He took online courses from the University of Guelph to become a Master Gardener and in recent years he became a beekeeper, or, as he liked to say, "a bee buyer." He was a member of the Haliburton Master Gardeners (he thoroughly enjoyed his meetings with the "ladies"), the Minden Horticultural Society, and a volunteer at the Haliburton Foodbank. Terry was fortunate to go on mission trips to Guatemala, Haiti, and Mexico. Terry had such a compassionate heart and nothing blessed him more than to be able to help someone.

Private Visitation & Funeral Service

A Private Visitation & Funeral Service will take place. A public Celebration Of Life for Terry will take place at a later date. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209. If desired, donations to the Pregnancy Care & Family Support Centre, Haliburton would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of Barbara Hall

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, May 28, 2020, in her 81st year.

Beloved wife of Brian. Dear mother of Wendy, loving grams to Michelle, Jeremy (Katie) and great grams to Kaiden, Keisha, Landon, Bentley and Liam. Step-mother of Bill and Tammie, Bob and Barb, Jim and Louise and their families. Sister to Brenda and Shirley (deceased). Auntie Bobbi to Jim, Sharlene, John and Randy.

Private Family Arrangements. Cremation has taken place.

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



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In Loving Memory of Edward Forsbrey

1939-2020

Passed away in his home surrounded by family on May 27, 2020 at the age of 80. Ed is survived by his wife June, his children Julie (Richard) and Steven (Maria), his sister Heather and his brother Terry (Ariel). He will be greatly missed by his grandchildren Sydney and Reid. There

will be a celebration of life at a later date. If you wish to make a donation in his memory, please consider donating to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) and can be arranged through Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0. Special thanks to the palliative care team for their support.



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In Loving Memory of Sinclair Russell

Designer at Large and Volunteer Extraordinaire, died on May 23rd from natural causes after a brief illness.

Born Ronald Sinclair, October 5, 1945. Son of the late Mabel and Sinclair Russell of Carnarvon, Ontario. Survived by Neil (Elsa), Barbara Gaskey (Bill), Colin (Julie dec'd). Adored Uncle Sin to Jennifer

Dobell, Bill Gaskey, Tom Gaskey, Amelia Russell, Alice Russell.

Sinclair had an extensive career in visual presentation. His global work won him awards and acclaim in both Canada and the US.

Words used to describe him include outrageous, mastermind and Design Guru. But they cannot reflect the true size of his personality, or his generosity.

His collaborators have included: Peter Munk Cardiac Centre, Mt Sinai Hospital, WestPark Health, The Yonge Street Mission, Baycrest, The Griffin Trust, Marilyn Field's charity, Canadian Opera Company, National Ballet School, Stratford Festival, Best Buddies, PetSOS, The Fashion Group, Seneca College, Ryerson University, and The Brazilian Ball (x 12).

Sinclair returned to his roots in the Minden Hills, where he retired but did not rest. There he was a food bank volunteer, the founder of Minden Pride, a dedicated member of his church, and much more. His family would like to thank the caring staff at Peterborough Regional Health Centre.

Thank you to his friends for all their wonderful tributes, that can be summed up with this: "He's already organizing the drag queens in heaven to entertain and shock the throngs with music, colour, humour, celebration and naughtiness."

Cremation has taken place. Interment at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, Carnarvon Ontario, at a later date.

Sinclair supported many causes. If you would like, please make a donation in his memory to St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden Ontario, The Minden Food Bank, The Twelve Mile Lake Historical Church (by cheque only) or to a charity that reminds you of him and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com



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Email: jhughes@algonquinhighlands.ca



Township of Algonquin Highlands requires an AIRPORT COORDINATOR

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from experienced, qualified persons for the Airport Coordinator position. Reporting to the Operations Manager, the Airport Coordinator is responsible for the daily, weekly and monthly maintenance activities.

Visit our website at: www.algonquinhighlands.ca for the full job description.

