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The OPP Underwater Search and Recovery Unit and Minden Hills firefighters work to recover the body of a North York man from Moore Lake Sept. 12. *Photo by Harrison Perkins.*

## OPP investigate three separate fatalities

**By Lisa Gervais and Joseph Quigley**

A 39-year-old North York man drowned Sept. 12 after the canoe he and his family were paddling on Moore Lake capsized.

OPP said they were called out shortly after 2:30 p.m.

A family of four, a man, woman and two young children were on the lake when

their canoe overturned. Police said boaters arrived on the scene to support the family in distress.

"The woman and the two children were pulled safely from the water. The man ... passed one of the young children to an individual on one of the rescue boats before slipping under the water," OPP said in a

Sept. 13 news release.

The OPP helicopter and Underwater Search and Recovery Unit were dispatched to support recovery efforts. They worked with the Minden Hills fire department to locate and recover the body about 6 p.m.

The release said investigators are citing the absence of safety equipment as a

significant contributing factor in the tragedy.

In a follow-up release, issued Sept. 15, OPP commended the public for helping out. They asked that anyone who witnessed the incident but did not speak to police to reach out to the Haliburton detachment and speak to investigators.

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## Major roadworks planned for 118

By Lisa Gervais

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has advised people who live on Highway 118 between Carnarvon and Haliburton to remove docks and related structures in advance of planned roadworks.

Project manager Judith Baldasaro confirmed the deadline for removal was Sept. 15.

She said that will allow the ministry enough time to prepare the area for utility relocation work.

The MTO is planning a rehabilitation of the highway, from Highway 35 east to 0.7 km west of Haliburton County Road 21, a stretch of 23.4 km.

According to a letter sent to affected residents, dated Aug. 31, the MTO said AECOM is finalizing a detail design study. It said improvements

will include: slope stabilization works at Head Lake; highway resurfacing; culvert repair and replacement; drainage improvements; treatment of frost heaves and distortion areas; guiderail replacement or adjustment and intersection improvements at Kennisis Lake Road. The slope stabilization works involve placement of rock fill along the highway embankment.

“This project is being undertaken to improve the pavement condition, ride quality, safety and operational characteristics of Highway 118,” Baldasaro said.

She said utility relocation is scheduled to begin in October with construction scheduled to begin in 2021, pending funding, clearances and approvals.

As for owners removing docks



Highway 118. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

and other infrastructure, she said, any “remaining after Sept. 15 will be removed and disposed of by the ministry to ensure the utility relocation work is not delayed. The ministry will not be reinstating the docks and related structures.”

Anyone seeking more information can contact Baldasaro at 705-497-6936 or Judith.Baldasaro@ontario.ca

## Police promote water safety

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“Regardless of the exact sequence of events, unfortunately, a life was lost. OPP encourages all Ontarians to take personal responsibility for ensuring water safety for themselves and their children,” OPP said.

They reminded people to: wear lifejackets or personal flotation devices while on or in the water; don’t drink alcohol or take drugs and learn how to swim.

Meanwhile, Haliburton Highlands OPP is investigating a fatal two-vehicle collision on Loop Road in Highlands East.

Police, the Highlands East fire department and the Haliburton County

Paramedic Services responded to the scene Sept. 11. In a press release, OPP said a passenger vehicle attempted to conduct a U-Turn in front of a dump truck that was travelling south on Loop Road. The road was closed for several hours while investigators worked at the scene.

OPP said the driver of the passenger vehicle, 58-year-old Danny Linkert of Highlands East, was pronounced deceased at the scene. A post-mortem examination is scheduled.

Police said they will release further information as it becomes available.

And, Haliburton Highlands OPP announced they are investigating a fatal collision involving a dump truck and a pedestrian Sept. 4.

Emergency crews responded to the single-vehicle collision around 12:50 p.m. on the highway within Dysart et al.

The pedestrian, a 59-year-old from Haliburton, was transported to hospital and pronounced deceased, according to police.

“OPP Technical Traffic Collision Investigators (TTCI) attended the scene to assist the investigation,” police said. “No foul play is suspected.”

Police closed a section of Highway 118, between Kennaway Road and Glamorgan Road, throughout the afternoon Sept. 4, diverting and slowing traffic.



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The County of Haliburton is once again bringing forward legislation to restrict more development on shorelines. *File photo.*

## Shoreline bylaw put back on County table

By Joseph Quigley

The County of Haliburton is restarting its efforts to create a new shoreline protection bylaw.

County committee of the whole reviewed the draft bylaw and discussed a public consultation process Sept. 9. More than 60 people watched the livestream of the meeting, as the controversial document re-emerged after the County shelved it for months due to the pandemic.

It seeks to limit development within 30 metres of shorelines to protect natural vegetation and, by extension, protect lake health. Council members also discussed the need to address many properties doing major construction along the shoreline this summer, severely damaging them but not technically breaking rules.

But groups pushed back on the bylaw in February. Both the Haliburton County Home Builders Association and a group of six landscaping businesses have said though they support the bylaw's principles, the draft is too far-reaching.

"It's probably the most controversial thing that the County has put forward," deputy warden Andrea Roberts said.

The committee of the whole reviewed the bylaw section-by-section, asking for adjustments. They also agreed to communicate more about the plan, including online town halls for different sections.

But there was some disagreement between councillors over whether the push against parts of the bylaw was going too far. It started over the section disallowing the destruction of any natural vegetation unless specifically exempted in the bylaw.

Coun. Carol Moffatt questioned the broadness of that and said it is extremely problematic.

"How far is too far?" Moffatt said. "The definition of vegetation is making me really nervous. Where are we crossing over from

responsible maintenance to treating people like children?"

Director of planning Charley White said there are many exemptions and they will still allow people to maintain their yards.

"This is really the crux of the bylaw and if we're not considering keeping this language in, the rest of the bylaw falls apart," she said, adding they may need to adjust the language to indicate they will not nitpick at landowners.

Coun. Patrick Kennedy agreed with Moffatt's critique and questioned whether the protection zone should be reduced to 15 or 20 metres.

"I'm really frustrated with this bylaw the more research I do," Kennedy said. "We're trying to paint such a broad paintbrush approach that we may not be achieving the goals we really want to."

Coun. Brent Devolin pushed back and said though the bylaw will need work, he is "all in" on it.

"I don't kid myself that this is going to be easy," Devolin said. "But water quality and natural habitat is the underpinning of the economy of Haliburton County, full stop. I see no other route."

Warden Liz Danielsen said it is going to be a difficult process going through and communicating the bylaw, but it is necessary.

Moffatt replied that she felt it is important to ask questions and fully understand the implications of the bylaw before sending it out for public consultation.

"There is not a person whose face is on this screen who doesn't want something to move forward," she said during the online meeting. "We're supposed to ask questions and understand what we're all in for."

An updated draft of the bylaw is expected at the next council meeting Sept. 23. The current draft is available via haliburton.civicweb.net and the County has left the meeting up on its Youtube channel.



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## Minden Hills projects 'sizeable' budget surplus

By Lisa Gervais

The Township of Minden Hills is projecting a sizeable surplus at year end, director of finance/treasurer Lorrie Blanchard told the Sept. 10 committee of the whole meeting.

Reporting up to July 31, 2020, she said the municipality was showing a \$918,452.23 overall surplus. Of that, the general surplus is \$767,195.43 and the water and waste water department surplus \$151,256.80.

She said overall expenditures are below anticipated 2020 budgeted amounts due to a number of factors.

They included wages and benefits, at \$322,530.

"And that is due to positions that we still continue to try to recruit for," Blanchard said.

There was also a significant amount of money not spent on major equipment purchases, repairs and maintenance, and capital, materials, supplies, and building repair and maintenance, totaling \$364,100 combined.

Blanchard noted various revenues are also below anticipated 2020 budgeted amounts due to COVID-19, such as not accepting landfill items for a period of time during the pandemic, impacts on building permits and planning application fees; decreased interest due to outstanding taxes; cancellation of events and programs; and the arena closure this year.

She said COVID-related costs were about \$82,935, primarily for wages and benefits.



Minden Hills council met via Zoom Sept. 10. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

However, she noted that had been offset by Provincial Safe Restart Agreement Funding.

As far as revenue from taxation, she added, "folks have decided to go ahead and pay their taxes for the most part, which is very good news."

Last year, the township ended 2019 with a \$528,000 surplus.

"Short of something significant presenting itself that would incur significant expenditures to the township ... we're

looking at another sizeable surplus I would say for 2020," Blanchard said.

Coun. Bob Carter commented, "one of the things is obviously our wages and benefits. We still have vacancies and in fact we have more vacancies [since the report] so that number is not going to be used up and will continue to increase."

