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## Fish take flight

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association fish hatchery helped put fish into the air with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry April 22. A ministry helicopter lifted several buckets of live fish from the hatchery to help stock various County lakes. Hatchery volunteers Dave Moss, Nick Bryant and Steve Belanger, pour a bucket of fish. *Photo by Joseph Quigley.*

# Centre Lake Crown land sale criticized

**By Joseph Quigley**

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Citizens came forward to express their concerns with a proposed disposition of Crown land on the shoreline of Centre Lake at a Highlands East council public meeting April 27.

More than 60 people viewed the live-

streamed meeting, of which seven delegations presented. The municipality hosted the meeting to gather feedback as the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) considers selling a 200-foot Crown reserve. The move comes at the request of two developers at the east and west sides of the lake.

One of the planned developments is a

60-suite resort and wellness spa called Granite Shores on the east side, which also garnered attention. Many of the delegates expressed concerns about the possible impact of large-scale projects.

"Crown land is the people's land," Dale Watson, who leases an island on Centre Lake, said. "Once it's gone, it's gone forever. Centre Lake is a beautiful,

untouched lake that offers itself to the local public."

The meeting was distinct from the MNRF's public consultation, which it will do later regarding a Crown land use policy amendment.

Municipal planner Chris Jones noted no decisions would be made on applications

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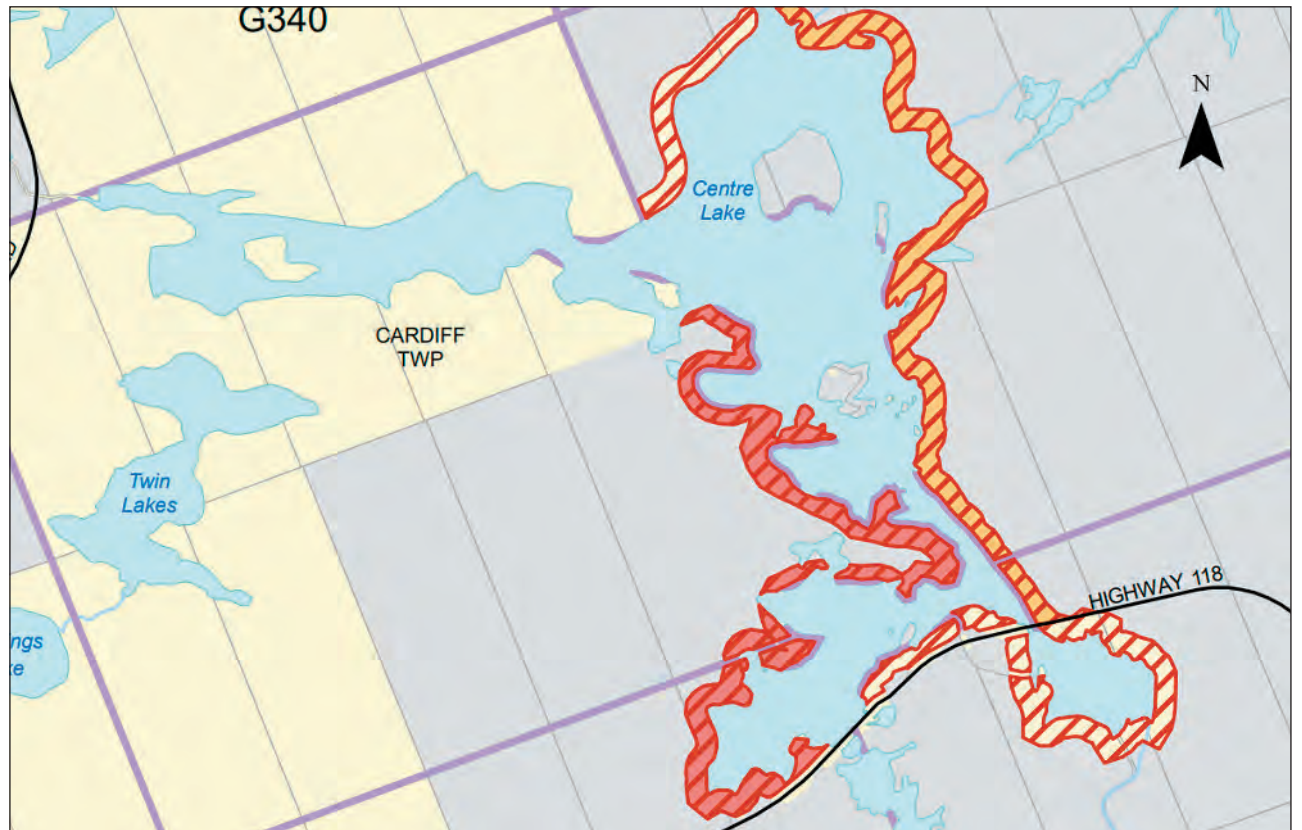
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A diagram of the Crown land at Centre Lake, which the province is considering selling. *Photo via MNRF.*

