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Collaboration could save towns \$1.18M

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Councillors from local townships met Nov. 25 to digest a massive services delivery review with 12 recommendations for more collaboration that could save upwards of \$1.18 million annually.

Toronto-based consultant, StrategyCorp., presented 12 initiatives for more inter-municipal partnerships. Their report follows months of work and more than 100

interviews/workshops with councillors and staff. The firm said between operational efficiencies, productivity gains, and \$74,000 in more revenue, the implemented strategies could provide that \$1.18 million.

StrategyCorp principal, John Matheson, said they did not approach the job like auditors but to work alongside staff. He said there is a clear willingness on the part of municipalities for more collaboration.

"We're not saying we found great big

problems with waste here," Matheson said. "We're saying we were invited to come work with the team, to try and find better ways of doing things and not surprisingly, you spend this kind of effort, that we found some."

The recommendations do not directly address the idea of amalgamation, which was never in the terms of reference for the review. Instead, it tackles where municipalities could improve services with

different levels of co-operation, including places where services could be integrated to one provider – whether the County, a special body or a lead municipality.

Matheson praised the council for being open-minded about possible improvements and being willing to do a review, as well as creating a safe space for staff to consider different ideas.

"What you've really done is wiped away a lot of the historical stresses that come out

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Report recommends value for money

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of the air about forced amalgamation. Where people are worried about hanging onto their right to continue providing governance for fear of being stripped away from them by a provincial government," Matheson said. "There's lots of different ways to achieve things to the benefit of better public administration, better value for money."

Councillors spent four hours delving into the report and questioning each of its recommendation sections.

Coun. Bob Carter of Minden Hills questioned the fire service recommendations only extending to joint training, noting common issues across the municipalities such as succession planning, increased demand and escalating costs.

"It seems to me the process for determining what was looked at was not only a quantitative process but a qualitative assessment," Carter said. Matheson said that is accurate, adding their recommendations focused on improvements that could achieve more for fewer or similar dollars, rather than improvements that could be more costly. He added they decided on the subjects of deeper dives after their estimate of what was most worthwhile after the first phase of the process.

"It's not that theoretically, you couldn't do more," Matheson said. "We would just evaluate those opportunities as being a little less ripe in the light of the state of readiness of the organizations."

Next steps

The review recommends implementation over several years, but divides recommendations into short, medium, and long-term. It suggests addressing some things, such as communications, economic development and collaborative procurement starting in 2021. The review recommends the County begin implementation of other initiatives like planning, building, septic and bylaw in 2022.

Warden Liz Danielsen said the review should be a standing item on the County committee of the whole. She added a special meeting should be called in January or early February to start working through it and the proposed timelines.

"We've got a lot to absorb and lots to talk about," Danielsen said. "We need to start thinking about how we're going to move forward."

Coun. Carol Moffatt said some of the ideas in the report are not new, such as the County having an economic development position.

"To me, it seems like some of the reason why some of this collaboration isn't already happening will be the same reasons why some of it doesn't move ahead going forward," she said. "We all sitting around this table today need to really, genuinely understand - that whether and how any of this moves forward depends on the will of each and all of us to conceive something for the greater good. For the benefit of the community."

The Highlander will detail more aspects of the 138-page report in the coming weeks.

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Carol Moffatt

Mayor of Algonquin Highlands

Significant changes recommended

- Roads, bridges, and drainage: Implement capital bundling, allowing contractors to secure multiple projects at once. Formalize joint planning of road maintenance.
- Fire services: Integrate fire training and explore a joint-training facility.
- Waste management: Approve a working group to standardize waste management processes across the County and/or do a Countywide review of landfills and transfer stations.
- Building, septic, bylaw: Explore either shared service agreements or integrate services.
- Planning: Create one, central official plan with secondary plans below it. Standardize more of the planning processes across the townships. Create a new County-level planning position to assist.
- Economic development: Create a new economic development staff position.
- Collaborative procurement: Approve a new staff position for the process and approve a new shared-service agreement.
- Integrated digital strategy: Integrate long-term IT planning and municipal IT investment decisions.
- Co-ordination of legal services: Hire a county-level in-house municipal barrister and solicitor and approve a shared service agreement for it.
- Human resources co-ordination: Explore the benefits of a centralizing human resource information system. Pool benefits together and create shared-service agreements for key HR functions.
- Communications: Approve a new central communications position, which would also include grant-writing.
- Co-ordination: Create a new implementation committee of County council to promote effective collaboration between local municipalities.

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Minden Hills councillors talked about a blue-green algae bloom at their Nov. 26 meeting. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Councillors question algae bloom responsibility

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills Coun. Bob Carter, at a Nov. 26 council meeting, was critical of the local health unit's response to a recent blue-green algae bloom on Bob Lake.

CAO Trisha McKibbin said the bloom was recently detected by a property owner. That person alerted the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks. The MOECP inspected and took samples. It took about a week for results to come back. The MOECP then contacted the individual, the lake association, the township and the local health unit.

At that point, McKibbin said the municipality reached out to the health unit to find out what it should be doing next in terms of communicating the results to the public. She said she was advised there is information on the health unit website, and the health unit directs the public there. She said by then, the bloom had dissipated and the test results determined it was small and isolated with a very low detection limit.

Blue-green algae blooms were also discussed at the Nov. 25 County council meeting, where health unit board representative Andrea Roberts said the health unit's job "is to show what it looks like and what you should do if you see it. The health unit is doing what they're supposed to be doing in terms of warning what blue-green algae looks like, what to do if you see it. But it isn't their responsibility to then contact Mrs. Johnson in Grass Lake to tell her she has it near her property."

Carter said he thinks health units should do more since blooms are dangerous to animals and humans.

"When we have a bloom, we get the MOECP involved. It takes them a week or so to do the testing after they arrive. And then what do we do once we get that information? There's now a bloom. If that bloom is on Kashagawigamog, we have about 1,000 or so people that we should notify because there's an awful lot of people who are living on the lake and rivers, who are taking their water directly from those lakes and rivers and not taking them from wells. And it's not enough the health unit would send you something if you asked for it. Who's going to tell the people and

how? What is the communication process by which people are going to be notified and then who is responsible for it because if we're talking death ... there's probably something here that should be codified and put into a process that can alert people," Carter said.

At County council, it was determined that a delegation will be made to the MOECP at The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA). Carter said it should go to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLT), however Mayor Brent Devolin said they only get one delegation and the MOECP is the overarching authority for the chain of response.

Devolin said, "I think it's about responsibility so when these things happen in our community, from individuals to municipalities, to the provincial government, we all have a role to play in this and need clarification on who is responsible in these matters."

He added the situation reaffirms for him that the County is doing things within its control for lake health, such as the shoreline preservation bylaw and septic re-inspections.

What other County councillors had to say:

- Warden Liz Danielsen: "Health units aren't consistent in their treatment of this. There are some health units that do communicating to the public and some that don't ... I'm just afraid someone is going to consume too much green algae bloom and sue the municipality for not letting them know there's a problem. It's pretty hard to deal with something if they don't know there is a problem."
- Coun. Carol Moffatt: "Fully understand the desire of privacy and secrecy in preventing any effect on property values. But I would like to think preservation of life trumps that ... Municipalities represent all taxpayers. That's what I can't quite reconcile. The right to know versus the need to know, who delivers the message. It's a little bit more complicated than one might originally have thought."

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Algonquin Highlands looking to hire in 2021

By Lisa Gervais

Staff told Algonquin Highlands councillors Nov. 26 they need some help for 2021 in the form of some new hires.

The additions were just one part of the annual, pre-budget, projects and priorities discussion.

CAO Angie Bird said despite COVID, which created logistical and financial challenges, the township was able to complete many planned projects in 2020.

However, she said as Mayor Carol Moffatt often says, the community is changing, even more so with the pandemic. She said staff are mindful of those changes and are planning accordingly.

"We continually strive to find efficiencies while providing the best possible service to the public. But we are now at a point where that is not sustainable for the long-term. Additional staff are needed in a variety of different areas to support the increasing workloads," Bird said.

Some of the staffing requests included a communication coordinator on a contract basis. Treasurer Jean Hughes said the person would do website upgrades including modernizing it for fillable forms and online payment options.

Building and bylaw's David Rogers is asking for an increase in hours for himself and the deputy chief building official to 40 hours during the busy summer months. They currently work 35 each.