He added, "one of the things we have to be careful of for 2021 is the fact we can't have our normal projects plus all

the projects that we missed in 2020. We probably just don't have the physical manpower and administrative power to be able to handle all those projects, so we're really going to have to take a hard look at what is realistic. There's no use budgeting for X million dollars' worth of projects when you don't have the manpower to be able to accomplish that. It just becomes bad budgeting."

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## Still Standing – far apart – at the fairgrounds

By Lisa Gervais

CBC's Still Standing is planning to film in Minden the week of Sept. 20, and then present a pandemic-revised live comedy show at the fairgrounds later in the week.

Minden Hills staff and councillors discussed the visit during their committee of the whole meeting Sept. 10.

While the national broadcaster first pitched the idea at a June 18 meeting, and planned to film in July, it was delayed due to COVID-19.

They approached the township again recently about kickstarting the project.

CAO Trisha McKibbin said, "they have reached out to us and we're seeking some direction and comfort from council, specifically regarding the comedy show portion."

McKibbin said CBC is recommending the show be a closed event, and not open to the general public. She said they would limit numbers to 100 as per provincial government guidelines for outdoor gatherings. They're recommending that only people filmed and their families be invited and it would be outdoors in the bandshell area of the fairgrounds. Each participant will be seated within their family bubble; six feet from another bubble; masks required; no lineups; and hand sanitizer provided.

"This is the first filming taking place in COVID-19 of Still Standing and certainly in my conversations, they want to protect

their crew and they want to protect the public as well," McKibbin said.

She said the township's emergency control group has questioned whether 100 people is too many and if there could be a drive-in element.

Deputy mayor Lisa Schell said she spoke with story producer, Shayla Howell, "and I felt very confident that they were in control and had a good plan put in place and they definitely were willing to work with the municipality."

"I know I go to the grocery store and I'm in a building where there's way more than 100 people there, so I don't see how, being at the fairgrounds, separating 100 people, will be an issue," she said.

Coun. Jennifer Hughey said there are other areas in Ontario doing similar things and Ontario's 100-person limit for outdoor gatherings is lower than Montreal, for example, which allows 250.

"It's really at people's comfort level as well as how we would like to protect our staff," she said.

Coun. Ron Nesbitt suggested a drive-in format given recent rainy weather.

Coun. Pam Sayne said she's excited about the event and thinks it's great that it's proceeding. However, she said the emergency control group had denied other events so pandemic decision-making needed to be reviewed in future.

She also wondered if the general public could not access the show via Zoom.



Jonny Harris and CBC's Still Standing is headed to Minden. Photo via CBC.

McKibbin said the emergency control group has said no to events in the past, a month to six weeks ago, and that has been part of the discussion as, "we don't want to feel we're being selective in saying yes to one group and no to another."

Coun. Bob Carter said he's fine with 100 and not lowering it since, "if we are within the rules and the guidelines and we are practicing all the necessary precautions, I'm in favour of allowing this to go forward."

Coun. Jean Neville added, "I think it's great that we proceed and it sounds as though CBC has done a great deal of extensive research and planning and it might be an innovative concept to do a

combination of the family pod and a drive-in and that would accommodate the 100 maximum. I'm in agreement with it going forward."

Coun. Hughey said she had accepted a job as a fixer for the show. She said it is a paid position but she would donate the money to the Minden Community Food Centre.

Still Standing is one of CBC television's flagship shows, now filming its seventh season. Hosted by Canadian actor and comedian Jonny Harris, who is also in Murdoch Mysteries, Still Standing explores the challenges facing small communities across Canada and celebrates the people who call them home.

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## DYSART ET AL NEWS

### Short-term rentals scrutinized

Council discussed addressing short-term rentals though left the issue for a forthcoming service delivery review for now.

The discussion came during the committee of the whole meeting Sept. 8, in response to a letter from Gale Copeland, a cottager who wanted more rules to deal with nearby noisy rental cottages.

CAO Tamara Wilbee said they are addressing the complaint through existing bylaws, but Coun. Larry Clarke said there needs to be short-term rental licensing.

"We need to get them on the books, now, not just five years down the road. It's causing too many problems on too many lakes," he said.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said it would be best to hold off on the issue for a couple of weeks, as a county-wide service delivery review could be making some recommendations on the matter.

### Traffic study

The committee of the whole is recommending a traffic study in Haliburton village this fall after receiving results from the rest of the municipality.

The committee reviewed the results from a summer survey, which showcased average daily traffic counts and speed on all roads



Dysart council discussed addressing short-term rentals at a committee of the whole meeting Sept. 8. Photo via Flickr.

except those in Ward 1. The report is meant to direct future road resurfacing priorities and help address speed limits.

The cost of the Ward 1 study would be approximately \$8,600 plus HST.

"This is a good investment," Roberts said. "We haven't ever had anything as detailed as this, ever."

### Encroaching docks

Dysart council is unsure about what to do

with the nearly 200 docks encroaching on municipal property.

Staff presented a report, which council requested in response to an application for four docks to be on an original road allowance on Long Lake. Staff research found there are approximately 157 docks located on municipal road allowances, with approximately 43 on municipally-owned land.

Roberts said addressing that would be a big issue to take on and require legal advice. She added staff are busy,

particularly given the pandemic.

"We have a lot of work on our plate," she said. "We have to decide, is this council's priority, when there's a lot of other issues going on?"

The committee of the whole voted to acknowledge receipt of the report. Roberts said staff could work on a resolution for a licence of occupation for the original application and address dock encroachment with legal advice in the longer-term.

(Dysart et al news compiled by Joseph Quigley)

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## MINDEN HILLS NEWS



Minden Hills council continues to meet via Zoom. *File.*

### Roads projects

Council is expected to cancel the tender for the reconstruction of a section of Bobcaygeon Road this year, and defer the project to 2021.

At the Sept. 10 committee of the whole meeting, it was indicated they would formally take that action at their regular meeting Sept. 24.

According to a staff report, the 2020 budget included funds for the reconstruction of 900 metres of Bobcaygeon Road.

Four bids were received, with one disqualified due to mandatory pages not submitted. However, all bids exceeded budget costs of \$795,000.

Staff are recommending the project be combined with the reconstruction of Scotch Line Road in 2021 or an additional section of Bobcaygeon Road. It was further recommended that council utilize the \$20,000 allocated from taxation for the project to help offset the Salerno Lake Road bridge deck rehabilitation.

Further, council awarded a number of road and bridge tenders at the Aug. 31 meeting.

They included:

- The rehabilitation of the Sunnybrook Bridge to MTM-2 Contracting for \$673,048.34. While overbudget, by \$206,100.99, director of public works Travis Wilson recommended taking money out of the bridge reserve as well as an additional debenture.
- Four Brothers Construction for a total of \$61,585 for the Salerno Lake Road bridge deck rehabilitation.
- Consulting and engineering services for Scotch Line Road, from Highway 35 to Bingham Road, \$200,000, while the eventual roadworks will be \$1.5 million.
- Consulting and engineering services for the minor rehabilitation of the Clergy Street bridge. Wilson said works will include fasten utility line; replace damaged guide rail; replace deck wearing surface; replace approach wearing surface; replace curb and sidewalk and repair damaged concrete as needed. Wilson estimated consulting engineering fees at \$9,000.

### Landfill updates

Council, on Aug. 31, awarded a tender to GHD Limited to update the design and operations report for the Scotch Line landfill.

Wilson said the intent is to “address historical compliance issues” and to update future operational plans to accommodate changes in site volume and demographic.

GHD will also do a test pit investigation as it’s believed there is more soil than waste in one section, which may increase the landfill’s capacity.

While there were three other bidders (BluMetric Environmental Inc., Cambium and D.M. Wills Associates Ltd.), Wilson recommended lowest bidder GHD at a price of \$36,668.50. That was overbudget by about \$8,000 and Wilson wanted it financed from landfill reserves and a bit of taxation.

In other landfill news, council accepted a recommendation from Wilson to publish an annual waste services guide. He said the City of Kawartha Lakes, City of Peterborough, County of Peterborough and District of Muskoka do it.

“After the distribution of the guide, no major changes should be made to the waste system for the remainder of the year, such that residents can be confident that the information contained in the annual waste guide is accurate,” Wilson said.

He suggested the guides be available at local retailers, such as grocery stores, landfill sites, libraries and the municipal office.

He put the cost at \$8,000.

Coun. Jean Neville queried whether contracted landfill attendants were appraised of changes since she said they sometimes give conflicting information. Mayor Brent Devolin added that there should be a prominent note on the publication that the township website has the most up-to-date information. Wilson said the public could also access the new Waste Wizard App.

*(Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais)*



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## If a tree falls

Does the County of Haliburton need a new shoreline preservation bylaw?

Yes.

