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Darrian Maddock and Isaac Little travelled 24 kms from Minden to Haliburton to support the high school Terry Fox Run Oct. 2. See more on page 20. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Highlands real estate booms during pandemic

By Lisa Gervais

As a second wave of COVID-19 hits urban Ontario, Haliburton County's real estate industry continues to boom with buyers wanting space outside of cities.

It's a trend that has seen realtors reporting record summers with indications the fall will be just as brisk.

"It was a pretty slow start to the year but as the months progressed, the real estate market in Haliburton became busier and busier," said Linda Baumgartner, broker of record with RE/MAX Professionals North. "It has been the busiest summer I have experienced in the 32 years I've been in the business."

Anthony vanLieshout, broker of record with Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton, added that in his 35 years, "this is as good as it's got from a seller's perspective."

Hilary Morrin, salesperson with EXP Realty Brokerage, added she's having an "excellent 2020," seeing a marked increase in buyers looking for property in The Highlands, from vacant lots, to businesses, to homes, condos and cottages.

The three said they've had huge numbers coming to showings and multiple offers above asking price and market value.

vanLieshout said in the case of cottages, a lot of people have said they love the idea of owning one, but it's a lot of work and

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Realtors say market will stabilize

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commitment so some have opted not to buy in the past.

"All of a sudden, they're saying 'geez, it would be nice to have a place to get away from the city, a place to escape and just feel safe and secure in a smaller community. I think people are into protection mode," he said of

Morrin added people are not spending money on travel, so she's seen an increase in the timeline to purchase a second property and be able to spend time with family at a cottage and in the lake right now.

"More and more people want out of the city," Baumgartner agreed. "There is a huge sense of urgency and the consumers are demanding immediate responses. They want to find a cottage and they want it yesterday."

The challenges have been a dearth of inventory, since it's in such demand, and the rigorous cleaning having to be done at open houses, the three said.

"I generally carry a large inventory but with the high buyer demand they are selling off the shelf," Baumgartner

She added the new protocols to protect themselves and clients have changed the way they deal with clients.

"We spend a good portion of our time when showing a property disinfecting and making sure we leave the houses and cottages as we found them. Before COVID, we focussed 100 per cent of our time engaging with our clients."

All three said another trend is that buyers are looking for reliable internet so that they can work from the cottage. vanLieshoust said he now puts



A for sale sign for a property in Haliburton County. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

internet download and upload speeds on his listings. Morrin added that both cell phone coverage and internet speed and service are a huge criteria for buyers.

vanLieshoust said the only comparable boom was in 2000-2007. He said eventually the market will stabilize.

"After every boom there is usually a bust or a correction in the market," Baumgartner said. "The bubble has to burst at some point. We are seeing many properties selling for well over asking price and well over market

value. Some of these purchasers may have to sell for unfortunate reasons in the not too distant future, such as health or finances. The question we as realtors ask is 'are we going to be able to sell their homes and cottages for what they paid for it'?"

Morrin said the bust or correction won't be coming any time soon.

"With the second wave of COVID, I predict we will see more of the same reaction. People not travelling and therefore investing those dollars in a second property. People are seeking space."



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A lack of school bus drivers is putting pressure on the TLDSB. File photo.

School board says bus rides not guaranteed

By Kirk Winter

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board created a social media firestorm Oct. 1 by posting a message on Facebook about bus transportation for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

"Due to the current shortage of qualified school bus drivers, any day we could be without a driver for your child's bus route," the message reads. "It is important to make alternate transportation arrangements to get your child to and from school in the event of a cancellation."

Hundreds of outraged parents responded, detailing circumstances of families with no car or no car at home during school hours; of shift workers who would not be available for unscheduled pickups; or children who might try to walk significant distances rather than wait for parents, potentially putting themselves in danger.

The posting comes after public statements by communications officer, Sinead Fegan, and superintendant of business, Tim Ellis, who had speculated about a shortage of school bus drivers and what impact it might have on the transportation system in mid-September.

As early as 2016, Unifor, which represents most of the unionized bus drivers in Ontario, went on record calling the way school boards procure transportation as "deeply flawed" and "a race to the bottom."

Unifor argues that the request for proposals process leads to constant instability and contract flipping as school bus companies try to outbid each other. This has led to a precarious industry offering few rewards for drivers and little stability for parents, they say.

The pandemic has only worsened the working conditions for drivers as they are now expected to sanitize buses between runs. Unifor says that pay as "miserly" as \$60 a day, with no pay for professional activity days or school holidays, is not nearly enough for often elderly drivers to risk exposure to the COVID-19 virus on a daily basis.

Local parents and drivers have also taken to social media to voice their concerns about buses travelling at pre-pandemic capacities.

"Our buses are loaded as they normally would be prior to COVID-19," Fegan told The Highlander via e-mail.

Debbie Montgomery, president of Unifor Local 4268 and a bus driver for more than three decades said, "The Ontario government has also failed to make driver retention bonus cheques available to qualified school bus drivers from 2019. The payment is given to drivers with near perfect attendance as a payout of \$1,000 for the period of September 2019 through December 2019 with payment due March 2020," she said.

"The next payment period which ran from January 2020 thru to June 2020 was interrupted when schools closed in March. The program administrators have not communicated to the drivers if they will receive pay for either of these periods," Montgomery said.

Unifor said many drivers rely on the Driver Retention Program to help make ends meet. Without those twice a year bonus payments, they say more drivers have left the industry, contributing to the shortage of school bus drivers, only made worse by the onset of a pandemic.









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NEWS BRIEFS

Highlands East asks for Thanksgiving caution

Highlands East is reminding people of its continued state of emergency amidst the second surge of COVID-19.

In a Sept. 30 press release, the municipality said its emergency operations centre continues to meet weekly to prepare for worst-case scenarios and ensure the community is protected as cases rise across the province.

It reminded people of social distancing restrictions and the need to take precautions such as mask-wearing and sanitation.

"Thanksgiving weekend will soon be upon us and we want to ensure that everyone remains safe and healthy," Mayor Dave Burton said. "It is imperative, now more than ever that we all do our part and remain vigilant to reduce the risk of transmission."

County collecting internet speed data

The County of Haliburton has begun collecting internet speed data to guide future improvement projects.

The County put out a message to lake and cottagers' associations asking for people to start sending the data through a web link. The data will be analyzed to help determine the worst problem internet areas in the municipality. They will then use that to help guide the direction of future projects, with the County intending to apply for funding under the Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) program.

To submit, go to performance.cira.ca, confirm your location and start the test. The County asks people to do multiple tests at different times of day if possible. The municipality hopes to have a significant set of data points by the end of the month.

OPP seeks info on man shot by police

Haliburton Highlands OPP is looking to speak with anyone who may have known the 73-year-old fatally shot by officers in an altercation July 15.

Leslie Hegedus of Dysart, formerly of Thurstonia, Ontario, was shot at a residence on Indian Point Road after he got into an altercation at a Minden business earlier that day. A follow-up investigation led the



OPP are seeking more information on the man officers fatally shot in July. File photo.

police to the address. After an interaction, two officers discharged their firearms and Hegedus was struck. Paramedics transported him to the hospital, where he was pronounced deceased.

Haliburton Highlands OPP is asking any person with information to contact 705-324-6741 or 1-888-310-1122.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit a secure web-tip at cstip. ca.

The Special Investigations Unit is still investigating the case. (*News briefs compiled by Joseph Quigley*)

ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS

Pay-per-use parking discussed

During a big picture discussion about docks and landings, operations manager Adam Thorn floated the idea of a pay-per-use system for Hawk Lake and Little Hawk Lake parking at the Oct. 1 meeting.

Thorn said there'd been an increase in vehicles parked on the side of the roads this summer and fall. He thinks with COVID-19 trends, such as people spending more time at cottages, parking will continue to be congested.

The township has talked about purchasing land and creating a parking lot on each road. Thorn is now estimating it could cost \$550,000 to \$650,000 to develop the two lots.

"Staff feels this cost should not be borne by the entirety of the Algonquin Highlands ratepayers, as most

would never use either of these parking lots," Thorn said.

He suggested transferring the cost to users as a payper-use system with a similar setup to hospitals or park-and-fly.

Mayor Carol Moffatt said whether the municipality is obligated to provide parking, or not, is just one piece of a much larger discussion about docks and landings. She said in the case of parking, "this is a really, really big issue, and potentially an extremely expensive issue."

Councillors also talked about docks on municipal land, docks across roadways, also known as water adjacent properties, and mooring.

Follow-up reports are expected at future council meetings, and will also be talked about more during the upcoming presentation of the township's asset management plan and a projects and priorities meeting. (*Lisa Gervais*)



Algonquin Highlands council met on Zoom Oct. 1. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*





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Land registry office poised to close in Minden

By Kirk Winter

On Oct. 13, 54 land registry offices across Ontario will be closing their customer services counters permanently as their massive archives of official property records go completely online.

Across Haliburton County, the pending closure of the Minden office has largely been met with a shrug except by real estate lawyers, their title searchers and law clerks.

The local office, located at 12 Newcastle St. in Minden, has been an important resource for decades for lawyers, land surveyors, historians, genealogists and environmental engineers.

When contacted about the closings, Nicko Vavassis, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services, said there would be no job losses because of the

"We are not downsizing or cutting jobs at the local offices," Vavassis said, "the experience and knowledge that staff hold will instead be directed to improving online services.