Parks, recreation and trails' Chris Card has asked for an increase in trails-related staffing and training to accommodate the continued jump in user attendance. He would like one new seasonal trails technician/by-law officer position added.

While presenting his report, Card said "we're now well over 150 per cent higher in attendance in all of our areas with the same staff base that we had back in 2006."

And director of public works, Adam Thorn, said his department is also stretched. He said they currently hire one seasonal roads operator annually from May to November, but he's proposing to hire two seasonal operators for annual operations. He said when poor winter weather comes, it is not unusual for staff to work 14-16 days in a row. He said in 2018, staff worked 27 days out of 31 in December.

No dollar figures were attached to the staffing asks but will be presented during 2021 budget talks.

Some other key projects discussed at the meeting included a basement renovation at the municipal office to create three new offices and a new columbarium for cremations.

Planning is looking to do a development charges study and bylaw in conjunction with the County and further examine short-term rental regulations.

Building and bylaw hopes to complete year three and four of its septic re-inspection program and buy two tablets



Algonquin Highlands held a special council meeting Nov. 26 to discuss projects and priorities. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

and software to modernize permitting.

Parks, recreation and trails wants to update signage at the Frost Centre trails, campsites, put up swings at the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre, implement better software for water trails reservations, install new lightning protection at the Dorset Tower, possibly replace the peekaboo rock stairs with landscaping, do work at the Skin Lake landing, possibly buy a mobile event stage, and replace a snowmobile and canoe.

Public works hopes to do reconstruction on North Short Road and do work on Bear Lake bridge, the Buckslide Dam bridge and possibly St Peters bridge. It's looking to purchase three trucks. Thorn also wants to complete a lift for Stanhope library, among numerous other projects at community centres and museums, the airport and landfills. The full lists of projects and priorities can be found on the council agenda for Nov. 26.



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Council fights for wetlands protection

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Highlands East council joined the chorus of voices calling for the province to halt its plans to significantly change conservation authorities.

Council passed a resolution Dec. 1 asking the province to repeal the section in the upcoming Budget Measures Act (Bill 229) which governs the changes. If passed, it would allow the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks to make permitting and appeals decisions and add more layers to the appeals process.

The Highlands East resolution – which the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) is providing to all its member municipalities – said the changes hinder the Conservation Authority's role in regulating development and creating more “red tape” and costs for authorities.

“It allows the province to go against recommendations that the conservation authority makes regarding development,” said Coun. Suzanne Partridge, who serves on the CVCA board on behalf of the municipality. “Could have serious implications on our wetlands and increase flooding potential throughout the province.”

The *Highlander* reached the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks for comment but did not receive a response before press time.

The changes are receiving criticism from conservation authorities across the province.

CVCA general manager, Tim Pidduck, said authorities are already willing to work with developers. He added since 2017 when the CVCA started keeping track, they have only had eight board hearings and one denial amongst 917 processed permits.

“We’re not here to get in the way of development, but we just want to make sure it’s the right development in the right



Highlands East protested provincial changes to conservation authorities. *Photo via Crowe Valley Conservation Authority*

location,” he said.

Pidduck said the changes also complicate the process by adding more and different avenues of appeal, versus the more linear process that exists now.

The province consulted with authorities and the public for the past year and a half about changes. Pidduck said it was a good opportunity to address concerns – such as the inherent funding inequities with rural residents paying more per person for their authorities.

But he added it feels as though the province ignored a lot of the consultation,

based on the changes.

“It’s almost like we never participated, or the province and ministry staff weren’t particularly listening,” Pidduck said.

Highlands East’s resolution asks the province to continue to work with authorities to find “workable solutions to reduce red tape and create conditions for growth.”

“Come to a good compromise or conclusion on how to proceed,” Partridge said. “It’s just the one section that has really, serious long-term implications to all our municipalities.”

COUNTY NEWS

Assessment Centre ready for winter

The new agreements to govern Haliburton’s COVID-19 assessment centre are in place.

County emergency services director, Tim Waite, told County council Nov. 25 both the memorandum of understanding between the four bodies staffing the centre and the agreement with Dysart et al for parking lot use were being vetted by Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) lawyers.

After HHHS board members criticized Dysart for charging for rent and hydro at the facility, deputy warden Andrea Roberts emphasized that the agreement was a legal necessity for liability, is fair and does not aim to profit.

“It’s fair to what the costs are. It’s fair to all parties and it was never our intent to kick them out. It was never intended to profit,” Roberts said. “Just some very basic costs and hoping that it is a quieter winter here in Haliburton County. Let’s hope we can keep the cases down.”

Waite said a new trailer was set up at the facility last month as the weather got colder, and assessments will continue there throughout the winter.

“The logistics of preparing for winter were quite a challenge,” Waite said. “It’s been a huge challenge and it’s still ongoing, but I think we’re pretty well prepared.”

Preparing for floods

The County is applying for grant funding that would cover 50 per cent of the costs for its flood mitigation efforts.

Council approved an application towards the National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) for hydraulic and hydrologic models, risk assessments, flood mapping, mitigation planning and prevention. Only the province can apply, but it is partnering with municipalities to submit proposals.

Coun. Brent Devolin said flood mitigation and mapping efforts have been more delayed than expected and asked whether this funding could help the County catch up.

Director of planning, Charsley White, said

it would be partial catch up.

“Unfortunately, some of our partners are still dealing with COVID,” White said. “This, again, will just help us move that forward.”

Affordable housing moving forward

Municipal staff met Nov. 27 to review new affordable housing pre-submissions.

White reported that a technical team would provide comments and ensure the applications comply with all municipal requirements, before being forwarded to an Affordable Housing Steering Committee. The committee will select the successful expressions of interest and forward them to local municipal councils.

The process was implemented by the County and City of Kawartha Lakes this year, aimed at incentivizing more affordable housing and helping developers along.

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Liz Danielsen and Brent Devolin are vying for the warden's chair for 2021. *File photos.*

Danielsen, Devolin square off for warden's chair

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The position of County warden will be contested this year as both incumbent Liz Danielsen and Coun. Brent Devolin are vying for the position.

The two councillors delivered speeches at the Nov. 25 council meeting about their candidacy for the role. Deputy warden Andrea Roberts and Coun. Cec Ryall backed Danielsen's nomination, while councillors Carol Moffatt and Dave Burton backed Devolin's. The election by councillors and swearing-in will occur Dec. 15.

Danielsen is attempting to break recent historical precedent. Hers was the first multi-year warden term since Murray Fearrey in 2011-2012, and there has not been a three-year warden since at least 2004. Danielsen said her attempt may seem extraordinary but argued for the need for continuity in a time such as this.

"I just have tried to remain steadfastly available every single day since the pandemic began," she said. "I believe that continuity is vital. We do remain under a state of local emergency and I've been working closely with a lot of the department heads since early March. And continuity in such times brings consistency in decision-making."

Danielsen went unchallenged for the position last year and beat out Burton for

the role in 2018. Before that, there had been a one-year cycle for warden since 2013.

Devolin, who served as warden for one year in 2017, said the County would face significant changes in the second part of council's term, with COVID-19, population growth, and diminishing upper government funding.

"Changes that will need to occur in Haliburton will involve municipal, County, City of Kawartha Lakes and Eastern Ontario governing bodies to achieve the best possible outcomes. I have a keen interest in nurturing these relationships to achieve outcomes that cannot be achieved alone," Devolin said.

He added he is not an unknown quantity to anyone on council.

"By now, all of you pretty well know my strengths and weaknesses that I would bring to the position of warden," Devolin said. "I wear my heart on my sleeve as you know and I'll put time and energy to fulfill the role."

Danielsen also recognized the change to come with the County services delivery review.

"I can honestly say that I have no preconceived bias or thoughts on the outcome of the services delivery review other than a willingness to work hard to see improvements made," Danielsen said. "I'd be proud to continue as your warden. I believe I have good community support and a good rapport with all of you."



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To encourage Highlanders to believe in themselves, in our community, and in their power to make our place in the world better every day.

Where's the long-term vision?

It was during the first week of December 2018 that Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Highlands East and Minden Hills held inaugural meetings of their newly-elected 2018-2022 councils.

As such, it seemed appropriate to look back at what was said, and promised, to see how councils are tracking as they reach their mid-way points.

You'll see those mid-term reports in today's *Highlander*, following these opinion pages. We've also done a recap of County council.