## Fear for water, species-at-risk

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to purchase Crown land until a policy amendment is completed to make it possible. He also said the area would exclude a 66-ft municipal shore road allowance.

Several organizations came forward to discuss the situation, including the Paudash Lake Conservation Association and the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. Hiawatha First Nations representative Tom Cowie said the lake is within the territory of the Williams Treaties.

"We do have general concerns around the protection of the water,

species at risk," Cowie said. "We look forward to working with you guys in the consultation phase."

IBI Group planner Julia Redfearn, representing Granite Shore, said they have prepared studies and assessments. She said the resort and spa could bring \$450,000 annually to the municipality in property taxes alone and it is willing to work with council and the public to refine the conceptual plan. She also said it will go ahead with or without Crown land.

"The future development is feasible from an environmental, social and ecological perspective," Redfearn said.

The decision-making on Crown land will ultimately fall to the MNRF, though the municipality can provide feedback and would have a role in subsequent planning approvals. No council members commented during the proceedings. But Andrew Martin, who spoke against the proposal, said council's decisions will matter.

"Centre Lake is heavily used by your community locally and it's an asset we really love," Martin said. "If this development goes through, I am going to consider it the decision of this council and I think this council really needs to value the assets we have."



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## Dysart residents to use phone and internet voting in 2022

By Lisa Gervais

Dysart et al is changing the way people can vote in the 2022 municipal election.

At its April 27 meeting, council opted for internet and telephone voting.

That is a change from the 2018 election, when the township went with vote-by-mail.

Clerk Mallory Bishop said in talks with clerks of the other townships, they are striving for a consistent voting method across the board.

“Should all four municipalities select the same voting method for the 2022 municipal election, there is a chance to work collaboratively to deliver a consistent election (training, education, advertisement, processes and procedures) for all residents of Haliburton County,” she said in a written report.

She added it made sense for collaborative procurement purposes as outlined in the service delivery review.

Bishop said voting by internet or telephone allows an elector to vote from anywhere with a telephone or internet connection.

Voters receive a voter’s information package with a unique personal numeric passcode. When logging on to the website, they enter their PIN and answer a security question. They can then vote, review and confirm.

With telephone voting, people call a toll-free number, enter their PIN, and follow a touch-tone menu to cast their ballot.

Bishop outlined the benefits including: accessibility for persons with disabilities, seniors and seasonal residents; a lengthier voting window; better privacy; could increase voter turnout; reduces election costs including for fewer staff; less of a chance for errors or spoiled ballots; immediate results and engaging younger voters.

She added, “in light of the COVID-



Dysart et al council met April 27. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

19 pandemic or any future seasonal or public health risks, this method ensures there would be no gathering of electors to vote or staff to count ballots.” She said it would also eliminate the need to handle thousands of mail-in ballots.

Bishop further said that during the voting period, staff will arrange for equipment to be made available at an accessible location for anyone who does not have the technology or connectivity.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said she was excited as council had discussed e-voting in the past but had not chosen that method. She added she is pleased all four townships are looking at a similar method far out from the 2022 poll.

Coun. John Smith said while he thought it was a “sensible” thing to do, there is a risk of technical issues. He asked if other municipalities using e-voting had noticed improved voter

turnout. He was further worried about frail elderly people using internet and telephone options.

