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Capturing Eden store manager Dylan Haywood. The store can start selling recreational cannabis. *Photo by Joseph Quigley*

Recreational cannabis store opening

By Joseph Quigley

Downtown Haliburton will soon have a recreational cannabis store as Capturing Eden received retail authorization Aug. 24.

The medical cannabis clinic has been working to sell retail cannabis since it opened in May 2019, losing in the initial lottery process. But after going through a months-long authorization, the store hopes to be ready to open to sell recreational cannabis by the Labour Day weekend.

"It's fair to thank the entire community for

all the support they've given us," co-owner Wanita Livingstone said. "This has been a labour of love for us and the community has been very, very helpful."

The authorization means after passing a final inspection, the store will be able to sell recreational cannabis products, working directly with the Ontario Cannabis Store and its catalogue. That does mean the storefront can no longer be a medical cannabis clinic, but Livingstone said they are looking for a new store space for

that service and will continue offering it remotely.

Livingstone said the store can compete with the black market, given its safety and educated staff. They aim to deter 60 per cent of sales in the community.

"There's not a concern or risk of lacing, not a concern or risk of safety," Livingstone said. "Rural Ontario is big for the illegal drug trades and we want to be the people that cut that."

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Diving into services delivery

By Lisa Gervais

A consultant's final report on a services delivery review for Haliburton County and its four lower-tier municipalities is expected this fall - and could eventually lead to a governance review.

County of Haliburton CAO Mike Rutter said StrategyCorp is continuing to work on the evaluation of best practices going forward for the region.

He said the consultant is meeting with CAOs with regards to scheduling interviews with municipal staff, councillors and targeted interest groups.

He said the first step was to gather data, via interviews and looking at financial data and budgets.

"We're paying almost a quarter of a million dollars for this work and we hired StrategyCorp for its expertise and it is very much them doing the work guided by background information and interviews with people who know the landscape," Rutter said.

County Warden Liz Danielsen emphasized when it comes to the process, "we haven't been driving it in any way, shape or form."

While the initial report deadline was June 12, COVID has forced delay, Danielsen said.

She added, "It's a big subject. It is service delivery by the County and all four municipalities, and how we can streamline, work better, and offer a better service to everybody. It is so complex that there is still quite a bit of work to do."

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Dignan Road repairs

Council approved \$212,000 to fund rehabilitating Dignan Road Aug. 25.

The municipality will pay for the unbudgeted project with a development reserve and a surplus from the 2019 culvert replacement on Dignan Road. Staff reported Dignan Road is a good candidate for rehabilitation, with a poor average pavement condition index.

"It's definitely in bad need of getting fixed," Coun. Walt McKechnie said. "Been on our agenda a long time."

The staff report said they are reasonably confident the work can be completed by the end of September. Failing that, preparation work would be done this fall, with completion of the hardtop in Spring 2021.

Big and small homes

Council agreed to have provisions for

bigger and smaller homes in a new municipal zoning bylaw.

Council reviewed feedback to its zoning bylaw received during an open house Aug. 14. Former Mayor Murray Fearrey presented there and brought up several ideas, including a new waterfront residential zone allowing for larger primary dwellings and tiny homes.

Presently, the municipality has a maximum gross floor area for any waterfront property of 4,000-square-feet. Coun. Walt McKechnie said the municipality should be more allowing of large homes.

"We should get our eyes opened up that tiny homes are coming, and bigger homes are coming," McKechnie said "Let's get prepared, whatever changes we have to make."

Director of planning, Jeff Iles said he could bring bylaw amendments for that at a future meeting.

The zoning bylaw review will be put to a public meeting Sept. 25. Iles said

they could host more public meetings after that if needed. Final council approval for the bylaw is expected Nov. 25.

Fireworks bylaw adjustment

Council approved changes to its fireworks bylaw to allow for them on Labour Day weekend.

The change syncs the bylaw with similar ones in Minden and Highlands East. The bylaw was also changed to specify dates for Canada Day fireworks depending on what day of the week the holiday falls on.

Council passed it by a 6-1 recorded vote, with only Coun. John Smith opposed. He protested expanding fireworks to another weekend given their environmental harms.

(Dysart et al news compiled by Joseph Quigley).

No complaints received: manager

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The store is undergoing renovations and the owners installed more security cameras. Everyone who purchases cannabis will need to present ID and there is a maximum of 30 grams per transaction. There will also always be four staff on site, with a maximum of four customers due to the pandemic.

Store manager Dylan Haywood said they did not receive any complaints during a 15-day public notice process in March, required for their application.

"If there was somebody who was

dead set on it being a real bad thing, they would have participated," Haywood said. "The drug is on the market, whether we like it or not. Providing access in a legal and educated way is something that we can't turn up."

Livingstone said staff are well trained and they are happy to answer any questions people may have. She said they planned to host a communication forum about the recreational store, but the pandemic made that impossible.

All four of Haliburton's townships opted to allow retail cannabis in their

communities in late 2018. Livingstone said they have worked with Dysart and the County to ensure they were following procedures throughout their application process. No further municipal approvals are required.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said she is thrilled Capturing Eden got the licence and she wishes them well.

"It doesn't matter if you agree or disagree with the product they sell, the province deemed it legal, and clearly it is in demand," Roberts said. "Wish them every success as I would any retail store in our municipality."



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Places for People is planning to build a new housing development in Dysart. *File photo.*

Places for People plans more homes in Dysart

By Joseph Quigley

Places for People (P4P) is proposing a new \$2-2.5 million project to build 10-12 affordable housing units in Dysart by fall 2022.

The housing charity presented to council Aug. 25. They seek to partner with the municipality to create the new units, utilizing municipal property. The municipality is already assessing land assets to identify what is suitable for affordable housing, Deputy Mayor Patrick Kennedy said.

The group has historically bought and renovated run-down properties to rent them at affordable rates. But President Jody Curry said they are pivoting to new development to increase housing stock and have prepared to take that on.

“We’ve done it carefully and worked on it for quite some time,” Curry said. “We are ready to take on a multi-unit project right now.”

The group pitched the idea as part of the County’s overarching goal of producing 750 new affordable units over the next 10 years. Curry said the group hopes to contribute 40 units to that goal.

Curry said they envision the units would be for one or two people, which they said is a market need. She said 76 per cent of households in the County are one or two

persons but only six per cent of the housing stock is one bedroom.

“We will be an excellent partner because we have a proven track record,” Curry said. “A lot of experience with building partnerships and leveraging community resources to make hard work look easy and make seemingly overwhelming projects doable.”

The group also presented to County council Aug. 26, where they pitched the County-owned Haliburton Wee Care property as a good place for the development.

P4P treasurer Max Ward said they would use community bonds to help raise the money needed.

“Community bonds are a better investment than a GIC in many ways because an investor gets to invest in our community,” Ward said. “Money stays here and helps the County in all sorts of ways.”

Kennedy said the timing should work well with the municipality’s review of its property inventory.

“They’re ready to move, we have a desire to help support housing here in Dysart,” Kennedy said. “Great timing for us to take a look at it.”

“We’ll take the presentation and take it into consideration, and we’ll work with you,” Mayor Andrea Roberts said.

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Plea for speed as Dysart passes climate plan

By Joseph Quigley

Dysart et al council is moving ahead with a climate change mitigation plan, but a councillor expressed the need for more urgent action on the topic.

Council approved the plan Aug. 25, presented by County climate change coordinator Korey McKay as part of a larger County plan. Based on council direction, the municipality will attempt to reduce its 2018 corporate emissions levels by 20 per cent for buildings, 10 per cent for fleet and 80 per cent for waste by 2030.

"It outlines potential opportunities that can be taken to reduce the municipality's carbon footprint," McKay said. "Exploring and suggesting best practices."

That includes improving energy efficiency at municipal facilities, reducing fuel consumption and transitioning to low-emission vehicles, and reducing and diverting organic waste from landfills. A joint municipal climate change working group will strive to implement the plan across the County.

Coun. John Smith said the municipality should tackle organic waste quickly. He noted most of the waste emissions reduction will be driven by landfills closing and waste being carried elsewhere, making the 80 per cent figure misleading.

He said despite Dysart's efforts to encourage more composting, the amount of organic waste commercial establishments produce still needs to be addressed.



Dysart et al council approved a climate change plan Aug. 25, but some people are frustrated by the pace. *File photo.*

"Some in the community are anxious to see more action at a little faster pace," Smith said. "The amount of organic waste that shows up at our landfill sites is frankly remarkable."