"Land registry staff will continue to provide critical verification and fulfillment work in back office operations at their current locations," Vavassis added.

The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Society (HHGS) expressed few reservations with the closing saying, "so much family history research is doable on the internet these days through these websites and

online collaboration that the need for expensive road trips to archives and cemeteries is almost a thing of the past."

Haliburton real estate agent Andrew Hodgson said he used the office all the time in years past, but has only been there once in 2019. Hodgson was not even aware the registry office was scheduled for closing.

"Only a few agents still actively use it," Hodgson said, "If I need surveys, I now go online."

Haliburton County CAO Mike Rutter agreed with the sentiments expressed by the HHGS and Hodgson, saying "County Council has not reviewed the issue in detail, but County staff have no concerns with the

"It will likely change how our planning department processes plans of subdivision and condominium (we are the approval authority)," Rutter added, "but we are confident there will be processes in place to ensure the transition is a seamless one."

Dan Wyjad, a Minden area real estate lawyer, is annoyed by the closing. Wyjad said it will affect the freelance title searchers that he hires. He has already heard from these individuals and his own real estate clerks that full-sized plans, maps and documents do not shrink well to a smaller online format. Wyjad describes the copy quality as "almost illegible."

Wyjad has taken to using a magnifying glass when dealing with paperwork from the online platform that currently exists.



The Land Registry office in Minden. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

"My real estate clerks are very upset about Federation of Lawyers of Ontario (FOLA) this decision," Wyjad said.

"We were taken by surprise by this decision as we were only informed by the two to three weeks ago. FOLA is normally good at disseminating information as soon as they get it."

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Big changes could be coming to Maple Lake landfill

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Algonquin Highlands Mayor

Carol **Moffat**

for us."

By Lisa Gervais

Users of the Maple Lake landfill in Algonquin Highlands could see some major changes in future as an ambitious plan was tabled at an Oct. 1 council meeting.

Operations manager, Adam Thorn, presented his department's vision for a redeveloped site, at a cost of nearly \$1 million.

Working with consultants Cambium Inc., it calls for moving the site operations centre off of the waste mound, which would necessitate new roads, as well as installing a weigh scale for the first time.

Thorn said the work would take the landfill to its end of life, which is estimated at 70 years.

"The original end of life for this landfill is essentially a pyramid and we can't go the entire length of the lifespan of that landfill site because we would eventually have to get off of it (the pyramid) to continue landfilling," Thorn said.

He added that already, "every year, staff have to go in there ... we spend multiple hours moving around on the site."

Thorn said the existing layout "isn't great" and is not efficient for site users or staff,

and the continued movement does not help.

The head of public works said the plans also call for contingencies for expansion,

such as greater recycling and producer responsibility.

"We want to get rid of that dump feeling ... and start showing community site users that these are landfill sites, these are operation centres, these are clean, welcoming areas for people to do the right thing when they get inside the gate. That they can go to these areas and they be designed a certain way that creates efficient flow," he said.

The average daily use is 90 cars, with a maximum of 355 cars a day and he would like to see "a nice flow, efficient flow, so traffic can get in and out as quickly as possible."

Thorn said weigh scales are a big part of the project, saying it is costing the township more to send construction and demolition waste from the site, than what it is collecting in tipping fee

He added it would cost \$400,000 to \$500,000 to accommodate weigh scales

now, only to have to move them in future.

He suggested money could come from a loan, existing reserves, and, or provincial modernization funding.

Mayor Carol Moffatt, in introducing the report, noted, "we've always planned to eventually land somewhere like this. How fast we

get there depends on what council decides today.

She said it was "a big bite. A million dollars in the world is not a lot of money, but it's a lot of money for us."

However, she said she fielded a number of complaints this summer about inefficiencies at the site, "and this would address all of those problems."

Coun. Lisa Barry said she supported the

plan in principle. However, she wanted to read the asset management plan soon coming to council before making any financial decisions. She liked that garbage would go into covered bins so litter does not blow around.

Moffatt said the covered bins would help with the seagull problem, saying she is getting complaints, and the vermin are becoming a "nightmare." She said they are carrying garbage to neighbouring lakes and docks, causing property damage.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux said she wanted to wait for council's projects and priorities discussion before making a decision. She would like to encourage greener behaviour. "So, the way you flow through the site is encouraging you to recycle more and to dump less."

Coun. Liz Danielsen, who is also the County Warden, talked about the County's pending services delivery review. She said waste management will be in the final report "and to make a decision before we even see the services delivery report might be getting ahead of the game."

Council received the report for information.

A walk in the park for EarlyON centres in Highlands

By Carolyn Allder

Ontario EarlyON centres are slowly starting their in-person programming after being closed for more than six months.

The centres in Minden, at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, and Haliburton, at Stuart Baker E.S., closed their doors in March due to COVID-19.

"We are allowed to reopen but it doesn't happen overnight," said program coordinator Julie Bosker. "The schools have just started up again which is great and we are going to work with them in a gradual process to see how we can be introduced back into our spaces."

In the meantime, the centres are hosting park days at Rotary Park in Minden and Head Lake Park in Haliburton until mid-October.

Park days are an opportunity for families and young kids to get together from a safe distance to sing songs, play games and learn together. Participants also receive a take home activity. The free program may be extended depending on weather and if families would like it to continue.

Throughout the summer and continuing into the fall, Bosker says the centre has been hosting online programming such as circle time, Mother Goose, a parent chat time and the ever-popular infant massage with Point in Time.

"We've always promoted less screen time

for young children. But in this time, when it's not always safe to be in-person, you have to do what you have to do to keep connected with each other."

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Winners and losers in COVID

When it comes to the economics of a global for health and safety reasons. pandemic, there have clearly been some winners and losers in Haliburton County.

As evidenced in today's front-page story, the real estate profession has done well under COVID-19.

We talked to three local real estate professionals, including two with more than 30 years of experience in the industry. All said this past summer was their best on record.

The themes were pretty consistent: not enough listings to meet the demand; multiple showings and multiple offers; properties selling above the asking price.

Not surprisingly, the clientele is coming from the Greater Toronto Area, and other larger cities and towns. They simply want to get away from the COVID hotspots, whether just for a break, or permanently.

There are stories such as Toronto condo owners desperately wanting to sell up and find a cottage they can convert to four seasons. They are worn down by experiences such as having to wait 20 minutes each time they want to take the elevator down, or up, to access the out-ofdoors. The city has set limits of a maximum of three people in lifts, and 20-minute waits

People want space and they are willing to pay for it.

The majority of people are buying cottages, we're told. Some will turn them into four-season homes upon retirement. Fewer are selling up lock, stock and barrel in the city and moving permanently if they are still in the workforce.

That being said, we are also told that the must haves for potential buyers include reliable Internet so there is an opportunity to work from the cottage. Realtors are investigating upload and download speeds.

No doubt this has been a boom not just for the County, but rural and regional Ontario. Our neighbours in The City of Kawartha Lakes, Muskoka, and Bancroft are seeing similar trends. People are also flocking to rural properties, such as small acreages, and hobby farms, outside of larger urban

The last time Haliburton County saw this type of real estate boom was between 2000 and 2007.

The thing with booms is, after each one, there is a bust, or at least a correction in the

Local realtors acknowledge the bubble

is likely to burst at some point. One of the challenges is, if somone is buying now well over the asking price, or market value, will they get their money back when they have to sell in future?

So, while real estate agents are celebrating record years, they do



By Lisa Gervais

have concerns about the future.

With federal and provincial governments spending record amounts of money to stimulate the economy, at some point there will be a reckoning for taxpayers.

In addition, we know that small business is the backbone of the Haliburton County and Canadian economy. Sure, real estate is doing well, but what about the other small businesses in Haliburton County?

Only time will tell. We hope many made enough money over the summer to sustain them through a lean winter. We hope they will be around next spring when the virus will hopefully be under control and our economy return to some semblance of normal.

The mask question

I really tried to understand the objections that people have to wearing a mask during this pandemic. I watched the protests in the larger centres and the ripple of the same sentiment through our own communities.

Other than for the few with legitimate medical issues, I just can't wrap my head around why some won't comply with an order that is, well, good for them.

Some of the objectors appear to have latched onto conspiracy theories ... theories that I often find amusing for their outerfringe silliness. Others have objected to the infringement on what they loosely call their

Interestingly, a recently-issued report from the Royal Society of Canada entitled: Reconciling Civil Liberties and Public Health in the Response to COVID-19, deals with just that as an area of concern. While expressing some empathy for those who feel their liberties are being trampled, the report concludes "rights are not trumps against the collective goal of public health."

It notes that politicians have an obligation to enact rules with the least amount of disruption to society and they are also obliged to revisit the restrictions they impose on a regular basis. If they choose to continue with them, they must explain their reasons, or ease back on the restrictions as

public health conditions improve.

The report also cautions about reducing restrictions too quickly, as we have seen in some jurisdiction on both sides of the border, requiring re-imposition of constraints as the pandemic resurges.

It is also noted that those who object to the restrictions have recourse to the courts, where governments would have to prove the need for the measures being imposed on the population. Admittedly, this route could be long and any ruling could be delivered long after a crisis has passed.

The government also has an obligation to ensure the restrictions are imposed equitably, taking into consideration marginalized communities, and that they are reduced or withdrawn as soon as it is deemed safe to do so.

