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The Thomas family plays a board game inside their home in Carnarvon. Like many families, they are planning to stay at home from Boxing Day for the foreseeable future. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

We'll all be home for Christmas...and then some

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Local businesses are bracing for challenging times ahead as the province announced Dec. 21 it is plunging Haliburton County and the rest of Ontario into another lockdown.

Premier Doug Ford said the restrictions would begin Dec. 26. The move means the

end of indoor organized gatherings beyond households, no dine-in at restaurants and most retail limited to curbside pickup or delivery. The municipality is grouped into southern Ontario, where the lockdown will last for at least 28 days.

Businesses began posting notices about announcements to come as they sorted

through the new restrictions. Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce president, Andrea Strano, said the new rules are going to hurt.

"We must rally around our local businesses and support them," she said. "Because I believe a second lockdown is even more devastating than the first."

Provincial COVID-19 cases continue to surge, with more than 2,200 announced Dec. 22 and still trending upward. Cases in the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit are also increasing, but that is predominantly in Northumberland. The County has zero confirmed active cases as of Dec. 22, and

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New lockdown grant for eligible small businesses

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none since Dec. 9.

"We've seen very, very low numbers here in Haliburton County so I understand why people are going to be angry and disappointed by this news," Strano said. "Additional support measures from the federal and provincial government will be needed."

The province did announce a new grant Dec. 21 providing between \$10,000-\$20,000 for eligible small businesses. Ford further said the move was a necessary step and directly addressed regions such as HKPR under lower-level restrictions.

"The risk of interprovincial travel and further spread is a big concern," he said. "We see people are moving from region to region and bringing COVID with them. The health officials are telling us province-wide action is needed to break these trends."

Warden Liz Danielsen also said there is considerable travel in and out of the County. She added it may seem like a harsh measure, but COVID numbers are increasing and the health sector is taxed.

"Let's all do everything we can to ensure its effectiveness," Danielsen said. "We may be suffering from COVID overload, but we have to act responsibly to keep our numbers down."

Several types of operations will be outright closed, including ski hills like Sir Sam's Ski and Ride, swimming pools,



Businesses are preparing to close their doors as a province-wide lockdown begins on Boxing Day. *File photo.*

museums, tours and personal care services. Others will be allowed to open, but with more limited capacity or stringent protocols.

"While this is devastating news for the ski industry, we must do our part to help stop the spread of COVID-19," Sir Sam's management said in a Facebook post.

Haliburton Forest general manager Tegan Legge said the business will take a hit with several of their attractions closing,

including their wolf centre, ice fishing and guided tours. Still, she said she has a positive outlook after a successful summer and fall.

"It's not going to affect a lot of what the locals could do here anyway. Our recreational trails can still be open. The restaurants can still be open for pickup," Legge said. "When it comes to the health and safety of everyone in the province – and we see the increasing cases coming

along – it was long overdue to do a lockdown."

Strano said she is proud of how local businesses have persevered so far, but they need significant help through the coming weeks.

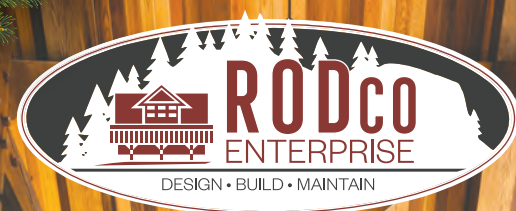
"I'm remaining hopeful that they will continue to do so and come out on the other side with their shirts on their back still, but it's going to take a village," she said. "We need the support of this entire community."

May the Christmas season fill your home with joy, your heart with love and your life with laughter.

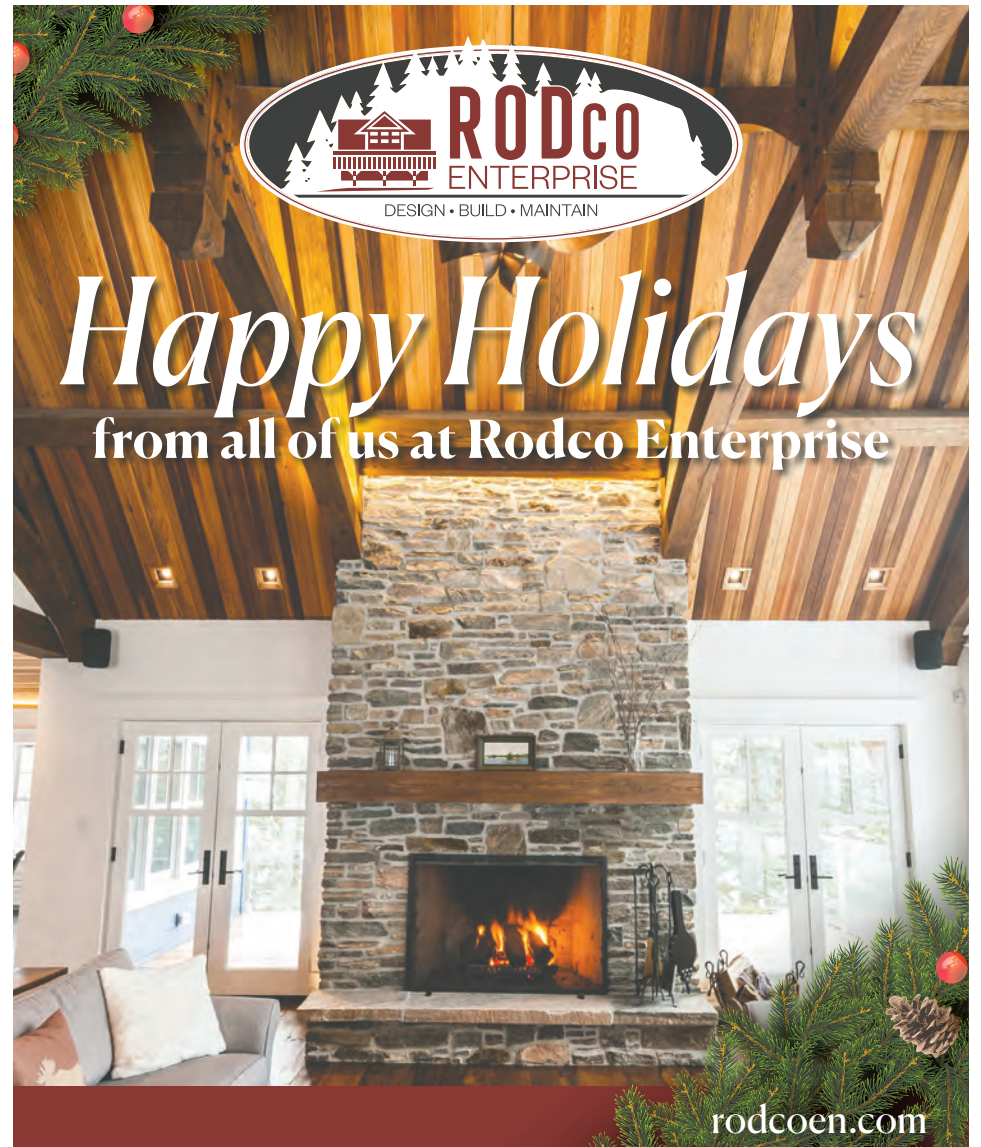


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The Haliburton Highlands OPP says Crime Stoppers is invaluable to their work. *File photo.*

Crime Stoppers may be forced to close

Agency asks for donations

By Lisa Gervais

The board of directors for Kawartha-Haliburton Crime Stoppers is appealing to the public for help to save the non-profit organization from closing.