Please submit your resume and cover letter by
3:00 p.m. on Monday June 8, 2020 to:

Dawn Mugford-Guay, Administrative Assistant
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Road
Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1
Email: dmugfordguay@algonquinhighlands.ca

Are you a Highlander?

The Highlander is looking for delivery drivers for Thursdays and occasional week-ends. Hourly rate plus mileage paid. To apply, email simon@thehighlander.ca or call 705-457-2900.

Busy accounting and tax office in Minden looking to fill a **permanent secretarial position**. Duties include word processing, answering telephones and some other administrative duties. Business hours are 9 to 4 Monday to Thursday May to December and 8 to 5 January to April. This position requires some interaction with clients and can not be done remotely. Start date is asap and remuneration is negotiable.

Resumes can be sent to
jcam987@aol.com in pdf format.

HALIBURTON COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION (HCHC) BOARD OF DIRECTORS OPPORTUNITIES

HCHC is currently seeking two individuals to serve as a Director on the corporation's Board.

If you are a community minded individual and believe in the value of affordable housing, please consider submitting a resume to join our caring complement.

The initial commitment will be for the balance of the term ending June 2021. The average commitment is approximately 3-5 hours per month depending on your personal level of involvement.

HCHC is particularly interested in hearing from people with knowledge experience and / or interest in any of the following areas:

- Operations / Maintenance
- Finance
- Legal
- Construction
- Affordable Housing
- Participating in a community board

If you would like to consider applying for this volunteer position we would like to hear from you by June 15, 2020. Please contact Glenn Scott, President at 705-457-0006 or send an email to president@haliburtonhousing.com.



Yours to Explore.
highlandseast.ca

The Municipality of Highlands East is Requesting Engineering Services for the Replacement of the South Wilberforce Bridge Project R-RFP-01-2020

The Municipality of Highlands East wishes to retain a Project Management Firm/Consultant to complete the necessary environmental assessment, engineering design and contract administration for the replacement of the South Wilberforce Bridge Project located on South Wilberforce Lake Road.

Specifications regarding the above noted RFP will be available on the Highlands East website at www.highlandseast.ca

To obtain a faxed or emailed package please contact the Highlands East office at 705-448-2981 or email info@highlandseast.ca

One bound copy and one digital copy of your Proposal are to be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to:

Shannon Hunter, CAO/Treasurer
Box 295, 2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0

Proposals shall be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. local time on Monday, June 22nd, 2020. The envelope must be clearly marked with "South Wilberforce Bridge" and the name of the lead firm. Late, faxed or emailed submissions will not be accepted.

HIRING HELP

FREE HELP WITH YOUR JOB SEARCH!

Contact us today: **Fleming CREW Employment Centre**

Phone: 705-457-2020 Text: 705-243-3136

We are providing service by phone & email;
our office is temporarily closed due to COVID-19.

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705.457.2272

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Three games are played each Tuesday Night

Highlander advisories

COVID-19 LOCAL BUSINESS ADJUSTMENTS & CLOSURES

Aprons & Soaps Open at 2064 County Rd 21 Tues – Fri 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sat by chance or appointment. 705-457-1333. apronsandsoaps.com.

Dr. Benoit Open. Call 705-457-1400 to re-book appointments.

Lebo Law Open. Remote videoconferencing available. Call or email for appointments. 705-455-6355. office@lebolaw.ca.

Subway Minden and Haliburton. Open for take-out 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Maple Avenue Tap & Grill Open for take-out Wednesday and Thursday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. – 8 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Call 705-457-1100.

Soyers Lake Plumbing Open 705-306-9480. soyerslakeplumbing@gmail.com.

The Minden Experience Open weekends. 705-306-9936

Re/Max Professionals North Open for business in Haliburton County. All precautions being met through strict Covid-19 guidelines. 705-457-1011.

Into the Blue Bakery Open at Eagle Lake Country Market. Thurs, Sat, Sun 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. Friday 12 p.m. – 9 p.m. 705-854-2662. intothebluebakery.square.site.