Without a doubt, each of our councils has been hampered somewhat by COVID-19. They could never have planned for the bulk of their second years in office to be sideswiped by a global pandemic. It has delayed a number of things on all of their to-do lists. A perfect example is the County of Haliburton's shoreline preservation bylaw. Best case scenario is it may be in place for the spring. They had hoped to have it operational as of this past summer.

Looking back on the Dec. 5, 2018 Highlander, it is interesting to note that only one council spoke about "a long-term vision" for its municipality. That was Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt.

Perhaps one of our biggest criticisms of not just these councils - but all Haliburton County-based councils for years - is the

lack of long-term vision and the strategic planning and execution that goes with that vision.

In relationships, and in private businesses, we often sit down over coffee and paper and pen and ask ourselves 'where do we want to be in five years, 10 years, 20 years and beyond?'

We don't see enough of these types of discussions in our council chambers.

Of late, for example, we are hearing that our County is changing. We are seeing small, family-owned cottages giving way to large waterfront dwellings by people leaving the GTA due to COVID. Our councils are reacting, in some cases increasing the footprints for structures while also allowing decreases for the tiny homes set. We are slowly seeing public policy aimed at protecting our lakes. There is talk of making sure all of this development doesn't harm our trees and lakes. However, the big picture discussions are lacking.

Our councillors need to be visioning about what the County and its townships want to look like in the future.

There are a number of challenges this County is facing. While seasonal residents and tourism are a major backbone of our economy, there remains a need to diversify. What type of industries or businesses do we hope to attract?



By Lisa Gervais

We keep hearing about better broadband and cell coverage, yet many of us still experience pitifully poor service. Some of the promised changes could take five years. What are we supposed to do in the interim?

Some of the other big-ticket items that need to be hashed out include our lack of affordable housing. While there have been a few developments in recent years, it isn't enough.

We also have a growing senior population that is demanding more and better services. In a community that struggles to have a walk-in clinic, that is another major issue moving forward. It's great the County has hired someone to work on physician recruitment and retention but more must be done.

At the moment, it feels like our governments are mostly reactionary, little boats bobbing around on the waves, doing their best to keep afloat. Instead, they should be charting a very clear direction, bringing the right people on board, and then sailing full steam ahead.

COVID CORNER

COVID and Christmas

COVID-19 is not the gift you want to give or receive this Christmas.

Humans are adaptable creatures. Good thing, because a basic evolutionary principle is that without adaptation, a species will perish. It should be pretty simple to make a few changes from your traditional approach to the holidays. This is only one year, for heaven's sake. Here are some guidelines and suggestions to keep you and your family safe.

High risk holiday activities to avoid:

- attending large gatherings with people from outside your household;
- going to crowded parades, community events, parties;
- shopping in crowded stores.

Recommended low or no-risk alternatives:

- shop online and have delivered;
- make the holidays about you and your immediate family, splurge on fancy treats for an intimate group, choose exactly the things you want to eat;
- find virtual substitutes for family holiday traditions, like Zoom or Skype cooking and meal-time;
- pick recipes to make "virtually together" and compare/compete for best finished

product;

- select friends or neighbours to do secret Santa gift exchange and drop off presents in mailboxes, on front porches, or choose delivery if far away;
- form a virtual group to make gifts or food for those in need (contact the Food Bank, The Legion, Rotary, SIRCH, YWCA to find ways to share your gifts);
- order dinners from local restaurants (they need the support);
- divide up dinner menus with neighbours and safely deliver COVID dishes to each other to complete the meal plan.

Reduce risk if visiting:

If you are determined to visit individual family or friends, then do so with masks and with distancing, in large spaces, outdoors, and with testing done as close to the event time as possible, although a negative test is no guarantee because the test can fail to show the virus even when you are infected.

Travel in your own vehicle and avoid airports and train stations, if possible. Avoid crowds and choose places with good ventilation. Keep air circulating. Open windows. Wear a suitable mask properly at all times. Wash/alcohol your hands every time you to return to your vehicle. Wash/alcohol at gas stations, after you touch anything outside your vehicle. Avoid restaurants and indoor establishments, and if you don't pack food from home then

observe caution at fast food venues (food itself is not likely to have virus in/on it but the containers are higher risk).

Using masks, remaining touch-free and six feet apart at all times will reduce risk, but the only way to stop risk entirely is to stay home in your core family unit "bubble."

In other words, the only way to completely reduce risk of infection is to remain separated.

The New York Times asked readers what their Christmas plans were. My favorite is this one from a clever fellow in New York.

"Skipping it. No risk, no harm, no one gets sick, no one dies, no one grieves. Better apart than under. I respect and love my family enough to remain apart so that we are able to enjoy many more years of celebrations." - Paul Marber, New York.

The government of Canada is advising no non-essential travel. There are sobering thoughts such as penalties if you are found in violation of Canada's Quarantine Act or if you or someone chooses to break mandatory isolation.

Penalties can include six months in prison and/or \$750,000 in fines. If you violate mandatory quarantine or isolation and your actions result in death or serious bodily harm to another person, fines can be \$1 million and imprisonment up to three years or both.



By Dr. Nell Thomas

Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Keep glasses from fogging

Dear editor,

I'd like to share a great mask-wearing tip to supplement Dr. Thomas' information. As an eye surgeon, it is always necessary to prevent the operating microscope oculars from fogging up as we all wear surgical masks in the OR. What we do is take a piece of paper tape and run it across the entire upper edge of the mask thus sticking it to our face and voilà no more fogging of glasses, I suggest paper tape because it is the most gentle to remove from the skin and is readily available in pharmacies.

Dr. Robert Wagman
Horseshoe Lake

Local shopping

Dear editor,

I wonder about local shopping and the possibility of creating a card similar to our dump permit cards.

This card would be handed out to all locals so they would shop using local stores and in turn the local businesses would offer year-round discounts as we support local businesses year-round.

As it stands, many locals shop out of town due to inflated prices set for tourism.

We all want to shop local and support our local economy so it may be up to local businesses to support the local people as well.

Dan Flude
Minden

Speed sign for Haliburton Lake Road

Dear editor,

The addition of a 50 km/h speed sign on Haliburton Lake Road, where it meets the north end of Curry Road, is a good idea, as is Coun. Walt McKechnie's suggestion of purchasing a moveable speed radar sign.

While both, especially the latter, will help slow traffic, we already have the best traffic calming measures – poor road conditions from Fort Irwin to the aforementioned intersection.

Dave Love
Haliburton Lake

Different expert advice is needed

Dear editor,

Everyone is looking longingly at the reports from clinical trials of COVID vaccines from Pfizer, Moderna, Oxford and other organizations. But it will take the better part of a year before enough vaccines are readily available for the general population. We

need another solution to make it safer for people during the winter months.

If only we could duplicate the safe outdoor conditions that we enjoyed during the summer months. Surprisingly, we can do it - by merely improving our current ventilation systems. The knowledge and technology is readily available and it is puzzling that more discussion and planning is not taking place.

Improved ventilation systems (with better filters, greater intake of uninfected outside, improving indoor airflow, using heat exchange systems and incorporating UV systems in ducts) would not only make it safer from the coronavirus, but also from the annual influenza, from coronavirus mutations and from the next viral pandemic which is sure to come. Even incorporating one of those components would make us safer. Incorporating all of them would bring us closer to a near normal state. The use of hot-UVC lighting could be introduced in locations where electric or radiator heating were used.

Why are politicians and public health officials not consulting with fluid-dynamic engineers and HVAC technicians to make this happen? With improved HVAC systems we could enjoy dining, shopping and working out indoors without the constant fear of another COVID outbreak and lockdown. Isn't it time to bring other experts into the discussions instead of relying solely on public health officials?

Dennis Choptiany
Koshlong Lake

Proposed shoreline preservation bylaw

Dear editor,

We are Highlands East cottage owners and have serious concerns regarding the proposed shoreline preservation bylaw.

While we agree that we need to protect our lakes and our environment, this bylaw and the now proposed restoration requirement is draconian and punitive and goes far beyond this scope.

This is a very inappropriate time to be addressing this bylaw. Any public meetings should be held in-person, taking place once the pandemic is over, not now when you will receive minimal input. There should be multiple in-person public meetings to give people the opportunity and choice to participate in the meetings.

Most lakefront property owners are focused on their families and not even aware of this proposed bylaw. All property owners should be receiving written notice from Highlands East regarding this proposed bylaw and any public meetings well in advance.