McKay responded that the working group will address that, and council can make it a priority.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said she would

see about getting that on the agenda at the next committee of the whole meeting Sept. 8. She said approving the plan itself and follow-up work were separate topics.

Smith said the environment and climate change committee – which he chaired – was already exploring the issue before Dysart shifted to a committee of the whole structure, which has not met since the

pandemic began.

He emphasized the need for the matter to be on the agenda.

"There are so many practical things that could be done that we don't talk about, we don't promote, we don't get staff engaging in driving these things," Smith said. "It's extremely frustrating to people in the community who care deeply."



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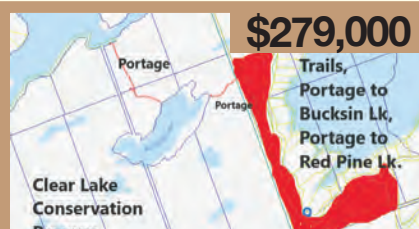
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Board mandates masks for young students

By Joseph Quigley

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) trustees voted Aug. 25 to mandate masks for students in Grades K-3, beyond the scope of the provincial mandate.

The motion extends beyond Grades 4-12, required by the Ministry of Education. The board will allow for reasonable exemptions as outlined in its return to school plan for families, with requests evaluated by principals.

Vice-chair David Morrison noted the Simcoe-Muskoka Health Unit has advised most children over age two wear a mask at indoor public spaces. He said there is a lot of community concern about younger students only being encouraged to wear masks, instead of mandated.

"Asking all the students – everybody that's in our building – to wear a mask is not an unreasonable thing, just for safety," Morrison said. "Does that create challenge? Yeah, I suspect it does. But what's not creating challenge right now?"

School boards across the province have grappled with the idea, with other boards also going ahead with it.

But there is a cost associated, even with parents providing masks. Superintendent

Tim Ellis gave a rough estimate of \$400,000 to replace masks for students in those K-3 over the year, given how often they may lose or damage them.

"I've come to understand this would scale the cost considerably," Director of

Education Wesley Hahn said. "Health and safety are priority. We will do what we have to do."

Hahn noted the province is allowing the board to pull \$3 million from reserves to help address pandemic-related costs this year. Hahn said the cost for extra masks would have to come from that pool.

Trustee John Byrne said it is worth paying. "If I can keep COVID out of the school, I'm saving a lot more money than closing down classrooms," Byrne said.

Trustee Colleen Wilcox said all the letters she has received from staff want this mandate and they will be able to get students on board.

"The teachers are going to get ready," Wilcox said.

Trustee Stephen Binstock said it may take some time, but young students will pick it up quickly.

"If I've learned anything from working with JK-3 students, don't underestimate what they can do when they know it's right."

High school semester shift

Another significant change in back-to-school plans is secondary students learning only one credit at a time, down from the board's planned two.

Hahn said they made the change due to a



The TLDSB voted to mandate masks for Grades K-3. *File photo.*

Ministry of Education suggestion. He said it is to ensure students are not in contact with more than 100 people.

"That's something we feel strongly about that we have to maintain," Hahn said.

Byrne said it will be difficult for students to focus solely on one subject for an entire day, even if there are breaks.

"It will affect the mental wellness of a lot

of people," Byrne said.

Superintendent Katherine McIver said the board has successfully done block scheduling in summer school and adult and alternate education.

"We'll have to attend to student well being," McIver said. "But we also know that we can build off the success TLDSB has already experienced."

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Still time for governance review



By Lisa Gervais

Watching a recent Algonquin Highlands council meeting on YouTube delivered yet another example of how this County has to seriously consider a governance review.

Currently, there are five governments in Haliburton County: the upper-tier County of Haliburton - with eight councillors - and the lower-tier Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Highlands East and Minden Hills - with 24 councillors.

On that recent Algonquin Highlands agenda, appearing live via Zoom, was County climate change co-ordinator Corey McKay.

She delivered a similar slideshow she had shared with County councillors the previous day. It was a presentation she would go on to make to Dysart et al and Minden Hills, and will to Highlands East.

Incidentally, eight of those lower-tier municipal councillors would have already heard the presentation at the County council table since two councillors from each of them make up County Council.

What a monumental waste of time.

Then, Algonquin Highlands building and bylaw department head David Rogers brought forward a report on a new fireworks bylaw for the township. He said he wanted Algonquin Highlands to be in line with Dysart et al, Highlands East and Minden Hills, which have already made changes to their fireworks rules - months

ago. Well-meaning on Rogers' part, but surely this type of a bylaw should have been addressed simultaneously by all townships so change was made at the same time. This would have allowed residents of all of Haliburton County to have the same sets of rules.

There was also talk of an altered bylaw regulating ATVs on highways. Driven by the province allowing more and different kinds of off-road vehicles on the shoulder of the road, the council, this time quite correctly, asked Rogers to go to the other municipalities to see what they are doing before taking any immediate and individual action.

With mounting public pressure, the County has embarked upon a services delivery review. They awarded the contract this past spring to StrategyCorp of Toronto. The report was originally to have been completed by June 12. However, with COVID, the deadline has been extended and the final report is expected this fall.

All along - and as recently as last week - we've been told the services delivery review is the first part of the equation and that a governance review may be part of the process after that.

We think it has to be.

County council must investigate whether its constituents would be better served by a single-tier government locally, or some

other model, with the number of councillors drastically reduced from the current 32.

At every Zoom council meeting, there are continuing, glaring examples of duplication and inefficiency. Without a doubt, the services delivery review final report will suggest efficiencies and possible cost-savings. We will be curious to see if it also suggests a new way of governing going forward.

Time is of the essence. This term of council is nearing its half-way mark. The next municipal election is slated for October 2022. If a governance change is coming, the plans have to be in place by Jan. 2, 2022. That means there must be a consensus among current councillors to investigate change. If majority numbers are reached, the County will have to hire another consultant to focus on governance models. There will also have to be serious discussions with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

As CAO Mike Rutter told us last week in an interview, if it is council's will, it can be done, "it's not necessarily true we're running out of runway."

Back to school?

For parents, teachers and support staff at our schools throughout the area, these are challenging times. The reboot of in-person education, which came to a halt in March, is imminent and while there is much to worry about, of course there are many reasons why these students should be back in the classroom.

The interruption of any schooling, beyond the traditional summer break, is detrimental to the overall learning process. Educators have documented that even the traditional two-month summer vacation results in slippage in education momentum. The return to school after a two-month break includes a period of catch-up, when concepts from the previous 10-month learning cycle are refreshed and brought up to speed so the students can move on to the next steps.

Despite the initial efforts to continue the learning process online/at-home during the spring, there are concerns it was not enough to bridge that gap and that it was applied unevenly due to any number of factors. Bringing students up to speed and learning again will likely consume much of the first few months during the initial return to school.

In-class learning does more than expand the minds of the students. The environment provides an opportunity for social growth as students move quickly through various stages of maturity. The five-month

break has disrupted this process and it is important that students get back together with their peers, sharing, problem-solving, resolving personal interactions and more. The school is not the only environment for this growth, but it is a key part of it, and like most other aspects of the students' experience, this opportunity has been missing.

In-class education is a major factor in sustaining our economy. Perhaps we don't like to admit it, but regular attendance at school gives parents the security to go to work during the day knowing that their children are in safe hands. In addition to the custodial responsibilities, they are learning valuable skills that will enhance their abilities to contribute to society as adults.

These and other reasons for a return to classrooms are facing challenges from the pandemic. Concerns about mask protocols, maintaining appropriate distancing on buses and in classrooms, ventilation in the school, proper hand sanitation, school cleaning, the mixing of such a disparate group of individuals and then their return to homes where there may be vulnerable individuals, and much more are just some of the concerns being raised.

They are all valid and need to be addressed. Parents, teachers and staff are expressing concern over the rush to re-open the schools without adequate planning, staffing and remedial work necessary to

ensure a healthy environment for everyone.

Looming over all this is the uncertainty as to what will happen next. COVID-19 has taught us many lessons, but one in particular is its unpredictability. A dramatic turn at any time could negate the best laid plans.

The Ontario government, which sets education and COVID-19 policy, has expressed confidence in its decision to reopen the schools and has given the school boards the direction to create plans suitable to their districts. The majority of parents seem willing to trust these authorities to get it right. But, as we have seen in the more heavily-infected areas of the United States, dropping the guard too soon has resulted in a resurgence in infections and re-imposition of lockdowns and closures.