From Jan. 1 to Aug. 31, 2020, the County of Haliburton has received 114 shoreline tree preservation bylaw property complaints. That's more than double the concerns from last year.

To be crystal clear, the County has a shoreline tree preservation bylaw. However, staff and councillors are now working on a new, far more reaching, shoreline preservation bylaw.

According to the County, every complaint has been followed up with the owner.

We've been told staff have completed 199 site visits. Some sites require return visits. There have been 17 stop work orders. There have been five tickets issued. There are currently 20 sites where staff are working with owners to remediate damage and replant. And, there are 15 sites where remediation and tree planting is completed. There have been 11 forestry permits issued.

The County has a contract with Kestrel Forestry to provide bylaw enforcement for the shoreline tree preservation bylaw. Going forward, staff have been asked to provide ideas in the draft 2021 budget on the impacts of this new bylaw and what that looks like will be determined by the final content of a bylaw, should it come into effect.

The folks at the County would not say that people are rushing out to alter their

shorelines because they know this new bylaw is in the works. However, they think that due to COVID, more people are around and paying attention to what their neighbours are doing. In addition, more people have time at their property to do work they may have put off.

Regardless, the numbers are high and should be a concern in a County that relies heavily on the health of its lakes for a thriving economy.

Is the County going about this new bylaw in the right way?

That is a bit more questionable.

Michele Bromley of Boshkung Tree Service doesn't think so.

In a letter to the editor in today's *Highlander*, she said they only found out about the agenda item on Sept. 7 for the Sept. 9 meeting and it was not handled in the way they said they expected it to be. She said they didn't anticipate councillors to go through it line-by-line.

County Coun. Andrea Roberts said it's probably the most controversial thing that the County has put forward in its current term of office. As such, the councillors have to make sure they are fully engaged with the Haliburton County Home Builders Association and the group of six landscaping businesses that have banded together to fight for what they believe should be a more sensible bylaw.

While councillors had foreshadowed a line-by-line review, and could argue their

approach should have been anticipated, they must communicate with the affected parties beyond what would be considered normal protocol.

Otherwise, they open themselves up to criticisms of a lack of transparency.

What the builders and landscapers need to know, or be told, is that the line-by-line review will deliver a final draft bylaw, which will then be presented to the public for its input. It is not the end of the process. Nevertheless, one should never presume that the public knows its way around the machinations of municipal government. For the most part, it does not.

So, should the County have a new shoreline preservation bylaw? Yes. Could County councillors and staff do a better job of working with the HCHBA and landscapers? Yes.

To be crystal clear once again: an updated draft of the bylaw is expected at the next council meeting Sept. 23. We encourage all interested parties to log onto the Haliburton Civic Web site and follow the prompts to find the meeting agenda. Fair warning: sometimes they are only posted a few days before the meeting. If you have any thoughts or concerns, contact your councillors. That's why you elected them.



By Lisa Gervais

## Seasons change

There is always a tinge of sadness when Labour Day comes around on the calendar.

The holiday weekend marks the end of one of the last flings of the summer. The colour showing on some of the trees and the light fading too soon in the evening, the cooler temperatures, even hints of frost to come ... yes summer is indeed just about done. The boat trailers and packed cars heading south Labour Day weekend, a reverse of the parade north in May, provide more signals of summer's end. Those who haven't closed up their cottages, know that the next visits will require sweaters and windbreakers with the bathing suit folded and tucked away for another year.

It was a summer in which the extra layer of concern brought on by COVID-19 made things a little trickier for everyone. While cottages provided ideal hide-aways, places to avoid the crowded cities, gatherings in town or with neighbours were tentative and reserved. Masks were de rigueur as shoppers lined up outside stores, for the most part, six feet separating one patient customer from the next, waiting for the nod from the door monitor, grabbing a freshly wiped cart and following the arrows. Restaurants pushed their service out of

doors, commandeering the fresh air, while inside, tables carefully distanced, offered another option when the weather was not conducive to alfresco dining.

Municipal council sessions, church services, family get-togethers and all manner of meetings moved on-line, with Zoom taking on a whole new meaning ... and it appears those sorts of gatherings are destined to remain in that format for some time to come.

Missing from the summer scene: just about every activity and event that makes this a vibrant community. Without live theatre, opera, festivals, agricultural fairs, and outdoor events predicated on a large gathering, the vibe in the community wasn't quite the same. Attempts to bridge the gap with drive and boat-in events had some appeal, but fell short of the full-blown events. Children of the internet age were able to discover, with their parents, the magic of movies on a big outdoor screen while curled up with their family in cars. The artists of our community continue to be productive and present their work individually or as part of weekend tours.

Labour Day also heralds a return to classes for students of all ages. New beginnings

and exciting challenges await them and their parents this year, as they juggle the staggered opening schedule, many new rules and wrestling with the decision to go back to a classroom or continue with at home, on-line education. There appear to be no easy answers.

As summer fades into the most colourful season of the year, there is another tinge of worry in the air. So far, we have confronted this pandemic during a period of hospitable weather. With the arrival of winter, the social distancing and restrictions of large gatherings will increase the isolation that many have found emotionally draining even in good weather. Reaching out to neighbours and friends, looking for opportunities and contacts now, will help ease the burden we will all feel as the fight continues through the coming winter. We have come this far and can find common cause as we forge ahead together.



By Jack Brezina

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# Editorial opinion

## LETTERS

### Disappointing to say the least

Dear editor,

Feeling very disappointed, disheartened and ultimately angry with County Council with regard to the committee of the whole (COTW) meeting on Sept. 9 agenda item, "Report - Shoreline Preservation By-law."

We are told that if you want to stay informed about council dealings to subscribe to the automatic upcoming agenda emails. We received the agenda on September 7 for the meeting being held two days later. The agenda identified the topic of "Report - Public Consultation and Communication Plan" with regard to the Shoreline Preservation Bylaw.

We tuned in to watch the meeting and see what the forward plan was going to be and to our surprise a full content review of the bylaw started taking place. We went to the website and found that the agenda had been modified and a new staff report and discussion topic had been added. This agenda change occurred underhandedly. Clearly the counsellors were prepared for the "line-by-line" review of the bylaw in its entirety.

The public, on the other hand, had no idea this was going to take place, depending on when they reviewed the agenda. It had previously been decided back in March, that due to the length of the bylaw review, it would require a separate meeting. That meeting was scheduled, but cancelled due to COVID-19. We have been waiting for it to be rescheduled; instead it was thrown into the COTW meeting without proper notice.

The public is constantly asked to trust the councillors and the process but that's hard to do when things like this happen. This feels sneaky - intentionally done, the change of format, improper notice and at a busy time (back to school and seasonal residence have returned home). Sorry, I'm trying to believe, but no trust earned here.

**Michele Bromley**  
*Algonquin Highlands*

### Opposed to Bob Lake boat launch

Dear editor,

I am writing in response to your newspaper article published on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2020 on page 13 related to the anticipated boat launch for Big Bob Lake.

I am a property owner directly adjacent to the proposed location, and would like to express my concerns:

1. Access to the proposed location is via Scotch Line (a stretch of approximately five kilometers). The condition of this road is horrible. It is narrow and windy, with many blind spots. The proposed traffic on this road may eventually render the road unusable.

2. There has been an ongoing issue with speeders along Claude Brown Road, which

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Grace Schuurmans of Carnarvon sent in this photograph of a patch of Indian Pipe in their bush. She said she enjoys walking through their bush with the camera, finding interesting plants and flowers.

is a private right of way for the cottagers on the lake.

3. Ministry of Natural Resources has access to a dam used for lake level control. This area was used for a boat launch for years.

4. The proposed area is ecologically sensitive, and would be negatively impacted by the boat launch. Oil and gas runoff and spillage will impact our beach, used by our grandchildren.

5. The original plan proposed to the town was rejected. The town's reply was that property would have to be purchased in order to allow access to the road while the ramp was in use. The town also stated that this would not be funded, as it a private initiative. If the town financially assists this project, there would be a snowball effect. Cottagers from other lakes in the area would also demand boat launches, along with access roads etc.

6. I feel that this project would negatively impact the value of our property. There would be no controls in place to monitor the time that the launch is used, as well as noise. The privacy of my property would be gone.

7. It has not been established who will assume responsibility for any legal issues that may arise with respect to the construction, ongoing maintenance and safe operation of the launch.

I was very concerned when I read that \$5,000 was granted to assist the Bob Lake Association in researching this.

Our family has owned this property for over 60 years, and we feel that we should have a say in this project. I am not in favour of this project, even though I am a boat owner and need access to the lake.

**David Mullins**  
*Minden*

### Response to 'people from outside Canada'

Dear editor,

I would like to provide some facts in response to the letter inquiring about "people from outside Canada."