"KH Crime Stoppers, along with many charities in light of COVID, has seen a drop in donations and their charitable events this past year," said president Gary Burns. "It would be a very sad day for Haliburton and Kawartha Lakes if the local Crime Stoppers program closed."

The organization, which receives no federal or provincial government funding and relies solely on individual and corporate donations, held a recent meeting to discuss its future.

"We believe that a responsible board must consider all options and have plans in place," Burns said. "We will do everything in our power to keep this vital service available to the community, including asking the community we serve for help."

The local program offers numerous benefits to the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County, according to Burns, including the ability for individuals to report crime anonymously.

He said the option gives people who may be in vulnerable situations or fearful of their safety the avenue they need.

"They are never required to testify, and we don't collect any identifying information," he said.

Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment commander, Liane Spong, said many tips to Crime Stoppers have led to arrests, charges and property being recovered.

The local Crime Stoppers has helped police make more than 419 arrests, kept \$34,171,283 worth of drugs off the street,

resulted in \$1,960,182 of returned property, and contributed information for up to 70 weapons seized, over the course of the program's life, Burns said.

Spong said the OPP is firmly committed to the program, including supporting Crime Stoppers coordinators through their OPP Community Safety Services Bureau.

"I hope in light of Crime Stoppers distributing a media release outlining their need for assistance, the community will rally behind their program in 2021 to ensure this service continues," she said.

"Crime Stoppers is an invaluable investigative tool for Ontario police services across the province, the country and here at the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment as well. The transfer of intelligence is a critical piece in our mission to serve our province by protecting its citizens, upholding the law and preserving public safety."

Burns said, "With everything we hear in the news, read in the paper, or see online about drugs and crime in our community, we can't afford to lose this program."

"The board of directors is committed to looking at new ways to secure donations and funds to continue to operate, but we will need help."

Burns asks that people consider making a donation, which can be done online at khcrimestoppers.com, by cheque made payable to "Kawartha-Haliburton Crime Stoppers Inc" mailed to PO BOX 155, Lindsay, ON K9V 4R8 or for sponsorship or other inquiries email admin@khcrimestoppers.com.

In addition Burns said, "We are also looking for additional board members who are looking to volunteer a little of their time and expertise."

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Plans to replace Beaver Theatre with homes Developer asks council to waive environmental study

By Lisa Gervais

A Markham-based developer is proposing to demolish the former Beaver Theatre in downtown Minden and construct an apartment building.

Shamsher Khemani, CAO of Fortune Realty Developers Limited, made a delegation to Minden Hills' Dec. 17 council meeting. He was joined by Rahim Lakhani, who purchased the building. Lakhani said he is still involved but had moved to Portugal for personal reasons, so Khemani is now the lead. Joe Ferrara of Napa Valley Contracting also joined the meeting.

They came to request that council waive the need for an environmental study at 12 Water St., and in so doing, provided details about their plans.

"We are proposing a beautiful apartment building on the same lands," Lakhani said.

Their project is a three-storey building with 12, one and two-bedroom apartments and a commercial component.

Lakhani said when he purchased the building with the intent of refurbishing it as a theatre, there were soil and engineering reports but no evidence of environmental concerns. He added the building had never been used as a commercial laundromat or gas station, which may have caused contamination. They want the condition

waived, "to take that eyesore off and put a beautiful building that overlooks the Gull River," Lakhani said.

Khemani said it would provide much-needed housing, including for seniors.

He added that due to Lakhani's overseas move and COVID the project has been slowed but they are now ready to proceed.

However, Ferrara said they're "at a crossroads and a standstill" if an environmental study is needed. He said it could add one to one-and-a-half years to the project timeline.

Mayor Brent Devolin said the development of an old property into something that serves the community is "exciting and we're definitely in support of that."

However, he said he would like to see a full staff report, with all of the documents, to the Jan. 28, 2021 meeting.

Coun. Bob Carter, who is the chair of the housing task force, said he would certainly welcome any housing projects in the community. However, he needs more information.

Coun. Jean Neville said she would like to see architectural renderings of the façade to see if it is esthetically pleasing from the road. She commented she thought the apartments were a bit small and wanted more information about access and parking.



The former Beaver Theatre in Minden. *File.*

Coun. Jennifer Hughey said she welcomed more housing in Minden but needs more information as well.

"This is the first time that I'm hearing about it and if that's the case then I would assume it's the first time that most of us are hearing about it and therefore do need more

information before making a decision," she said.

Ferrara said they are 95 per cent ready to go and can supply all information to staff.

Council received the delegation as information only.



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Centre Lake Crown land going up for grabs Province to consider disposing for development

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) is considering disposing of Centre Lake Crown land for development, but Highlands East council has professed the need for strong public consultation.

Staff brought forward a Nov. 12 letter from the MNR at a special meeting Dec. 15. The letter states the ministry will move forward with an amendment to the 200-foot Crown reserve along the lake's shoreline, which will require a public process. Two developers have proposed projects within the space on either side of the lake – including a multimillion-dollar condominium initiative.

"We want to ensure full consideration of potential impacts or benefits to your municipality and would appreciate hearing your perspective on this matter," MNR district manager, Suzy Shalla, said.

But councillors expressed several concerns with the process to come.

Deputy mayor Cec Ryall said he does not have an issue with educating citizens about what is happening, but he does not want to get overly involved with the approval.

"Whether or not someone does, or does not, end up acquiring a piece of property, that has nothing to do with us," Ryall said. "I don't want to get deep into the weeds."

Planner Chris Jones said he wants to ensure anyone with concerns can voice them at this stage in the process, rather than the municipality's Planning Act approvals should developments go ahead.

"If we fill up the room with people wondering why the Crown transferred the land – a year, or 18 months after that actually happened – it could appear that we're the ones holding the bag," Jones said.

In her message, Shalla said the ministry will consider Indigenous, municipal and stakeholder interests.

"Minimum public consultation requirements for a minor amendment include direct notification to local stakeholders," Shalla said.

Shalla also said Highlands East recognizes the economic benefits of development there. Council passed a resolution to that effect in December 2019 at the behest of one of the projects, Granite Shores Condominium Development, to help the developer's application for the land.

Coun. Suzanne Partridge said the municipality needs to ensure the province has a very robust consultation.

"I know there have been a lot of grumblings going around," Partridge said. "I would really like to see the public informed that the MNR is doing this."

Council voted to authorize the CAO and planner to contact the ministry to discuss its letter and the consultation process.



A map of the Centre Lake Crown reserve under consideration for disposal, at the behest of private developments. Photo via Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

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Minden Hills to allow more off-road vehicles

Examining bylaw in future

By Lisa Gervais

Extreme terrain vehicles and dirt bikes will be allowed on Minden Hills roads effective Jan. 1, 2021 - although the township will be looking at a possible bylaw update in the new year that may affect that going forward.