“It does have the potential (to increase voter turnout) just because of the convenience factor,” Bishop said. She added they will be able to assist voters who request help.

Coun. Larry Clarke thought it was a “good move.” He noted some wards have large seasonal resident populations that will benefit. He added it is a modern method. “How many bills do you get in the mail?” He said it would also cut down on managing paperwork.

Noting Coun. Smith’s concerns, Clarke said there would be a transition period but “they also have a year and a half.”

Dysart puts away money every year for the next election and will have \$68,000 in place for the 2022 vote. The township has until May of 2022 to pass a bylaw.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Money for Abbey Retreat Centre

The Abbey Retreat Centre (ARC) is getting more than \$30,000 from the provincial government to rebuild and recover from COVID-19.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP, Laurie Scott, made the announcement April 16 for non-profits. ARC is the only recipient of this particular fund in the Highlands.

Scott said the money was coming from the Ontario Trillium Foundation’s resilient communities fund.

She added it is to support staff and volunteers, reimagine programming and renovate facilities as they deal with pandemic impacts.

ARC has been offering virtual retreats.

“We are so thankful for the work of local non-profit organizations in HKLB and this funding will help them adapt to the challenges COVID-19 has presented so they can better service the needs of the community,” Scott said.

### Firefighters get a boost

The Ontario Government is investing \$60,000 to help fire services in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a press release, MPP Laurie Scott said the funding will enhance fire safety training and support safety inspection programs to ensure compliance with the Ontario Fire Code.

Algonquin Highlands is getting \$5,100, Dysart et al \$ 6,100, Highlands East \$5,400 and Minden Hills \$6,100.

“Our government will continue to support local fire services as they navigate the challenges COVID-19 presents while providing the community services needed to keep residents safe,” Scott said.

### Land Trust gets grant

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust has received \$5,000 from the Haliburton County Development Corporation Local Initiatives Project.

This funding will be used to investigate the possibilities of improving the driveway and parking area at Barnum Creek Nature Reserve.

As visitors to Barnum Creek Nature Reserve increase, HHLT is working to find solutions to both summer and winter parking.

“We will take time to investigate possibilities and will create a plan which meets the criteria of our commitments to land conservation,” said Joan Duhaime. (News briefs compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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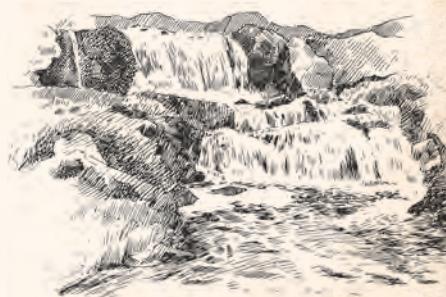
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## Committee debates renaming Sam Slick Park

**By Joseph Quigley**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dysart et al took steps to confront the legacy of Sam Slick Park’s namesake as the cultural resources committee debated whether to rename it.

The municipal committee discussed the controversial figure April 22, coming to no decision but opting to create a subcommittee to make recommendations. The name garnered attention last year when a Nova Scotia town removed Sam Slick iconography. That was due to the alleged racism present in the character’s book, *The Clockmaker*.

Thomas Chandler Haliburton, the namesake for the County and village, created the character, with Slick’s stories compiled in *The Clockmaker*. It originated many famous sayings but has faced modern criticism for using the N-word and questionable depictions, such as an escaped slave longing for his former servitude.

Committee member Kate Butler said there is an opportunity to educate people on the issue.

“Talk about the fact that we don’t see things in the same way anymore. We’ve learned a lot. We’ve grown a lot,” Butler said, adding the original intention of the park’s name was to harken to Thomas Chandler Haliburton and his work.

The Rotary Club of Haliburton originally created and named Sam Slick Park,

situated across from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. A plaque at the location discusses that history.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said she read halfway through *The Clockmaker* but was not necessarily convinced a renaming is needed.