We all hope this return to classes will not result in a re-emergence of the infection and that it will herald the first step on a long road to returning to some level of normalcy. I am happy to see the students going back in school, but also share the hesitation of everyone involved.



By Jack Brezina

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Bring connectivity to the lakes

Dear editor,

I agree with Lisa Gervais' Aug. 20 Op-Ed that Haliburton County badly needs improved connectivity, in terms of coverage, capacity and cost. The CRTC has defined basic service as 50 Mbps download/10 Mbps upload, but many in Haliburton County do not come anywhere near this.

Companies compete aggressively for licenses to service the lucrative urban markets. If the CRTC had made servicing the "last miles" (those of us in remote rural areas) a condition of obtaining a license to service the "first miles," it would have been an effective market cross-subsidization at limited cost to the Canadian taxpayer.

Having not had the regulatory foresight or fortitude to do so, the federal and provincial governments now must allocate considerable resources to ensure that rural Canada does not continue its decline into the technology Dark Ages (with the resulting negative consequences for economic growth and social participation).

The pandemic offers a unique opportunity. The federal government is spending huge sums to keep Canadians and the economy afloat. It makes sense to allocate this stimulus funding to infrastructure development to enable economic activity and growth not just for the present, but for the long term. A key dimension should be investing in improved connectivity for rural Canada.

As always, the devil is in the metrics. Apparently, the federal government has divided the country into 26-kilometre hexagons – if one business or residence or mobile location in that area has service, they deem the goal met for the whole area. How ridiculous.

Fortunately, EORN has put the effort into better analysis that gives them a clearer picture of which of the 500,000 properties in Eastern Ontario do not have service. Haliburton County may need to invest in a similar analysis to make effective decisions.

Until now, most of the government funding has gone to the population centers in rural areas. EORN's 2016 Municipal Fibre initiative provided 100 Mbps service to 30 municipal facilities in Haliburton County, set up WiFi hotspots in most

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



John Enright sent this photo of 'The Pinery,' the former Victoria County Regional Forest, planted in 1928 and containing 2.76 million trees on 9,250 acres near Kinmount.

of the towns and villages, and extended high-speed service to businesses within a two-kilometre range of these locations. So, while not perfect, the towns and villages have already received a lot of help.

Here's where the metrics are important. It is more economic to service properties in towns, in flatter areas (where cell signals reach further) and along provincial highways (where demand for cell service is greater). Federal and provincial funding for connectivity should be prioritized so that the funding goes to service the greatest number of people situated the furthest away from current service – the "densest last mile first." It is not clear that this is indeed a criterion in evaluating proposals for funding.

It is reported that 70 per cent of the property tax revenues in Haliburton County come from the lake communities – most of which are underserved or not serviced at all. Haliburton County should use a "connection: contribution" model to prioritize its support for government expenditures. Public expenditures to enhance connectivity should be allocated to the lakes at least proportionate to their contribution to the County's revenues – our fair share.

As the pandemic is causing a rethinking

of how/where people work, extending connectivity to the lake communities will encourage people to spend more time at the lakes, increasing local spending, property values and revenues to the municipalities in a positive spiral of economic growth.

Tayce Wakefield
Little Kennisis Lake

Prioritize areas lacking cell service

Dear editor,

I was pleased to see move coverage of efforts to improve internet services in Haliburton, especially in the rural areas (including waterfront properties which pay high taxes) where it is, as Joe Mukherjee's story demonstrates, non-existent.

We are also on Haliburton Lake and our internet download speed averages well below 1 Mps (usually 0.25 on weekends and evenings). I track it regularly.

However, what you failed to point out was that Haliburton Lake is one of those areas which still is without cell service. That means that all those smart phones around

the lake are using the WiFi signals, thereby adding to the terrible internet service.

I strongly believe that areas lacking cell service should be prioritized when government-funded internet service expansion is being rolled out.

Dave Love
Dysart et al

Black Lives Matter

Dear editor,

I write in defence of Kim Dafoe's letter about Black Lives Matter/All Lives Matter. The fact is white lives have always mattered. People of colour have rarely had that privilege. To say that their position in our country is due to their laziness and lack of motivation shows how far we as a population have to go before we can call our country a place of equal opportunity and equal privilege. Perhaps the point is that it is not primarily white lives that matter, as D. McClusky seems to believe; Black Lives Matter too.

Marylou Pollitt
Gooderham

Paying tribute to Jim Mifflin: A man's barber

Submitted by Paul Irwin

Jim died in the Peterborough Regional Hospital on Aug. 11, age 86, having, "stood behind every haircut I ever did" for nearly 70 continuous years.

As a teenager, he learned the trade in his dad's shop in Whitby where he worked until taking over Foster's General store and barber shop on Lake Boshkung in 1979. Eventually, he opened a shop in his home on Mifflin Road.

Jim's sharp and quirky sense of humour and habit of poking a bit of fun at his clients when he was holding the scissors took a bit of courage to face, but it was never dull and the neat haircut and great rates, not to mention an inexhaustible repertoire of funny and 'earthy' stories, brought me and a lot of men back to his shop again and again.

But, I wouldn't have bothered honouring him with this tribute but for his good-hearted generous humanitarian nature. This, carefully hidden from the casual observer

by the gruff almost curmudgeonly manner, took years for me to understand. Jim really cared for his wife Millie, the people he knew, such as his clients, and other creatures like the deer he faithfully fed for years.

He was the kind of neighbour to have, whether helping out with the driving of friends, shopping for them, helping out with challenging chores, or for years assisting a friend with the heavy work of home dialysis treatments.

And his shop wall was papered with the photos of the scores of his clients who had passed. If asked, he especially liked sharing his good memories of many of them.

It will be a pleasure, after COVID, for many of his friends and regular clients to gather for a memorial service for this good man. We are missing him and the visits and stories around the vintage barber chair - and there will be experiences and laughter to share as we say "goodbye" to our friend Jim Mifflin.

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ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS

Council reviews bylaws

Algonquin Highlands council has begun reviewing a number of bylaws, including around backyard chickens, minimum dwelling sizes, cannabis production facilities and extensions to non-complying buildings or structures - shoreline setback.

Based on a report from consultant Greg Corbett of Planscape Inc., they had initial conversations Aug. 24 with reports to come back to a future meeting of council.

Council will also be discussing a proposed short-term rental bylaw at a special council meeting scheduled for Monday, Aug. 31.

Township looking at landing options

Council instructed parks, recreation and trails manager, Chris Card, to seek further information on two options at its Hardwood (Clinto) Lake landing project during a special council meeting Aug. 24.

It came after residents expressed concern about site works that have now been put on hold pending a further council decision.

The job started July 16 to replace two retaining walls adjacent to the boat launch. However, there have been concerns about the height of the first new retaining wall that has been built.

Council requested more information on two options. One is adding an additional ramp/dock to the end of the east pier wall at a cost of \$20,000 to \$30,000. The other option is to lower walls, at a cost of \$30,000 to \$40,000.

A follow-up report will come to a future council meeting.

Date set for Hawk Lake landfill closure

Council has selected Oct. 16, 2021 as the date when the Hawk Lake waste disposal site will be closed to the public.

The site is on the east side of Little Hawk Road, approximately three kilometres east of Highway 35. The township has been operating it since approximately 1971.

In November 2018, it was estimated that the remaining landfill capacity equated to approximately 3.2 years of landfilling, and it was estimated that the capacity for landfilling would be reached in 2021. Council subsequently voted to close the site.

Director of public works, Adam Thorn, was looking for a specific date at the Aug. 13 meeting.

With one, he said staff could begin planning and implementing closure requirements; notify residents; and commence a proposed plan for the reconfiguration of the Maple Lake landfill site that will accommodate the closure of the Hawk Lake Landfill.

Airport business park slowly proceeding

Algonquin Highlands has had 10 lots at its



Algonquin Highlands Council met Aug. 24 over Zoom. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

airport business park appraised with a plan to eventually put them on the market.

Thorn said staff met on-site with appraiser McLean, Simon & Associates in May. He said they assessed the current market value of lots at between \$22,000 to \$31,000 per lot.

Before proceeding, Thorn said the land would have to be rezoned and Hydro and interior roads put in place.

Mayor Carol Moffatt said she'd like council to have a chat about moving the project forward or pushing the pause button for a short time due to COVID-19 and its impact on business.

"I don't think people are starting businesses right now. I think they're trying harder to save them." She added it would be costly to bring power and interior roads to lots.

She added she would like to see the asset management plan completed and hear what councillors bring to the projects and priorities meetings in the fall.