We are one of those couples who drive a vehicle with plates from outside Canada.

Most significantly, we are proud Canadian citizens with Canadian passports.

We have been coming to the Minden area for over 40 years to our cottage.

I was lucky enough to have a career with a large global company. I was also offered growth opportunities outside Canada and was then transferred to the US for a large part of my career. We established ourselves as permanent residents (then).

Now retired, we still come back to our cottage for five months during the summer season. (Over four months so far this year).

When we entered Canada this year, we happily quarantined for the two-week period.

Our social circle is small, and we have not even toured outside the town of Minden.

We obey all social distancing protocols, and PPE guidelines when shopping in town.

In summary, we do not need your help to be looked after, we are doing that just fine all by ourselves.

We do however have a gambling addiction ... each Tuesday we play radio bingo.

We also are still suffering withdrawal symptoms from not being able to attend the Minden Legion meat draws this year as well.

If you do wish to look at something and really help, maybe spend time at the Canadian Tire or the grocery stores and help people who still have trouble knowing which way to go up and down aisles.

I am also disappointed in the leadership of *The Highlander* to print such an ill-informed letter that is so divisive during this pandemic.

**Pete Hill**  
*Minden*





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# Highlander news

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## Police investigating after Pride flags stolen

By Joseph Quigley

Police are investigating, and the community outraged, after a Haliburton business owner had his Pride flags stolen.

Prettypaws Pet Boutique and Spa owner Christopher O'Mara is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the charging of individuals seen on camera outside the business Sept. 6. O'Mara posted videos Sept. 7 showing two people taking Pride flags but leaving Canadian flags.

O'Mara said it is not the first time he has experienced discrimination during his past seven years in Haliburton for being openly gay, from nasty letters to having a slur spray-painted on his windows.

"It was important to me to call this out publicly because I truly believe if you just ignore this sort of behaviour, it will continue," he said. "Whether it was hate motivated or not, it was vandalism and it isn't welcome in our town."

The post went viral, attracting 193 comments and 321 shares, with most expressing support for O'Mara and outrage at the perpetrators. The videos have more than 23,000 views combined.

O'Mara said he hopes this sends a message about how this behaviour is unacceptable.

"Haliburton is a safe and welcoming community and no one should be concerned about being harassed. I think it has shown that our community is supportive and full of allies. I hope it can reduce or



Pride flags hang outside the Prettypaws Pet Boutique and Spa. Police are investigating after other Pride flags were stolen from the business earlier this month. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

eliminate further instances of homophobic behaviour."

He added despite those bad experiences, Haliburton is still a fabulous community to live in as an LGBT+ person.

"Haliburton is vibrant with art and culture – pre-pandemic, anyhow – and is full of allies," O'Mara said. "We mustn't let a bad apple spoil the lot."

Central Region OPP posted a video about the incident on its social media channels

and asked for any information people have.

Haliburton Highlands OPP Const. Amanda Gilbert said they are investigating the theft.

"Any information in relation to the identification of the individuals seen in the (O'Mara) video would be appreciated," Gilbert said. "With respect to whether or not this was a hate crime, we cannot say as it is still under investigation."

O'Mara's video appears to show two women stealing the flags at night with

faces covered, ripping them from the poles. Anyone with information is asked to contact OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

In his post, O'Mara said he is sick of being bullied in his home.

"When hateful acts happen, I believe the message that they won't be tolerated can be quickly proliferated," O'Mara said. "I want to express my gratitude to Haliburton, once again, for their love and support."

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# Highlander arts



Top: The main character, Betty. Photo by Samantha Falco. Left: Dini Petty plays the older version of Betty. Photo by Tomo Nogi. Right: Some of the actors. Photo by Hannah Sadlier.

## Boundless revving up engines for takeoff

By Lisa Gervais

Kate Campbell's 10-year odyssey to bring the story of Second World War female pilots to the big screen is about to land.

The short film version of *Boundless* is nearing completion and Campbell, from Haliburton, is in the process of shopping it out to film festivals around the world.

It's one step in a much larger project to eventually produce a miniseries, Campbell told *The Highlander* in an interview.

"We'll start submitting to festivals this week, though we still may be tweaking sound and finishing the titles and credits until the end of September," she said.

It will then begin its festival tour wherever it is accepted. Most festivals are now online due to COVID.

"It would have been nice to have had a

proper in-person premiere, which we will still have when it's safe to do so, but I'm embracing online because it's time for the piece to get out into the world now, and because it also has the potential to be seen by more people through festivals online."

Campbell said they'll use it as a pitch for the larger version of the project.

It's been more than a decade of interviewing, travelling, writing and researching to get to this stage, Campbell said.

Being from from Haliburton, it was important for her to include the County in this production. Tammy Rea is one of the producers and Anabelle Craig, Joey Varga and Hannah Sadlier helped on set. The Haliburton County Folk Society and Nick Russell assisted with the soundtrack [see next week's *Highlander*] and there's

been financial support from the Haliburton County Development Corporation and the Haliburton Legion.

Campbell said she's very excited to share the film and everyone's hard work with the world, and ready for the next *Boundless* adventure.

The project was inspired by her grandmother, Betty Greply (nee Ward), who became a pilot to conquer her fear of heights in the 1950s at Buttonville Airport behind her husband's back. She was a member of the Ninety-Nines Flying Organization, which began in 1929, and where Amelia Earhart was a president.

Dini Petty plays the older version of the lead character, Betty. The Canadian broadcast icon was the first woman in the world to pilot a helicopter while broadcasting over the radio at the age of 23.

"My grandmother and Dini flew out of Buttonville at the same time in the late 60s and early 70s," Campbell, who is a student pilot and member of the Ninety-Nines, added.

Between 1942 and 1944, more than 1,000 female pilots flew a collective 60 million miles in service in a specialized training program to free the male pilots for battle. The program was based out of Sweetwater, Texas and was headed by famed aviatrix Jaquiline Cochran.

"As the war was ending, the women were abruptly disbanded, denied military status, shamed for taking the jobs of men returning from war, and were forced to pay their own way home," Campbell said.

"It's a really important untold story that was not in our history books, so being able to share this education is significant."



# Highlander business



Executive director Jennifer Locke and The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce held its 59th annual AGM via Zoom Sept. 15. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

## Bad internet creates 'countless lost economic opportunities'

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce "is in a good position although the future is uncertain," executive director Jennifer Locke told the organization's 59th annual AGM Sept. 15.

She added the positivity comes despite COVID-19 due to "savvy and adaptable entrepreneurs that make up our membership, and make up our community ..."

While the AGM covered business for the 2019-2020 year, much of it before the pandemic, Locke and board president Andrea Strano referenced the health crisis throughout the meeting.

"The story is what happened at the end of this term, with COVID-19 and what opportunities presented themselves," Locke said. She added she's constantly asking how she can best serve members and the new board will be coming together in a few weeks for its inaugural meeting, and rolling out new activities.

She encouraged members to do three micro-surveys via the Ontario Chamber of Commerce to outline their issues. In Haliburton County, she said she's hearing, "cellular and internet infrastructure continues to be a stumbling block and has presented new challenges during COVID-19. Our system is being bogged down with loads we've never seen before with remote learning and working and we have multiple generations of families being affected now and countless lost economic opportunities."

Strano said she'd witnessed acts of kindness, strength, resilience and unity during these unprecedented times and said the power of human connection and networking has never been more obvious.

She said this year, they'll be opening new virtual channels of promotion and community building for their membership, and supporting the implementation of technology in the workplace.

"It will be a busy year and we remain committed to strengthening business and community by supporting, advocating and serving the community, and like Jennifer said, we are stronger together."

Locke said economic recovery will come here on the backs of small business.

"The reality is, in Haliburton County, if you don't work directly or indirectly for government you likely work for a small business or enterprise. Make no mistake, small business and small enterprises [are] the economic drivers that will get our community back on its feet."

During general business, the board bid farewell to departing members Bram Lebo, Amanda Virtanen and Stefan Bjelis and welcomed Melissa Valentini, Mark Bell and Simon Payn. Returning members are Strano, Greg Hebert, Patrick Louch, Joe Cox, Lisa Tompkins, Rob Berthelot, Emily Keller and Jennifer Morrow.

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Although we are unable to hold our largest fundraising event, the Rock Our World (ROW) dance, we are hoping that you are able to contribute in a different way. Protection and maintenance costs of our properties go on regardless of COVID, and fundraising opportunities are limited. As we navigate through this global pandemic, it is clear that our work in "protecting the land we love for future generations" is even more critical. Spending time in nature has been a reprieve for many.