Highland East's autocratic approach of trying to slip this through with minimal input from the local lakefront property owners maligns our democratic rights. You are trying to pass and enforce a bylaw by April 2021 without in-person meetings, which is unacceptable.

We are in the midst of a global pandemic.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



While social distancing, Grace Schuurmans of Carnarvon shared a Tim's with a friend.

People's lives and livelihoods are being threatened. Everyone is trying to survive in this very challenging time. We expect to be kept informed in writing and with advanced notice of any in-person public meetings of any and all changes to this proposed bylaw. Waterfront property owners should not be learning about this only if they happen to read the local newspaper.

Trooper Lake Cottage Association
Highlands East

[Editor's note: The proposed shoreline preservation bylaw is a County of Haliburton initiative.]

Ford undermines environment

Dear editor,

The Ford government is taking steps to undemocratically undermine Ontario's environmental protections.

Ministerial Zoning Orders, a little used tool allowing the government to override protective legislation in times of emergency, has been used excessively in the last two years. One example is the case of the Lower Duffins Creek, a provincially significant wetland which, if the Ford government gets its way, will be destroyed to accommodate a warehouse and parking lot. There has been prohibition on development in this unique wetland since 1991.

Wetlands filter and clean water, mitigate flooding, create wildlife habitat and provide

recreation and education. Especially important during climate change is the ability of wetlands to sequester carbon. Provincially significant wetlands have been protected for good reason. Why would the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing consider it important to create a warehouse and parking lot at the expense of clean water, flood control, carbon capture and the recreation and education needs of Ontarians?

The Toronto Region Conservation Authority presently stands in the way of the bulldozers since it has the permitting power. The omnibus Budget Bill 229 Schedule 6 aims to limit the permitting and enforcement powers of conservation authorities which are mandated with the responsibility of managing watersheds in many Ontario jurisdictions. Tucked into a budget bill, this significantly dangerous environmental change does not require public consultation. Like the ministerial zoning orders, the gutting of conservation authority jurisdiction is undemocratic and undermines the province's ability to protect sensitive environments for the benefit of its citizens.

All Ontarians, regardless of location or political affiliation should call their MPP. In the face of climate change and its consequences, we need governments to put long-term environmental health ahead of politics. Once a wetland is destroyed there is no going back.

Elizabeth Turner, Minden
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Council mid-term reports

Editor's note: It's two years this week since many of our councils were sworn in. Here, we provide a mid-term report card. We are starting this week with Algonquin Highlands and Dysart et al and will continue next week with Highlands East, Minden Hills and County council.

ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS

A good first two years but more to be done

By Lisa Gervais

When Algonquin Highlands ratepayers elected an all-female council in the fall of 2018, the township garnered provincial and national attention. In the early days, even Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and then-Minister for the Status of Women, Maryam Monsef, held a private 10-minute phone call with the newly-minted council.

Since then, this council has gotten down to business in a mostly efficient and proficient manner.

While a small population base, and a municipality that only owns half a town - it shares Dorset with Lake of Bays - AH is a progressive council that definitely punches above its weight.

It is doing a good job with its landfills, for example. Ever heard of the Waste Wizard? It's an app that helps the public to figure out where it can bring items, with an emphasis on reduce, reuse, recycle. It started at Algonquin Highlands and has spread to neighbouring Minden Hills. It was also one of the first townships to go contactless at landfills when COVID-19 broke out.

And when it comes to making the tough decisions, such as closing the Hawk Lake landfill, council stuck to its guns despite the protests of ratepayers because it was the right thing to do.

Veteran councillors, Mayor Carol Moffatt, Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen



Algonquin Highlands council during a pre-pandemic meeting. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

and Lisa Barry provide good stewardship for newcomers, Jennifer Dailloux and Julia Shortreed. Dailloux brings a ton of international development experience and asks questions upon questions as she traverses the learning curve of the shift to small town politics. While less talkative at council meetings, Shortreed is clearly taking it all in. When she does pose a question, or offer an opinion, it is always something that has not been covered by one of her peers. Dailloux sometimes rattles the status quo, such as suggesting the township sell Stanhope Airport, which was defeated but was food for thought.

It's been a logical term of council so far.

They have taken care of the paperwork, passing an updated Official Plan and reviewing bylaws, policies and procedures. They have also done some physical lifting, such as work at the Dorset Heritage Museum, the Dorset Recreation Centre, the Stanhope Museum and the township office. They've made some progress on bridge and road works. That being said, there is always more work to do, with North Shore Road a perfect example.

Having a quick look at the recent asset management plan, the municipality has a lot of infrastructure, including 111 kms of roads to finance.

A consultant recommended they should

be increasing taxes substantially from historic rates to meet the need. Herein lie some of the challenges. There are others. For example, they need to figure out what to do about docks and landings in future. They have to see the airport start bringing in a bit more revenue to offset what they are spending on it and they must decide if they are going full steam ahead with an airport business park or not.

For the most part, factoring in a worldwide pandemic that has brought unexpected revenues to the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails, the council and township has had a good first two years. However, there is still work to be done.

DYSART ET AL

Dysart slow on promise of change

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Change was in the air when Dysart et al's new council was sworn-in Dec. 3, 2018.

Andrea Roberts became the municipality's first new mayor in nearly 40 years, unseating Murray Fearrey. She was joined by three new council members: John Smith, Larry Clarke and deputy mayor Patrick Kennedy, and three incumbents. People wanted change and things to be run differently.

Two years on, the dramatic shake-up does not feel like it has necessarily manifested. Though council is setting up for a different vision of tomorrow, progress has felt slow, made worse by the pandemic.

To date, this term of council has been unable to buck the generally slow machinations of municipalities. There have not been any major things such as the Minden arena. It took the municipality one year to produce a final list of big ideas for the term: a recreation master plan, improving housing with a task force, a parks management plan, enhancing lake and shoreline health, a long-term Dysart master plan and digitizing more municipal services.

None of these are sexy, other than perhaps the intent to have a shovel-ready plan for a new recreation complex. In addition, there

is nothing imminent. Though forethought is important, the list made clear the reality of this term: it was for set-up, in hopes of bringing big things in the future. A year later, in the face of a pandemic, it feels uncertain whether even these plans can come to fruition within two more years.

It is worth noting the conflict that has also been a key aspect of this council, primarily from Smith. The freshman has pushed hard for more radical, faster change and gotten a lot of pushback. Some of his ideas were intriguing, such as a more robust roads budget that has made a bit of headway. Other ideas, such as cutting funding to the museum and art gallery, have been unpopular.

Regardless, his butting heads with council, often over new ideas and slow-moving procedures, has made the progress of this council feel slow: Both because the conversation gets bogged down and because it has made it feel like this is not a table that's open to anything dramatically new or different.

There have also been issues where the municipality has been slow to react to an obvious need for change. Short-term rentals are a pressing issue. An economic development committee seemed poised to take it on at the start of term, but council let



Mayor Andrea Roberts speaks with Coun. John Smith at a pre-COVID meeting. File.

it dissolve into nothingness. Two years on, there has been basically no progress on the file, with council only recently indicating it wants to act.