Thorn said the intent was not to put a 'for sale' sign up immediately and there was still much work to be done. CAO Angie Bird said that work could include chasing funding streams.

Deputy mayor Liz Danielsen said the township should continue the development at a slow and steady pace. She also wanted the township to consider leasing the land.

Councillors accepted, and deferred, Thorn's report.

Stanhope library accessibility update

When its renovation tender for the Stanhope Library came in over-budget, the township retendered but received no bids, Thorn told the meeting.

To date there had been a sole bid of \$96,440, which is \$21,115 over the budgeted price of \$75,325.

Thorn recommended that the township accept the bid and that he would go back to the contractor to try to look for efficiencies.

He noted the township received a grant for the project with a date extension to Nov. 30.

The project involves installing a lift.

Danielsen said, "I'd like to see us go forward with this project, we've been waiting for it for a long time. This is, in my mind, as important as any other accessibility project that we might have."

COVID costs reported

Revenue from the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails and increases in jet fuel sales at the airport in June and July have helped the township with its COVID costs, treasurer Jean Hughes told council.

In a report, she said based on costs as of July 31, 2020, the cumulative loss in revenue and additional expenses equate to less than one per cent of the existing municipal tax levy, or approximately \$45,000.

Water trails revenue is up 0.79 per cent in 2020 compared to 2019 (\$244,112 up from \$242,199). Year to date, in July, they are up 59 per cent, with \$95,614 in 2020 compared to \$60,264 in 2019.

The province announced Aug. 12 that the township is getting \$275,900 to help offset COVID-related costs.

More ATVs on highways

Bylaw officer David Rogers provided council with a brief summary regarding provincial changes to allow additional types of ATVs on highways.

He said the provincial government is now allowing Off-Road Motorcycles (ORMs) and Extreme Terrain Vehicles, such as XTVs and Argos). The new legislation does not include vehicles operating on tracks.

He noted the township has an existing bylaw that would have to be amended.

However, councillors asked for a deferral as they would like to see what other local municipalities plan to do with the new rules.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux noted that in her area of Algonquin Highlands there are not a lot of shoulders on roads.

(Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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A rocket launches into the sky as part of the Starlink project. Photo by Marek Cyzio.

Wishing upon a Starlink

By Joseph Quigley

As Starlink launched 58 satellites into the sky Aug. 18, many watched, hoping the project could soon bring better internet service to remote communities.

Haliburtonians too are following Starlink, a project under SpaceX launching hundreds of satellites to bring high-speed internet to locations difficult to reach by conventional means. The U.S.-based company said it is targeting service in the northern U.S. and Canada by the end of this year, with public beta-testing to launch this fall.

Eagle Lake resident Ioana Zemi said local internet services cannot provide her with standard service. She said she sees Starlink as a solution for people such as her in remote residences.

"It's really beneficial in situations like mine, where we live, where people are spaced so far apart," Zemi said. "The infrastructure requirements are far less than if they were to put in fibre."

Starlink is applying for a basic international telecommunications service licence with the CRTC, which is still ongoing. The application received more than 2,000 responses.

"Many of the comments noted the urgency of additional broadband options for consumers and locations that either have limited broadband choice now or no connectivity whatsoever," wrote SpaceX satellite government affairs vice-president Patricia Cooper in a reply to the CRTC July 17. "This outpouring of support is particularly gratifying."

The County of Haliburton and Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) are also eyeing large-scale internet improvements through public-private partnerships. The County is applying for a grant with Bell and Xplornet to deliver more broadband to

areas of need, while EORN is proposing a \$1.6 billion project to bring gigabyte-speed service.

But Haliburton Lake resident Joe Mukherjee said he is more optimistic about Starlink and its timeframe to be running by the end of the year. A former telecommunications worker, he said he needs internet for work and has struggled with slow internet speeds under Bell. He said that is caused by their refusal to spend the \$500,000 necessary to upgrade the area pedestal congested with too many customers.

"My confidence is, shall we say shaky, that Bell is going to take this and treat it with the urgency I feel it deserves," Mukherjee said. "Conversely, Starlink has already launched a substantial amount of satellites ... I will happily move my services to them."

Bell said it is expanding its fibre network in Haliburton but Fort Irwin is not in its immediate roll-out. They said they would work with Mukherjee on solutions in the meantime.

Starlink is not without detractors. Cooper wrote seven commentators on their application expressed concern about the impact the low-orbit satellites could have on astronomy. She said they take the problem seriously and have worked to reduce satellite visibility.

Phil Zube said he hopes Starlink could be a better option than his slow service north of Kushog Lake. He said as a photographer, the astronomy issue is a concern, though it does not outweigh the possible benefit in his mind.

"That bothers me," Zube said. "But I see no opportunity for us whatsoever to have high-speed cable down County roads in Haliburton."

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON NEWS

E-meetings to continue

The County of Haliburton is planning to allow more electronic participation in council meetings in the future.

The County committee of the whole directed staff Aug. 12 to draft a bylaw on the subject, to allow for electronic meeting participation outside of an emergency such as the pandemic. The change was allowed by provincial Bill 197. They approved the bylaw at their Aug. 26 meeting.

Councillors discussed the need for specific parameters, such as severe illness and extreme weather, to ensure it did not get abused.

"It should be extraordinary circumstances," Warden Liz Danielsen said. "Not just because you don't feel like it or because you're on holiday."

Bill 197 also amended the Municipal Act to allow for councillors to appoint a proxy for a short period, but council decided against allowing that.

"We were specifically elected to do these things, so to hand off those responsibilities or authorities is pretty foreign to our process," Coun. Brent Devolin said.

State of emergency remains in place

Warden Liz Danielsen said the County's state of emergency is continuing for now.

Danielsen addressed the topic briefly at the Aug. 12 meeting. She said the County emergency operations centre regularly talks about the emergency declaration, but there is support for it to continue due to the pandemic.

"I'm getting a lot of support from residents, and from other members of council and staff, that they feel much safer and more comfortable with the continued state of emergency," Danielsen said.

She noted that although recorded COVID-19 cases are low in Haliburton, it is uncertain how many more there may be, as cases are registered based on primary



Warden Liz Danielsen said the County is keeping its state of emergency. *File photo.*

residence. Asymptomatic carriers are also a concern, she added.

"We really don't know for sure how many cases we've got," Danielsen said.

Danielsen also said they were considering moving the location of the COVID assessment centre, currently in a tent at the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team parking lot. She noted the centre uses school access and space, which could be an issue with school starting again.

Wetland mapping improvements

The committee of the whole recommended the County enter into a data-sharing agreement with the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust for wetland mapping.

The Land Trust previously presented to council with the results for its completed wetland mapping project for three areas in the County. They found they were able to get a more accurate results than previous maps.

Director of planning, Charsley White confirmed the land trust's maps were more detailed and accurate compared to what the County had and recommended using them for planning. She noted future maps the Land Trust may produce could also be used with the data-sharing agreement.

(County of Haliburton news compiled by Joseph Quigley).



Tender for the Cardiff Pool Basin & Mechanical Room Repair #2020-12

Sealed tenders, clearly marked "Cardiff Pool Basin & Mechanical Room Repair Tender #2020-12" will be received up until 1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2020 at the address listed below to the attention of the undersigned.

Specifications regarding the above proposal requirements will be available at the Municipal Office located at 2249 Loop Road in Wilberforce or on the Highlands East website at www.highlandseast.ca

Site visit location is 2 Balsam Street, Cardiff. The meeting will be by appointment only. Please contact Stewart Hurd, Environmental Supervisor at 613-334-0994 to book a date and time.

Successful bidder must provide a 10% tender deposit.

The work is to commence on Monday, September 21, 2020 and is to end no later than Friday, October 30, 2020.

The lowest bid or any bid is not necessarily accepted.

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The Haliburton County Public Library is preparing to open its branches in Haliburton, Minden and Wilberforce next month. *File photo.*

Libraries reopen next month

By Joseph Quigley

The Haliburton County Public Library is preparing to reopen in Haliburton, Minden and Wilberforce next month with social distancing measures in place.

The County library board discussed the reopening plan at a special meeting Aug. 19. The libraries have been closed since March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but staff are working to allow people to return to browse materials and use computers. However, staff are planning to tentatively limit visits to 20 minutes.

Librarian Erin Kernohan-Berning said they will adjust the plan as they go, including extending visits if it proves safe.

"The plan as it stands is going to be in constant evaluation once we start," she said. "We need to sort of test-drive it."