As has been repeated from the beginning of this pandemic, we are all in this together. Behind that simplistic declaration is the reality that Canadians, as a group, have chosen to live together in a co-operative and congenial way. This does not mean we can't have our disagreements, but it does point to an implicit societal contract to which we all have committed. This contract is the reason, for the most part, we stop at stop signs, pay our taxes and help our neighbours. Without compliance with these and the many other

laws, customs and understandings, our society would quickly unravel into chaos.

As part of the contract, we have established



By Jack Brezina

government in which officials, elected by the population at large, are given the authority from the collective to govern ... to make this a pleasant and healthy place for us to live, described in another document as peace order and good government. The elected officials, in consultation with experts, are, as they should be, delivering on that responsibility. Even if it causes us a little discomfort, we should accept the directions with equanimity and understanding.

And, finally, even if there were no decrees on mask wearing or size of group gatherings or social distancing or hand washing, it is just plain common sense to protect vourself and other members of vour immediate circle and the community at large by following these recommendation People lose nothing by wearing a mask, but they risk everything if they don't.



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LETTERS

Muddy waters

Dear editor,

We are writing to express our disappointment with the content of (Joseph) Quigley's article regarding the shoreline bylaw.

While we appreciated the County's tactful approach to not name names in their staff report and throughout the associated discussion, it's unfortunate that Quigley choose not to follow suit.

Bromley was essentially painted with a negative brush which is unfair given we, along with others, share the opinions she expressed in her letter to the editor.

At this point, it is a he-said-she-said debate. We can add that we were one of the 157 that received the email from County staff in advance of the meeting.

It was not clear that the in-depth review would be taking place and upon our initial review of the agenda, that item was not seen by us either (others have indicated the same).

That aside, we're pleased with the decision to revert to the original plan of conducting a meeting dedicated to the bylaw discussion. Council members, on multiple occasions, have said that this is one of the most important bylaws being created to date and we couldn't agree more. Even more reason to get it right.

The health of our lakes is of upmost importance but equally as important is our economy, a balance between the two needs to be achieved. The details of the draft bylaw present substantial barriers, not only to tradespeople but also to landowners and the municipalities. It falls short in meeting its goal, in some areas reaches beyond its intent, and in others is missing key factors that have significant impacts on water quality.

We can all agree with the common goal of protecting our lakes, it's how we go about getting there that seems to be challenging. Processes are processes, but maybe it's time to step outside the box.

BrightWoods Landscaping Algonquin Highlands

Let's get this right

Dear editor,

All I can say is, wow. I'd like to respond to Joseph Quigley's article last week about the County "staff report" written by CAO Mike Rutter.

Firstly, Joseph, I am not a landscape contractor, nor have I ever been.

Secondly, the only "fact" stated in my letter was that the County changed the agenda after it was initially sent out. I spoke with a number of people about this, and although Mr. Rutter says this was untrue, many agree with me. But it can't be proved either way because once it is changed; the original is no longer available. I did not take a picture - so it's unprovable.

Thirdly, he [Rutter] said "a lot of the facts in my letter were not correct and some of the facts were widely distributed."

In terms of the "facts" that were not

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Deborah Brown sent this photo of an otter enjoying the Aqua Lily Pad at their cottage on Twelve Mile Lake.

correct, only one fact was stated - the agenda was changed. The rest consisted of feelings and opinions. I don't think they can be disputed.

As per his second point, I'm not sure who "widely distributed these incorrect facts" but it wasn't me, as implied. I sent the letter to the editor and sent a letter to all the County councillors. I sent it to no one else.

Fourthly, Joseph did not state why I did not want to comment in his article. What I said to him was, "I'm not interested in the County's response to my letter because I can't prove that I am correct and that it is just chatter to confuse the issue of the content of the bylaw." Fighting over an unprovable issue is not good use of time.

Finally, Brent Devolin's comment that "we live in Trumpian times and sometimes it is important to correct the record" implies that I'm lying. I beg to differ. Since the beginning of the bylaw discussion he, and some other councillors and staff members, have shown no interest in listening to any feedback or possible negative effects it would have on our County. That to me is Trumpian behaviour.

We have a right to bring forward our thoughts, information and ideas, and, surprise, some of them actually make sense. It is our elected politicians' job to listen to all information and create good, manageable, cost effective and goal achieving policies that will make our County a better place to live. County council has the opportunity to make changes prior to sending out a draft bylaw for the public to comment on. They've made no changes of any substance.

I care deeply about the County and all our efforts seem to have little effect. I hope this does not stay the same. Let's get this right.

Michele Bromley Algonquin Highlands

Town does due diligence

Dear editor,

In response to Mr. Gordon Flynn's recent letter to the editor, the municipality has in fact done its due diligence in researching the feasibility of constructing a boat launch in the location proposed by the Bob Lake Association.

For several reasons, including the need to traverse a private road to access the site, the design being bisected by a road, raising both safety and liability concerns, the need to destroy an area of natural shoreline having environmental repercussions, and the prohibitive cost to taxpayers, the proposal was rejected.

In comparison, the Bob Lake Association has failed to do their due diligence, failing to fact check many of their claims.

Firstly, the association does not have the support of 95 per cent of Bob Lake property owners and they most certainly do not have the support of Claude Brown, my father, who passed away in 2001. My family is deeply offended by Mr. Flann's claim of dad's support, and wonder how many more of their membership are in fact deceased, or perhaps imaginary.

Secondly, the crossing of private land is not a "bogus cloud of smoke." It is, in part, the ancestral property of Claude Brown which is the private property which much be traversed to reach the closed concession.

The Brown family is not in support of developing this new launch site and will not permit the crossing of our land.

It seems to me that efforts should be made to purchase or lease the existing site which would result in a considerably lower cost, both financially and environmentally.

And if the membership numbers are so strong then the cost, divided, would be manageable. The municipality is in no financial position to bear the cost of constructing, maintaining and insuring boat launches for all of the lake residents. Find and fund your own solution instead of complaining to, and about, the municipality.

Laurie Brown Minden Hills

Highlander health

Haliburton hospital gets funding injection

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is receiving a \$22,000 provincial funding boost to improve its infrastructure and air conditioning.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP and Minister of Infrastructure, Laurie Scott, visited Haliburton hospital Oct. 2 to announce the funding for air conditioning units in the X-Ray and cafeteria areas. The funding comes from the provincial Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund.

"This additional funding will help to address the urgent HVAC upgrades needed in response to COVID-19 and will result in a safe and comfortable environment for patients receiving care," Scott said.

That is in addition to the \$253,000 HHHS received in December through the same fund. The province has also increased HHHS's annual operational funding by \$199,000 as part of its COVID-19 action plan, Scott said.

CAO Carolyn Plummer said the funding has helped cover some additional operating expenses incurred from the Highland Wood roof leak in February 2019. The capital funding also helped cover part of the roof replacement not covered by insurance.

"This funding will help us to support a safe and comfortable health services environment for our patients, residents, staff, and the community," Plummer said.

However, HHHS is still awaiting provincial funding for COVID-related expenses, including the already paid-out pandemic pay increase for employees. Plummer said some of the funding came through, but they are awaiting more.



Left to right: Haliburton Highlands Health Services board chair David Gray, president and CEO Carolyn Plummer and Minister of Infrastructure Laurie Scott. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Scott said the province approved the funding and is processing it and it's now a matter of "dotting I's and crossing T's."

"It's a process you live with all the time in the hospital world," she said.

under the Rural Economic Development Program.

Director of Abbey Gardens, Heather Reid, said the funding represents 30 per cent of Scott also visited Abbey Gardens Oct. 2 to a \$55,000 project to create new accessible

announce approximately \$15,000 in funding pathways, add two new demonstration areas and support an internship.

"It's a great opportunity to add more value to the property for visitors and additional educational components," Reid said.

Increase in bat incidents prompts health warning

By Linda Boyle

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is urging people to bat-proof their homes after a number of incidents in recent weeks.

There have been 34 reports of bat encounters in the region this year.

At least one captured bat has tested positive for rabies.

Rabies is fatal if untreated but can be prevented with quick treatment after

"Although most animal bites are readily apparent, bites inflicted by bats can be harder to notice," according to Richard Ovcharovich, the manager of health protection with the health unit.

Bill Hughson of Bill's Quality Pest Control in Lindsay has been receiving 40 calls per week about bats in homes and in some commercial structures. He said his business services Haliburton County clients.

He believes people have been encountering bats because they are around a lot more.

"There are more people staying at their cottages due to COVID. And people have been staying in their homes more because they're isolating."

He says the increase in bat encounters could also be weather-related.

"So, whenever we have a hot year like this, it drives the bats inside the structures. When it's too hot in the attic or the roof lines they're going to follow that cooler air through wall voids and end up in the basement."Juliette Arsenault of Eco-Choice Pest Control in Haliburton says, "the odds of contracting rabies from a bat are very. very low but bat phobia numbers are high.

Most people are very uncomfortable with bats in close proximity, and rightfully so. Their guano (droppings) vector dangerous diseases and their presence invites allergens and ectoparasites into living spaces - one of the only known relatives of bed bugs is the

A bat can have a wing span of up to 27 centimetres but squeeze into a hole the size of a dime.

Pest control companies use a process called 'exclusion' in which chutes or funnels are installed at entry points. The bats can exit through these chutes but not re-enter. This is usually done in early spring before breeding begins or late summer or fall when the young have left.



There have been more bat encounters so far this year. Flickr.