“It’s muddy water and I personally can’t relate to it because that’s not my lived experience and I’m trying to be as open-minded as possible,” Roberts said. “What is the message we’re sending to our community right now? While I read some of it, I still have no more conclusive answer to make that decision that we should not call it Sam Slick Park anymore.”

The committee discussed adding a secondary plaque to further contextualize the name.

“We’re aware of it and we need to deal with it in some way,” committee member Jim Blake said. “We don’t need to have any complaints to be progressive and move ahead.”

Member Shelley Schell said the municipality should address the issue, but she was concerned about removing history.

“What is correct and what is culturally appropriate changes as times go by,” Schell said. “A qualifying or a disclaiming statement would address the issue and that would relay current sensitivity but not eradicate history.”

Member Anna Babluck said she would like to rename the park but have a plaque



Dysart et al is holding committee discussions on whether to rename Sam Slick Park due to the racism associated with its namesake. Photo by Joseph Quigley

explaining the history and former name.

“When we know better, we do better,” Babluck said. “Characters matter and what

we choose to celebrate and portray, even if it’s certainly accurate, it matters. And it reflects on us and our values.”

## Places for People gets \$50K to ‘foster belonging’

**By Lisa Gervais**

Places for People (P4P), in conjunction with Staanworth and KLH Housing Corp., the other community housing providers in Minden, has received a grant of almost \$50,000 from the Community Housing Transformation Centre to help their tenants get together to figure out how to make their communities a place where everybody has the feeling of belonging.

P4P spokesperson, Fay Martin, said tenant-landlord relationship are complex, “but landlords and tenants alike are generally left on their own to figure out

how to get it right.”

Yet, with “run-away” real estate prices, she said it is likely that a growing portion of the population will be tenants, “so ensuring they feel like first-class citizens will protect the health and well-being of the community as a whole.”

Martin added the community housing tenant-landlord relationship has added complexities.

She said the three community housing groups operating in Minden have come together to take advantage of the grant to help them do their work better.

The project is a nine-month tenant-centric

participative research project that will focus on making their communities a good place to live.

Tenant representatives from each of the seven community housing buildings in the village, along with representatives from each of the housing providers, will give leadership to the project.

Martin said research staff who have lived experience as community housing tenants will facilitate several cycles of information gathering and sharing about life in each of the communities and of being a tenant generally, and a community housing tenant in particular.

“Participative research addresses an issue in the process of studying it; it looks not only at what the problem under investigation is, but also what the solution to that problem might be and how it might be achieved,” Martin said.

“The intent of this project is to develop and test-drive an on-going mechanism for identifying and resolving issues among tenants, housing providers, service providers and the larger community, as well as building on the strengths in their communities.”



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## Highlander wins eight awards

By Lisa Gervais

*The Highlander* was named the best overall newspaper in its circulation class at the Ontario Community Newspaper Association (OCNA) virtual awards ceremony April 23.

"*The Highlander* was the clear winner in this class," the judges said of the 6,500 to 12,499 circulation category.

"Clean and concise writing, headlines and design, with appealing layout from start to finish, excellent use of colour and strong local photography throughout," the judges added. "The dedicated arts and sports sections, along with the other special sections like environment and health offer readers a broad slice of community life. This is a shining example of community news not only done well in terms of content, but presented in an appealing package. Loved that they take the time to do a streeter!"

The newspaper also took first in the

best feature photo category for an image editor Lisa Gervais took of a blacksmithing student looking through an opening in the handle of his knife at Haliburton School of Art and Design.

The judge said, "Lisa Gervais used a tremendous amount of imagination to figure out how to shoot this photo and make it spectacular. Everything about the photo from human interest, originality, and quality of reproduction make it #1."

Head of production, Lyelca Rodrigues, also took a first place for local retail layout. The judge said, "you took a simple idea to the next level with great design, eye-catching images, and simple, clean text. Great way to think outside the box."

Gervais was runner-up for best investigative news story for a piece she wrote headlined 'Clock stops ticking at the Wigamog'. The judge commented, "strong open - huge story. Straightforward and simple writing

by Lisa Gervais going a long way. Sometimes the work put into a story is directly related to what is on the page. Congrats."