At its Dec. 17 council meeting, CAO Trisha McKibbin brought a report forward due to provincial changes that will allow additional off-road vehicles on municipal roads.

On July 10, 2020, the Ministry of Transportation provided notice to Ontario municipalities that the province is expanding vehicles to include dirt bikes and extreme terrain vehicles, which are semiamphibious vehicles with six or more wheels.

Off-road vehicles are regulated under the Off-Road Vehicle Act and the Highway Traffic Act. However, McKibbin said these pieces of legislation enable the council of a municipality to pass bylaws regarding off-road vehicles on township roads.

As a result, she said “off-road vehicles will automatically be allowed on municipal roads unless the municipality creates a bylaw to prohibit or restrict their use.” Currently, the township regulates off-road vehicle use with bylaw 15-95, which does not include language governing the use of dirt bikes and extreme terrain vehicles.

McKibbin said the recent changes present an opportunity to fully review the bylaw and ensure it reflects current legislation and the municipality’s intentions for governing

off-road vehicles.

She was proposing reporting back to council with: a comparison of the lower-tier municipality’s bylaws including regulations and language; consultation results from local ATV clubs, the township’s insurance company and solicitor; and any other relevant information.

However, Coun. Bob Carter said he saw it as two separate items. He said the first is the government correcting an evolution in the types of vehicles and the second is any local bylaw Minden Hills might have.

He went on to say, “I can drive down the side of the road with my ATV but I can’t with my Argo ... I have to carry my motorcycle on my back between trails ... it seems ridiculous to me. I think we should just agree to follow the provincial regulation and if we want to have a general bylaw about all these types of vehicles on our roads, we should look at that as a separate item.”

Mayor Brent Devolin said that’s what the County of Haliburton is doing.

Coun. Pam Sayne agreed there is value at looking at the bylaw. She said there is a possibility of increased liability so she would want to see a legal and insurance opinion. She added there may be a particular road, or roads, where the township doesn’t want off-road vehicles for safety reasons and would want an opinion from the public works department as well.

Council received the report for information, opted in, and called for a future report addressing a possible bylaw update.



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Just stay home

When the province announced Dec. 21 that the entire province was going into lockdown effective Dec. 26, some Haliburton County residents responded with anger and disappointment.

They argued that with our low COVID numbers since the pandemic began, it seemed hardly fair that the County should be forced to lock down once again.

Others argued it will land yet another blow to our economy with non-essential businesses ordered to shutter their doors and the ones allowed to remain open having to do curbside pickup and delivery in the middle of winter.

Why are we being penalized for the sins of the city? Some ask.

Others are saying our friends from the GTA and other hotspots have already packed up and come to their seasonal residences for the holidays. They continue to lament that this has been allowed since the initial days of the outbreak in March.

In Haliburton County, we are nothing short of lucky that our numbers so far have been relatively low, especially with the aforementioned visitors.

But let me state categorically: It is not my intention to reopen that 'us' versus 'them' can of worms. I don't fault people for wanting to come to their County escapes

if they follow all of the health unit's protocols. I honestly have to say that I have seen many locals grow complacent due to our low numbers. I have been to a store that did not have plexiglass or plastic at the cash and was served by someone not wearing a mask. I have had workers come to my home not wearing masks or practicing six-foot distancing. I have seen people without masks in stores and others who don't follow the signage in stores.

Part of the reason that we have been lucky is that most of us have been smart. The vast majority of the public here has been following health unit protocols.

Sure, we've had one local business claim COVID-19 is a hoax. And there's been an eatery that flouted the closed to indoor dining rule for an hour or so in the early days. We have had anti-maskers and will soon have anti-vaxxers. But, for the most part, we've been good little soldiers in the war against this pandemic.

Now we're being asked to step up once again.

The province is telling us to stay home as much as possible. Too bad they're not starting this on Christmas Day, mind you, since I've also run into people who say they are not going to let a pandemic, or the province's rules and regulations, get

in the way of them gathering on the day. That is the type of selfish behaviour that has gotten us into this mess in the first place.

Elsewhere, hospitals and long-term care homes are seeing numbers of daily cases rise, putting them at risk. We have had only one hospitalization in Haliburton County and no cases at our long-term care homes. Surely, we all want to keep it that way.

Is it going to hurt? You're damn right it will. Our retailers and restaurants, in particular, will feel the pinch. There's a new \$10,000 to \$20,000 grant for some businesses but it won't be enough. In addition, parents will have to make arrangements for school-aged children back to learning from home, that is if they are not back to working from home.

We're in for a month of it at least. Other jurisdictions have gone this route and it's proved that four to six weeks can interrupt the transmission of COVID-19 in Ontario.

So, with a big collective breath, it's time for all of us to suck it up once again and just do it.



By Lisa Gervais

COVID CORNER

Vaccination: what do you say?

I say it gives us hope when we need it. It allows us to persevere and hold our resolve for the next two months. It gives us courage and faith that there is an end in sight. Don't take risks now; that would be silly.

Here is what a few doctors and health care workers said as they received their vaccines (from #MyCOVIDVax, @medscape):

"My feelings about the jab: Relief that finally there appears to be light at the end of the tunnel, and we can start to think about a return to more normal times without the horrible and on-going death toll this disease has brought ... Chances for my parents ... to hug the grandchildren. Relief on a personal level, having managed to avoid contracting COVID so far, there still was the niggles that I could be one of the unfortunate ones that succumb to this horrible disease. And a true appreciation of the staggering achievement of the research scientists that have managed to roll out a vaccination for a disease that we'd never even heard about 12 months ago." - Dan O'Carroll, MD, United Kingdom

"I've talked to my children about the coronavirus ... I've told them I'm worried about getting infected myself or spreading the virus to them or to their grandmother.

All this has been a weight on me in addition to the strain of taking care of patients — some of the sickest patients I've ever taken care of in my life. These complex emotions came to a head the moment that vaccine went into my arm. I had this feeling that there's a way to lift this now, we can finally turn the corner on this ... It's like I didn't realize how heavy all this was until I felt the weight come off a little bit. It was a remarkable moment, one I'll never forget." - Taison Bell, MD, Virginia

"I thought about how this vaccine could have saved my dad. He died exactly 4 weeks before it was released, from COVID-19 respiratory failure at 48-years-old. I thought about how helpless I felt knowing I am a licensed medical provider and couldn't save him. This is my glimmer of hope for everyone else, to spare them the loss I carry with me now. I thought about seeing every COVID patient in the ER without the fear of bringing it home to my family and friends, inevitably. I thought about the near future; intubated and critical patient counts in the hospital dwindling down as the vaccine decreases exposures and builds herd immunity." - Storm Dutton, PA, Kentucky

Spanish flu/Swine flu pandemics.

From February 1918 to April 1920 the H1N1 influenza A virus infected 500 million people over four successive waves, killing somewhere around 50 million people. In 2009 this virus returned, causing about 284,000 deaths. Indeed, there are many factors and differences between 1918 and 2009, including the First World War increasing peoples' vulnerabilities, but it is worth noting one big difference: in 2009 we had a vaccine. It is estimated that H1N1 vaccines were 56 per cent effective at preventing H1N1, preventing about a million illnesses in the US. Studies determined that if the vaccination program started two weeks earlier, close to 60 per cent more cases could have been prevented.