The library has offered curbside pickup in recent months, starting June 25 in Dysart. That service will continue by request, though people will now also be able to enter the library to pick up holds. Service hours are limited to 25 hours per week in Dysart and Minden and 15 in Wilberforce.

Board members pressed about increasing the amount of time someone could be in a branch, noting how some people rely on the library for internet and computer access.

"If people are going to be driving or somehow getting into town because they

have to use a computer, I really have a concern 20 minutes isn't enough," board member Carol Moffatt said.

Kernohan-Berning said she would try to extend that but noted the length of time indoors makes a difference to the transmission of COVID-19. She said staff would rather slowly expand that time by testing the plan, rather than clawing back if longer times do not work.

"This is part of our services that unfortunately is going to be lacking," she said. "Because we want to keep patrons and staff safe, there are some sacrifices we need to make. I'm going to be extremely happy when we can reinstate a lot of that stuff."

The plan features additional safety precautions for the library, with regular cleaning of high-touch surfaces, available hand-sanitizer, requested mask use and spaced out furniture and computers for physical distancing. The number of people in the building at once will also be limited.

Printing and photocopying will also be by-donation instead of a usual 10-cents-per-page charge.

"Partly because we don't want to handle money," Kernohan-Berning said. "Also, because we're just in the times we're in and people need a bit of a break."

The date for reopening is not certain, but Kernohan-Berning said they are tentatively targeting Sept. 8.



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Services review final report expected in fall

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Rutter said ratepayers may not know the volume of work going on behind-the-scenes.

"It's really about them trying to find out how we do things now, and how much we are spending in all of those areas," Rutter said. "Then comparing to benchmarks of comparator municipalities. They took all of that and are asking 'where do we think there is opportunity?' They have done deeper dives based on their experience. They have an incredible depth of people who understand how services are delivered in other jurisdictions across the province, sort of the best practices."

Rutter said he expected the final report in October or November. He said they are now working on how that report will be presented. He said it would have been "wonderful" to have a public meeting but that is likely not possible with COVID-19. He said it may have to be done via Zoom.

With the review, Rutter said they had targeted interest groups for input, versus opening up the floor to all ratepayers.

For example, he said when it comes to economic development, Strategy Corp. had talked to the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, the Algonquin Gateway Business Association and the Haliburton Business Improvement Association. With planning and development, they spoke to the Haliburton County Home Builders

Association and key developers. He said they chose that route as, "it's important to understand what it's like to be a customer in Haliburton County."

However, Rutter said that did not mean the public would not have input.

"Decisions won't be made in one day. If a service is going to change in any significant way, there would need to be decisions at the local council, County level, and multi-levels of approval to do that. Decisions won't be made in a back room with a bunch of people smoking cigars. They will be made in council meetings in a transparent way," he said.

Danielsen said that process won't be easy.

"We need to reach concurrence among the four municipalities in the County. We need to set our egos aside. We all think that we do very well in certain areas but it may very well be that the services delivery review will determine (otherwise)."

Governance

Rutter emphasized the current project does not talk about governance.

"This is a services delivery review, which is to inform a discussion the elected officials will have about governance once this report is finalized," he said.

Speaking hypothetically, he said there is time for a governance discussion prior to the October 2022 municipal election.

Decisions won't be made in a back room with a bunch of people smoking cigars. They will be made in council meetings in a transparent way.

Mike Rutter

County of Haliburton CAO

"If County Council members received the final report in October or November and it said 80 per cent of services could be delivered collaboratively, some might say 'it really just makes logical sense to go the next step. In late 2020 or early 2021, we could hire someone to look at what that governance model could look like.

Lots of things could happen if that was the will of council. It's not necessarily true we're running out of runway."

A spokesperson for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing told *The Highlander*, any restructuring for the 2022 municipal election would have to be in place by January 2, 2022. He said any restructuring taking place after Nov. 30, 2022 may be applicable for the 2026 election.

He clarified it could not be a referendum issue on a ballot either.

"Only the Minister of Municipal Affairs

and Housing may place a municipal restructuring question on an election ballot. A municipality may request the minister to propose such a question on the ballot. The results of such a vote are not binding," the spokesperson said.

Danielsen said it might be a bit premature for such a discussion anyway.

She said step one is the services delivery review and, "we hope to see cost savings. That is what the public is looking for. And, we don't know. It might cost us more if we deliver a better service."

She said there is no guarantee the current review will form the foundation for a discussion on governance.

"We need to see the results of this study before we go any further. There would have to be a discussion, and another consultant brought in to look specifically at governance. It is not just a matter of us saying 'let's go for it'."

She said the province isn't necessarily looking for amalgamation, but delivering services in a better, more streamlined way.

"There are many unknowns but we all tried to go into this with our eyes wide open and with no preconceived decision being made. I do know some members of the public have decided what's best for us to do, with absolutely no notion whatsoever of what's involved. We're taking a really deep dive and we hope to come up with the best outcome. Where we'll land with governance and how that will look, I don't know."

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Left to right: Scholarship recipient Nigel Smith, pharmacist Amanjot Grewal, scholarship recipient Melissa Brinkos and the Highland Storm's Jason Morissette. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Storm scholars shoot for university

By Lisa Gervais

Highland Storm graduates Melissa Brinkos and Nigel Smith were each handed \$750 cheques from Minden Pharmasave Aug. 21 as part of the pharmacy's continued commitment to its scholarship program.

Each year, the outlet provides two, \$750 gifts to a Storm player moving on to post-secondary education.

The 2020 winners received their money this past Friday. Smith was also named the Bob Beaumont bursary award winner from the Muskoka-Parry Sound Hockey League, valued at \$500.

Storm president Jason Morissette was on hand for the presentation as was Cheryl Hamilton-Smith.

Brinkos said, "it was really unexpected. I just came home from work one day and my mom said 'by the way, you won a scholarship'."

She's been playing with the Storm organization the past four years.

She's studying biomedical engineering at the University of Guelph this fall.

"It's all online, so I'm actually sticking around here," she said.

As for hockey, "if they have a shinny league, I'll be up for it. Who knows?"

Smith said he was "very appreciative.

It's very nice that they (Minden Pharmasave) do that type of thing and going into university first year, any little bit helps."

He said he needed a letter of coach's recommendation for the Bob Beaumont award, and was delighted to have been chosen.

He's off to Kingston to study engineering at Queen's University. He'll be doing online classes from residence. As for hockey, "I could be playing some intra-mural or something just for fun, just for kicks, but I won't be going out for the Queen's team or anything. Not this year."



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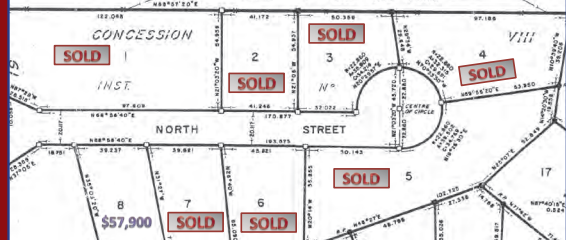



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Rock Our World Online Auction

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

August 27 – Regular Council Meeting
September 10 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one meeting a month in July, August and December.

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/.

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2. If smoke is affecting your breathing, remember that smoke rises, this is when you should get low and crawl when evacuating the building.
3. Leave your belonging behind - don't spend time looking for items, sacrificing any time can be dangerous, your priority is to leave the building.
4. If in the classroom, line up quickly and follow your teacher, if not in class, exit the building and then find your class and teacher, stay with your class at all times and be present during roll call and head counts.
5. Always keep calm - A calm response to emergencies is always smart—in and out of school, and in every kind of emergency. Staying calm will help even large families or groups of students get out safely without missing important steps.
6. Get to know the emergency exits – know the best route to take in case of an emergency at home or in school and know where to meet your family or class once safely outside.

Students, parents, and everyone in-between, can benefit from these fire safety tips. We hope that they help make the school season ahead a safer one!

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Dinner and concert under the stars

Abbey Gardens held a fundraiser Aug. 22. One hundred patrons ate dinner under tents out of doors at Haliburton Highlands Brewing. Then, they were entertained by a concert by John McDermott and band under the stars. (Lisa Gervais)

Top: John McDermott and band perform at the Abbey Gardens fundraising dinner and concert Aug. 22. Photo by Janis Parker. Middle: The hard-working staff at the dinner prior to the concert. Bottom: Roland Beaubien, Bev Murdison, Miriam Simpanen and Linda Boschan enjoy dinner. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

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Editor's note: This is the sixth instalment of a fictional series entitled Harp in the Dark. It's written by Hope Thompson, who lives in Algonquin Highlands.