Rodrigues garnered a second for original ad idea. The judge said, "Nice executions. Simple and easy, yet fun."

The paper was also awarded third place for best vertical product for *Home in the Highlands*, best creative ad, and best use of colour.

Publisher Simon Payn said, "*The Highlander* has won the general excellence prize four times over the past five years. That's down to a hard-working, creative team that always pushes to be better. Since *The Highlander* started, we've strived to create an outstanding product because we believe newspapers play a vital role in their communities. It's gratifying when our efforts are recognized, and we thank our readers and advertisers for their support. We couldn't do it without them."

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### Committee processing green burials

Highlands East's environment advisory committee is making progress on recommendations to bring green burials to the municipality.

The committee met April 21 to review their draft document. They suggested Deer Lake Cemetery as the site. The burial method aims to be more environmentally-friendly.

Coun. Suzanne Partridge said the municipality shelved the work as committees did not meet for the first year of the pandemic, but she hopes to forward the recommendations to council by next month.

"We've thought about it for quite some time," Partridge said. "We haven't done a lot that's been concrete."

Other recommendations include assigned plots, accommodating winter burials at the family's expense, and adding a gazebo or seating at the centre of the site to allow people to convene with nature.

### Plan to create economic profile

The Highlands East economic committee plans to produce an economic profile of the community.

Member David O'Brien said it could include a list of municipal assets and real estate for sale, as well as the state of the workforce, to give prospective businesses a better idea of the area.

"When businesses want to come to your community, they look for certain things," O'Brien said, adding he expects the future economic development officer at the County-level would want that information from every township.

The group agreed and O'Brien said he would work on the idea. He added the township needed to ensure it keeps its place in the larger County economic development conversation.

"We've got to be very careful we keep our oar in the water on this thing as a municipality, just to make sure we aren't forgotten," O'Brien said. (*Highlands East news compiled by Joseph Quigley, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter.*)



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*The Highlander*, *Haliburton County Echo*, and *Minden Times* were selected first, second or third more than any other papers in the province.

Not bad.

The Highlands is an interesting pocket when it comes to local news, and print in particular. While larger centres, such as Lindsay to the south, bid farewell to its voice of record, *The Lindsay Post*, in 2013, and other larger cities such as Guelph saw the venerable *Mercury* close its doors in 2016, four newspapers continue to provide excellent, award-winning journalism and design in the County. The other is County Life.

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All of the papers are a mirror to our community. *The Highlander* in particular is not afraid to go to the difficult spots, shedding light on problems that we as a community need to address. Other times we champion our towns and residents.

We implore our advertisers and readers to continue to support us. Never take us for granted. It is when that happens that we have seen numerous small-town papers close. Sadly, many communities have lost their voice.

So, allow us all to brag a bit, like we did this past Friday, with online news of our wins.

It's not so much that we want pats on the back. We just want you to realize that we do good and are worthy of your continued support.



By Lisa Gervais

## COVID CORNER

### Ontario's vaccine strategy revisited

For the past few weeks, approximately 500 people have been vaccinated daily in each of Minden and Haliburton arenas.

These are primarily people older than 60 years, receiving Pfizer and Moderna.

Pharmacies are immunizing eligible people 40 years and up with AstraZeneca, as is the Haliburton Family Medical Clinic. The EMS paramedics are now providing Moderna for housebound individuals. Pregnant women are now able to receive Moderna vaccines as of this week, giving a powerful shot of antibodies to their infants in the process. Patients with kidney failure are receiving vaccines through their dialysis specialists. Cancer patients are getting vaccinated and are encouraged to book their second shots sooner.

As the Ontario three phase vaccine roll-out picks up steam, adding more eligible categories almost daily, our heads are swirling with all the different groups, locations and booking instructions.

And, as of April 13, the strategy has taken another turn. In direct response to high infection rates, scientific analysis has dictated that vaccines be moved to Ontario's hotspots and to essential workers (bank tellers, food service, police, education, transportation, shipping, trades, sales and services, utilities, construction ...). These are people whose jobs are critical to society's functioning. These are people who cannot work from home. It turns out that COVID is being spread most by these essential workers.