### Rock Our World Online Auction

As a part of ROW fundraising this year, HHLT is planning an **online auction!** Items will be released for viewing on September 1st, and bidding runs September 8th to September 22nd. Please watch our Facebook, website, and e-newsletters for a list of exciting items and bidding details.



### Rock Our World Fundraising Campaign

In place of our dance, we are asking if you would please consider a donation - perhaps the of the value of a ticket (\$35). **If your ROW ticket price donation is made by August 31st, your name will be entered in a draw to win \$100 for the Rhubarb Restaurant!** Please visit our website or contact us to donate.

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# Highlander business



## COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE

**THIS MEETING WILL BE HEARD AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING BY WAY OF A TELECONFERENCE CALL**

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

**DATE:** Monday, September 28, 2020  
**TIME:** 10:30 AM  
**LOCATION:** Due to the physical distancing requirements imposed as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by way of a teleconference call. To participate:

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to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2020007**, **PLMV2020008**, **PLMV2020016**, and **PLMV2020022**. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

**PLMV2020007** - Part of Lot 15, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1031 Jamieson Drive; and located on Horseshoe Lake (see Key Map).

**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the construction of a new 44.6 m<sup>2</sup> (480sq.ft.) detached garage measuring 4.2m. (13'9") in height as measured to midpoint of roof located 29m. (95') from the High Water Mark (HWM). The variance sought would allow for an increase in the maximum height of an accessory building located less than 45m. (147'8") from the HWM, which would otherwise be limited to 3.5m. (11'6") in height.



**PLMV2020008** - Part of Lot 26, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as Vacant Land on Rays Lane; and located on Kashagawigamog Lake (see Key Map).

**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the construction of a new 198.3 m<sup>2</sup> (2,135sq.ft.) dwelling to be located 9.6m. (31'4") from the rear lot line. The variance sought would allow for a reduction from the required rear yard of 12m. (39'4") which is otherwise required.



**PLMV2020016** - Part of Lot 12, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1024 Crest Drive; and located on Little Boshkung Lake (see Key Map).

**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the construction of a new 33.4 m<sup>2</sup> (360sq.ft.) addition to the existing 62.4 m<sup>2</sup> (672sq.ft.), non-complying, dwelling which is situated 10.7m. (35') from the High Water Mark (HWM). The variance sought would allow for a 54% increase in size whereas no increase is otherwise permitted for a dwelling located within 15m. (49'3") of the HWM.



**PLMV2020022** - Part of Lot 12, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1162 Peterson Road; and located on Little Boshkung Lake (see Key Map).

**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the construction of a new 2nd storey addition to the existing single storey, non-complying, dwelling which is situated 6.1m. (20'2") from the High Water Mark (HWM); and, the expansion of the same dwelling by way of the conversion of the existing covered porch into living space; and further, to permit a new 21.6 m<sup>2</sup> (232sq.ft.) covered porch which is to project to a distance of 3.8m. (12'5") from the rear lot line. The variance sought would allow for an increase in height of 2.4m. (8') whereas no increase is otherwise permitted; a reduction from the required rear yard of 12m. (39'4") which is otherwise required; and, to permit an increase in size and height of a dwelling located within 15m. (49'3") of the HWM.



**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding these applications are available online at [www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom](http://www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom). Copies of the complete applications will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

**HAVE YOUR SAY:** Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

**WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS:** To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail [iclendening@mindenhills.ca](mailto:iclendening@mindenhills.ca).

**ANY PERSON OR AGENCY WHO IS OF THE OPINION THAT HOLDING THE HEARING AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING IS LIKELY TO CAUSE THEM SIGNIFICANT PREJUDICE**, may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing.

Interested parties are encouraged to join 15 minutes ahead of the scheduled start time.

If you are interested in participating in the hearing you are encouraged to contact the undersigned prior to the meeting date with any questions you may have and/or to provide any material for the Committee's consideration at the hearing.

**ACCESSIBILITY:** The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. **If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.**

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For more information about this matter contact [iclendening@mindenhills.ca](mailto:iclendening@mindenhills.ca).

Ian Clendening, MPI., ACST, Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment  
 P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON., K0M 2K0



**TAKE NOTICE** that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law No. 06-10 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The site specific amendment applies to property municipally known as 1009 October Trail and located in Part of Lot 20, Concession 10, in the Geographic Township of Lutterworth (see Key Map below).

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

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The subject property is presently zoned Shoreline Residential (SR). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to a site specific Shoreline Residential Exception Zone which would permit the proposed expansion of the existing, non-complying, dwelling. The effect of the amendment would permit the replacement of the existing 82 m<sup>2</sup> (882.3sq.ft.) dwelling located at a distance of 13.8m. (45'3") from the High Water Mark (HWM) with a new 183.9 m<sup>2</sup> (1979.5sq.ft.) to be relocated to a distance of 15m. (49'3") from the HWM. The site specific exception zone would also recognize a reduced setback of 1.2m. (3'11") from the watercourse running along the north property line and 2.16m. (7'1") from the private right-of-way in order to accommodate the proposed re-development. A Holding (H) provision is proposed to apply to the property which is to permit only existing uses until right-of-way issues on the property are addressed.



### DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – PLZBA2020025

**Date:** Thursday, October 8, 2020  
**Time:** 9:00 AM  
**Location:** This public meeting will be held as a virtual meeting using a ZOOM Webinar format.

#### Join the meeting using a computer or smart phone at:

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During the meeting, select "raise hand" on your computer or dial \*9 to indicate you would like to be placed in queue to provide your comments for Council's consideration. The moderator will unmute each attendee in sequence order for an opportunity to address Council.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street by appointment or at such time as the Township offices re-open and is available online at [www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom](http://www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom). For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at [iclendening@mindenhills.ca](mailto:iclendening@mindenhills.ca) or by phone at 705-286-1260 (ext.206).

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

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

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

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**DATED** this 17th day of September, 2020

Ian Clendening, MPI., Planner  
 Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359, Minden, ON, K0M 2K0

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



# Highlander events

## Opera Studio hosts 'love letter' concert

By Lisa Harrison

Highlands Opera Studio's 2020 season was "an enormous success" despite the pandemic, says Valerie Kuinka.

She added they are planning an outdoor concert Sept. 20 to thank and support the community.

HOS invites up to 25 emerging operatic talents to the Highlands each summer to train with leading opera professionals from around the world and perform in several local concerts. The program is operated by internationally-acclaimed Canadian tenor Richard Margison and former Metropolitan Opera stage director Kuinka, who serve as artistic director and general/co-artistic director, respectively.

The program ran online this year, with 17 participants. However, they could not train in Haliburton, and there were no performances to raise money.

Kuinka said the pandemic brought operatic careers to an abrupt halt and is causing significant psychological damage, but also gave participants time to slow down and reflect.

"The priority was on positivity, clarifying and realigning personal career goals, building skills, and looking toward making positive change through opera," said Kuinka.

Conversations focused on topics such as personal and professional reflection and growth, emotional health, community, adaptability, systemic racism in opera, and vision for the future of professional opera. As part of that future, HOS also officially launched the HOS Racial Equity Advisory Council, which had been several months in the making.

Participant Geoffrey Schellenberg, a baritone from Vancouver, said in a Facebook video that HOS provided "absolutely incredible resources" that changed everything about his singing for the better.

"This is more important than ever now when performing is very limited," said Schellenberg. "[To] have something that is as inspiring and as helpful as Highlands



Tenor River Guard and soprano Lauren Margison will perform at an outdoor Highlands Opera Studio concert on Sept. 20 in Haliburton. *Photos submitted.*

Opera Studio really makes a difference in all of its participants' lives."

The success extended to funding, where the pandemic had a lesser effect than it might have done. This was in part due to existing and new sponsors and supporters such as BMO Financial Group, the Azrieli Foundation, and Haliburton County Development Corporation, but also due to very dedicated private donors, many of them local. HOS is extremely grateful to all, said Kuinka.

The concert is planned as a "love letter" to the community because the usual performances and community interaction are "a very important half" of the program and they were deeply missed, said Kuinka.

"This little moment is going to be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect in a small way with the community."

Soprano Lauren Margison and tenor River Guard will perform a variety of music styles



with pianist Stéphane Mayer on Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. at the Head Lake Park bandshell in Haliburton. The Haliburton County Folk Society will provide sound system support.

Attendance is limited to 100 people due to pandemic regulations and the Rotary Club of Haliburton will monitor this.

Admission is free. Donations to the Rotary Club will be appreciated. The concert will be recorded for eventual posting on Facebook.

HOS has been operating since 2007. The program is valued at up to \$15,000 per participant and is free to Canadians. The housing costs generally charged to international participants may be offset by sponsorships.

This season's participants have been invited to return next year. To learn about 2021 performances and buy passes, visit [highlandsoperastudio.com](http://highlandsoperastudio.com).