Chapter 6: Prejudice

Harp in the Dark

After their interview with 90-year-old Stan Barley, the former caretaker of Pines End, Detective Harry Harp and Constable Terry Becker stopped in at the local café. The two men sat huddled in a corner booth staring down mugs of coffee.

Becker peeled the wrapping off a muffin and took a bite.

"What do you make of Stan Barley?" Harp said.

"He's grumpy." Becker pulled a serviette from the dispenser on the table and wiped his fingers. "But that could just be old age talking."

"Or guilt." Harp took a sip of coffee. "I'm pretty sure he knows more than he's saying." The detective wrapped his fingers around his coffee mug. "Remember what Crystal Corrigan said about antiques?"

Becker nodded. "Sure. They were all over Pines End—even in the kitchen. Muir was so stingy, stuff wasn't updated and a lot of the antiques were still in use, like the old fridges. So?"

Harp raised a finger. "Crystal didn't remember the ice pick but it could have been part of the antiques lying around. Look—let's say it was. Then Stan had the means. And very likely the opportunity."

Becker nodded. "But what about motive?"

Ten minutes later, the two men were back at their office in the Spruce County Police Department. On a white board, Becker had written the names of all guests and staff and next to each name was a note. "Deceased" was written beside most names.

Fingers clattering over his keyboard, Becker leaned back grinning.

"Thank god for online obituaries!" The constable said.

Harp's desk was covered in the scrawled pages of his ongoing numerology project. He looked up, blinking.

"Just found Trudy Carlyle's obituary. She died four years ago. Predeceased by her husband and daughters, Emily and Lily." Becker jumped up and added the information beside their names.

"Everyone who was an adult at the time of the murder is deceased—except for Stan." Becker sat down and started typing again. "And I've tracked down the teenage guests—just waiting on the Moort twins and Adam Barley to get back..."

Harp squinted at the white board, not listening.

"Is—something the matter?" Becker said.

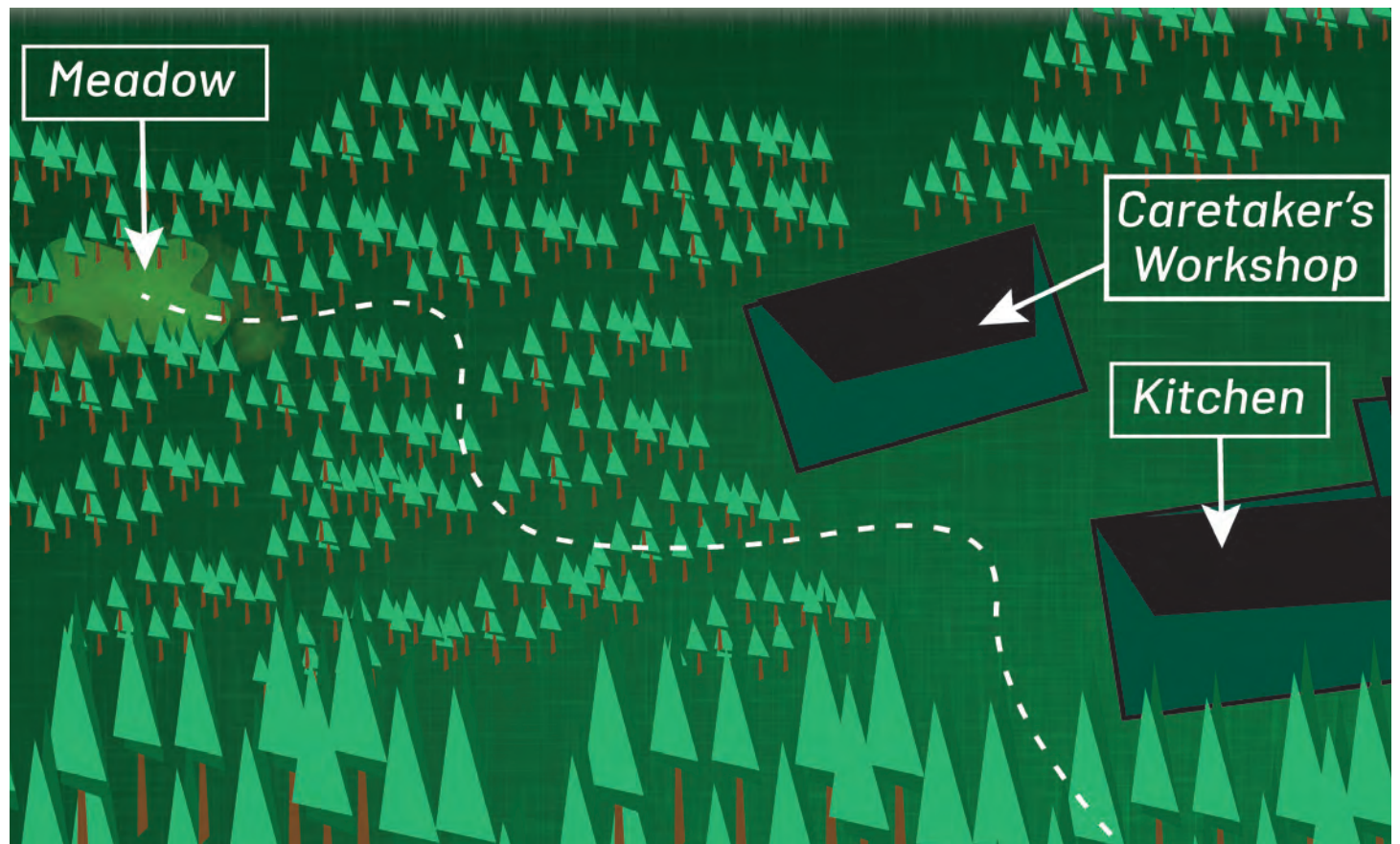
Trance like, the detective picked up a marker and drew lines between names. Becker grimaced as Harp destroyed his neat list.

"I get it," Harp said. "I get the numbers thing!" He frantically drew lines between Mr. and Mrs. Muir, the lodge owners, between the Carlyle's, between Cat Wilson and Brett Penzler. The detective spun around.

"Matchmaking!"

"Huh?" Becker said, walking over.

"If we eliminate the Wilson baby, there



are 12 males and 10 females. With the most obvious pairings, the Penzler and Moort dads are left out."

"Left out of what?" Becker scratched his head.

"Of romance! Remember what Brigitte said? People go on vacation for a lot of reasons and romance is one of them."

Becker's eyes narrowed. "You think it was a crime of passion?"

"What if Stan's wife, Irene, was having an affair with Rand Carlyle? And Stan found out..." Harp gestured a plunging motion. "And killed Rand."

"Solid motive," Becker said.

Harp flipped through the original case papers. "Says here, Maclem found empty booze bottles on the lawn. It was concluded that Rand was drunk, stumbled into the water and drowned. But I don't think Maclem believed that."

Becker nodded. "Doesn't the file say Rand was keyed up? Excited? The man was looking for love. Maybe he walked into the woods to find Irene Barley."

Becker put his fingers together like the preacher in 'Night Of The Hunter.' "But instead, he found hate. I mean, in the form of death."

Harp's eyes flashed. "Stan could easily have spied on the party at the fire pit and when he saw Rand leave, all he had to do was follow him. And Rand was stabbed in the back." The detective sat down. "This wasn't a confrontation. This was the swift elimination of a problem."

Just then Harp's phone buzzed and he answered it. The detective looked momentarily confused then thanked the caller and hung up.

He shrugged. "Cat Wilson's back."

"And the cat came back..." Becker said, grinning.

A couple of minutes later, the two men sat down across from the tanned retiree.

Harp smiled. "What can we do for you today, Ms. Wilson?"

"Call me Cat," she said brusquely. "Now I want to add to my earlier statement thingy. Just to be completely honest."

She shifted in her chair. "There was a kid called 'dogbody'. I don't know his name, anyway, my sister and I were, well, rather cruel to him." She threw her head back. "Nothing criminal. Just mean. As kids can be."

Harp's forehead creased. "Why?"

Cat was silent. "He was a local kid and we were from the city and we just, well, we felt superior." She smiled widely. "Of course, I've changed, I mean, I live here. I love Spruce County!"

Becker's eyes narrowed. "His name is Albert Barley."

"Oh," Cat said quietly. "Oh, of course! His mother and father worked there."

Harp leaned forward. "Do you remember seeing Rand Carlyle with either of them?"

Cat shook her head. "I just remember the father—a big man. Gruff." She shivered.