But with all that said, this council has had positive developments: the Head Lake Park master plan; the roads needs study; and the recent services review. It's also had a good response to the pandemic. It's been at the forefront of bringing more things

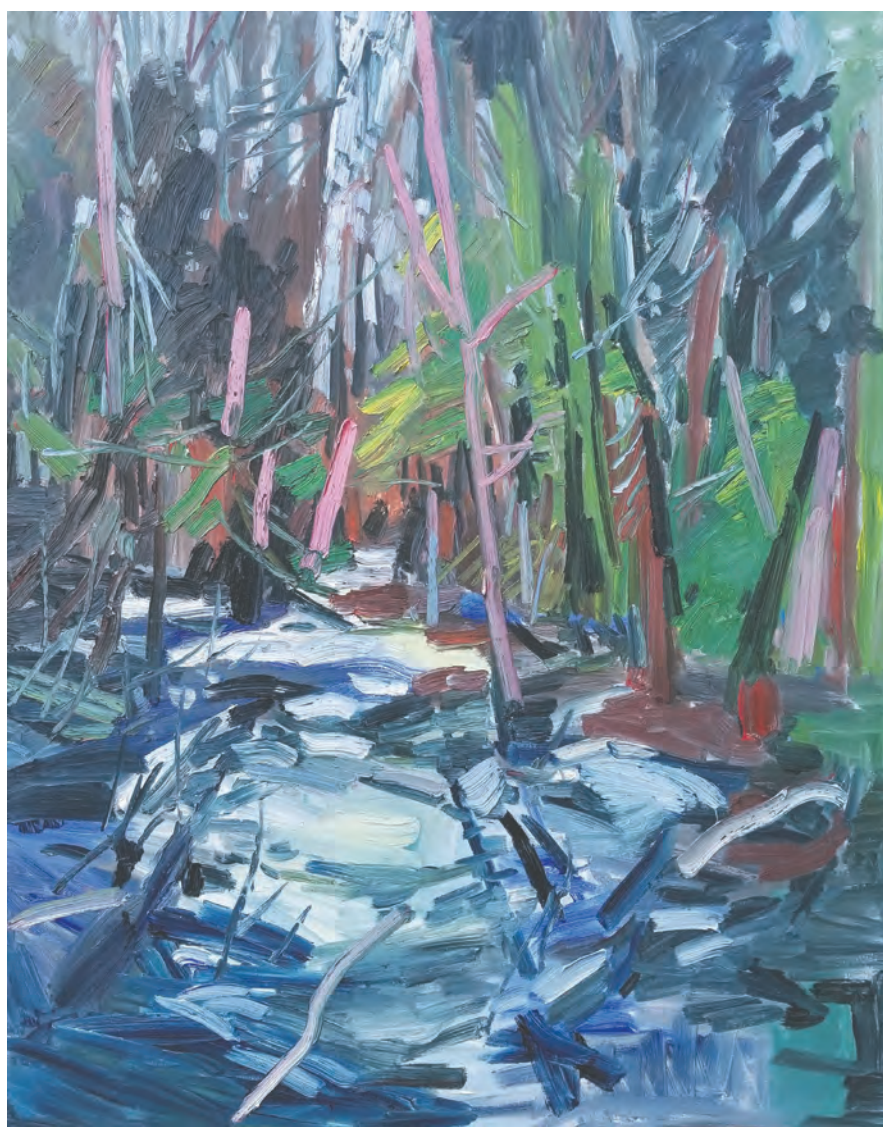
online and is the only area council keeping livestreamed meetings up permanently. It's passed noteworthy bylaws, leading the charge on fireworks limitations, and a major planning bylaw overhaul.

Despite some good, measured work, the public can be impatient. Come 2022, we will see whether voters believe in the vision this council is putting forward, or if their patience will run thin.

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DYSART ET AL NEWS



Dysart entered into a new snowmobile agreement with the local snowmobile association, but concern was raised about legal liability within it. *File photo.*

New snowmobile agreement signed

Dysart council entered into a new agreement with the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) despite some concerns from its solicitor.

Council approved authorization for an updated memorandum of understanding for the HCSA to use and maintain a snowmobile trail at Fleming College.

However, Coun. John Smith said the updated agreement does not address all the concerns brought forward by the municipal solicitor and insurance provider about shifting more liability onto the municipality for any operations not usual to a snowmobile trail.

"We're being too casual about this," Smith said. "Supportive of snowmobiling, but we need to better understand the potential consequences of putting in place an agreement like this prior to passing the motion of support."

Council included a direction for staff to consult with legal and insurance on the file. Mayor Andrea Roberts said they could approve the agreement and use a 60-day notice out clause if warranted after further research.

Muzzle order upheld

Dysart upheld a muzzle order for a dog in the face of the first-ever appeal under its new canine bylaw Nov. 24.

Todd Allen, of Barry Line Road, presented

to council regarding his dog biting someone on the road by his property Aug. 14. Bylaw officer, Rob Mascia, said a muzzle order was subsequently made Aug. 24 at the request of the complainant, after Allen was charged for allowing the dog to run contrary to the bylaw.

Allen affirmed the incident happened. He said he has a fully fenced area for the dog and the incident was isolated.

"I do have some concerns about the lack of due process within this bylaw," Allen said, adding he feels the order infringes on his rights.

The muzzle order only applies when the dog is outside the property, which Allen said is not often.

Council was not swayed but said Allen could appeal again in about a year, with more time to prove the dog is safe.

Due "process has happened here," Roberts said. "This is a muzzle, just a thing over the snout. It's not harming the dog in any way."

Arena closed

The municipality closed A.J. LaRue Arena Nov. 21 until further notice due to water issues at the facility.

CAO Tamara Wilbee said the well for the facility has issues and staff began drilling a new well Nov. 23. The arena is due to reopen Dec. 3.

The municipality said anyone in need of a public access water tap can use the one located at the exterior of the West Guilford Community Centre. (*Dysart et al news compiled by Joseph Quigley*).

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ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS

Fee increases

Algonquin Highlands staff are recommending some new and some increased fees across various departments.

With the township changing its fireworks bylaw, to allow for them on specific weekends only, the fire department is recommending a new charge of \$50 if people want to let off store-bought fireworks outside of designated times. They are also recommending \$200 for people planning larger commercial fireworks displays.

There are numerous increases proposed in the planning department.

Planner Sean O'Callaghan described them as minor amounts to match the pace of inflation. He added he thought that approach was preferable to substantial increases every four or five years.

Mayor Carol Moffatt asked if the increases were aimed at cost recovery. O'Callaghan said they were far below cost recovery.

Deputy-Mayor Liz Danielsen queried how the department fees aligned with surrounding municipalities. O'Callaghan said they largely matched Dysart et al, Highlands East and Minden Hills, but are far below outlying counties.

Parks, recreation and trails is looking to add a new fee for private swimming lessons, at \$25.80 per lesson, or \$206.37 for a two-week session; as well as a slight increase for community garage sale tables.

Public works wants some changes. They include increasing the road occupancy permit to \$200, from \$150. At landfills, they are looking for a \$5 increase per cubic yard for sorted construction and demolition waste



Algonquin Highlands township office. *File.*

and new \$15 minimum charges for shingles, leaves, mulch, wood chips and natural yard waste, a new 50 cent charge for fluorescent light tubes and UV bulbs, a new fee of \$4 per foot for canoes, kayaks and paddleboards. There are also increases proposed for the airport, for hangar lease fees and airport runway access.

Election changes panned

Algonquin Highlands council will write the province to say it would have appreciated being consulted about changes to municipal elections in the recently passed Bill 218.

Clerk Dawn Newhook said proposed changes include:

- Removing the option for ranked ballot voting, introduced for the 2018 municipal election.
- Changing nomination day back to the second Friday in September, from

the fourth Friday in July.

- The timeline for passing a bylaw authorizing the use of alternate voting method and use of vote-counting equipment being changed from May 1 the year before an election to May 1 in the year of an election.

- The timeline for clerks to establish procedures and forms for voting and vote-counting equipment and alternative voting methods being changed from Dec. 31 in the year before the election to before June 1 in the year of the election.

Newhook said, "staff is recommending council request the province to leave nomination day as the fourth Friday in July and that the province consult with Ontario municipalities when proposing changes that affect voting process currently contained within the Municipal Elections Act." (*Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Lisa Gervais*)

Registrations open for Home Alone program

By Carolyn Alder

Point in Time is offering the Home Alone program online for the fourth time this year in December.

The free program is for kids 10 years and older who want to be able to stay home alone safely with confidence.

Point in Time family support team leader, Melanie Jones, said the program talks about possible situations a child might face when home alone.

"Sometimes as parents we don't always think of all the situations that might come up or we might think about it but don't want to scare our child. The more we talk about them, and create a plan for them, the more confident the child will feel when staying home alone," Jones said.

While the program has been available in the County for several years, the course content is always being updated.

Jones said, "the program is forever changing and new technology is bringing to light some situations which may happen (online)."

The program discusses a range of scenarios such as how to deal with strangers, what to do in an emergency, basic first aid and internet safety.

While the virtual program is aimed at children, there is a parent section towards the end.

To register, contact Lindsay Kerkhof at lindsayk@pointintime.ca or 705-457-5345.

The Home Alone program will be offered December 5 or December 6. The date depends on when a majority of participants are available.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

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Board backbone of Storm

By Lisa Gervais

As the Highland Storm heads into its 20th year in 2021, it continues to be the board of directors that steer the ship of this successful, small town, minor hockey association.