Bat tips:

- To bat-proof your home, you can hire a professional or do it yourself.
- The HKPR District Health unit advises homeowners to caulk any openings dimesized or larger, ensure all doors to the outside close tightly and that windows have screens and chimneys are capped.
- If you discover a bat in your home, leave the room, close the door and contact a professional pest control company.
- If bitten or scratched, seek immediate medical attention.

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Highlander business



A past Santa Claus parade in Haliburton. File.

Santa opts for party instead of parade

By Lisa Harrison

The Haliburton Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) is planning to replace this year's Santa Claus Parade with a different Santa experience for kids.

The decision was made at the BIA's Sept. 29 meeting, according to BIA president Luke Schell.

Schell said the group had been considering a smaller parade, but based on concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic's second wave and the cancellations of other parades in the province, "we thought the better thing to do was just to cancel it."

Instead, plans are now in the works for Santa to travel on his float from the docks at Highland and York streets to the A.J. LaRue Arena on Mountain Street. From there, Santa will cross the street to the Royal Canadian Legion facility for a children's party that follows social distancing and other pandemic protocols.

"Santa will be on the stage and the kids

can experience some of that Christmas magic," said Schell.

The party is tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of Nov. 29.

The installation and lighting of a Christmas tree at the Village Barn on Highland Street are still planned for Nov. 22. The tree will be donated by Kim Emmerson of Emmerson Lumber Limited. The Dysart et al Fire Department installs the tree and property owners Anthony and Juliane vanLieshout supply the power for the lights.

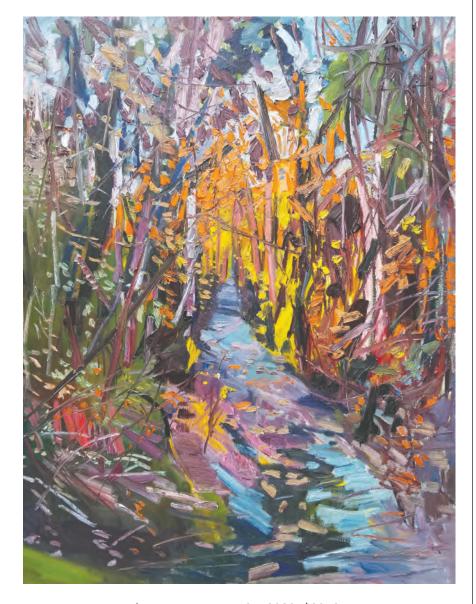
The annual Ladies' Shopping Night also remains on the calendar for Dec. 3. Gord Kidd has agreed to perform again.

Regarding the loss of the traditional parade, Schell said "there's disappointment of course ... [but] I don't think anybody's surprised that we've had to cancel events" such as Midnight Madness and the parade this year.

"Hopefully 2021 will be back to a more normal year of events."

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Highlander environment

EH! says local efforts can affect climate change

By Lisa Harrison

Global climate change is affecting the Highlands and residents need to promote and take part in activism, no matter how small the effort may seem, Environment Haliburton! says.

The message was foundational in an EH! webinar - No Planet 'B' - held on Sept. 25, the Global Day of Climate Action. The group hosted a Climate Action Protest in Haliburton earlier in the day.

The webinar featured a short video by environmental activist Greta Thunberg, followed by three speakers.

Peter Sale, a marine biologist and author of *Our Dying Planet*, is an executive committee member of the Muskoka Watershed Council, which produced the 2016 report "Planning for Climate Change in Muskoka."

Sale noted Haliburton County's similar climate and outlined mid-century projections based on significant report findings.

Overall, the evaluation suggested the region will have a warmer and slightly wetter climate with more precipitation in winter, triple the threat of flooding, and fewer but more severe storms. There will be warmer lakes, greater risk of algal blooms, fall drought, pronounced changes to the forests, new diseases, and greater stress on power and data grids.

"We can fix this," said Sale. "But it is

Because governments do what the people demand, and if we don't demand, they don't do"

Peter Sale

Muskoka Watershed Council

going to take real commitment ... because steering a planet involves international collaboration and cooperation so you've got to have governments involved, but you've also got to have individuals involved because governments do what the people demand, and if we don't demand, they don't do."

Sue Mackenzie, retired teacher and long-time political activist, is co-founder of Climate Action Muskoka (CAM) with Tamsen Tillson.

CAM's activities include development of a Climate Emergency Declaration Resolution to encourage councils in the region to act regarding climate change, including creating a climate action plan with specific, living targets. CAM is also operating a public endorsement campaign for the resolution.

Mackenzie said the pandemic has delayed CAM in getting District of Muskoka

council to pass the resolution. In the meantime, CAM has also developed a Community Carbon Challenge to encourage individuals to reduce greenhouse gases and hopes to launch the challenge soon.

Terry Moore is the EH! vice president who hosts the bimonthly "Planet Haliburton" environmental program on CanoeFM.

Moore outlined the County of Haliburton's climate change plan, which was developed on behalf of all municipalities. The plan is being rolled out in three phases: corporate mitigation, corporate adaptation and community mitigation and adaptation.

Moore noted that the District of Muskoka will be asked to endorse CAM's resolution with its "aggressive" targets and, due to CAM's public encouragement campaign, the district council knows there is public support for "stretching" to meet these targets.

By comparison, the County was asked to endorse a resolution prior to any community engagement or target setting and declined to do so, said Moore.

The county's targets were set in consultation with the lower tier municipalities. They aim to reduce corporate emissions by 30 per cent from 2018 levels by 2030. Public involvement is planned in Phase 3 in 2021.

Mackenzie advised that securing public support takes effort but is important.

"We need to empower people ... to feel that they can do something in their own



Environment Haliburton hosted an informative webinar as part of its Climate Action Day activities on Sept. 25.

lives ... that even their little actions will have some effect so they don't just sit back – that's a form of climate [change] denial," said Mackenzie.

For more information, visit muskokawatershed.org, haliburtoncounty.ca and canoefm.com.



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Highlander outdoors

Snowmobile association gears up for season

By Kirk Winter

With the snowmobile season little more than 10 weeks away, the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) is getting ready for what it hopes will be a very successful season.

John Enright, HCSA vice-president, said the club is looking forward to its 50th season in 2021.

It's busy selling memberships and hopes to grow its base of more than 2,300 paid-up riders.

"This is a very busy time of year," Enright said, "as we work on our infrastructure and equipment. We are responsible for grooming and maintaining 370 kilometers of trails that connect to 200 neighbouring clubs."

Enright praised the work of the other snowmobile club in Haliburton, the Paudash Trailblazers, who are responsible for trails in Dysart and Highlands East. Together, the two clubs manage a huge geographic area that is a key hub for all snowmobile trails in Ontario.

One permit, which is good province-wide, will give riders access to 30,000 kilometers of trails. These trails are maintained by a small army of dedicated volunteers numbering more than 6,000, who regularly groom the trails with more than 300 tractors. Those 30,000 kilometers of trails are only made possible by more than 18,000 private landowners allowing snowmobile



Sledders are looking forward to the HCSAs 50th season in 2021. File.

trails to access their property.

"You can ride all the way from Haliburton to Thunder Bay," Enright said.

The club recently had its AGM where a new board of 10 directors was elected, up three from last year, with five new members joining the executive.

"We are a volunteer, not-for-profit community-based organization," Enright said, "and nothing happens without the hard work and commitment of our volunteers."

At the AGM, the club recognized the contributions of Liz Jesseman, Tom

Nicholson, Ted Roberts, Brian Howe and Noah Black for their many hours of volunteer service.

One of the key projects completed by the club this fall was the Howland Junction bridge revitalization project. The club replaced railing and balusters to make the riding experience safer.

Enright calls snowmobiling "the premier outdoor experience," but is the first to admit that the upcoming season is clouded by the threat of COVID-19.

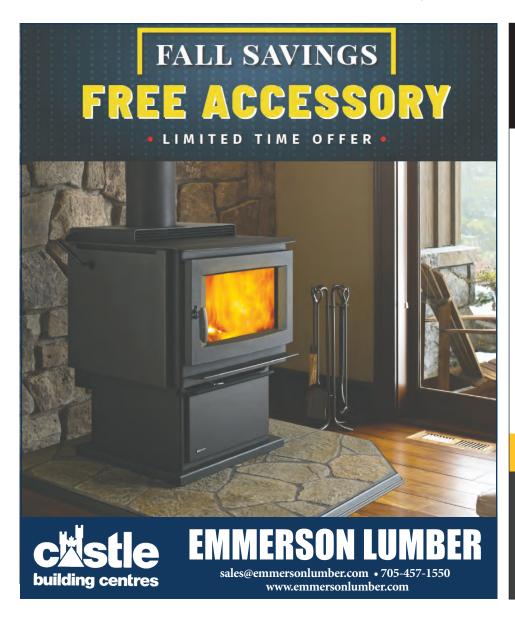
"It's the best winter activity for social

distancing," Enright stated, "until the end of the day when riders want to hang out." He said COVID protocols are being

developed by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs and they hope to have them soon.

"This set of protocols will be a framework for all 200 member clubs across the province to operate by," Enright said.

For more information, or memberships, go to the club's webpage at HCSA.ca or their Facebook page at Haliburton County Snowmobile Association.