A few minutes later, the interview ended and the two men sat alone in the meeting room.

"Interesting," Harp said.

"Prejudice is interesting?" Becker pointed at the door Cat Wilson had just exited through.

Harp said, "No. But think of Stan. He discovers Rand Carlyle with his wife. And Rand is from the city! Rand could have had

that same superior attitude."

Becker looked out the window. "Stan would have hated him even more."

"Let's talk to him." Harp stood up. "And this time, let's get the truth."

August 1, 1970 – 10:00 PM

As the fire died down, people drifted into the lodge. Before Rand Carlyle joined the flow, he cast a look over his shoulder at his wife, Trudy. She was deep in conversation with Mrs. Wilson, the flames casting an orange glow over both women's faces.

Perfect, thought Rand with a sly smile.

As other guests crossed the terrace and entered the lodge, Rand stepped to the left and disappeared into the darkness. The route through the woods to the little meadow was familiar, even in the dark. He'd made the same trip once already that day and many times during the week, ever since the first meeting, the first moments of connection. Yes, it was dangerous but the danger just made the whole enterprise more exciting. He turned at the little building and stepped into the forest as a woodland chorus played around him—a croak and a buzz here, a rustle there. Then another sound: quick footsteps. Rand smiled and started to turn—when sharp metal sunk into his back and searing pain made him freeze. He stumbled forward grabbing at the air, then collapsed on the forest floor. Filling with blood, his throat constricted and he gasped, breathing in the damp scent of moss and pine bark and his mind began to close and as it did, he held on to one image—the face of love—until that, too, was gone.

Highlander events



Pride celebrations continuing

Minden Pride is continuing its celebrations this week with a mix of in-person and virtual events from Aug 27 throughout the weekend. On Aug. 27, there'll be a virtual trivia night. Register at TriviaNight@MindenPride.ca. Friday night is the COVIDance Party, in which people can join DJ Whatsername for some on-line dance fun. Register at COVIDParty@MindenPride.ca. Saturday is the parade your pride colours day. People are encouraged to decorate their houses, vehicles, businesses and themselves. There'll be a scavenger hunt, sidewalk chalk and floating down the Gull River. Details at MindenPride.ca. The week concludes with Sunday afternoon's multi-faith service. Register at MultiFaith@MindenPride.ca (Lisa Gervais)

Top: Brandon Trebell and Rebecca Northey are all set for a drive-in movie night. Bottom: Jason Stephanian, Justin VanLieshout and Sandy Griffith attend the Pride movie night. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

WHAT'S ON

Every Monday via Zoom, online art classes by Carole Finn. Must register one week in advance 705-457-2404 finn@halhinet.on.ca

Every Wednesday evening on Zoom – As We Find It Play Reading Group for anyone with a love of theatre. For more information email kbutler@haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com.

Haliburton School of Art and Design for digital versions of some of the art talks and entertainment originally planned for summer school. See facebook.com/flemingHSAD

SEPTEMBER 5

Maple Lake United Church Bake Sale via drive through, corner of Airport Rd and HWY 118. Pre-orders welcome! Shirley Johnston 705-754-3865 or Beverly Upton 705-286-2130

SEPTEMBER 5

Gooderham's 503 Street Sale 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. All spaces are free and bring your own table and chairs. Please set up your table anywhere on the main street. Rain date is Sunday, September 6. For more information: Denise Wooder 705-447-2953 or Marilyn Wooder 705-447-2906. Masks and social distancing in effect.

UNTIL SEPT. 7

The Haliburton Lions Club's virtual toll bridge fundraiser. Go to haliburtonlions.com

SEPTEMBER 8 – 22

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Rock Our World Online Auction. Bidding details are on their Facebook page, e-newsletter, or on their website haliburtonlandtrust.ca

SEPTEMBER 11

Earth Dance Studio presents "From the Profane to the Sacred: A Journey through Time and the Collective Unconscious" at 7 p.m. Artist Darlene Dove will host a talk and discussion from 7:30 – 9 p.m. Call 705-448-9808, earthdancestudio.ca, earthdance@teksavvy.com

SEPTEMBER 12

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association Annual General Meeting at 11 a.m., 171 Mallard Road. They will review financials, trail grant funded projects, grooming performance, other business, and elect a new Board of Directors. COVID-19 and social distancing protocols are in place. Wearing a mask is mandatory.

For further info hcsa.ca. Everyone welcome.

SEPTEMBER 23

The Canadian Mental Health Association, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge Annual General Meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2020 at 5 p.m. The meeting will feature award winners, recognition of staff, board and donors, as well as a review of the year. This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, the AGM will be held virtually via Zoom. If you are able to attend, please RSVP by emailing Karen Wolff at kwolff@cmhahkpr.ca no later than September 16. Once registered you will receive details for how to gain access to the meeting.

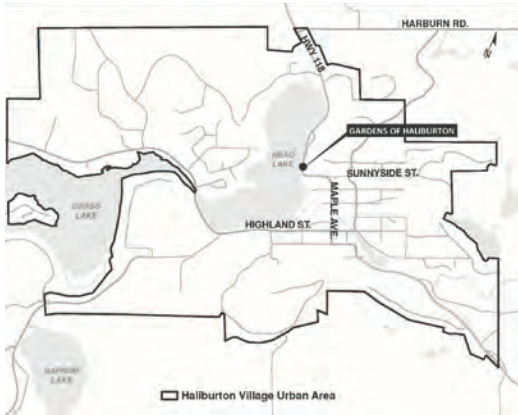
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Class Environmental Assessment Water System for the Gardens of Haliburton



The Gardens of Haliburton retirement lifestyle residences are being constructed within the Haliburton Village Urban Area at 1 Sunnyside Street on the former site of Fleming College. Municipal water supply is not available therefore a private water supply system is required.

Final approval by the municipality for the water system requires that the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process be completed.

The Water Supply EA for the Gardens of Haliburton is following Schedule C of the Municipal Class EA process.

The EA is currently in Phase 3; the issues have been defined, feasible alternatives have been identified, technical, natural, social/cultural and economic impacts of the alternatives have been evaluated, and a preferred solution has been recommended as follows:

A groundwater supply using a drilled well with treatment for hardness, particle filtration and disinfection is the recommended alternative for the Gardens of Haliburton water supply. The alternative is consistent with local requirements for communal water supplies identified in the Municipality's Official Plan, and it will provide a secure quantity of high-quality potable water meeting the requirements of the Ministry of the Environment under Ontario Regulation 170/03 Drinking Water Systems.

This recommended solution is being put forward for public comment. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Public Information Centre will be conducted exclusively in a virtual format; there will not be any in-person consultation. The relevant documents are available on the project website for public review and comment. All comments received by the proponent prior to September 24, 2020 will be appropriately addressed and documented for the public record. At the conclusion of the study, a Notice of Completion will be published advising the public that an Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be filed for 30-day public review.

Comments may be submitted to the proponent Gardens of Haliburton Inc. via their website at <https://gardensofhaliburton.ca/class-environmental-assessment/> or by email: ea@gardensofhaliburton.ca or via mail to 12 Kensington Drive, Richmond Hill, ON L4E 3M9.

All correspondence will be maintained for reference throughout the project and will become part of the project record. Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Environmental Assessment Act, unless otherwise stated in a submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this project and will be released, if requested, to any person.

This notice was first issued on 27 August, 2020.

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Part 7: History for some, vivid reality for others

By Mabel Brannigan

Along with the military, the RCAF grew at a phenomenal rate until 249,662 men and women were in RCAF uniform. This was due to the famous Commonwealth-led training plan in Canada which prompted President Roosevelt to say "Canada is the aerodrome of democracy."

Canada graduated 3,000 air crew each month from Commonwealth countries around the world which sprang up across Canadian stations. The prairies were ideal. By the end of the war, Canada had trained 50,000 Commonwealth pilots.

I spent time on the Yorkton, Saskatchewan pilot training base. At RCAF station Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Canso aircraft were used for training pilots. Other Commonwealth bases trained 18,500 wireless operators and gunners and 15,900 air navigators. Canadian airmen served as convey escorts and were credited with 90 Nazi kills in the Battle of Britain as well as bombing raids in Europe. Five Spitfires were the first planes from RCAF 40 Squadron to destroy an enemy jet fighter. Also, Squadron 417, an RCAF dog fight squadron, flew with the famous Desert Air Force over Egypt and northern Italy while others served in virtually every theatre of the Second World War.