Abbey Gardens Open Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The Cookhouse Restaurant – Haliburton Forest Open for takeout and some groceries. Follow @haliburton_cookhouse on Instagram for daily specials. Order by calling 705-754-1729. Menu at haliburtonforest.com/amenities Haliburton Forest Open for gas and propane Friday, Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Trails open for day use hiking, biking, running. Buy pass at haliburtonforest.com.

Master's Book Store Open for browsing with careful Covid-19 precautions. Continuing with curbside pickup. 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. 705-457-2223, mastersbook@bellnet.ca, mastersbookstore.ca.

South Algonquin Dinner Open for take-out daily from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Call 705-448-1168.

Walkers Heating & Cooling Systems Open 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. for phone and email inquiries. No walk-in appointments. walkershvac.com. For emergency service, call 705-457-2375. Full services and annual maintenance appointments to resume on May 19th.

Russell Red Records Open for curbside pickup and free Haliburton delivery Thursday – Sunday. russellredrecords.ca.

Hilary's Trim'n Floor Open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., curb-side pickup and delivery available 705-448-3394.

Minden 50s Diner Open for takeout Weds – Sat 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Call ahead to order. 705-286-2626.

Louie's Car Care & Detail Centre Open. 705-455-3691.

Lakeview Motel Open for "essential travellers". Call to see if you qualify 705-457-1027. lakeviewhaliburton.ca

Rebel Elixir Coffee Roastery Local fresh coffee. oliver@web.net to order and arrange curbside pick-up.

Canadian Tire Open.

Buckley Electric Open. buckleyelectric.com

Kegel Heating & Cooling Fully operational and following all new health and safety regulations. 705-341-9170. kegelheatingandcooling.ca.

Castle Antiques and Cafe Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. for curb-side pick-up. 705-457-1155.

Emmerson Castle Building Centre Open Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday 8

a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Country Bakery Open Friday – Sunday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Minden Electric Open 705-286-2946. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Baked and Battered Open for takeout. bakedandbattered.com. 705-457-BAKE.

W. Everitt's Enterprises Limited Open by appointment only Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 705-754-9074. **Norley Pit** Open by appointment only Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 705-854-1648.

Total Site Services Open 705-457-9558. totalsiteservices.ca.

Casey's Water Well & Geothermal, Inc. Open. 705-457-9558. caseyswaterwell.ca.

Rodco Enterprise Open. 705-457-1224. rodcoen.com

Minden Haliburton Hearing Service Open by appointment only. 705-286-6001.

Highlands Storage Open for storage needs. Limited onsite office hours. Call 705-489-3925, or email info@highlands-storage.com or highlands-storage.com.

The Hot Shop Open for bike repairs. Call 705-446-9522.

Mill Pond Restaurant Open for take-out from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Check menu on Facebook or Instagram.

Haliburton Highlands Food and Beverage Showcase at Wintergreen on Father's Day has been cancelled. Please send donations in support of fresh-water wells in India to Diane Dawson (cheques made out to H.A.V.E.).

The Pepper Mill Steak & Pasta House Open for take-out Wed – Sun 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Call 705-489-1939. Menu at thepeppermill.ca.

Stoughton Electric Available for plumbing, electrical and septic work and emergencies. 705-447-2211 jason@stoughtonseptic.ca

McFadden's Meat Market Open.

Soloway's Outlet Delivers to homes with Purolator. 705-448-1007. streetmeattoronto.com

Glecoff's Family Store Open Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Curb-side pick-up, delivery, or in-store with social distancing. 705-457-2715.

Wintergreen Maple Syrup and Pancake Barn Maple syrup and preserves available by appointment. 705-286-3202. wintergreenmapleproducts.com.

Highland Timber Mart Open Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday closed. Gooderham 705-457-2012, Harcourt 705-448-2268.

Garbutt Disposal Still accepting construction waste. 705-286-1843.

Minden Animal Hospital Open Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 705-286-2919 to pre-book your appointment.