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The Studio Tour









Top left: Shelly van Nood stands next to an array of handmade quilts outside her home studio. Top right: Susan Watson Ellis of Paradigm Designs stands next to her jewelry work bench. Bottom right: April Gates of Blackbird Pottery works on mugs at her studio. Bottom left: Jane Selbie stands next to her fabric art piece, titled "Life Stream" during The Studio Tour. *Photos by Joseph Quigley*.

Artists open studios despite pandemic

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Crowds flocked to The Studio Tour Haliburton Highlands as artists across the County displayed their crafts despite COVID restrictions Oct. 3 and 4.

The 33rd annual art tour featured 15 artists at 11 locations inviting people into their studios to see an array of art across different mediums. Traffic was solid throughout the weekend, with lineups at several studios, despite the social distancing precautions. About half of the originally scheduled 32 artists cancelled due to the pandemic.

Quilter Shelly van Nood said Saturday was one of the busiest days she has seen for

the tou

"People are just looking for something to do," van Nood said. "They haven't been able to go places, they haven't been able to do craft sales. People are used to going out and seeing art and they're hungry for it."

The event was an opportunity for artists hit by the pandemic. Artist Jane Selbie celebrated her 20th year participating and said she wanted the chance to share her passion, as well as bolster her income.

"This is everything. This will be my annual income," Selbie said. "It's more important because I haven't had the summer sales that I normally would have."

"We don't have a backup plan. We're full-

time artists," Jenn Wanless-Craig of Artech Glassblowing Studios said. "A bunch of us on the tour decided this is our livelihood, and with the precautions that we were going to take, we felt like it was safe."

Fewer tour spots and limited occupancy throughout the tour made for some lineups. Sherry McKenna said she was eager to visit studios and felt the precautions were reasonable.

"Great learning experience," she said after watching a glassblowing demonstration. "I'm just grateful we have so much out hore."

Jeweller Susan Watson Ellis said people were generally respectful of the rules.

"We didn't think we'd be overwhelmed, but so far most people are being very patient," Ellis said. "It's been very good this year."

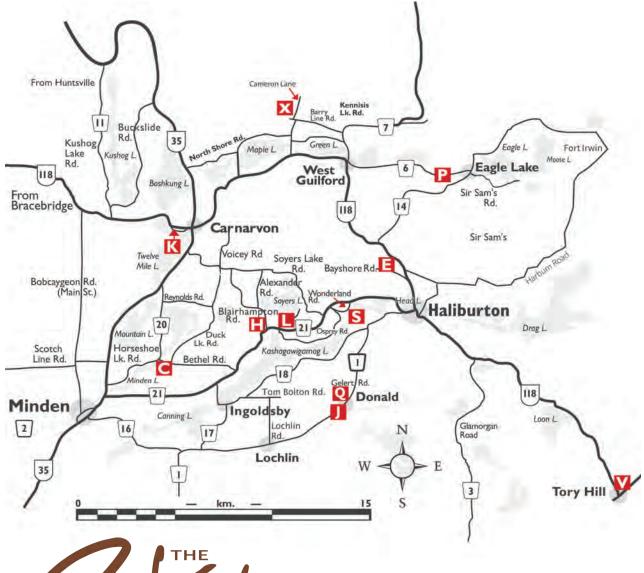
Artists said it was important to get support in a time like this.

"Especially during COVID, we need to be supporting each other in our communities," Wanless-Craig said. "We're all in this together. It's the motto of 2020, right?"

"I produce all the time, that's what feeds my soul," Selbie said. "Having my art, I want to put it out for others to enjoy."

The tour continues Oct. 10-11, with studios open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More information at the studiotour.ca.

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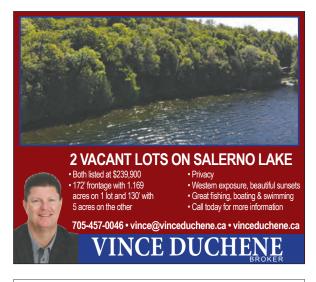


















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Highlander people

Family Zoom reaches 194 days and counting

By Lisa Gervais

It's a weekday afternoon and five generations of the Evenden family are on Zoom, joining in from Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom.

Locals Wendy Evenden, her mom Thelma, and husband Ken Loney of Minden Hills are on the call.

The Sept. 14 invite to *The Highlander* says it's the 170th consecutive Zoom call since COVID-19 forced social distancing in March. As of today, they are now up to 194 straight days. Members of the extended family gather from 4:30 p.m. until a little after 5 p.m. to chat.

During the Sept. 14 call, they covered a range of topics. Folks from the UK discussed the latest lockdown rules. There

Families can tend to drift apart. This is keeping the family together, people from all over, who we might not be able to see for years.

> Linda Carey Kenora

were some teachers on screen. They provided updates on how things are going at their respective schools. There was chatter about working from home. A family member from the US had been looking into voting in the upcoming election. They caught up on each other's day and what was new in their lives. There was a lot of goodnatured teasing and laughter.

Thelma Evenden is the only one who has not missed a Zoom. There are usually at least six or seven people but about 30 are on the invite list.

"We started it back in March because we thought when we couldn't see members of the family this would be a good way to cheer people up," Thelma said.

At the time, she was staying with Wendy and Ken. She and her daughter were looking for a way of "just trying to cheer people up and stay in touch with family."

Wendy did the computer work, compiling a list of family members, and setting up Zoom.

"We ended up with high 20s on the invite list and we've been going for 170 days," Wendy said.

Thelma said they never intended to make it a six-month and counting thing, but it's "just carried right on. There has not been one day yet where there wasn't someone other than Wendy and I there."

Linda Carey, from Kenora, pipes in. "I'm at home a lot. I find the days I



Members of the Evenden family attend a daily Zoom call. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

participate are really wonderful. It gives me some humour in my day. I've come to really appreciate them."

She adds, "families can tend to drift apart. This is keeping the family together, people from all over, who we might not be able to see for years. Regardless of COVID, it's keeping the family together. Wendy and Thelma have done a great job of that."

Wendy agrees.

"Having this platform makes it so easy to get together and keep up on a day-to-day basis with what people are doing. It's great for extended family. This brings us all together, where normally we're spread around. It is a great way of feeling like a part of everyone's life."

Thelma said with winter coming, forcing some people to be more housebound, "I think it will carry on."



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Visit our website (www.dragandsprucelakes.ca) or follow the Facebook group Our Community of Drag and Spruce Lakes for details, stories and pictures to keep informed. If you are not a DSLPOA member consider joining. If you already are a member we invite you to become more involved.

Happy Thanksgiving from the DSLPOA



Top: J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School students participate in a school Terry Fox Run Oct. 2. Bottom left: Lucas Burke and Roman Howell participated with their class outside J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. Bottom right: Teacher Mike Gaffney gives a thumbs up after jumping into Head Lake. *Photos by Joseph Quigley.*Schools carry on Terry Fox Run Oct. 2. Bottom left: Lucas Burke and Roman Howell participated with their class outside J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. Bottom right: Teacher Mike Gaffney gives a thumbs up after jumping into Head Lake. *Photos by Joseph Quigley.*

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) student Isaac Little got up early Oct. 2 to get to class - by running 24 kilometres from Minden.

It represented one kilometre for every \$100 the school raised for its Terry Fox Run - approximately \$2,425 in all. Little - joined by Darrian Maddock, who biked alongside him - said it was the longest distance he had ever run, which he managed in one hour and 43 minutes.

"I just feel like doing anything to try and raise more money to a great cause like Terry Fox is a great opportunity," Little said.

Despite the pandemic, schools across

the County participated in the Terry Fox Run, raising money for cancer research. There were no mass starts and any joint-school events were called off. Instead, classes walked separately, with students keeping to their cohorts.

HHSS teacher Paul Longo said staff wanted to figure out a way to keep the event going, even with the COVID restrictions.

"In a pandemic, we need heroes and we need leaders," Longo said, adding Terry Fox may be Canada's greatest hero. "We just felt it was the right thing to do ... It really was about keeping a sense of community."

At HHSS, teachers also took on challenges to promote fundraising. For instance, Mike Gaffney jumped barefoot into Head Lake Oct. 1, wearing his second-best suit, a challenge thought up by his students.

"Every year, it's amazing how much money we raise," Gaffney said. "This year is no different and it's just great to see the school spirit back."

Longo said students responded well to the event and it had a positive impact on mental health.

"People seem to be happy," Longo said. "The more we can get outside, the better."

Little said he has an uncle battling cancer and it is important to raise as much money as possible towards research

"Hopefully, they find a cure for it," Little said. "I know everyone's dealt with cancer, everyone's had their own experience with it and it'd just be great to find a cure."

Highlander community

No whining over Minden Rotary fundraiser



By Lisa Gervais

Minden Rotary had to get creative with "FUNdraising" during COVID, says Lynda Litwin.

She said members missed their annual dinner and auction this June but new FUNdraising chairperson, Sharon Foster, found an interesting way to raise money through wine sales in the summer.

"We partnered with Fieldings Wine as the owners of the winery have ties to the community and were very happy to support Minden Rotary and help us to continue to support the community," Litwin said.

She said with the help of social media, their FUNdraiser was launched and shared in the community. Word spread fast that purchasing Fieldings wine from Niagara could support local programs. The public had a month to order their wine and when they picked it up in Minden and Haliburton, Litwin said people wanted to know if Minden Rotary would be hosting the FUNdraiser again.

She said more than \$2,000 was raised so they are planning to do it again.

"Minden Rotary would like to thank Fieldings Winery for their generous support of our FUNdraiser," Litwin said.