Until April 8, vaccine eligibility in Ontario was based on age, health conditions, high risk congregate living (LTC homes), and status as a health care worker. Analysis of this approach has revealed that communities and neighbourhoods with high numbers of essential workers have been least likely to receive vaccines using this method. It is now believed that by more rapidly vaccinating people in hotspots, and targeting essential workers, it will prevent considerably more SARS-CoV-2 infections, hospitalizations, ICU admissions and deaths, as compared to Ontario's initial mass vaccination strategy.

Ontario's COVID-19 Science Advisory Table is a group of scientific experts and health system leaders who evaluate and report on new evidence relevant to the COVID-19 pandemic and then guide the best response. They provide weekly summaries of evidence, integrating scientific sources and determining the best overall approach. They have shown that the hotspot-accelerated strategy would decrease COVID hospitalizations between April 9 and June 7 by 14 per cent more than the current vaccination approach (6,272 vs 8,003). It would decrease COVID-19 ICU admissions by 14 per cent more (933 vs 1,191), and deaths by 11 per cent more (2,228 vs 2,745) in people 16 years and older, compared to the existing strategy.

As of April 28, 2021, 30.8 per cent of Ontarians had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Evidence is showing

that vaccinated people are not only protected directly from getting sick with COVID-19 but are also protected against asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2

infection, and against spreading it to others. Therefore, there is an indirect benefit to people who are not yet vaccinated, as they are protected by those who are. Considering that essential workers are, out of necessity, traveling on public transit, sharing public places, work environments, and taking their community and work exposures home to their families, it is not surprising that the benefit of vaccinating this group is considered to be very high.

In Toronto, neighbourhoods with the highest proportion of essential workers have a threefold higher incidence of SARS-CoV-2 infections compared to neighbourhoods with fewer essential workers. Accelerating the vaccination of essential workers, their families, and other residents living in COVID-19 hotspots is projected to prevent considerably more infections in those aged 16 to 59 years.

They say vaccination of Ontario's 74 hotspots would be completed within 25 days, assuming vaccine coverage of 80 per cent in those 60 years and above, and 70 per cent in those 16 to 59 years. The remaining vaccines would be distributed equally.



By Dr. Nell Thomas

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# Editorial opinion

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Tammy Nash saw this couple of Mallards walking down the road April 22.

## LETTERS

### Road a mess and embarrassment

Dear editor,

Wigamog Road is one of the worst maintained roads in the township. We have had bandage repairs done for the past five years we have resided here.

The Municipality of Dysart maintains its half of this road and has cleaned its portion of Wigamog Road now that spring is here.

The Minden side is a mess and an embarrassment. Yesterday while walking past Elstone down the hill toward Haliburton, I had a serious fall on the sand and gravel left behind by the plow. I spent

three hours at our local hospital where I received stitches. I am grateful nothing was broken.

Everyone is trying to stay active and walking is the best form of exercise.

Minden's neglect has gone on long enough. Clean up the mess Minden before there is a lawsuit.

Cathy Smith  
Wigamog Road

### COVID shot kudos

Dear editor,

I just today got my first Pfizer shot at the

arena in Minden. I was totally blown away by the efficiency and competency of the people involved and the whole experience.

My appointment was for noon on April 20. I got there at 11:50. It was about 15 minutes to get registered. Then a 10-minute wait sitting till the team came, asked their questions, and injected me. Didn't feel a thing. They apparently use mosquito needles that are so tiny I didn't even realize it had been done.

Then a 15-minute wait to get evaluated to make sure I had no after-effects and wasn't going to keel over when I stood up, then led to pick up my proof of the shot and led out the door. Total time was 45 minutes from walking through the door to walking out

into the unbelievable cold wind we had.

Total professionalism by all involved. Lots of volunteers. They all had their act together - a well-oiled humming machine.

I've lived in Minden for 12 years. I know we're a small town but I thought I was in a sophisticated big-city facility the way they handled things.