Cordell Carpet In-store traffic by appointment only. Open for curb side pick-up with 24 hour notice. Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. 705-457-2022. cordellcarpet@bellnet.ca.

Paws at Killara Station Open for doggy day care and care with conditions. Call 705-854-0055 or email info@killarastation.com.

Fresh at Killara Station Pre-order your eggs and chicks. Call 705-854-0055 and pay online or honesty box.

Contact North | Contact Nord Services available by phone, e-mail, text, Zoom and Facebook. Contact Robin 1-855-699-6330 or muskokahaliburton@contactnorth.ca.

John Fountain Electronics Open by appointment only. Call 705-286-2536.

Neighbours Helping Neighbours Volunteer group picks up groceries or takeout food,

provides a friendly call or email, or helps with urgent chores. Email Bonnieroe08@gmail.com or call 705-286-2414.

Hyland Taxi Reduced hours. Sunday -Thursday 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. and Friday - Saturday 7 a.m. – 12 a.m. If transportation is needed outside hours, arrangements must be made the day before by calling 705-457-1777.

County Automotive Open for repair only. Drop off only. Call 705-457-1411 or email countyautomotive@hotmail.com.

Generator Solutions Temporarily closed to public but staff still available at monica@generatorsolutions.ca or telephone 705-286-1003 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Bernstein's General Store Not open to walk-ins. Call Marty at 705-457-1777 or email bernsteingeneralstore@gmail.com to order for curbside pick-up. FedEx drop offs available by appointment only 705-457-1777. FedEx pickups – you will be called to arrange curbside pickup. **Lockside Trading Company** Free virtual interior design and online shopping at lockside.com. Open daily 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at 1-888-0484 or by appointment, or email shop@lockside.com, 24/7.

Sunny Rock Bed and Breakfast closed until July 1. Taking reservations into the summer and beyond. 705-286-4922, sunnyrockbb.ca.

Sew What Free washable fabric facemasks for anyone who needs them. Call or text 705-457-8764.

Edilicious Teamed up with Nourished to offer a falafel meal deal on Saturdays. Delivery available. Contact Nourished at 705-775-0525 to order.

Step of Grace Conditioning Studio Open with on-line training. Call 705-457-6749 or 416-707-1966.

SIRCH Free frozen take-out meals Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at 2 Victoria Street, Haliburton.

McKee Security Open for business with enhanced protective tools for employees and public. Call 705-457-2156.

Northern HVAC. Open for business and fully operational within the HVAC spectrum with new regulations for public safety. northernhvacco.ca. 705-489-2001.

Transat Travel Working remotely and can access calls and emails. pcc22ha@transat.com or 705-457-3290.

Royal Lepage Trillium Team Working from home and checking phone messages and emails regularly. trilliumteam.ca.

Haliburton Dance Academy Livestream classes. info@haliburdondanceacademy.com.

Minden Wine Store Closed.

Minden Subaru Open by appointment only. Service: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Sales: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 705-286-6126.

County Sign & Display Closed to walk-in traffic but continuing to produce and supply signage. countysign@interhop.net. 705-286-6650.

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

Up River Trading Co. Open from 8:30 a.m.

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.

Stone 21 located at Pinestone No longer offering takeout.

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 extra safety precautions. Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 705-286-3167. riverview-furniture.com

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

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.

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

Stamp Carpet & Duct Cleaning Open. 705-457-4715. 705-306-0704.

For a free listing or any changes, contact admin@thehighlander.ca (25 words max)