She said future FUNdraising ideas include online auctions with local merchant's support and promotion before Christmas.

To learn more, visit MindenRotary.ca

The Minden pick-up point at Molly's Bistro. *Photo submitted.*

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Highlander community

Volunteer recognized not once, but twice

By Kirk Winter

John Enright, a long-time Highlands snowmobiler, was recognized twice this fall for his dedication to sledding.

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) awarded Enright with their Volunteer of the Year for 2020. The social media announcement said, "John is our media, Facebook and map guy. His witty humour has earned him the reputation of a guy who walks the walk and is always available for a chat."

Enright's considerable accomplishments

include developing the HCSA's re-branded message, "you have not seen Haliburton until you have seen it on a snowmobile." He wrote an article for *Snow* magazine on the Algonquin Park trail, hosted a weekly HCSA program on Moose FM called Trail Talk and landed the HCSA coverage in Canada's national newspaper, the *Globe and Mail*, when he led an electric-powered snowmobile team on a ride from the Pinestone Inn through private trail lands.

The posting also mentions Enright's key role in engaging and informing the HCSA's Facebook community with more than 4,200

followers.

In addition, District 6 of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs bestowed a similar honour on Enright.

He was recognized on Sept. 28 by the district that encompasses Haliburton, Bancroft and the Ottawa Valley, collectively known as the Snow Country Snowmobile Region.

Enright was surprised by the accolades. "I was really humbled," he said, "Humbled to be judged worthy by my peers. I was deeply touched by the recognition."

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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 unless otherwise noted.

The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

October 24 – Council Meeting November 12 – 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.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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Employment Opportunities

Road Operations Manager

We are seeking a Road Operations Manager to join the Public Works Department. Please visit www.mindenhills.ca/employment-opportunities/ for a list of requirements and to view the job description.

Application deadline is October 9, 2020 by 12:00 noon.

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We are seeking a Full Time Roads Equipment Operator for the Public Works Department. This is a Union position, based on 42 hours per week, with a rate of pay of \$24.81, subject to union dues. Candidates will have a minimum of 2 years' experience operating a minimum of 2 of the following; Tandem Axle Truck, Single Axle Truck, Loader or Backhoe as well as a thorough understanding of road construction and maintenance procedures. A valid DZ licence is also required.

Application deadline is October 15, 2020 by 12:00 noon.

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Hazardous Waste Collection Event

The **final** Household Hazardous Waste collection event in 2020 will be held on **Saturday**, **October 10**, **2020** at the Scotch Line Landfill from 8am to 11:30am. Please visit mindenhills. ca/landfill for a list of accepted items.

Minden Hills Cultural Centre

TRUSS by Carey Jernigan AGNES JAMIESON GALLERY Minden | Ontario September 30 to November 29, 2020



'TRUSS' includes four installations: 'Patternmaker-Stress', 'Patternmaker-Play', 'Crossing' and 'One in Three'. 'One in Three' speaks to the artist's revisiting trauma of her youth. The cubes represent a search for order and solidarity through a difficult time. According to the World Health Organization, one in three women experiences some form of sexual or intimate-partner violence during her lifetime. 'Patternmaker-Play' represents the patternmaking skill and is based on a story about a group of young employees of a steam-powered pump house built in Hamilton, Ontario in 1859 who both worked and played on the two-story machine's fast-moving cast-iron mechanical parts. This sense of play – and also danger – struck a chord with the artist. Similarly 'Patternmaker-Stress' also has a sense of danger - a certain thrill, imagining gears grinding to a halt, or perhaps speeding up into an uncontrolled frenzy. "Stress" is a responsive, kinetic sculpture that plays with that tension. 'Crossing' speaks to borders. Two ladders and glass create a transparent "border wall" making one room into two. The ladders on either side invite crossing, but they are not safe. Is this also true of our national borders? Do they keep us safe? Or do they simply isolate us from those with whom we share the world?

Carey Jernigan's work features wood, light, and memory. She explores industrial processes, material culture, and the people and places they shape. Her work has been featured at the United Nations Headquarters in New York; at Craft Ontario, the Workers' Arts and Heritage Centre, Harbour front Centre, Parkdale Film & Video Showcase, the Khyber Centre for the Arts, the Anna Leon Owens Gallery, Eyelevel Gallery, and the Nova Scotia Public Archives in Canada; and at De Liceiras 18 in Portugal.

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Fire Prevention Week

October 4 to October 10, 2020

This year's fire prevention week theme is, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!"

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With Covid-19 this year, we will be conducting door to door promotional information drop offs, at selected residences throughout our community.

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Highlander community





Museum gets a facelift

The Stanhope Museum in Algonquin Highlands recently underwent a facelift. Justin Morrow, owner of Kashaga Wood and Paint, said restoring the exterior was a big job, since much of the siding was rotten. Morrow and Zac Tompkins had to plane pine boards so they would match the width of the original siding. The museum, located on North Shore Road, is housed in the original wood frame Stanhope Council Chamber, built in 1910. Exhibits and displays interpret the local history of the area, including early settlement, education, post offices, churches and the war years. Artifacts include clothing, photographs, documents and a black-powder muzzle-loading rifle brought to the area by an English settler in the 1860s. (Submitted by Ian Darragh)

Left: Stanhope Museum before. Right: Justin Morrow planes pine boards. *Photos submitted by Ian Darragh.*



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Highlander events



Seventeen people braved the rain to participate in the Water Ambassadors Canada Walkathon in Haliburton Oct. 5. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Ambassadors journey for clean water access

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Braving the pouring rain, 17 people fundraised for clean water access with the first-ever Water Ambassadors Canada Walkathon in Haliburton Oct. 4.

The Haliburton-born international charity ran its fall water walk through Glebe Park, inviting people to travel two or sixkilometres carrying buckets, simulating the journey some must take to access clean water around the world. The monthlong event raised \$27,260, with the Haliburton

contingent raising \$12,000 of that.

National Walkathon co-ordinator Ursula Devolin said the event is usually in Toronto, but the pandemic forced a change. However, the virtual run was successful, allowing for events in multiple places throughout the province.

"These virtual events have actually made a lot of inroads and a lot of people are happy with them," Devolin said. "They provide more time to participate.'

Walks popped up in places such as Toronto, Waterloo and even a partner participating in Uganda, Devolin said. She said they expect to use a similar model in the future, to continue allowing more participation.

Devolin said the pandemic drives home the importance of the cause.

"If you're locked down in your community and you don't have clean water, where do you go for it?" Devolin said, adding many health facilities around the world lack clean water access for sanitation. "We need this more than ever."

David Lowry came from Bracebridge to participate and said it was an important cause to support.

"We know everybody needs fresh water and we just take it for granted here in this country," he said. "I can't think of anything that makes more sense to support."

The event is not the only thing changing. The organization launched a rebrand Oct. 5 with a new logo and website, in a bid to improve its fundraising ability, Devolin said.

"We need to kind of step up our game to be more productive in providing clean water. The mission stays the same," Devolin said. "We just want to make sure it's successful."

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Highlander events







Boundless drive-in experience

Local filmmakers Kate Campbell and Tammy Rea held a private screening of *Boundless* Oct. 2. It was for supporting organizations: the Haliburton County Development Corporation, the Haliburton County Community Cooperative, of Sticks and Stones and The Haliburton County Folk Society musicians who worked on the score as well as the Haliburton Legion. The private screening, at Haliburton Highlands Brewery, featured a showing of the 10-minute film at Abbey Garden's Little Pit Drive-In. "We are so thrilled to share the *Boundless* short film with you. Thank you for helping to make it all possible," Campbell and Rea said. (*Lisa Gervais*)

Top: Actress Lou Jurgens, who plays the younger Betty in the film, and director Kate Campbell. Bottom left: Tammy Rea sets up the movie for the drive-in, with filmmaker Kate Campbell looking on. Bottom right: Cathy Mack wore a vintage aviator hat to the screening. *Photos by Lisa Gervais*.

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Highlander events

Local authors offer six-minute escapes

By Joseph Quigley

Local writers gave Haliburtonians a chance to travel to places far away from the comfort of home with the 6-Minute Escape video series Oct. 3.

The Arts Council Haliburton Highlands and the Haliburton Reads and Writes Committee hosted a live premiere of the pre-taped videos online, featuring different writers recounting travel stories for sixminutes. More than 30 people watched the event, which organizers followed with a live streamed panel of the writers.

Arts Council chair Kate Butler said she felt it was a huge success.

"We know over the last several months, people have been craving to travel," Butler said. "That opportunity to travel vicariously through the experiences of writers and presenters in our community, it just seemed to really address a desire that everyone has.'

The event featured eight authors and was co-hosted by Butler and librarian Erin Kernohan-Berning. It also acted as a fundraiser toward the Arts council programming, raising \$210 so far via GoFundMe.

Authors recounted a wide range of stories, such as Ted Barris travelling with veterans in Europe, Patty Collins taking an unfortunate jump into the Dead Sea and Sue Reynolds being in an impromptu sing-along with strangers on a train to Pompeii.

"People spontaneously broke out into



The Arts Council Haliburton Highlands and the Haliburton Reads and Writes Committee hosted a new event called 6-Minute Escape Oct. 3. Photo via Arts Council Haliburton Highlands.

cheers and clapping," Reynolds said. "All over the car, people were talking with each other. What had been a random collection of international strangers and disgruntled friends just a few minutes earlier was now a community."