Congrats and thanks to all that were involved - doctors, nurses, volunteers, hospital, town, County, et al. You guys all deserve big kudos and props and thanks from the community.

Milan Pristupa  
Minden

## A time to listen to the experts

The recent meltdown of the provincial government over its COVID mitigation plans should be a lesson to all politicians ... in a crisis situation, don't get out ahead of the experts.

The walk back of the Ford government's poorly-thought-out protective measures and the subsequent mea culpa from the premier was the culmination of a series of announcements that quietly and incrementally placed political expediency ahead of public safety. Not a good place to find oneself, as Doug Ford has found out.

The restrictions introduced two weeks ago, prefaced as if they were the next step up a crisis ladder, did not adequately address the rapidly unfolding situation. In many ways it was more like old wine in new bottles. Closing playgrounds, while having the appearance of "doing something" was nothing more than window dressing. It didn't add much to measures already in place to protect the citizens of Ontario from the advancing pandemic. Not to mention,

the not so subtle and inherent discrimination experienced by those families who do not have the luxury of a back yard or front lawn for kids to use while the parks were off limits.

The medical community was also vocal in pointing out the actions not included in the recommendations to help protect vulnerable populations: front line workers, employees in crowded work environments, people for whom a temporary paid sick leave program would help stop the spread and those living in multi-generational homes. Doctors were equally upset that potential outdoor activities for children to stretch their muscles and blow off some energy were being cut off. As well, it seemed that the relatively safe sports of tennis and golf, or even Frisbee golf were thrown in the mix, despite the fact they are all activities that are reasonably well suited to proper distancing.

But perhaps the biggest gaffe was the draconian introduction of police powers

to stop and interrogate people at random on the street and in their cars to determine where they were going and their reason for not being at home. Not only did it trample all over Canadian civil rights, it was a misuse of law enforcement resources. The edict was met with rejection by the very agencies expected to enforce the restrictions. Many police forces in the province announced they would not be complying with those aspects of the regulations.

Likewise the medical community, nurses, doctors, epidemiologists and others, who saw the numbers and knew exactly where the third wave was headed, again spoke up denouncing the response to the crisis. One can presume some of these knowledgeable professionals were consulted, but their counsel apparently was summarily rejected for a softer, more political response.

While it only took a day for the provincial government to reverse these and other frivolous pronouncements (although it is

worth noting, as of this writing golf and tennis is still on the no no list), the damage was done. Any credibility the Ford government had built up at the start of the crisis, evaporated overnight. The politicians had positioned themselves ahead of the medical experts in protecting Ontarians from the pandemic. It seems hubris had overtaken them and the premier and his cabinet abandoned the advice of the medical experts and tried to wing it on their own. Let's hope it is a lesson learned and they will let the advice of the experts inform their decision-making from here to the end of this pandemic.



By Jack Brezina



# Highlander news

## DYSART ET AL NEWS

### More parking for Barnum Creek

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust asked Dysart council April 27 if it can use township land to expand parking off of Gould Crossing Road. It's for greater vehicle access to the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve.

The Land Trust's Sheila Ziman said Barnum Creek has proven to be a popular destination for outdoor enthusiasts.

She said in winter, the road up to the reserve is not maintained so visitors park at the side of Gould Crossing Road and walk up. In other seasons, sometimes the existing parking area is full and visitors must park on the road, she added. She'd also like the township to plow in winter. She said neighbour, Pat Casey, is not opposed.

On March 15, Ziman met with deputy mayor Pat Kennedy and director of public works, Rob Camelon, to inspect the proposed parking area.

Camelon told councillors it would not be difficult or costly to create 8-10 spots. It will be more challenging in winter with snow removal likely required, he said. However, he'll bring a report back to council on the work required and cost.

"Barnum Creek is a victim of its own success," Kennedy said, noting people parking on the side of the roadway is not acceptable.

### Shipping containers approved

Council granted Abbey Gardens and Haliburton Solar and Wind permission to place two new Sea Can shipping containers on the property.

Director of planning Jeff Iles noted that Abbey Gardens is under site plan control and zoned highway commercial exemption which does not allow Sea Cans. Only industrial zoning does.