Some of the most intelligent people in the world have been working round the clock to bring us a vaccine to protect us from SARS-CoV-2 virus.

To them I say, "Thank you."



By Dr. Nell Thomas

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Editorial opinion

LETTERS

Your thoughts echo mine

Dear editor,

Thank you very much for your editorial column in *The Highlander* [Dec. 17, 2020]. Your thoughts echo mine exactly and it needs to be said.

The current Ontario government certainly does use the strategy well but they are certainly not the only government to trot out big money announcements with very little detail or follow-up.

Laurie Scott's recent mailing was another classic example. Unfortunately, the majority of citizens seem to enable this.

Big money talks even if we don't know where it's going. I don't know why as citizens and especially taxpayers that we don't insist on more transparency.

I would suggest that once an announcement is made involving hundreds of thousands or millions of dollars an online government site should be clear about who got the money, how much they got and when they got it.

We could then follow up more locally to see if the money was well used. This should have been done long ago but there is no time like the present to begin a push for this kind of transparency. It's our money they're spending.

Gary Hunt
Haliburton

Clearly without an edge

Dear editor,

Great op/ed in last week's *Highlander*. I really like the way you put things, clearly and without a caustic edge. Even if I didn't agree with your position, it would be easy to respect the way you express it.

I started reading *The Highlander* when our son moved to Minden a few weeks ago. Wish we had more journalistic sources like *The Highlander* in our community, and writers like yourself.

Bob Waldon
Caledon and Halifax

Haliburton's unpromised land

Dear editor,

Before launching into what is sure to be a contentious upcoming public input stage of the County's shoreline takeover and control bylaw effort, let's first take a brief look at our most historically relevant and turbulent property history starting in the mid-1800's where it all began.

According to Wikipedia: "In 1859, the Crown Lands Department in the Province of Canada advertised a massive block of land for sale, to promote rapid growth through private enterprise. Thomas Chandler Haliburton, stepped in, in 1861 to do just that."

What is highly relevant is that it took

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Tammy Nash captured this image of a pine marten in her front yard.

many years of intense, lengthy, hard fought negotiations with the Government Department of Crown Lands to finalize the master agreement details and purchase price.

Next, Haliburton's company had difficulty in re-selling their now sub-divided lands for a variety of reasons. Namely, lack of good roads or even any roads; the rugged nature of the landscape - plus most importantly, the unrecognized emerging future high value of waterfront land - which many of these large land tracts would have included.

Then the final nail in Haliburton's coffin came when in 1883, Wikipedia reports the Province of Ontario had begun to open up neighbouring townships in Haliburton and Muskoka with offers of free land grants.

This was like "a government knife in the back" of our very founder.

Thereby totally destroying all he had worked for and all that had been accomplished as per his agreements with the government that sold these local lands to his company in the first place. A total betrayal.

Unable to cope with this new free land competition, the government's chosen private partner was now forced to dissolve their operations shortly thereafter. All this, as a result of the sudden shift in government policy (look familiar?) by that same government that had set all this scheme up

in the first place.

No wonder when someone says "I'm from the government and I am here to help you" - most intelligent people will turn and go the other way.

David Hopkins Howe
Minden Hills

A poem for 2020

Dear editor,

First of all, we wish to thank you for *The Highlander* which is delivered early Thursday mornings online. We enjoy and appreciate getting the paper in this manner.

We have a poem that we would like to submit to the paper. We are Avril's grandparents and we live here in town.

Dear 2020

I long for blissful days
Before bleak words of the pandemic
Poured relentlessly from radios and TV news.
I long for tranquil days
Where 6 feet was a height not a lonesome distance.
Face masks were soothing skincare
Not isolating barriers.
When stressed out students studied for tests
Not lined up for them along bleak hospital

walls
Waiting, waiting, waiting
Filling hours with nothing
Hoping for a negative result

Short months ago
Sneezes brought giggles to a room
Not scatter people like fragments
Of a glass bowl dropped to the cold floor
The streets are empty.
Quiet like an office tower on Christmas Eve
Relaxing with buddies
Not thinking about with whom
Or where they've been
'Dinner out with friends'
A phrase never spoken

Joyful days will return
Sweet like honey
Calm like a sunrise mirrored on a lake
Being together with friends
Carefree dinners with family
Simple things like hugging friends in hallways
Packed social schedules
Looking forward to vacations
Or just a lunch with pals
Hope in our hearts
For these better times

Avril Dunsmore, 14, Grade 10

Don and Karen Dunsmore
Haliburton

Highlander news

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON

NOTICE OF A COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT VACANT LAND AT HIGHWAY 35 & COUNTY ROAD 21 (PLOZA2020049)

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Official Plan & Zoning By-law. The site specific amendments apply to property located west of Highway 35 at County Road 21 (see Key Map below).

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The subject property is presently zoned Highway Commercial (C1) and is located within the Service and Business Area designation of the Township's Official Plan. The proposed amendments would re-designate and re-zone the property to allow for 30 medium density dwelling units in the form of 15 duplex buildings whereas residences are not otherwise permitted within existing Zoning and Official Plan Designation. The proposed amendments would designate the land for the intended residential use and provide site-specific exceptions to the proposed Residential Type Two (R2) Zoning to allow for 1.3 parking stalls per dwelling, for a total of 40 stalls, of which 2 provide for accessible parking; to permit a 135m. (443') fence (noise barrier) measuring 2.8m. (9'2") in height to be located along the east property line; to permit a setback from the High Water Mark of 21.3m. (69'11"); and, to allow a lot frontage of 179m. (586'5").

AND TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a **Public Meeting**, as required under the Planning Act. The Public Meeting is an opportunity for Council to hear and consider comments related to the proposed amendments. Any member of the public may speak in favour, or opposition to, the proposed amendments during the Public Meeting.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – PLOZA2020049

Date: Thursday, January 28, 2021

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: This will be held as a virtual meeting and can be accessed by:

Computer or smart phone at the link:	www.tinyurl.com/y25erzac Passcode: 8Ju6t\$SDrv
Telephone by dialing:	1-647-374-4685 Webinar ID: 811 7298 6145 Passcode: 5968513761
To view the meeting without speaking to Council, the proceedings may be viewed at:	https://youtu.be/JWjJe2bE8W4

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street by appointment or at such time as the Township offices re-open and is available online at www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at iclendening@mindenhills.ca or by phone at 705-286-1260 (ext.506).

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the official plan amendment is adopted or the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed official plan amendment and zoning by-law amendment, you must submit a written request to the Township of Minden Hills. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at iclendening@mindenhills.ca.

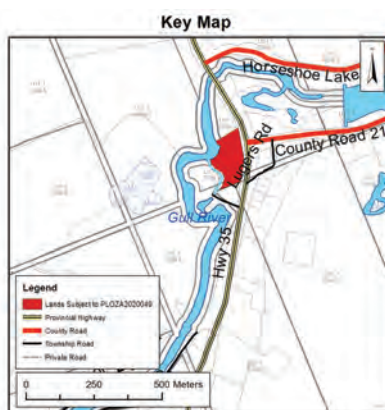
Accessibility: The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.