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## ARTS NEWS

### Six-minute escape

The Arts Council Haliburton Highlands and the Haliburton Reads and Writes Committee is inviting anyone who misses travelling to join them for their 6-Minute Escape Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. on YouTube.

"The 6-Minute Escape is a collection of short six-minute videos by filmmakers, renowned authors, and local folk who will take the audience on journeys as they share their adventures in new lands, distant or just down the street," said Kate Butler in a news release.

She added, "whether their stories take us overseas, or up to the skies in a float plane or on a 'loony' swim across Canning Lake, presenters will entertain, inspire and excite viewers."

The program's free but the Arts Council

hopes viewers will contribute donations to help it continue its work.

Butler said local artisans' incomes have been severely affected by the pandemic.

"Any funds raised will help the Arts Council create programs and services to help artists during these challenging times and to continue to make Haliburton County a place where arts, heritage and culture thrive."

Log in to [youtu.be/9wtqHmqMzbU](https://youtu.be/9wtqHmqMzbU). The Arts Council is also accepting donations on GoFundMe at [gofundme.com/f/6-minute-escape](https://gofundme.com/f/6-minute-escape).

### Studio Tour is back

Fifteen artists at 12 studios are giving Haliburton County residents, and visitors,

an opportunity to enjoy the 2020 Studio Tour the weekends of Oct. 3-4 and 10-11.

"Each participating studio is able to do a good job to provide a safe and exciting opportunity to enjoy this 33-year tradition," said participant Jane Selbie.

Despite the pandemic and its health and safety protocols, she said there'll be a unique combination of artists and artisans who'll open their studio doors and invite people in.

There will be oil and acrylic painting; stained and blown glass; quilting; fabric layering art; pottery; woodworking and fine jewelry.

"In one enjoyable, scenic drive you can make a loop down country roads and byways to visit studios," Selbie said.

See more at [thestudiotour.ca](http://thestudiotour.ca).

(Arts news compiled by Lisa Gervais)





### BOARD MEMBERS WANTED

SIRCH Community Services is a charitable organization in Haliburton County with a focus on poverty reduction, food security and community connection. Known for innovation and the ability to pivot, SIRCH has a variety of programs and social enterprises that contribute to community health.

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Here's what the current board members have to say:

**"I feel privileged to serve an organization that so sincerely seeks to understand the needs of the community, and then provides programming tailored to meet those needs, reaching so many throughout our county." (Pam Hewitt-Osborne)**

*"Working with SIRCH's board of directors fulfills my passion to serve the community." (Barb Fawcett)*

**"Being a part of an organization that sees the potential in everyone regardless of their circumstances, and truly believes that no one is disposable, is inspiring. Everything SIRCH does comes down to one thing—helping people." (Erin Kernohan-Berning)**

*"People helping people is the hallmark of a compassionate and caring community. As a member of the Board of Directors, I feel privileged to be a part of an organization which lives out this mandate through 'an unwavering belief in people and possibilities'". (Marc Beisheim)*

**"I leave every board meeting feeling inspired and hopeful. Serving on the board provides me with a better understanding of the issues people are facing in Haliburton County and lets me see firsthand how SIRCH is meeting the immediate needs of people living here. For a minimal commitment of time each month, I get to contribute to making a difference in my community. I love it." (Sarah Adams)**

*"See it, Believe it, Achieve it .... This is why I chose to belong to this forward thinking organization. SIRCH is a corner stone agency within Haliburton County, that has an unwavering belief in people and possibilities." (Maureen Ruttig)*

Join our Board team. For more information contact  
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# Highlander people

## Korean War veteran honoured

By Joseph Quigley

After putting his life on the line to protect South Korea during the Korean War, Tory Hill resident James Lee was honoured with an Ambassador for Peace Medal Sept. 11.

Government, Legion and Korean Veterans Association officials gathered at the Wilberforce Legion branch to honour the 92-year-old. Korean Veterans Association of Canada Unit 26 project director HooJung Jones Kennedy bestowed him with the commemorative medal, issued by the Republic of Korea to those who served there during the war.

Lee said he was surprised to be awarded.

"Lot of people probably deserve it more than I do," Lee said. "Guess I'm lucky to be able to receive it."

Lee was honoured alongside fellow Highlands East Korean War Veteran Chuck Viner, who previously received his medal during a Korean War revisit program in 1986. Dignitaries gave speeches and discussed the history of the Korean War and the 26,791 Canadians who served during it.

Korean Veterans Association of Canada member and retired Major Don Kennedy said the medal is made with pieces from the barricades at the demilitarized zone splitting North Korea and South Korea.

"What it signifies is James and Chuck and other veterans, they formed a barrier with their bodies across the Korean peninsula," Kennedy said. "By doing so, they saved South Korea."

Federal dignitaries also offered letters of appreciation, including Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale and Senator and honorary patron of the Korean Veterans



Highlands East Korean War veterans James Lee and Chuck Viner (left) were honoured by Korean Veterans Association of Canada Unit 26 project director HooJung Jones Kennedy Sept. 11. Photo by Joseph Quigley

Association of Canada Heritage Unit Yonah Martin, who was unable to attend in person.

Viner said it means a lot to see more recognition for the conflict, which occurred between 1950-53 with 16 United Nations countries coming to aid South Korea to repel an invasion by North Korea, eventually ending in an armistice.

"When I first left the military way back in 1953, the Korean War, nobody knew about it. It was so close to the Second World War, that the Korean War was kind of a non-entity by comparison," Viner said. "For a long time, it wasn't even considered to be a war, it was a police action."

Both veterans described the difficulties of being on the front lines. That included near-death experiences, with the sides battering each other with shells. In total, 516 Canadians died in the conflict, with 1,558 wounded and 21 missing in action.

"It was crazy sometimes," Lee said. "It was frightening," Viner said. "A lot of times at night I'd be on guard duty and I'd be alone, it was scary. You didn't know what was around."

But the ceremony recognized that sacrifice, and the difference it made to the people of South Korea.

"I'm just happy to have been there and did my bit," Viner said. "I'm just glad I was a part of it."

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Sandra Butler, R.P.T. registered physiotherapist, will be retiring from practice at the Kinmount District Physiotherapy Centre at the end of December, 2020.

It has been her pleasure to serve the community during her 15 year tenure. She is extremely proud of being a part of such a high caliber medical centre, supported by Dr. Mihu, support staff and the KDHS Foundation.

Kinmount District Health Centre is actively seeking a competent registered physiotherapist, to operate this physiotherapy practice. Mentorship is available to ensure a smooth transition in quality of care.

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### Climate Action Protest

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Please bring your signs or banners and masks as we will be adhering to social distancing guidelines.

This event is sponsored by Environment Haliburton! and Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County.

### "No Planet B" Webinar

Join us virtually at 7:30 pm.

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# Highlander people

## Beloved pastor remembered

By Joseph Quigley

Several days before he passed, Haliburton's Lighthouse Pentecostal Church pastor Doug Ross was doing what he loved: sharing the word of God.

Though the pandemic meant he had to do it from a basement via live stream, he continued to reach out to his community, and they watched. His wife, Kim Ross, said he often attracted more than 100 viewers, with people tuning in from outside Haliburton.

"I'm a preacher that preaches about the love of Jesus Christ," Ross said in his final sermon. "Sometimes people accuse me of preaching about that too much, but can you preach about the love of Christ too much? I don't think you can."

Ross's family and community are mourning his loss after he died July 29 at the age of 65. The long-time pastor, businessman and school board trustee is survived by four children, 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Kim Ross described him as a very outgoing person who touched the lives of many people.

"Had a fantastic sense of humour. I think pretty much anywhere he went, he would just kind of brighten up," Ross said.

Ross said her husband grew up poor, raised by a single mother. During his last sermon, the pastor described himself as a lost, "nasty person" in his youth.

"All I could think of was survival," Ross said. "I said 'God, there must be more to life than this. If that's what life is really like, it's really not worth living.' Within a matter of two days, God sent somebody to talk to me about him and share Jesus Christ with me. Within less than a week, I gave my heart to Jesus Christ."

That person was a pastor, Kim Ross said, who convinced the then 18-year-old to come to church, where he was moved.

She said they met at a camp near his home in New Brunswick soon afterward and started a whirlwind romance. They originally met in August and were married by February of next year as teenagers.

"We only knew each other a short time," she said. "But we knew we wanted to spend the rest of our life together."

The two started a family in Ontario.



Lighthouse Pentecostal Church pastor Doug Ross was mourned by his community after passing away at the age of 65. Photo submitted.

While Doug Ross began working as a pastor in Oshawa, he soon started selling cars.