The audience died down for the panel discussion, but about 14 people watched and asked questions of the authors about their inspirations, writing styles and where they would like to travel.

Tammy Rea said there is a lot to see right here in Haliburton.

"During COVID, what I really realized is I as we go." just want to spend some time travelling and seeing the stories that are right here. That I don't know enough about our own stories,"

Butler said the Arts Council has tried to keep communicating with its members as it navigates how to deliver programming in the pandemic.

"We've been hearing that the arts community is staying strong, is looking for solutions, trying to find a way to bounce back," Butler said. "But we're all learning

But she further said she would like to continue the short-video format with different themes and expects to host similar events in the future. Although the event only raised \$210, Butler said they will keep the GoFundMe open.

"We're delighted with the funds that have already come in, but it's still going to be a fundraising opportunity for the arts council in the coming weeks," Butler said. "There's so much more life in this project going forward, so I think it's off to a great start."



Highlander sports





Right: Jacob Dobson and coach Karen Gervais warm up ahead of a running club practice Oct. 6. Left: Emmerson Wilson and Lily Manning warm up. Photos by Joseph Quigley.

Running club keeps students on the move

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is keeping students moving with a new running club as other athletics are cancelled due to COVID-19.

The Red Hawk Running Club effort launched Sept. 21. With the pandemic forcing schools to cancel the usual array of sports, the club started up to offer students a low-risk activity to stay active.

Coach Karen Gervais said running is a strong way to help manage stress and promote wellness.

"We're all coping with a lot in this

situation," Gervais said. "Having those supports right now is more important than ever."

The club is starting small with 10 members, participating with social distancing in mind. It was allowed to begin given the lack of physical interaction or shared equipment.

Though formal athletic competition is not happening, the club is implementing an app called Strava, which tracks distances and times. Gervais said the app will allow for personal competition among club members, against staff and even runners from other schools in the region.

"Kind of a way to try and be competitive and encourage each other in the virtual realm," Gervais said.

Grade 12 student Jacob Dobson is a member of the club and has run cross country since Grade 9. He said he encourages students to continue to be active and engaged in sports.

"Early on, it's been good," Dobson said of the club. "Just running with other people, in general, is a lot better than running by ourselves, which a lot of us have done throughout the summer."

As a student-athlete, Dobson said school is a different experience without the usual

sports. But the club has at least given him a chance to be with his friends and former teammates in cross country.

"Being able to compare myself with them and continue to improve as a team," he said. Gervais said the benefits of the sport extend well beyond the track.

"Running is building resiliency and grit to face challenges not only on the trail but in other areas of life," she said. "Running teaches you to push through when you are hurting, or things get hard. It builds mental toughness as well as physical strength."

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HOME OF THE HIGHLAND STORMS

Hundreds of Storm players back on ice

By Lisa Gervais

About 160 kids are back on the ice in Haliburton County as the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association resumes play suspended in March due to COVID-19.

Storm president Jason Morissette told *The Highlander* last week, "it's exciting because kids are going to get to skate."

As of Oct. 5, Storm participants resumed practicing. That will continue for two weeks until the first set of weekend games.

Morissette acknowledged the return-toplay had been in doubt but after a summer in which the province was able to bring the pandemic under control - and with very few cases in the local health unit area - the executive gained confidence they could stage a season. Despite a second wave, the president said numbers remain low in the County and they are proceeding with caution.

They are taking their direction from the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) and the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. With all games in the first quarter (until Dec. 21) being played at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton, they have also been working with Dysart et al.

"All along, our goal has been to give the kids the opportunity to skate," Morissette said. "If we can get them out there, that's an accomplishment."

It will be a very different Storm season

than in the past. For example, there won't be a rep league where players travel to compete in other centres. It will be strictly in-house or house league. There will not be tournaments.

Players have been arranged by age groups and each player will get one practice and one game per week with their bubble team.

The format of games is also changing. They will be 3-on-3 with continuous play. There will be no faceoffs or penalties and no contact.

However, Morissette said they have built in an opportunity for players to still develop. For example, novice rep players may be teamed with atoms to lift their game skills.

"We still want to develop players because we have players that want to continue their development. And we have different skill levels and different levels of goal-setting for the players and their families so definitely we still want to be saying to those families and those players that we do care about development and want you to continue doing that."

He added they have some new coaches to add to their arsenal of already "great" coaches and kids will benefit from the hockey experience that will be on offer.

There will also be an emphasis on fun more than ever before, though, he said.

He said the format has also attracted some new players this year.



Highland Storm president Jason Morissette discusses the return to play at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

"It is a great opportunity for kids to play locally with their friends." He added for some parents. used to travelling across the province on weekends, it might be a welcome break.

He applauded the executive and the Storm family on the hard work they have put in to ensure everybody can come back and be safe.

Other measures put in place is a ratio of nine players to one head coach and trainer. During practices, there will be 18 players on the ice, but separated on each side of the rink. There will only be six players allowed on the bench with a coach and masks worn.

"It's up to us as a group, an organization," Morissette said of protocols. "We have a responsibility to try to keep this hockey going. If we can keep our Haliburton County community spread low, then hopefully it won't come into the community centre. But we're watching it. We've taken the advice of the OHF and the health unit. Hopefully adults do safe checks with players. If either a player or their parent has any symptoms on the OHF checklist, we will tell them 'do not come to the arena' to keep everyone safe and allow hockey to continue. That's what everybody wants."



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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

OCTOBER 10 - 11

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The Studio Tour. There are 15 artists exhibiting in 12 studios all practicing COVID-19 safety precautions. Details at the studiotour.ca

OCTOBER 10

8 a.m. Birding Walk at Catchacoma, Ontario (exact location TBD). Session will be led by Land Between staffer Xavier Tuson. This is a chance to get out in the field with experienced birders, and practice your identification skills. Wear comfortable shoes, and bring binoculars if you have them.

10 a.m. Autumn Hikes for Seniors "The Best of Barnum" – 4 km Barnum Creek Nature Reserve (#1118 Gould Crossing Rd.). Hike Leader: Sheila Ziman. Preregistration is required. No Cost. Contact Elisha, 705-286-2808 or eweiss@mindenhill.ca, or Andrea 705-457-1740 or amueller@dysartetal.ca

OCTOBER 17

1:30 p.m. Autumn Hikes for Seniors "Walk with Whitteker" – 5 km Snowden Park. Meet in parking lot off County Rd 1). Hike Leader: Rick Whitteker. Preregistration is required. No Cost. Contact Elisha 705-286-2808 or eweiss@mindenhill.ca or Andrea 705-457-1740 or amueller@dysartetal.ca

Art Journaling Introduction for Adults: Online Creative Interlude; 10-11 a.m. Visible Voices welcomes Arlene Stiles as she delivers an online introduction to Art Journaling for Adults. She will guide you through the basics: the process, the methods and how to use the simple materials which you probably already have around the house. No drawing experience is required. By donation. Space is limited. Contact: visiblevoicesstudio@gmail.com for further information and to register.

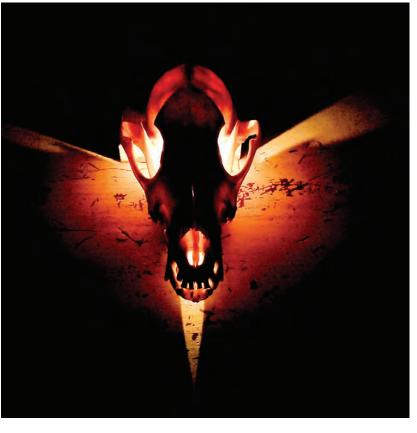
OCTOBER 20

7 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation – HHACF annual general meeting via Zoom to review the previous fiscal year and to plan for the future. To register info@hhartscentrefoundation.ca . For further information contact Dan Manley daniel.manley@hhartscentrefoundation.ca

HAVE AN UPCOMING EVENT? Contact admin@thehighlander.ca







Camera Club by candlelight

The Haliburton Highlands Camera Club has announced the winners from its last competition - 'By Candlelight.' They were: first advanced, (middle) Glowing Hands, by Stan Fisher; first intermediate (top), Light Burst, by Hana Curtis, and first novice (bottom), Coyote Skull, by Sharon Brickman. The club continues to be active online and holds monthly meetings by Zoom. Visit their website at highlandscameraclub. ca to view all competition images and follow them on Facebook. (Lisa Gervais)

Highlander veterans



Part 13: Jill Canucks at war

By Mabel Brannigan

If the Canadian public could not accept women in ammunition factories, one can only imagine the uproar caused when women went to war.

Nobody wanted the Jill Canucks - not the officers, the men, nor the public. Charlotte Whitton once said that a woman must do a job twice as well as a man to prove she was half as good. She added "fortunately, this is not too difficult."

While Jill Canuck must have taken this attitude, her strongest ally was her traditional virtues of patience, perseverance, and a capacity to perform long hours under stress.

The air force began selective recruiting in 1941, but when Quebec voted against the plebiscite for conscription of men, the recruitment of women was stepped up. With a range of education, from senior fourth to university, they came from farms and cities. Even by 1943, a professional poll showed that only seven per cent of Canadians agreed with women in uniform.

Nevertheless, it was necessary, and the army recruited 21,000 Canadian women and the air force 17,000. In the beginning, I knew of only two women, myself and Helen Sisson, but as time went on, there were a few more from Haliburton County.