Privacy Disclosure: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

DATED this 6th day of January, 2021

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

Please note: paper submitted to the Township is being held for three (3) days before opening. If providing comment, please consider making an electronic submission to the e-mail address above, or, make specific reference to the Application Number on the outside of the envelope.



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON NEWS



County Coun. Patrick Kennedy will serve as deputy warden for 2021. *File photo.*

Rideshare provider drives away

The County of Haliburton has missed out on another opportunity for a rideshare program, prompting staff to recommend investigating a shared ride-service bylaw.

Director of Tourism, Amanda Virtanen, reported Dec. 16 that staff approached a shared-ride service provider in 2020. The unnamed company made a business plan and presented to council in closed session Nov. 25.

But Virtanen said the company has since said they cannot pursue opportunities within the County as they are launching in two other markets.

A bylaw “would enable opportunities for County consideration, should they arise,” Virtanen said, adding a Countywide bylaw versus a township-based one could help.

“There may be an option for consideration to have one Countywide bylaw to allow for ease of application and operation by service providers in the future,” she said.

Virtanen also reported staff had discussions with a different provider in 2019 who was interested in a pilot program for tourists, but COVID-19 prevented that provider from going forward.

Council voted to accept the report and direct staff to investigate a bylaw.

Kennedy becomes deputy warden

Coun. Patrick Kennedy is stepping into the

role of deputy warden.

Kennedy was the only person who asked for the position. He will take over from Coun. Andrea Roberts, who served in the role in 2020.

“I look forward to working with you, madame Warden,” Kennedy told Warden Liz Danielsen. “Thank you for your confidence and support, everyone.”

Pedestrian access at County Road 21

The County is applying for funding to improve pedestrian access on County Road 21, including a crossover at Industrial Road in Haliburton.

Council approved an application for funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. If approved, the federal and provincial governments would fund the entire \$200,000 cost for the project, which would include a multi-use pathway on the north side of County Road 21.

Coun. Andrea Roberts and Kennedy questioned the crossover and asked whether traffic lights could be installed instead, out of concern for drivers not heeding crossing lights.

Director of planning, Charlsey White said previous traffic counts did not warrant traffic lights but added they could redo the counts in the design process to see if anything has changed. (*County of Haliburton news compiled by Joseph Quigley.*)

Highlander business

Haliburton village gets its sports store back

By Joseph Quigley
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

When Joshua Karam and Erika Mozes entered Joanne Sharpley's Source for Sports in its dying days to shop for skis, the entrepreneurs saw possibility.

With Haliburton about to lose its only full-service sporting goods store, they decided they would fill that void. Just a few weeks after Sharpley's closed for good, they opened the 900-square-foot Delancey Sports Dec. 12 at 162 Highland St.

"When we saw the opportunity for Delancey Sports, it really was a no-brainer," Karam said. "We felt there was going to be great trends in the outdoor enthusiast space that would continue through 2021 and into the future."

The new shop features a full range of goods, including skis, snowshoes, hockey equipment and a skate sharpener purchased from Sharpley's.

The pair are originally from Ottawa, but previously lived split between Toronto and New York City. From there they ran Hyr, a ride-share company for shift workers. But they moved to Haliburton full-time in the summer, deciding to settle instead of renting properties as they had for years.

Source for Sports was on the market for two years as its owner sought to retire, but ultimately went unsold. Karam said the store was already winding down by the time they came across it.

"We only came to discover Sharpley's

10 days before they closed," he said.

"It certainly wasn't a realistic, I think, opportunity [to purchase it]."

Still, the pair said they appreciated the legacy of the 29-year-old establishment and took some parts of it – including their director of store operations, Cindy Nesbitt, who worked at Sharpley's beforehand.

"We're very fortunate for what Sharpley's has done to pave a good path, if you will, and create a great opportunity for a successor," Karam said.

"It is surreal," Nesbitt said about her job move. "It's great to know that I'm in a spot where the community needs us ... It's been busy but it's been an amazing journey so far."

Despite the challenges the Haliburton's previous sports source had finding a buyer, Karam said they do not see any risk in their venture, adding it takes a special type of person to enter the brick-and-mortar retail sector.

"You have to have tenacity, you have to be really all-in on that so it doesn't surprise me the store could be up for sale for some time and not be purchased," he said. "What we really wanted to do was bring a new approach to the sporting goods space."

"Haliburton County itself is a sport-oriented town," Nesbitt said, describing a sports shop as a necessity for the community. "I'm so happy with that enthusiasm we've had thus far in our first week and look forward to seeing more new and familiar faces."



Delancey Sports director of store operations, Cindy Nesbitt, stands next to a ski display at the new shop, which opened in Haliburton Dec. 12. Photo by Joseph Quigley



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Highlander business

Deck pedicure leads to pandemic opportunity

By Lisa Gervais

Long-time Halls Lake cottager, Yvonne Kreuzwiesner, has made the bold decision to not only move full-time to the County but start a new business during COVID-19. Kreuzwiesner recently launched Skin Tech Face and Body Care.

“I have been a cottager on Halls Lake since 1967. I love the Haliburton Highlands and I am so proud and happy to be living, and to have started the business, here in the Highlands,” she said.

Kreuzwiesner said she believes that the pandemic has changed people’s lives for the better.

“If anyone had told me in February, 2020 that I would be living and working in the Haliburton Highlands in May, I would say they were kidding me. However, as fate would have it, here I am living in a truly beautiful place and now running a new business.”

Kreuzwiesner had been teaching medical esthetics at a college in Mississauga until March, 2020 and then was laid off due to COVID.

Feeling upset and lost and not comfortable in her condo in Toronto, she decided to come north to her cottage. Once there, she decided to paint and fix the place up to pass time. Then one day a neighbour asked her if she could give her a pedicure on her deck.

From there, she decided to give the community Mobile Medical and Traditional Esthetic services. She said she had a steady



Yvonne Kreuzweisener at work with Skin Tech Face and Body Care. Photo submitted.

summer and met some great people.

“I wanted to offer more than just mobile services, so through the help of Royal LePage in Haliburton, I met Amy who was setting up Blush Hair Design in the Village Barn in Haliburton. On Sept. 28, 2020 we officially opened our businesses.” Skin Tech is located in Blush Hair Design at 195

Highland St.

“It’s so great to offer esthetics and medical esthetics with the convenience of hair design together in one location,” Kreuzwiesner said.

She said she believes it’s the only esthetic, hair combination shop in the County. They offer mobile services as well.

“I truly feel blessed to be part of such a warm, friendly and kind community.”

Skin Tech can be contacted at 705-489-1598; text 416-806-9682; skintechfaceandbodycare.com; email ykreuz@hotmail.com.

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Santa made a special visit to the Storm's Timbits Initiation I players on Sunday Dec. 20. *Photo submitted.*



Cooper Gilbert reaches for a puck. *Photo by Lisa Gervais*

Green machine powers to 9-6 victory

On Saturday, Dec. 19 at the Haliburton arena, the U11 team Green and team Yellow faced off for their final game of the season.

Both teams were determined to win this re-match. The last time these two met, the battle ended in a tie.

This time however, the Green team would not be denied victory. They were led by Nixon Ecclestone, who found the back of the net on six occasions, Jacob Sutton's consistent battling along the boards and Leighton Nesbitt's strong defensive play. The team showed everyone in the arena that Green meant business.