They moved to Whitby and after going through a difficult financial crunch, they got into the food business. The family began selling peanut brittle made with an old family recipe. A successful Christmas season run at Zellers got them a recurring business. It would become Granny Williams, a confectionery manufacturing business that would go for 30 years, operating at many Zellers locations.

They also opened a café in downtown Oshawa, which Ross said was an important hotspot in the city.

While selling cars, her husband also struck a friendship with famed Toronto Maple Leaf Eddie Shack. That eventually led to him owning two restaurants under the Eddie Shack's Donuts and Snacks brand.

She said Shack would often invite Ross to hang out with other Leafs alumni at the famed Hot Stove Lounge and when pictures for autographs would go around, Shack insisted Ross sign it.

"People always wondered who this guy is," Ross said. "There was a lot of laughs with Eddie Shack."

Ross was also civically engaged, acting as a trustee for 12 years with the Durham District School Board. One of his colleagues, Patty Bowman, described his dedication to his constituents during Ross's celebration of life Aug. 7. She also recounted his efforts in working through the implementation of Canada's first modified school-year system, balancing out holidays throughout the year.

"He was tenacious about sitting down across the room ... trying to figure out where we could find our common ground and he would never give up," Bowman said. "Because when we agreed, everything shifted and moved in our communities and we saw it happen."

His passion for pastorship remained central in his life. Kim Ross described his evangelist-style that moved a lot of people.

"He had such a love for people, and he has so much patience with people," Ross said. "He had so much energy for life. He loved God with all his heart."

But his health suffered with a stroke and though he survived, she said it was a difficult, year-long recovery. They chose a slower life after that, moving to Fenelon Falls and eventually Haliburton to take on pastorship at the Lighthouse Pentecostal Church in 2012. He volunteered for various boards and the local Rotary Club.

Kim Ross said he has touched the lives of so many people, with hundreds of messages flooding in recent days about all the good he did. "It's been a fascinating life," Ross said. "He didn't actually just live 64 years, he lived 80 years or more because of the amount of living that he did."

Despite everything the pastor achieved, in his last sermon, he downplayed it compared to what was most important to him.

"I don't think I've done a lot of great things in life. I've had some small accomplishments," Ross said. "The most precious thing that I have in my life is that Jesus Christ loved me."

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# Highlander veterans



## Part 10: Prisoner of War

By Mabel Brannigan

Merrill Bailey was one of the prisoners of war from Haliburton and this is in Merrill's own words.

"I joined the RCAF in December, 1940, and my first billet was Manning Pool, The Coliseum Building in the CNE grounds. My next stop was in Kingston on thence back to Toronto to the Eglington Hunt Club buildings on Avenue Road. From there, I was transferred to Malton Airport (now Pearson International Airport) and began my flying training on Tiger Moths with my cousin as instructor. As I was being trained as a bomber pilot, I was sent to Brantford on twin-engine Ansons. It was there that I obtained my wings as a pilot in August 1941.

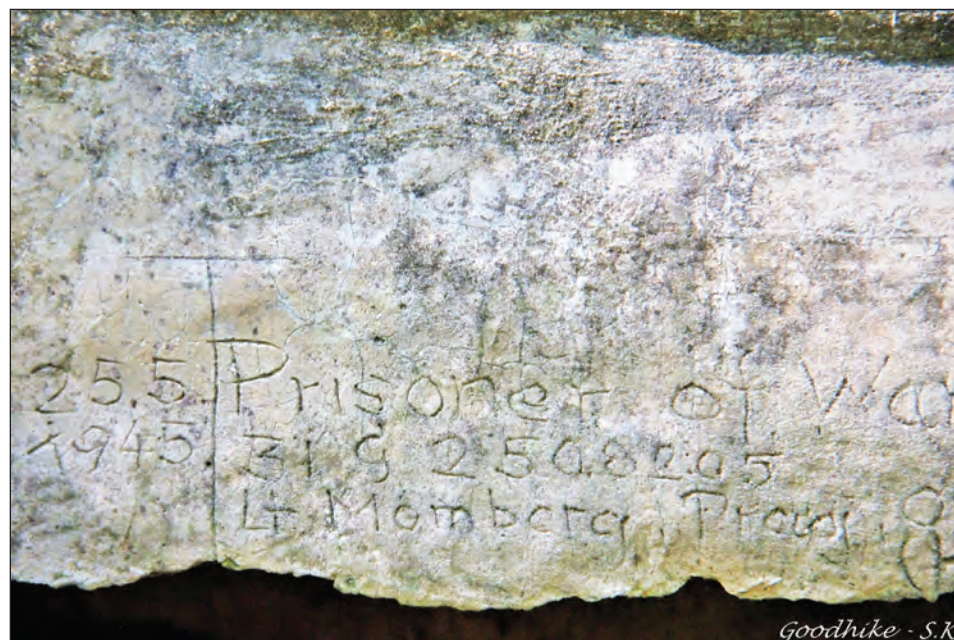
In the same month, I married Muriel Johnston, and thence overseas, arriving in England on Sept. 1. After training at

Wellesbourne, Warwickshire on Wellington bombers, I transferred to Water Beach, converting to four-engine Stirling bombers. From there, I was sent to Oakington (near Cambridge) No. 7 Squadron, a Royal Air Force unit. There, we began our night bombing operations over enemy territory. After several operations, about 19, on July 1, 1942, our luck ran out. We were caught in searchlights over the target with a steady stream of anti-aircraft fire directed our way. Taking frantic evasive action, I managed to escape the target area, although we had taken several hits. One engine was out of commission and the hydraulic system controlling the guns was also a casualty.

Crossing the coast, we sustained another burst of fire. Suspecting a German night fighter, I dived beneath the clouds and proceeded over the North Sea at a low level.

The engineer then reported the gauges indicated a fire and that we were running out of fuel in the wing and that had been hit. The situation was getting desperate when we flew over a German flak ship. They opened fire on us and we crashed into the sea. Two gunners and I survived and the other five crew members were killed. The crew of the flak ship picked the three of us up and we were prisoners of war in Silesia in eastern Germany near the Polish and Czech borders. This area now belongs to Poland.

This camp held thousands of prisoners and many more thousands were away from camp on work parties. Our flying suits and boots were confiscated to be put to use on



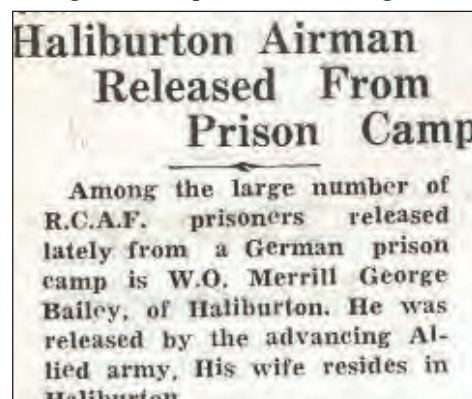
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A note from a prisoner of war in the Second World War. Flickr.

the Russian front. We were issued wooden clogs, mine being about four sizes too big having to be tied on to keep from falling off. There were 200 in our end with broken window glass, making it cold in the winter. Breakfast was non-existent. Lunch was a few small potatoes. Supper was a hunk of coarse brown bread with the consistency of sawdust. Fortunately, we received a Red Cross food parcel occasionally which we shared. For some time, we were kept in handcuffs. Fleas were our constant companions. And bed buds. We fared better than the Japanese prisoners of war.

From this location in January, 1945, and hearing the guns booming in the distance, the Germans started us on a 600-mile march to keep us from falling into the hands of Russians. Some of us tried to escape. The Nazi sergeant pulled his pistol but just motioned to join the column.

We made our way to England and to New York with Americans. I was too sick to celebrate V.E. Day. I caught a train to Montreal and was hospitalized. My wife came to see me. After my recovery, I rejoined my father in the lumber business at Eagle Lake."



Merrill Bailey's release announced in a local paper. Submitted.

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### (Virtual) Council Meetings

Council and Committee of the Whole meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference and Closed Session meetings via teleconference, until further notice.

Meetings begin at 9:00 AM in the Minden Council Office, 7 Milne Street. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

**September 24** – Council Meeting  
**October 8** – Committee of the Whole Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in December.

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at [www.minden hills.ca/council/](http://www.minden hills.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.minden hills.ca/council/](http://www.minden hills.ca/council/).

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

### Irondale Landfill Closure

Effective October 1, 2020, the Irondale Landfill will permanently close to the public. The last day of operation will be September 30, 2020.

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- Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.
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- Teach them to inform an adult if they find matches or lighters.
- Be a good example and teach them about fire safety.
- Give praise for showing respect and being responsible toward fire.
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### Request for Proposal

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# Highlander sports

## Pandemic rocks Wilberforce Curling Club plans

By Joseph Quigley

The Wilberforce Curling Club has cancelled its season due to the pandemic.