The story of a navy commodore relates the reluctance of the navy to recruit women. A group of women from England's Royal Navy arrived in Canada to administer and train Canadian women in the navy, and the chief HRNS naval officer went to see the commodore. He told her he wanted no part of it and would have no part of it.

"But, sir," she said "it is the Canadian government who has given me my orders."

The WREN officer held her ground, and tapping her forehead lightly, said, "but, sir, our ladies are fine young ladies, and they have it up here."

The old seadog was losing the battle - not only to a woman, but a woman already in the navy. He was agitated and began pounding his desk and swearing.

"I don't give a damn where they have it. Wherever they have it, my sailors will find it ..."

Finally, the navy agreed to take 20 recruits, but ended up with 7,000 recruits reportedly to be the pride and joy of the commodore. They received basic training in Galt on the HMCS Conestoga. Skills were many: nursing, secretarial, postal, telephone, aerial photography, Morse Code, plotting movement of enemy aircraft and naval convoys were some.

Despite unfounded disapproval and allegations, servicewomen were loyal and dedicated to being first rate, well-disciplined, soldiers. Soon after recruitment, Air Marshall Breadner, speaking for all, said, "everywhere the question is asked, 'how did we manage without women'?"



A monument to women in the Second World War. Flickr.

When women entered, they got two-thirds of a man's pay. Without a union when the war was over, they got 80 per cent. Second World War lady veterans were the forerunners to open doors for combat roles for women. Without realizing,

female veterans sent a strong message to government. To deny one half the Canadian population full and equal participation in the Canadian Forces is to deny them full citizenship.



PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

- **1. File No. PLSRA2019019:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of 1280 Murdoch Road located within Lot 8, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
- **2. File No. PLSRA2019060:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of 1086 Crofters Lane located within Lot 27, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden
- **3. File No. PLSRA2019065:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Moore Lake, lying in front of 1272 Tundra Trail located within Lot 25, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
- **4. File No. PLSRA2020005:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of Vacant land having roll number 4616-051-000-19500 on Raccoon Lane located within Lot 9, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Lutterworth

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned at 705-286-1260 (x506) or by e-mail at iclendening@mindenhills.ca.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting being held as an Electronic Meeting on **Thursday, October 8, 2020** at the hour of 9:00 AM At that time, Council will electronically hear any person or their counsel, solicitor, or agent, who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies in advance to be heard. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on **Thursday, October 29, 2020.**

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this September 30, 2020 lan Clendening, MPI., Planner



NOTICE: VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING FOR PROPOSED FEE CHANGE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Meeting will be held virtually via web conference on:

DATE: Thursday, October 8, 2020

TIME: 9:00 AM Council Office

7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

The Public Meeting will be held to consider new fees and charges proposed in "Schedule A" Classes of Permits & Fees for the Building and By-law Department to establish a Mandatory Re-inspection Program.

Proposed fees for the Mandatory Septic Re-inspection Program:

- mandatory septic re-inspection program fee \$225.55 plus \$15.00 administration fee;
- mandatory septic re-inspection program fee with third party for inspection review \$146.90 plus \$15.00 administration fee.

Individuals attending the Public Meeting may join virtually by selecting the Zoom Webinar link below to observe or participate in the meeting as an Attendee:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85645544797?pwd=MUdDVmhYWjlIZnFKSmNvSzdZa0ZVQT09

Passcode: 4869237011

During the meeting, select the "raise hand" function in order to be placed in the queue for questions and comments. The meeting moderator will unmute each attendee in sequence order for an opportunity to address Council.

Alternatively, an Attendee may choose to join by dialing the number below:

1-778-907-2071 - Webinar ID: 856 4554 4797 - Passcode: 4869237011

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For more information please contact Colin McKnight, Chief Building Official at cmcknight@mindenhills.ca or 705-286-1260 ext. 510.

Dated the 25th of September, 2020 Trisha McKibbin, CAO/Clerk Township of Minden Hills 705-286-1260 ext. 505 tmckibbin@mindenhills.ca

OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of

Marion Stickwood (nee Mitchell)

Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Friday, October 2, 2020 with her loving family by her side. At the age of 93

Beloved wife of the late Ross H. Stickwood (2003). Loving mother of Linda (John), the late Gord (2018) (Judy) and the late Terry (1991), Gus (Dorri) and George (Kathy). Loving gramma and nanny of Don (Nicole), Leanne (AJ), Steven (Shauna), Jennifer (Brad), Ashley (Chris), Kyle, Dylan, Kate, great gramma of Darcy, Jordan, Tyler (Carolyn), Colby, Cayden, Libby, Alisha, Steven, Ava and great great gramma of Deagan and Grayson. Survived by her brother Don (the late Norma) Mitchell. Lovingly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A Private Family Graveside Interment Service was held at the Newmarket Cemetery, Newmarket on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 1:00 pm.

Memorial Donations to the Hyland Crest Residents Council (by cheque only) or to the Minden Health Care Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M



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Ode to Otis

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Across

- **1** Eggy quaff
- 4 Country's econ. yardstick
- 7 High-rung hiree: Abbr.
- 10 "Why?" vocalist Yoko
- **11** Battery-operated butt
- **13** Sure-footed
- **15** "Ni ___" (Chinese "hello")
- 16 "I can't say ___ to that!"
- 17 Melody by Mozart, maybe
- 19 Sequence: Fr.
- 21 Hangar contents
- 23 Myers' "groovy, baby!" spy role
- 25 Don't just want
- 26 Winnipeg winter hrs.
- 27 French town on the Moselle
- 28 "Pretty Woman" star Richard
- 29 Social following?
- **30** Fills with new tenants
- 31 ___ Bator, Mongolia
- 32 Its cap. is Sydney
- 33 Hula hoop?
- 34 Charmin and Purex, for short
- **35** A '90s "Star Trek" series, to fans
- **37** Word to a depressing doctor?
- **39** Vowel-heavy Melville title
- 41 Get angsty over
- **44** Opposite of sing.
- **45** Afghan-Canadian director Ariel
- **46** Prime Minister Borden's place, chronologically
- chronologically

 47 Lead-in to Juan or Jose
- **48** Prod, as into mischief
- **49** Ontario ski city on Lake Simcoe
- **50** Question to a masked friend, perhaps
- 53 Nasty ring around the collar?
- **54** Shops on the cheap
- **55** Tory foe, once
- 57 "Home of the brave"
- **58** Have ___ for (can sniff out)
- **59** Void mate

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- 60 "Gloomy" guy
- **61** Org. with a yellow-framed magazine
- **62** Titter bit
- 63 Worked (up)

Down

- 1 One without a chance
- 2 Like hanging soap
- **3** Film in which Robin Williams plays a therapist (1997)
- 4 Boomer/millennial divides, say
- 5 Boot camp bigshot: Abbr.
- 6 Souvlaki bread
- 7 "Dracula" woman Harker
- 8 Idly scanning, as a magazine
- 9 Runs another I.Q. on
- **12** Elevator rider's query ... and this puzzle's theme (see circled letters)

- 13 IBM's cloud data service
- **14** Mineral-rich section in northern
- **18** In ___ (hot and bothered)
- 20 CBC reporter Filippone
- 22 Old movie rolls
- **24** Zippy Mercedes models
- **34** "..., ___ the least"
- 36 Spanish for "black"
- **37** Extreme point in an orbit
- **38** Yukoner's western neighbour
- **40** Onetime Chairman ___-tung
- 41 Birth mo. of many Pisces
- 42 "The National" political panel
- **43** Sunrise area
- **51** American med. plans
- **52** Grunted negative
- **56** Island in "le fleuve"

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The municipality is seeking a graduate of a post-secondary Environmental Studies program or equivalent work related experience. A minimum of two years of management experience in municipal operations is required. The successful candidate will have demonstrated progressively responsible experience with budget preparation, program management, evaluation and decision making. Strong leadership and people management skills are mandatory, including the ability to administer and interpret collective agreements.

If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications clearly marked **"Application - Environmental Supervisor"** may be submitted on or before 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 19th, 2020 via mail, in person or email.

A copy of the detailed job description is available upon request or on the Highlands East website at www.highlandseast.ca $\,$

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Visit our website at: <u>www.algonquinhighlands.ca</u> for the full job description.

Please submit your resume and cover letter by **3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 23, 2020** to:

Dawn Mugford-Guay Human Resources Coordinator

Township of Algonquin Highlands 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, ON KOM 1J1 Email: dmugfordguay@algonquinhighlands.ca



Township of Algonquin Highlands requires a <u>Maintenance Worker</u>

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A detailed job description is available online at <u>www.algonquinhighlands.ca</u>

Please submit your resume by **3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2020** to:

Dawn Mugford-Guay Human Resources Coordinator

Township of Algonquin Highlands, 1123 North Shore Rd. Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1 Email: dmugfordguay@algonquinhighlands.ca

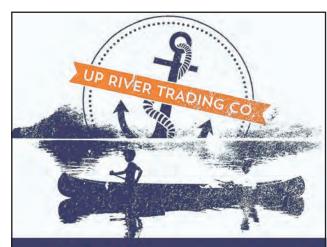
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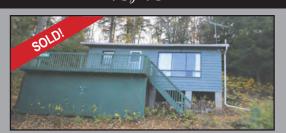
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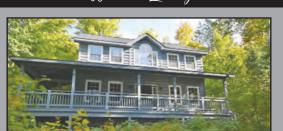
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