The Storm came into being in 2001 when minor hockey associations in Minden and Haliburton amalgamated to represent a large area that goes as far as Wilberforce to the east and past Minden, towards Kinmount in the south. It stretches north of Carnarvon along Highway 35 and west of Carnarvon along Highway 118 W. It utilizes the Keith Tallman arena in Wilberforce, the A.J. LaRue arena in Haliburton and the S.G. Nesbitt arena in Minden.

Without a doubt, it is experiencing one of its most challenging years, with a global pandemic, a recent failure of the well at the Haliburton arena and the newly-built Minden arena not yet ready for use.

Despite that, an adaptable and hard-working 16-member executive has not only gotten children on the ice, ranging from initiation to midget, but coaches, trainers, and referees this fall.

President Jason Morissette says he is quite proud of the Storm, not just his board, but the families that have put safety first, which has allowed their children to head to the rink twice a week, putting some normalcy back into their young, pandemic, lives.

Morissette said the board varies in size and roles. For example, they have a COVID lead for the very first time. Amanda Rowden has stepped into that job after being the fundraising representative. Craig Smith had been the tournament convenor, but since there are no tournaments, he has switched to overseeing the initiation group, which are the youngest players. Another example is Jessica Lloyd. She was the local league representative but has taken on the registrar's role. It's vast with so much online registration this year, as well as a new season format and new fees.

"It's always been varying, where we see a need or there's been a constitutional change," Morissette said. He added, "some might take on multiple roles as well." This year, a lot of people are taking on different jobs and responsibilities "to make this whole set-up work and try to get kids on the ice."

A lot of matching volunteer board members to jobs is

based on their skillsets and interests, the executive head added.

The executive is elected at the association's AGM every year and members sit for two-year terms. Morissette said the key to making the Storm work is communication among not just board members, but parents, volunteers and any paid staff, such as referees.

"And you have to look at the big picture, instill in everybody that whole together thing. You can't let the needs of one particular age group, or player, compromise your whole organization." He said they have to keep the interests of all in mind, looking at the longer, and bigger picture versus what is happening at any given moment. He noted departing board members tend to mentor incoming board members, to share their experiences.

That said, change is inevitable, as children grow older and leave the organization. Morissette said there is no doubt they will be looking for more volunteer board members come the 2021 AGM.

"They're all voluntary, quite time-consuming, but rewarding positions. You meet great people, and you see kids doing what they love to do and families taking part in community events and exemplifying community spirit."

He added it doesn't just have to be parents, either.

"We'd be more than happy to have a spry baby boomer say 'I've got time, I've been involved in ice hockey, I'm a fan of the game, I have coaching skills'."

Morissette said that for him personally, the job has come with challenges, but ultimately, "I've certainly enjoyed it."

The board:

Jason Morissette, president; Tony Prentice, vice president; Amanda Manning, OMHA rep; Ron Hall, teams official; Cheryl Smith-Hamilton, social media rep/public relations; Cory Valentini, local league rep; Craig Smith, tournament convenor; Kori Consack, treasurer; Nikki Latanville, fundraising rep; Amanda Rowden, COVID-19 lead; Darlene Armstrong, secretary; Brad Park, ice conveynor; Jesse Johnson, equipment manager; Ben Decarlo, time clock/gate rep.; Brad Tait, referee rep.



Storm president Jason Morissette at the Haliburton arena. *File.*

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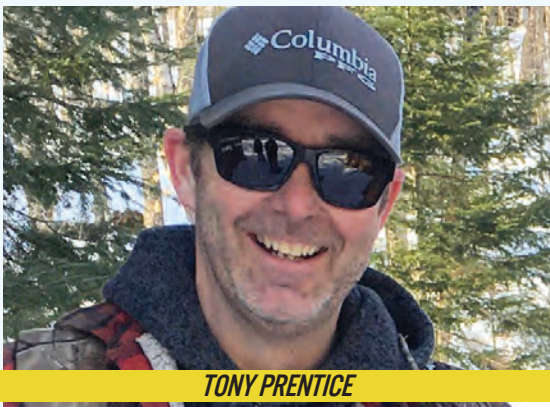
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Highlander education

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Director shares 100-day update

In a report promised to trustees when he was hired in the summer, the director of education for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB), Wes Hahn, told trustees that through communication, collaboration and compassion the system has weathered the COVID-19 storm.

Hahn told trustees at their November meeting, the board has an excellent reputation province-wide, confirmed in meetings with other directors of education and Ministry of Education bureaucrats.

"I give full credit to former director, Larry Hope, and the trustees for this reputation," Hahn said. "Your hard work has set us up for success."

Hahn praised the dedication and professionalism of local public health boards and MPPs Norm Miller and Laurie Scott who have been in constant communication with TLDSB through the pandemic.

The director also singled out the media, which he said, "has helped create confidence in the system amongst parents and students."

Regarding collaboration, Hahn told trustees that his visits to almost every school in the board, both brick and mortar

and Learn at Home, impressed him significantly.

"The Learn at Home option is getting better every day," Hahn said

"We have tried to create positive relationships with our unions and federations and I believe we have done a good job convincing all our employee groups that we are in this situation together."

Hahn told trustees that their decision to have all students masked at all grades was crucial, "inspiring confidence in the system in the minds of staff and parents."

Compassion also featured prominently in the update.

"The board cares deeply about student and staff wellness," Hahn said.

"We will also work very hard to ensure equity and inclusion in our schools and we will fight against racism and try to create a level playing field for students living in poverty."

Hahn also touted mental health supports and emergency interventions put in place to support students and staff in crisis.

"We do not want to let our guard down and we never want to lose track that a lot of work has been done and will continue to be done and we will get better in areas where we need to," he said.



Local high school students were featured in a video at the board meeting. *Flickr.*

Haliburton students speak out

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Principal, Chris Boulay, shared a video of interviews with his students, who were asked 'why are you glad to be back to school?'

Student responses included that they were happy to be with their friends again, they enjoyed being able to learn outside, they were enjoying in-person learning and

interaction with their teachers rather than learning on-line, and it was great to get out of the house regularly.

Numerous students also made mention of the octoblock system currently in place saying they enjoyed focusing on one subject at a time.

Students at the secondary level achieved 97.7 per cent of the 4,304 credits offered at both traditional and Learning at Home schools, Hahn said. *(School board news compiled by Kirk Winter)*

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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:

December 10 – Regular Council Meeting and 1st Round 2021 Budget Deliberations

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/.

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

Christmas Toy Drop Drive Thru

Support our community this holiday season by donating non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped children's toys to the Minden Food Bank Christmas Hamper Program.

Donations can be dropped off at the Minden Hills Community Centre (upper parking lot) on Sat Dec 5th between 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM.

This is a drive thru drop off. Please place items on tables set up outside the Community Centre doors. Volunteers will watch for and collect the items for the hampers. Tables will be sanitized between drop offs.

Items in need this year include toys for all ages and gift cards for teenagers.



Recycling Tip of the Week

Tricky Items – Take-out Coffee Cups go in your paper (fibre) stream. Remove the lid and place in the container stream.

Styrofoam (food grade) should be bundled into a grocery bag and then goes in your paper (fibre) stream. Make sure it is rinsed and that the plastic and the absorbent pad is removed.

Plastic bags check to see if they are stretchy. If they stretch, place them in your paper (fibre) stream. If they are crinkly and don't stretch, place them in the garbage.

Notice – 2021 Budget Deliberations

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence its 2021 Budget deliberations during its combined COTW/Regular Council Meeting via web conference scheduled for December 10, 2020.

The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM.

Trisha McKibbin, CAO/Clerk. 705-286-1260 ext. 505
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Minden Food Bank Christmas Hamper Program

The Minden Food Bank Annual Christmas Hamper Program application begins on Nov 30th. Apply for a hamper by calling the Food Bank at 705-286-6400 between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM from Nov 30th to Dec 4th and Dec 7th to Dec 11th.

Hampers can be picked up on Monday Dec 21st between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM at the Minden Community Centre.

NEW for this year: Hamper pick up will be a Drive-Thru format. When you arrive at the Minden Community Centre, a volunteer will direct you to a parking space. Please have the I.D for everyone listed on your application ready.

A volunteer will bring your Christmas Hamper and toys outside and place them on a designated table beside your vehicle. Please remain in your vehicle until all products have been placed on the table. Once completed, you may get out and pack your items into your vehicle (NOTE: if you require assistance to lift, please bring someone to help you).