Guest player Levi Rowe was a great addition with his

two-way play that complemented freewheeling rushing defensemen Duncan Evans-Fockler. Ross Gordon's good positioning allowed him to capitalize on a rebound and bury one for his team.

Jordyn Braun and Patrick Valentini worked fiercely at both ends of the ice, each and every shift, while Linus Gervais utilized his speed and sniped two goals for team Green.

At the end of the first period team, Green were down by two. Netminder Colten Simms showed his composure in the second half of the game and shut the door on his opponents allowing only a single goal in the second period to lead his team to a 9-6 victory. *(Submitted)*

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U11 GREEN STARS



#1 NIXON ECCLESTONE

Nixon not only had a great offensive game with six goals, his determination on the backcheck was impressive, tracking down his opponents and denying them many scoring opportunities.



#2 COLTEN SIMMS

Colten saw many high-pressure shots and made some tough saves. With only one puck finding its way past Simms in the second period he gave his team the chance they needed for the win.



#3 LINUS GERVAIS

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Highlander arts

Artists given chance for a six-minute escape

By Lisa Gervais

If you are an artist with a message that fits the theme of transformation, the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands (ACHH) wants to hear from you.

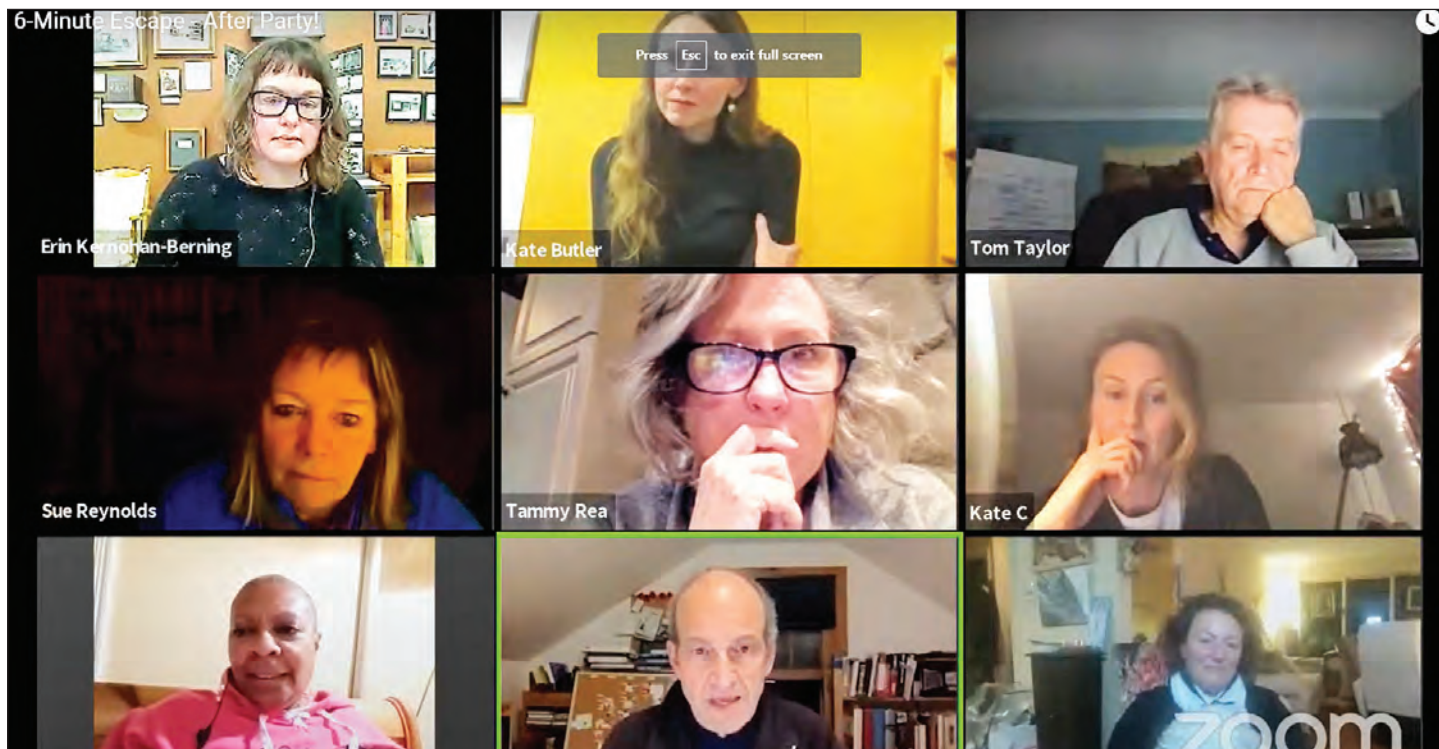
The ACHH is looking for proposals for an opportunity to have the artists' six-minute video become a part of the second episode of "The 6-Minute Escape: Transformations" premiering in mid-April.

ACHH chair, Kate Butler, said they're pleased to build on the success of the first episode by opening the request for submissions to all artistic genres. She said anyone with a message to convey on the theme of transformations is welcome to apply.

The first episode premiered Oct. 3. It featured well-known Canadian authors, alongside local authors, recounting stories related to the theme of 'Beyond the Borders of Home.' The stories were tales of travel near and far. The episode is available to watch at youtu.be/xridaoddVdY.

Butler added The Arts Council hopes that the second episode will feature artists from a broad spectrum of genres including, but not limited to, visual art, dance, music, theatre, and literary. The committee is recruiting a couple of well-known Canadian artists, who have a connection to the Haliburton Highlands, to show their work alongside the local artists and artisans.

To learn more about the submission



An image from the Oct. 3 Beyond the Borders of Home 6-Minute Escape. File.

process and requirements visit haliburton.libraryshare.com/6minuteescape/. Deadline for submissions is Feb. 1, 2021 with successful candidates being notified by Feb. 15 and the final video due on March 15, 2021.

"The second episode of "The 6-Minute

Escape: Transformations" promises to be a multi-media extravaganza that comes right to your living room," Butler said.

Members of the public wishing to be notified of information about this project are invited to sign up for the newsletter at haliburtonarts.on.ca/.

The 6-Minute Escape is a fundraiser for the ACHH. To donate, go to gofundme.com/f/6-minute-escape.

Butler said donations help the ACHH continue their good work in promoting and nurturing the arts and artists of Haliburton County.

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From the Township of Minden Hills

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CLOSED Dec 24th at 11:30 AM to Jan 1st, 2021

Cultural Centre/Agnes Jamieson Gallery
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Public Works Department Administration Office

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CLOSED Dec 24th at 11:30 AM to Jan 1st, 2021

Fire Department Administration Office

Dec 21st to December 23rd 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
CLOSED Dec 24th at 11:30 AM to Jan 1st, 2021

Regular hours resume Jan 4th, 2021

A Message From the Minden Hills Fire Department

Please make sure your chimney is clean before the colder winter months set in and you begin to use your fire and chimneys again. Fires can start accidentally in your chimney. Soot and fuel residues slowly build up in chimneys over time and sometimes these leftovers can catch fire. If this happens, the chimney could send burning soot into your living room or start fires within the roof space or on other floors of the house. Even if it doesn't burn the house down, a chimney fire can cause a huge mess. You can help prevent this by having your chimney swept regularly.