In a letter to members Sept. 11, club president Gord Fitch wrote about the decision to call off their 2020/21 season entirely, the first local club to do so.

Fitch said the executive met earlier this month and decided they could not proceed given the difficulties caused by the pandemic.

"After an extensive and exhaustive debate about the potential risks and liabilities we face as a club, it was overwhelmingly decided that we can not move forward successfully and responsibly with curling this year," Fitch said in the letter.

Curling clubs across the province have grappled with whether to proceed this season with restrictions. The neighbouring Haliburton Curling Club and Minden Curling Club both put it to membership votes, with Haliburton deciding to go ahead and Minden deciding to cancel its season for now, with plans to re-evaluate in December.

The Wilberforce club uses a municipal facility and Fitch said between regulations, limited membership dues and increased costs, the season would be severely hampered.

Other concerns included social distancing restrictions, limited social interaction and the possibility of closing mid-season due to an infection.

"As an elected executive, it is our

responsibility to look out for the best interest of our membership and the financial success of our non-profit curling club," Fitch said.

Fitch added the club would help co-ordinate, but not sponsor, some winter events to help keep people active and in shape for next season.

### Fundraiser goes ahead

Meanwhile, the club and the Wilberforce FUNRaising Group are partnering to go ahead with an annual birthday calendar fundraiser to help both of their suffering coffers.

The groups are selling the custom calendars which highlight people's birthdays, with the proceeds split between the two.

FUNRaising Group member Kathy Rogers said the pandemic has curtailed their usual fundraisers, but this was one they felt they could still do. She added though the curling club is not running, they will still need funding.

"Our people are hurting too much, we need to do this," Rogers said. "They can't hold curling at all – it's going to be building the club back up again."

The calendars are \$10 each and available by contacting 705-448-1285 or 705-935-0098.

"It's good community fun," Rogers said. "And all the proceeds go back into the community."



The Wilberforce Curling Club has cancelled its season due to COVID-19. File photo

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## New Horizons to support seniors dealing with pandemic

By Lisa Gervais

The New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) 2020-2021 has started its call for proposals for community-based projects, local MP Jamie Schmale said.

The application period will continue until October 20, 2020.

Schmale said this year, organizations can apply for funding to support seniors dealing with the pandemic by submitting project proposals that offer specific COVID-19 relief and recovery activities for seniors.

More traditional NHSP projects planned for delivery in 2021-2022 can also be submitted, he said.

The NHSP supports projects that address one or more of the five program objectives:

- promoting volunteerism among seniors and other generations;
- engaging seniors in the community through the mentoring of others;
- expanding awareness of elder abuse, including financial abuse;
- supporting the social participation and inclusion of seniors; and
- providing capital assistance for new and existing community projects and/or programs for seniors.

Organizations are invited to apply for funding that supports the program's national priorities:

- Supporting healthy ageing including addressing social isolation, mental health and dementia, and supporting accessible intergenerational housing.
- Preventing elder abuse and fraud including measures to reduce crime and harm against seniors and supporting financial empowerment of seniors.



Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale has announced the latest round of New Horizons for Seniors Program projects. *File.*

- Combatting ageism, celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion including promoting labour market participation of seniors, particularly members of underrepresented or underserved groups, including, but not limited to, women, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, members of racialized and newcomer groups, and members of LGBTQ2 communities, and promoting intergenerational mentoring and engagement.

- Improving seniors' access to government services and benefits including helping seniors navigate access to government benefits, and providing support to file their taxes.

- Adapting community-based

organizations to a more virtual environment including by developing and delivering virtual programming, and recruiting and training volunteers to support the social inclusion of seniors.

Schmale said community-based projects are eligible to receive up to \$25,000 in grant funding. Funds are set aside for small grants of up to \$5,000 for organizations that have not received funding from the program in the past five years.

If organizations would like to apply for funding or learn more about this funding opportunity, visit [canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/new-horizons-seniors.html](http://canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/new-horizons-seniors.html).



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# What's on



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### SEPTEMBER 19

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### SEPTEMBER 20

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### SEPTEMBER 23

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9:30 a.m. Autumn Hikes for Seniors "Along the Queen's Corridor" – 7 km Queen Elizabeth Wildlands Provincial Park (meet in Devil's Lake parking lot off Deep Bay Rd. Hike Leader: Rob Halupka. Pre-registration is required. No cost. Elisha 705-286-2808 or eweiss@mindenhill.ca or Andrea 705-457-1740 or amueller@dysartetal.ca

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## OBITUARIES




### Phyllis Woodcock

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Peacefully at Extendicare-Haliburton on Wednesday morning, September 9, 2020, with her daughters by her side, in her 96th year. Beloved wife of the late Russell Woodcock. Loving mother of Sandra (Al Oakley) and Susan (Marshall Carter predeceased). Loving nanna to Sarah (Brendon Peddie), Lindsey and great grandchildren, Hannah and Rhett. Also lovingly remembered by her many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her sisters Aileen, Muriel, Grayce Walton, and brothers, Tom, Bon and Reg. In the 1940's Phyllis came to Haliburton to live with her Uncle Clayton and Aunt Phyllis Hodgson. Fondly remembered by all their family. In 1945 she started teaching in Maple Lake in a one-room school house with all grades and 30 students. She earned a B.A. from Wilfrid Laurier University in 1974. Phyllis taught for 32 1/2 years in Haliburton County. As an active Haliburton Curling Club member, she was given a Lifetime Membership in 1988 for her many years of dedication. Some of her community contributions were as a volunteer for the Canadian Cancer Society, CNIB, and the Haliburton County Library Board. Phyllis had a lively spirit and welcoming nature. Always busy, and on the go, she will be missed.

### Private Family Service

A Private Family Service will be held. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton County Library or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209. 

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This is a special thank you to everyone who has sent cards, emails, texts and flowers. The last 35 years with Craig have been quite a journey and now our journey continues separately for a while. Your generous words of condolence have been very comforting to me and Craig's family. I even heard a few things about Craig that I didn't know. As well, I would like to thank you for your contributions in Craig's memory to the Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Scholarship Fund.

A Celebration of Life will happen at a later date when COVID guidelines permit and I will try through my trusty scribes to get the word out to everyone.

A special thank you to Kirsten Monk and Barry Cray who have been so helpful during this time.

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## Open Wide!

### Across

- 1 Hampers, as one's style
- 7 Put on the guest list
- 11 Pollutant concentration meas.
- 14 With trumpets blasting
- 15 Going bananas at Banana Republic
- 17 Dental offices, at times?
- 19 Where threads are left hanging
- 20 Jillions of years
- 21 Pungent acid, in chem. class
- 23 Charge for a tooth-straightening device?
- 27 Pop's Justin, to fans, with "the"
- 29 City-related: Abbr.
- 30 CARP mems.
- 31 Kind of fixation or exam
- 32 Driving faster than
- 36 What a boastful dentist revels in, on capping a tooth?
- 40 Fails to grasp
- 41 Streets of Ste-Foy
- 43 Mommy has three?
- 46 Vowel trio
- 47 Cul \_\_\_\_

### Down

- 1 Half-\_\_\_\_ (P.M. coffee choice, maybe)
- 2 Heavy hitter's stat.
- 3 "You can come out now!"
- 4 Mom-and-pop shop killer
- 5 Rap sheet history
- 6 Pick up a vibe
- 7 \_\_\_\_ Rica

- 8 "Ford Nation" prov.
- 9 Nanny's noise
- 10 Winter setting in Whistler, B.C.
- 11 Checks for typos
- 12 "Happy Feet" singer Fred
- 13 Toys with, as a mind
- 16 Workplace for a stevedore
- 18 Obtain
- 21 "Game of Thrones" ailer
- 22 No. of Reader's Digest readers
- 24 Created in God's \_\_\_\_
- 25 "If ya know what I mean" gesture
- 26 Organic compound
- 28 \_\_\_\_ Québécois party
- 32 Tick off
- 33 Accost for cash
- 34 Granny has two
- 35 "Heads up, Tiger!"
- 37 Take orders from diners
- 38 Acted the fool, per an idiom
- 39 Number etched in stone, often
- 42 PAC meeting place: Abbr.
- 43 Gets around?
- 44 Beef pattie?
- 45 Address sharply
- 47 Ruling from the top
- 49 Baffin and Vancouver, e.g.: Abbr.
- 50 Some lo-cal beers
- 51 11 or 1, in blackjack
- 52 Land called "The Roof of the World"
- 56 Moola in Milan, once
- 58 "Am \_\_\_\_ idiot, or what?!"
- 59 Gem streaming network
- 60 "Muslim Interrupted" comic Hassan
- 61 Kenmore competitors
- 62 Suffix with quack or mock

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