In order to ensure COVID GUIDELINES are being followed, volunteers will not be allowed to load items into vehicles and community members will not be allowed to enter the building. We ask that everyone respect these guidelines and wait in their vehicles in the line-up.

Please note that there will be no used/new clothing available on hamper pick up day. A Christmas Boutique has been made available at the Food Bank on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM until December 20th.

For more information please contact the Foodbank at 705-286-6838

Winter Sand

Winter sand is now available at the upper parking lot of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Community Centre, by the Skate Park. Please note this is for Individual Use Only – No Commercial Users Please.

Safe Winter Driving

Everyone has to do their part to get around safely in the winter. When a winter storm is expected, all municipalities have a plan:

- First, hills and bridges are treated in advance of a storm to make them easier to plow.
- As soon as snow begins, salt trucks head out and treat expressways and main roads first, followed by smaller routes.
- Plowing begins in a similar order. With large snowfalls, plowing usually begins once the storm has ended.

Drivers need to have their own plan, which includes leaving earlier and planning a route. It is important to delay unnecessary travel during significant storms to give plows time to do their jobs. It's also safer for drivers.

A Message From the Minden Hills Fire Department

Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers do not replace the need to call Minden Hills Fire and Emergency Services. Always call 9-1-1 when a fire occurs, even a small fire. Fire extinguishers are not designed to fight large or spreading fires.

When should I use my extinguisher to fight a fire?

- You should use your extinguisher to fight a fire only if:
- the fire is not large or spreading
 - occupants have been alerted
 - everyone has left or is leaving the building
 - 9-1-1 has been called
 - you have a clear escape route that won't be blocked by fire
 - you know how to operate your extinguisher and are aware of its capabilities

Don't fight a fire in any other circumstance. Leave the premises immediately, close off the area and call 9-1-1 from a neighbour's home.

Where should I install my fire extinguisher?

Extinguishers should be installed in plain view, above the reach of children, near an escape route, and away from stoves and heating appliances.

Riverwalk Winter Usage & Wetlands Boardwalk Update

The Boardwalk is currently closed until further notice. The Logger's Crossing Bridge is cleared of snow regularly but is not sanded or salted. Residents are advised to "Exercise Caution" when using pathways as they could develop slippery conditions.

Highlander community

Water charity nears 2020 fundraising goal

By Lisa Gervais

Minden-based charity, Help A Village Effort (HAVE), is \$5,000 short of its goal of raising \$24,000 to help bring clean drinking water to a cyclone-ravaged part of West Bengal, India.

HAVE chair Ron Reid said five community wells, one school water supply, and three water filtration systems for high schools are to be installed. He said HAVE had raised \$19,000 of the money needed.

Reid said each well will benefit between 250 and 300 people and each high school filtration system means clean water for 1,200 to 1,500 students.

"We are so blessed to have an abundance of clean drinking water just by turning on the tap and we need to help those who are less fortunate," Reid said in a news release.

"Imagine your children or grandchildren attending a school without having fresh drinking water," he added. "Please help

HAVE by donating whatever you can, to assist communities in West Bengal, who have been devastated by the cyclones. Being able to have fresh drinking water has an incredible impact on their daily lives."

Local members of the HAVE board, including Reid, Paul Heffer, and Carolyn Langdon, have made visits to India over the years to document HAVE-funded drinking water systems. HAVE was founded in 1982 in Minden and today has branches in Newfoundland and B.C.

Those interested in learning more can go to HelpAVillageEffort.org or email Reid at reid@interhop.net. A tax receipt will be issued for any donation of \$20 or more; people can also donate using Canada Helps – a link to which is on the website. Cheques can be made payable to Help A Village Effort and mailed to P.O. Box 553, Minden, ON, K0M 2K0. E-transfers are also accepted, see details under "How you can help" on their website.



HAVE chair Ron Reid during a 2018 trip to India. *Submitted photo.*

Raising funds box-by-box to keep youth strong

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton Highlands Youth Unlimited (HHYU) is hosting a 1-100 fundraiser "to maintain their programs and to serve the youth in the area," the organization said in a recent press release.

One hundred boxes, with amounts valuing from \$1 to \$100, are available to raise funds in support of the ministry.

"Box by box, you will be helping to maintain programs for the young people throughout Haliburton Highlands and also help them to reach their fundraising goal of \$5,050.00," Ian McIntosh, satellite director of HHYU, said.

The 1-100 fundraiser began Nov. 22 and will end Dec. 13. McIntosh said people have the ability to donate online from home

or via their cell phones. There is no limit to how many boxes people can choose except if that box has already been claimed by another donor.

"Not only will you be helping to provide youth with safe and healthy programming, you will also be creating opportunities for youth to be mentored and cared for," McIntosh said.

McIntosh said HHYU has been working one-on-one with students. Under COVID protocols and regulations, he said they have been able to take students out to lunch or for a coffee and guide them through life's difficulties and changes. He said they often make contact at the Haliburton Junction Skate Park.

He added that HHYU is offering a new program to teach and develop youth

to become more creative musically. In October, they began online music lessons for ages eight to 18. Each lesson is a total of 45 minutes, comprising 30 minutes of music instruction and 15 minutes of life lessons and positive conversation. Music lessons are available for drums, guitar and piano, and offered for eight consecutive weeks. HHYU is also supporting junior youth (Grades 6-8) and senior youth (Grades 9-12) operating out of Lakeside Baptist Church in Haliburton.

See the fundraiser page: givingbox.ca/f/4400

For more information on HHYU, visit: youthunlimitedkaw.com/haliburtonhighlands/ or contact McIntosh at 905-429-8389, ian@youthunlimitedkaw.com or on Facebook and Instagram.



Ian McIntosh, satellite director of Haliburton Highlands Youth Unlimited. *Photo submitted.*

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What's on

WHAT'S ON

DECEMBER 5

Christmas market at the Haliburton Legion 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rotary Community Christmas party [drive through] at Curry Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 9

Lunch Is on Us every Wednesdays from 11:30 - 2 p.m. It's free of charge, hosted by SIRCH Community Services and everyone is welcome (till the food runs out). Location: SIRCH Bistro & Marketplace, 49 Maple Ave., Haliburton - street level. Follow SIRCH's Facebook page to see what's being served each week.

Algonquin Highlands is holding a virtual tree lighting at Stanhope, Dorset and Oxtongue Lake. Check out their website for more information.

DECEMBER 10

Visible Voices offers a Creative Interlude: Trees, Trees, Trees. Thursday Dec 10, 1:15 - 3:15 p.m. at the Dominion Hotel in-person or by Zoom. Why not treat yourself to lunch at the Dominion first, then join us for an afternoon of fun and easy cardmaking? Stella and Fay will guide you in the creation of three different tree cards. We can safely distance six people at the Dominion's new space, plus six or more via Zoom. Register early so we can plan, all materials supplied. Cost: by donation, email: visiblevoicesstudio@gmail.com

DECEMBER

The Township of Minden Hills and Minden Hills Cultural Centre invite you to take part in the first ever Minden Hills Holiday Lights Contest. Spread some festive cheer from home. Decorate your house or apartment and add it to the Holiday Trail Map for a chance to win a \$150 gift certificate to a local business of your choice. Full details on mindenhills.ca/events

Minden Community Food Centre Christmas hampers. The Minden Community Food Centre is urging people to register for Christmas hampers by calling 705-286-6400 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. from Nov. 30 - Dec. 4 and Dec. 7-11. Hamper pick up will be Dec. 21, 1-3 p.m. at the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre. People are asked to bring photo ID for all family members including children. This year's pick-up will be a drive thru and the public responsible for loading their own vehicles. Mask required. Enter via Parkside Street and follow signs and instructions from volunteers. Exit via Prentice Street. Select volunteers have already been contacted.

CFUWs (Canadian Federation of University Women) purpose is to promote friendship, life-long learning and advocacy among members. There is also a focus on socializing with other women through fun interest groups and monthly series of stimulating speakers and events. For more information: Gail Gotter g_gotter@hotmail.com or Pam Hewitt Osborne phewittosborne@gmail.com

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

Friends, fun and adventure - The Royal Canadian Sea Cadets is a free program for youths aged 12 to 18. Meeting every Thursday evening 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Coboconk Legion. For more information call 905-484-4005

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Top: Kate Campbell performs with Nick Russell. Bottom right: Carl Dixon performs from the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Bottom left: Dame Beatrice gets ready backstage at CanoeFM. *Photos submitted.*

Shindig delivers \$41,500 of Christmas warmth

The Highlands Christmas Shindig went live online Nov. 28, broadcasting from three venues: Canoe FM, the Haliburton Highlands Museum and the Dominion Hotel. The show went for 90 minutes with local performers, attracting more than 1,000 views. It raised \$41,500 for Fuel for Warmth, which provides emergency heat assistance in the County.