Chimney safety tips

- Clean your chimney and flue regularly
- Make sure embers are properly put out before you go to bed
- Always use a fire guard to protect against flying sparks from hot embers

If the worst should happen, a smoke alarm can give you the extra time you need to escape a house fire. A blocked or defective chimney can cause both chimney fires and carbon monoxide poisonings so it's very important to employ a professional qualified Chimney Sweeper.

How often should you clean your chimney?

- Oil - Once a year
- Gas - Once a year
- Bituminous coal - Twice a year
- Wood - Up to four times a year
- Smokeless coals - At least once a year

(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:
January 14 – Budget Standing Committee Meeting

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.

Notice – 2021 Budget Deliberations

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence the 2nd round of its 2021 Budget deliberations during its Special Council Meeting via web conference scheduled for January 14, 2021.

Trisha McKibbin, CAO/Clerk
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tmckibbin@mindenhills.ca

2020 Tax Information

Council passed By-law #20-63 to suspend late charges on all 2020 tax installments until the first day following December 4, 2020 in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

This is a reminder that the 2020 property taxes were due on December 4th. Interest will be added effective January 1, 2021 to all tax amounts outstanding as of this date.

You may pay your taxes via telephone or on-line banking or pay at your financial institution. Please allow three (3) business days for payments to be received by our office.

Payments can also be made by cheque and mailed or put in our secured drop box at 7 Milne St. located on the north wall of the Administration building facing Pritchard Lane and the Municipal parking lot. It is accessed from the wheelchair entrance and is at the top of the first ramp. Absolutely NO cash is to be put in the drop box. Please make cheques payable to the Township of Minden Hills.

If you have any questions, please contact the tax department at (705) 286-1260 and press option "3".

Holiday Hours at Waste Sites

All Minden Hills Waste Sites are closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day so our Staff can enjoy time with their families. Happy Holidays!

Water and Sewer Accounts

Please note that any balance outstanding on your water and sewer account at December 31st will be transferred to your tax account.

If you pay your account by telephone or on-line banking, any payments received at the Township office in the new year will be up-loaded to your water/sewer account. It is your responsibility to make your payment to the appropriate account – utility or taxes.

Any payments made on your utility account after the balance is transferred to taxes, will result in a credit on your utility account until the next quarterly billing, and will only be transferred to taxes upon written request, subject to an administration fee of \$25.00.

Please ensure your on-line or telephone banking payments are made to the appropriate utility or tax account.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact our office at 705-286-1260, ext. 501 or by email at water-sewer@mindenhills.ca.

Winter Parking

From Nov 1st to Apr 30th, overnight parking is prohibited between the hours of midnight and 8:00 AM on township roadways and parking lots.

Furthermore, parking in the turning circle of a cul-de-sac is prohibited during all hours. Vehicles parked in these areas that prohibit the removal of snow will be towed away and/or ticketed at the owner's expense.

The Interview

The Interview: Local MP Jamie Schmale

By Lisa Gervais

Q: How has COVID drastically changed your work life this year?

A: COVID-19 certainly impacted the way I would have normally interacted with the riding. In the early days, as you might recall, everything was shut down. We were still answering phone calls but there were no meetings or events. Then, little by little, we all started to adapt. Zoom became a thing and meetings started picking up, virtual events were being held, self-distancing was the norm and by September it was busy as usual. With local federal government resources being partially shut down in the first half of the pandemic, my office in Lindsay was very busy helping constituents with issues, particularly around CEWS and CERB.

Q: What do you think COVID has revealed about your riding ... share one positive thing and one negative thing.

A: Without a doubt, the resilience, indomitable community spirit and resolve of the people of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock was certainly the bright spot of the year. Front-line workers in the service industry, medical professionals, teachers, parents, charities, not for profits, service groups, everyone really stepped up and helped those suffering during the pandemic.

In terms of the negative piece, of course we know that the pandemic has shifted

many of us more quickly to adapting to online schooling and meetings, which has only served to exasperate an already present issue of the need for reliable, affordable, highspeed internet in many parts of the riding.

Internationally, this pandemic has shown us how countries around the world are treating their elderly in long-term care. Countries such as Spain, Italy, and even right across our own country. We all need to do better.

Q: What have you been able to accomplish, in your portfolio, and on behalf of constituents. What have you been unable to do?

A: At the beginning of the pandemic, I was still the Shadow Minister for Crown-Indigenous Relations. In that role I was particularly concerned with the impact of COVID on remote Indigenous communities and spent some time with my Parliamentary colleagues on both sides of the House working on solutions.

As the pandemic progressed, I really pushed hard for a plan for the recovery of those Indigenous communities and businesses hit hard by COVID-19. Economic Reconciliation was and is still a high priority for me.

In September, I was appointed to the role as Shadow Minister for Families, Children and Social Development. Recently, I have

been working hard to find a solution for childcare and to help charities whose fundraising efforts have been severely tested by the pandemic.

Right here in the riding, from the very start, my staff and I have made ourselves available via all sorts of different mediums to ensure all of the constituents and business owners who needed help navigating the rapidly evolving situation could have access to the resources they needed.

In terms of what I have not been able to do, that is hold vital services, like our seniors seminars that helped get valuable information to our seniors across the riding. My Capital Experience Program is also something that due to the pandemic I wasn't able to host this year. I also missed out on many of the community events, as we all did.

I hope as we move forward, and move past the pandemic, that I will be able to bring back these very informative events, and be back out into the community.

Q: What are you most proud of in the past year. What do you wish you could take back/do differently?

A: This question ties very easily into the same answer from the last question, of course the work I do on behalf of residents in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock would be what I continue to be most proud of.

I am so proud of raising the profile of the elected Chiefs of the Wet'suwet'en ensuring that they had a voice at the table with the government.

I would add that I am also proud of the new outreach methods and expanding the way we engage people differently. Such as with my podcast, The Blueprint, which highlights the work of my colleagues in Ottawa and across Canada.

Lastly, my Conservative colleagues and I also worked with the chambers of commerce and businesses across our riding to hear their needs and feedback on the government's pandemic response. This allowed us to fight for and secure changes to the wage subsidy program (including an increase from 10 to 75 per cent) to help more Canadians keep their jobs during this pandemic.

Q: What do you think 2021 has in store for HKLB?

A: I have faith that the people of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock can weather any storm. I expect that we will get through 2021 and put the pandemic behind us. It is my earnest hope that the lessons we have learned from 2020 will be put to good use in Canada and will make us a stronger, more unified, and resilient country.

The Interview with MPP Laurie Scott will be in our Jan. 7 edition.

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Editor's note: With constant changes due to COVID-19 protocols, The Highlander cannot guarantee any of its what's on listings.

DEC. 14-JAN. 5

The 54th annual Minden Christmas Bird Count. The area includes Lochlin, Gelert, Kinmount, Moore Falls and Minden. Contact Ed Poropat at 705-457-3018 or email ed.barb@sympatico.ca

DEC. 23

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.