Highlander puzzles

Job Action

by Barbara Olson
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- Across**
- 1 Go-nowhere employment
 - 6 Unappealing to a vegetarian
 - 11 Bill denomination featuring Viola Desmond
 - 14 Thin as ____
 - 15 ____ living (make ends meet)
 - 16 Bouillon cube brand
 - 17 Linger over at the bar
 - 19 Cicero's 1900
 - 20 Checks for minors, for short
 - 21 They're dropped before elections
 - 22 Area 51 concerns, it is thought
 - 23 Botch bigtime at Karaoke
 - 26 Bits for Bowser
 - 29 Small Chevy hatchback
 - 30 Manx cat's lack
 - 31 Steak with a built-in dog treat
 - 34 Muppet Beaker's workplace
 - 37 Mastermind some devious activity
 - 41 "Z'okay, I guess"
 - 42 Easy-Off targets
 - 43 Columnist Bombeck
 - 44 Point of a fork?
 - 46 "I Only Have Eyes ____" (song)
 - 48 Fiddle with using Red-Eye Remover, say
 - 53 Norway's capital
 - 54 Don't be a homebody
 - 55 Duds for dreamers, briefly
 - 58 Paul's role in "Exodus"
 - 59 Arrange business between buyer and seller
 - 62 "Not my typo," in text
 - 63 Not as modest at the beach, say
 - 64 Off-kilter
 - 65 The ____ factor (yuckiness)
 - 66 Blackens on the barbeque
 - 67 Puts in one's two cents, maybe?

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- 6 Field hospital expert
- 7 It's honoured on April 22
- 8 Crop up
- 9 TV's Spike, once
- 10 Shaggy ox
- 11 Class clown's antics, e.g.
- 12 One no longer on a cell plan?
- 13 Chinese menu assurance
- 18 "Fine" studies
- 22 "What's the ____?!" (cry of defeat)
- 23 Exotic isle near Java
- 24 Also-____ (election losers)
- 25 Opposite of "sans"
- 26 Goblet part
- 27 Charlie Chaplin prop
- 28 Menu-opening mouse function
- 31 Arrange, with "up"
- 32 Most common eye colour: Abbr.
- 33 ____ in "Oscar" (spelling aid)
- 35 Filler in a magazine?
- 36 Nice looking, in Nice
- 38 Dairy, for a vegan, e.g.
- 39 Happily-after link
- 40 Lifesaving fireman, say
- 45 "Who am ____ judge?"
- 46 Horsemen of the Apocalypse count
- 47 Home of the Redblacks
- 48 "____ say!" (parent's demand)
- 49 Courtier ridiculed by Hamlet
- 50 Phobia prefix meaning "open spaces"
- 51 Fireplace tool
- 52 Groundbreaking gardeners
- 55 Bottled (up), as anger
- 56 A-OK, or a man's name
- 57 Stone and Stallone
- 59 A channel on the telly
- 60 When doubled, gung-ho
- 61 Cherry called Grapes

- Down**
- 1 "____ Feel Like a Woman" (Shania Twain)
 - 2 Useless gunk
 - 3 Canning needs
 - 4 Suffix with Quebec
 - 5 Made it big in printing?

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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. \$969,000

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

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

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

Contau Lake



Charming seasonal waterfront cottage. 100 ft of frontage. 3 bdrms, 1 bath. Spacious eat-in kitchen and gorgeous lake views from the living room. Storage shed, easily converted to Bunkie Good swimming off the large floating dock. Seller is installing a new septic. \$325,000

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



Year-round home has everything you have dreamed of and more! Just minutes from the town of Minden, a stone's throw from 12 Mile Lake marina and a short walk to fine dining at Heather Lodge. 3-bdrms, 3 bath. 1.09 acres. Elegant finishing touches throughout. Fully finished lower level. Cozy Haliburton room. Lake front enjoyment without lakefront 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

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

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.

Vacant Lots

NEW PRICE

DRAG LAKE \$449,000. 7.24 AC

WEST LAKE \$349,000 0.60 AC

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

BASSHAUNT LAKE ROAD \$47,000 2.36AC

FRED JONES ROAD \$34,500. 6.59AC

TOWER ROAD \$29,900 2.24AC

TWIST LANE \$27,900 0.43 AC

FRED JONES ROAD \$25,000. 0.38AC

STUDIO LANE \$25,000 0.50 AC

NORTH DRIVE \$74,900. 2.11AC

SOLD REKA \$64,500 2.14 AC