Highlander events



Left: Lion Betty Mills carries a box of donations into the food bank. Right: Left to right: Jane vanNood, Gerald Hadley, Mary Lawr, project lead Sharen Wilson Carr, Lynda Porter, Marilyn Frost, Gail Stetler, Peter Stetly, food bank manager Judy MacDuff, Ann McIvoer, Joan Stinson. Photos by Joseph Quigley.

Lions help food bank for winter

The Haliburton and District Lions Club collected food in November with a Reverse Advent Calendar, gathering a different type of food each day. They brought the food to the Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank Nov. 30. (Joseph Quigley)

CHRISTMAS COMES TO HALIBURTON VILLAGE AND IT IS TIME TO TRIM THE VILLAGE TREE

The Dysart et al Fire Department staff put up the 2020 Emerson Christmas tree and added the Christmas lights. It is located in the Village Barn Square by vanLieshout Royal LePage Brokers.



Photo provided by the Haliburton County Echo



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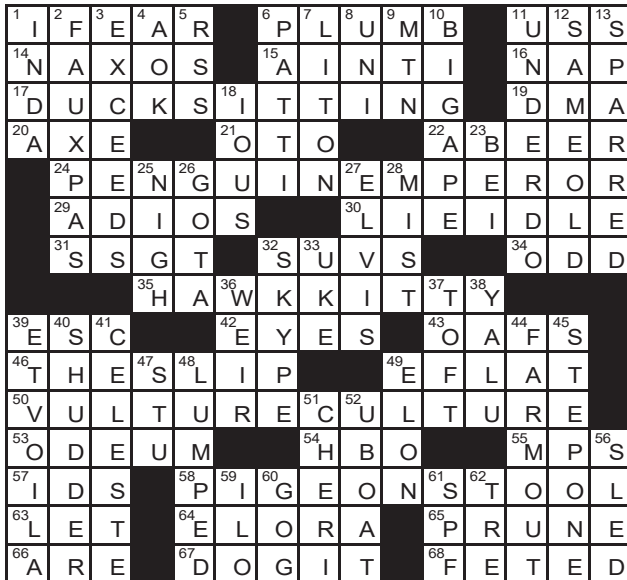


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In Loving Memory of Richard Harold John Howard

Passed away suddenly at home in Niagara Falls on Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at the age of 64.

Dear father of Tammy, Angella (Brent), Michelle (Josh), Aimee (Curtis), Josh (Melisa), Dustin and Caleb. Loving grandfather of Alannah, Jamie, Bethany, Rylee, Isaac, Callum, Trinity, Elson, Tara, Nic, Austin, Melanie, Ryan, Nash, Everli, Jaden, Colton, Sadie, Mikaela, Quinn, Lillianna and great grandfather of Raeya and Samantha. Dear brother of Linda, Heather, Tim, Harold, Rob and Kelly, son of the late Clarence, Joan and step-son of Eric. Fondly remembered by his family and friends.

It was Richard's wish for cremation and a Celebration of Richard's Life will be held at a later date.

Memorial Donations to the Hospital for Sick Children or the Ronald McDonald House would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



In Loving Memory of Letitia Jean (Jeannie) Jennings

April 5th, 1956 - November 22, 2020

Passed away suddenly in Minden, ON at the age of 64. Beloved spouse of Steve, mother of Creighton and Courtney (Bryce), grandmother of Creighton Jr. and Eleanor, sister of Elaine (Ross), Jerry, Maureen, and Peter (Karen), and Aunt to many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date when family and friends can gather safely to commemorate Jeannie's vibrant life.

Thank you to everyone for your love and support for the family at this time.

If you wish, please leave a comment, memory, story, or photo(s) on the Funeral Home Website Memory Wall.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Pet Owners' Assistance Fund would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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Thank you to Kirsten Barry and staff of the Gordon A Monk Funeral Home,

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Neil Harrison

(Resident of Algonquin Highlands, Ontario)



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Was born in Hull, England and immigrated to Toronto, Canada in 1955. He raised five children with Margaret at their home in Mississauga. Neil worked for Carolina Tire for many years and in his final working years he founded Harrison's Decorators. He loved cottaging and retired to the family cottage in Haliburton. He enjoyed fixing, painting and repairing things. He loved relaxing on the dock with friends and family. Neil loved the various family doges over the years and thought of them often. He enjoyed the company of many friends and neighbours who were like family to him. He was a proud father, grandfather and loving husband to his wife Margaret, with whom he just celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. He had a real zest for life and always had a riddle or joke to share. Most of all, he loved and enjoyed his large family. He will be sorely missed by many.

Private Funeral Service

Private Funeral Arrangements. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



Frank Wright

(Resident of Wilberforce, Ontario)



Peacefully at his residence on Monday morning, November 30, 2020 in his 67th year. Beloved husband and best friend to Leanna Wright (nee Pearson). Loving father of Jeremy (Brooke) and Chad (Carrie). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Austin, Gavin, Keegan, Kaleb, Lily, Brodie and Roan. Dear brother of Leon (Joyce) and his sister Cheryl (Doug). Also lovingly remembered by his nieces and nephews. Frank worked at the Oshawa Truck Plant as an Assembler for many years. He enjoyed fishing, television, golfing and most of all his family.

Private Graveside Service

A Private Graveside Service will take place. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario or the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.



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Across

- 1 Pessimist's lead-in
- 6 ___ loco (downright daffy)
- 11 Amer. battleship letters
- 14 Isle where Ariadne was left
- 15 "___ a stinker?" (Bugs Bunny line)
- 16 Brief time out?
- 17 Looking after Huey, Dewey and Louie?
- 19 Orch. conductor's deg.
- 20 Accessory to a Lizzie Borden crime?
- 21 "Ear" prefix with - rhinology
- 22 "Pour me ___, bartender"
- 24 Ruler over a colony of Antarctic waddlers?
- 29 Toledo toodle-oo
- 30 Gather dust in storage
- 31 Mid-ranking RCMP
- 32 Wheels for hockey moms
- 34 Quizzical
- 35 Put Puss in Boots up for sale?
- 39 PC user's panic button
- 42 Emoticon colon, often
- 43 Unlikely acrobats
- 46 What to give unwanted followers
- 49 D-sharp equivalent
- 50 Arts and music enjoyed by a scavenging flock?
- 53 Ancient Athenian theatre
- 54 "Big Little Lies" network
- 55 Fed. riding reps
- 57 Minor concerns, maybe?
- 58 Dove's perch at the bar?
- 63 Find tenants for
- 64 Ontario town near Fergus
- 65 Shrivelled plum
- 66 Verb that sounds like its middle letter
- 67 Slack off on the job
- 68 Threw a party for

Down

- 1 "___ Club" (50 Cent hit)
- 2 Socks worn with flip-flops, fashionwise
- 3 Goes too far
- 4 Tickety-boo
- 5 Blog feed letters
- 6 Singer Page or LaBelle
- 7 Discovered by chance
- 8 Team outfit, for short
- 9 ___ Dew (revised brand name)
- 10 Hulking galoot
- 11 Not cook well enough
- 12 When repeated, a blasé reply to "What's new?"
- 13 Traded jabs
- 18 Broke records?
- 23 Bach's "Bist du ___ mir"
- 25 Poetic "near"
- 26 "I've ___ funny feeling ..."
- 27 Figure skating coach Stojko
- 28 Dewy fog
- 32 App used to screen your calls?
- 33 Don Ho's instrument, for short
- 36 Sarnia-born golfer Mike
- 37 Highland homestead
- 38 North Korea/China border river
- 39 "And, presto!"
- 40 Quiver with revulsion
- 41 Girl's name meaning "heavenly"
- 44 Offload, as a job or the kids
- 45 Beginning of a how-to booklet
- 47 Three before V
- 48 Thrown together as one
- 49 Cybertruck creator Musk
- 51 Darling, in Drummondville
- 52 Undersea menace in WWII
- 56 Snowmobile, to snowmobilers
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