DEC. 24

Christmas Eve Service Online – Haliburton Pastoral Charge - at 8 p.m. on YouTube. Christmas carols, readings and music by guest artists. Access the video any time after 7:45 p.m. at haliburtonuc.com: "Watch Services Online" All are welcome to tune in.

The Anglican Parish of Haliburton Christmas Eve pageant and prayer online. On YouTube - search Fr Ken McClure. Facebook - search The Parish of Haliburton or by visiting haliburtonanglican.org

DEC. 25

The Anglican Parish of Haliburton Christmas morning worship. On YouTube - search Fr Ken McClure. Facebook - search The Parish of Haliburton or by visiting haliburtonanglican.org

DECEMBER/JANUARY

Public skating is available on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays at the A.J. LaRue Arena. Additional public skating times are added for P.A. Days, Christmas break and March break. Pre-registration is required. There are only 25 spaces available per skate. The sessions are 45 minutes in length. Helmets are strongly recommended for all participants. Cost is \$2 per person.

Minden Hills Holiday Lights Contest - go for a drive through the Township of Minden Hills to enjoy the lights. The list of addresses can be found at mindenhills.ca

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 phe Wittosborne@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

CANCELLED

For the first time in more than 30 years, the Haliburton Forest is cancelling its annual poker run. It had been scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021. General manager Tegan Legge said they made the tough decision for the safety of staff, guests and community. The event has brought in hundreds of snowmobilers annually from all over Ontario. Last year, between the efforts of staff and volunteers, the Forest raised \$15,000 for the local fire department. They intend to continue in 2022, on Saturday, Feb. 12. Legge said trails will remain open to those wishing to purchase day passes and for those already staying with them. The Cookhouse will be hosting outdoor BBQs on weekends all winter with bonfires and comfort foods. All day pass fees for Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021 will be donated to Dysart et al fire department.

HAVE AN UPCOMING EVENT?

Contact admin@thehighlander.ca



Top: Helpers Michelle Reay and Jashelle Kitcheman load a car - being driven by a volunteer driver - with Christmas hamper items Dec. 21 at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena and Community Centre. Bottom: Joanne Barnes of the Minden Community Food Centre prepares for the arrival of people to pick up Christmas hampers. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

Spreading Christmas cheer

The Minden Community Food Centre Christmas hamper pick-up was on Dec. 21 at the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre. This year's pick-up was a drive thru. Select volunteers helped out with the community effort. *(Lisa Gervais)*

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The Nurse Practitioner functions in an expanded role demonstrating a high level of autonomy and is responsible for: conducting client assessments; diagnosing; ordering and interpreting diagnostic tests; prescribing pharmaceuticals and performing specific procedures within the legislated scope of practice. Working in collaboration with the inter-professional team, the NP will ensure a timely response to a client's changing health status and needs and provide direct patient care focusing on health promotion. Evening and some weekend work will be required as well as a valid driver's license and police record check.

ASSETS FOR THIS POSITION

- Good initiative and interest in program development as it is a role that requires some growth in order to improve access and utilization of the resources.
- Experience working with LGBTQ2 populations and Indigenous populations
- Experience in sexual health and trans positive care
- Primary care experience
- French language
- Experience in mental health and substance use with a focus on harm reduction.
- Knowledge of Haliburton County community

The Haliburton Youth Wellness Hub is committed to employment equity, inclusion, and diversity, and welcomes applications from Indigenous persons, persons who are visible minorities, persons with disabilities, and persons of any sexual or gender orientation.

Please send resume by Jan. 8th, 2020 to:

Mary Sisson, Haliburton Youth Wellness Hub Manager
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Peacefully at his residence in Algonquin Highlands on Tuesday evening, December 15, 2020 in his 71st year. Beloved husband and best friend of Cynthia "Cindy" Ill (nee Crawford). Loving father of Stacey (Steve), Katrina (Roy), and Amber (Jamie). Affectionately remembered by his Granddaughters Toria, Kaitlyn, Leah, Samantha, Madison, Paige, Ashley, Myah, and his Great Granddaughter Dakota. Also tenderly remembered by his siblings Anne, Tony (Ruth), Steve (Barb), and Gary (Maryanne). Brother in-law to Anita (Mike) & Cheryl (John). Frank was predeceased by his parents Anton & Katherina (nee Hanftaler), his brother Joe & sister Theresa.

Private Celebration Of Life

Private celebration of life will take place in the new year. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Alzheimer's Society 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.  www.communityfuneralhomes.com

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 - 15 Bhagavad- ____ (Hindu text)
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 - 19 "Care for ____ of tea?"
 - 20 * ____ King Cole
 - 21 He gives Homer Duff
 - 22 People you vow to get?
 - 23 *Dog working on a bone, say
 - 25 *Person in a lotto ad, often
 - 27 *Peevedness
 - 28 Braves pitcher Darren
 - 29 Prefix with -pod
 - 32 Cat-tails connector
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 - 38 ____ du Canada (high "honneur")
 - 39 *Get off slowly
 - 40 Salieri's feeling toward Mozart
 - 41 Ploy
 - 42 Hard type of question for a waffler
 - 43 Deer lady
 - 44 Lambs: Lat.
 - 45 *A billion years, in astronomy
 - 46 *Get back
 - 48 *Shopkeeper's overhead?
 - 52 One paid in job experience
 - 54 "Exodus" hero
 - 55 *Keanu in "The Matrix"
 - 56 Commercial fishing net
 - 57 See 25-Down
 - 60 Orphan girl of comics
 - 61 Spitz eater's sound
 - 62 Put in one's two cents, maybe
 - 63 *Stake in a hockey pool
 - 64 *Summoned Jeeves
 - 65 Swedish-named candy bar

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- Down
- 1 *"Sorry, guess again"
 - 2 "S.N.L." funnyman Thompson
 - 3 Dreaded reggae singer?
 - 4 Summer setting in B.C.
 - 5 *Turn a blind eye to
 - 6 Hitcher's hope
 - 7 Place to play the ponies, briefly
 - 8 Commons rejection
 - 9 Tweety Bird's owner
 - 10 Lane in Loblaw's
 - 11 Witty back-and-forths
 - 12 Sweet' ____ (sugar substitute)
 - 13 Suffix meaning "followers"
 - 18 ____ bagatelle (trifling thing)
 - 22 *Monty Python-esque, to some
 - 24 Tasting of merlot
 - 25 With 57-Across, certain Scandinavian dictionary listings ... or a literal hint to the answers to the starred clues
 - 26 "Do ____ to eat a peach?": T.S. Eliot

- 30 *Mottled mare
- 31 "You Know ____ Good" (Winehouse hit)
- 32 Was outstanding
- 33 *iPod successor to the Mini
- 34 Turning inside out
- 35 Sarkozy's model wife Carla
- 36 Edmund who played Kris Kringle
- 38 *Church keys?
- 42 "That hurts!"
- 44 Yes man?
- 45 *Corn-destroying insect
- 47 Mate of meenie, miney and mo
- 49 How confident solvers solve
- 50 "Keen" kin
- 51 *Lost cause
- 52 Caesar's "vidi"
- 53 Singer of "99 Luftballons"
- 54 "Make ____ for it!"
- 57 U.S. cousin of CBC Radio One
- 58 River of Hiroshima
- 59 Welcome sign when on E

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