The RCN and Merchant Seamen have an equally distinguished record and participated in many important sea battles. Canadian destroyers assisted in the evacuation of Dunkirk as well as sinking

of the Bismarck in May, 1941. They ferried British, American, and Canadian troops ashore in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Normandy invasions.

But Canada's Navy and Merchant Marine earned their greatest reputation in the Atlantic where dreaded Nazi submarines waited to strike with torpedos and where 1,190 Canadian sailors were sent to their watery graves in the Battle of the Atlantic. The RCN and the RCAF are credited with sinking 47 Nazi subs during the Second World War.

Although 1941 was a year of savage fighting with many losses, at home in Haliburton, the feeling of hopelessness and despair seemed to have lessened what 1940 brought. In Haliburton County, most young people were either in the service, or in war-related factories. The Lindsay Arsenal announced they would be taking eight girls into their man-run arsenal, and you can bet I was at the head of the line. I worked three shift work until I was old enough for military service. The men in the foundry would gape through the door in disbelief to see eight girls wearing coveralls and a bandana-covered head. It was a sight to behold. But the girls had money.

In the homes in Haliburton, families were close-knit and lived simply. After such a long Depression, it was good to bring some money in, even if the men got considerably more for doing the same job. Rationing of gas, tea, coffee, sugar, meat, butter, booze, etc. did not impose a great hardship in



The number 11 service flying training school in Yorkton, Sask. where 3,000 pilots from Commonwealth countries around the world trained each month during the Second World War. Mabel Brannigan was stationed there. Photo submitted.

Haliburton. Margarine was not invented yet.

People complained about the songs we sang. Some of the titles were 'We Heil, Heil, Heil Right in Der Fueher's Face' 'Three Little Fishies' 'Mairzy Doats and Dozy Doats. Also, people complained that young people didn't obey their parents and we didn't. When non-essential goods were cut off to Canada, Canadian cartoonists soon fixed the comic book industry with Johnny Canuck and Spy Smasher.

The word celebration is using sparingly. It is hard to celebrate valour and victory and simultaneously mourn the sacrifice of those of our comrades who have died. We rejoice, but we grieve. That's what we will do on the 75th anniversary.

For some, the world war years of 1939-1945 are simply a piece of history, for others, the memories that those years bring are all too vivid.

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Township of Algonquin Highlands NOTICE - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

NOTE: As a result of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, as well as the requirements for social distancing, Council Meetings will be conducted electronically via web conference until further notice. We thank the public for their understanding as we work toward keeping our community safe and healthy in this uncertain time.

TAKE NOTICE that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on Monday, August 31, 2020 at 9:00 AM conducted electronically via web conference.

The purpose of the Special Meeting will be for Council to continue its discussions related to Short Term Rentals, within the Township, as part of the Zoning By-law review.

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link. The live-stream link can be found in the Special Meeting Notice posted on the Township's website under the News and Notices at www.algonquinhighlands.ca

Dated this 26th day of August, 2020.

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Visitation & Private Funeral Service

Friends called at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Sunday afternoon, August 2, 2020 from 3 - 5 p.m. A Funeral Service was held at **CROSSPOINT CHURCH** 700 Ritson Road N., Oshawa, Ontario on Friday evening, August 7, 2020 at 7 o'clock. As an expressions of sympathy, donations to The Lighthouse Pentecostal Church P.O. Box 287, Haliburton ON K0M 1S0 would be appreciated by the family.



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- 19 Const. law concerns
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- 22 Noodles in Nagano
- 23 Party pooper
- 27 "You should ___ doctor"
- 28 Popeye's creator Elzie
- 29 It may precede you, briefly
- 32 Release, as a new album
- 35 Feel in the air
- 37 "The Pearl of the Caribbean," to natives
- 41 Olympic speed skater Ohno
- 42 "___ lot of good that'll do!"
- 43 Winter setting in P.E.I.
- 44 "___ Teenage Werewolf" (1957 film)
- 46 Capital of Qatar
- 49 Nice-sounding Vancouver neighbourhood
- 53 The Dew Drop and Welcome, for two
- 54 Word before a cheque signature
- 55 Pop star Justin's nickname, with "the"
- 58 Kind of bod or joke
- 59 Giant "Of Mice and Men" character with an ironic name
- 62 Tot's this-many-fingers
- 63 Getting up there, timewise
- 64 "Re:" alternative
- 65 Father's talk: Abbr.
- 66 Curse covers
- 67 Remembrance Day conjunction

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- 2 Need a rubdown, maybe
- 3 Agenda units
- 4 Things you can count on
- 5 Dentyne ___ (gum flavour)
- 6 English Mme. or Sra.
- 7 Joe of "My Cousin Vinny"
- 8 Poet ___ Arlington Robinson
- 9 Perfect pitch
- 10 U.K. military honour
- 11 Match play?
- 12 Disruptive eruptions
- 13 :-), in words
- 18 Together, in Terrebonne
- 22 Bob with the Silver Bullet Band
- 24 Hand over, as land
- 25 "You get what you do" principle
- 26 "___ magic man, ..." (Heart lyric)
- 29 Narrow inlet
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- 36 Don't go hungry
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- 47 Canadiens, to hockey fans
- 48 Fauna member
- 49 Big name in mufflers
- 50 Debussy's "La Plus Que ___"
- 51 Muppet with a rubber ducky
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Otter Lake



Privately situated on 67+ acres sits your dream custom built waterfront home or cottage. 4 bdrm, 3 bath home finished w/ high-end finishing's. 462ft of frontage. Cherry cabinetry, granite countertops, large island and oak flooring throughout. Main floor master w/ 5pc ensuite. Lovely living room w/ grand cathedral ceilings & granite fireplace. Full finished lower level. Excellent property for children and pets to run and enjoy nature. \$979,000

Percy Lake



Custom quality built 3-Bdrm, 3 bath. Beautifully landscaped lot w/ 103ft of frontage. South East exposure. Clean, sand and smooth rock shoreline. Open concept living throughout. Finished with honey pine cathedral ceilings in living room, stone wood burning fireplace and oak flooring. Large kitchen with cherry cabinetry and stainless-steel appliances. 4 season insulated sunroom. Fully finished lower level. \$899,000

Little Glamour Lake



The perfect package! 3 bdrm, 1 bath four season cottage. Many recent upgrades include new insulation in the attic, screened in porch, radiant in-floor heat throughout and much more. Level lot with great privacy at the end of the road. Gradual, sandy entry to the water with fantastic views. \$580,000

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. \$445,000

St. Germaine Street



3-bdrm, 1 bath home is perfectly situated in the town of Minden. Large living area with beautiful bay window. Many upgrades. A Fully unfinished basement awaits your finishing touch. The oversized level yard. Great privacy on a quiet road. Municipal water and sewers and school bus route. \$235,000

Summerville Road



Affordable retreat. 2-bdrm, 1 bath cottage situated on a 1.02-acre lot. Just minutes from the town of Gooderham, public beach and boat launch. Cute and cozy living space. Full basement awaits your finishing touch. Level to sloping lot surrounded by mature trees and beautiful views of pond. Being sold "as is". \$175,000

Hunter Creek



3-bdrm, 1 bath home ideally situated just south of Minden in wonderful "Hunter Creek Estates". Open concept living and dining with propane fireplace. Many recent improvements include updated kitchen with stainless steel appliances, new cup boards and flooring. Updated cabinetry and flooring in laundry room. Enjoy peace and tranquility in the sunroom. Level, nicely treed and landscaped corner lot. \$169,000

Hand Drive



This property is the perfect handyman special. This unfinished cottage sits on a 1.78-acre parcel. Large windows allowing ample natural lighting. Interior awaits your finishing touch. 100 amp service installed. Very private with municipal access to Salerno Lake right across the road. This property is being sold "as is". \$99,000

Vacant Lots

- DRAG LAKE \$469,000 7.24 AC
- WEST LAKE 369,000 0.94AC
- SOLD** DRAG LAKE \$349,900 3.51 AC
- WEST LAKE \$349,000 0.60 AC
- NEW** WEST LAKE \$339,900 1AC
- NEW** COLBOURNE LAKE \$299,900 1.98AC
- SOLD** COLBORNE LAKE \$289,000 4.83AC
- PADDYS BAY \$259,000 45.72AC
- NEW** PINE AVE \$92,500 2.11AC
- BASSHAUNT LAKE ROAD \$47,000 2.36AC
- CATTAIL \$45,000 0.86AC
- SOLD** SOUTH DRIVE \$29,500 2.22AC
- WEST COURT \$29,000 2.43 AC

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