However, council was swayed after hearing a presentation from HSW owner Carolina Barberi, and John Patterson and Ashley McAllister from Abbey Gardens.

Barberi said COVID-19 had presented difficult logistical problems for their business getting inventory - and at a consistent price - so they need somewhere to store it.

"We need the ability to inventory critical components so to ensure business stability. We have no storage on site," she said.

Abbey Gardens made a similar request for an additional Sea Can as well as authorization for an existing one on site.

"We would locate the Sea Can near the beehives and the new apple orchard. This location is not visible from Highway 118 and is set back significantly from Garden Gate Drive," McAllister said in their ask. She added they are committed to a vinyl wrap or painted mural, featuring a local artist, to make it an attractive feature rather

than an eyesore.

Council decided the township would permit the Sea Cans for three years at which point they would like to see permanent storage created.

### Delegation wants enhanced pickleball

A quartet of residents want to put Haliburton on the pickleball map.

Wendy Miller, Stephen Phinney, Jennifer Coates and Phil Harknett came to the meeting with a request to enhance the sport in the village.

"Expanding pickleball facilities and services will contribute to the area's continued growth and development," Miller said in a written report.

The first step would be to maximize use of the current tennis courts by painting pickleball lines to allow for four courts there, they suggested.

Going forward, they would like to see four new pickleball courts built with fencing and lights.

Council has requested a staff report.

### Gravel roads to go back to hard-top

Camelon gave council a schedule for reinstating levels of service for previously

hard-topped roads.

He said eight roads could be done, at a cost of \$1.356 million, between 2023 and 2026.

The roads are Bitter Lake, Irish Line, Redkenn, Kennisis Lake, Wenona Lake, Illman, Redstone Lake and Sand Point.

He said the cost for each project could be funded by the council commitment of \$1.5M plus three per cent annual capital resurfacing budget commencing in 2021.

The determining factor was an average daily traffic count of 100 or more vehicles.

In his report, Camelon noted that at the last committee of the whole meeting, on April 13, there was some concern that no timeline had been presented on reinstating gravel roads back to a hard-topped state.

Coun. John Smith questioned why it will take so long to do some of the roads and Camelon said it was based on the DOT software.

Coun. Walt McKechnie said while he appreciated Redkenn Road on the list, he is worried about Dunn and Klondike roads.

However, council adopted the report with more flexibility about timing. McKechnie called for a recorded vote. He was the only one to vote against.

Council also endorsed additional work in its 2021 road resurfacing program which can be found on the council agenda.

McKechnie again asked for Redkenn and Dunn roads. His request will come back. (Dysart et al news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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# Highlander news

## County library CEO puts career on the shelf

**By Joseph Quigley**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) will have a new head as CEO Bessie Sullivan is resigning.

The library board announced the departure April 22.

Sullivan served 12 years with HCPL, heading it while also acting as board secretary/treasurer.

Sullivan said she was making the transition due to her health.

"I believe that an organization can only thrive with a leader for so long and then it is time for a change. Due to COVID-19 and some health issues, I have been prompted to make that change," Sullivan said.

Sullivan was on long-term leave for months, with some of her duties filled by others.

Acting CEO Anna Babluck said she was hired on a six-month contract to hold the position for the leave before Sullivan opted to resign.

In a press release, the board said HCPL won several awards under Sullivan's leadership, including the Angus Mowat Award of Excellence (2012) for the Celebrity Readers Program, the Ontario Public Library Association Leadership in Adult Readers Advisory Award (2015) and the Ontario Public Library Association New Library Building Award (2016) for the Wilberforce branch.

"Bessie has transitioned Haliburton County's library services into an enviable and well-respected system that serves many people in a range of needs and interests," the board said.

"The board and staff wish Bessie all the best in her future endeavours and thank her for her dedication and commitment to the community."

Sullivan also led the transition to curbside service at the start of the pandemic. All HCPL branches are now operating using curbside pickup during the provincial lockdown, with none open for public entry.

Babluck said she is assuming all of Sullivan's former duties. She said over the next six months, the board's main goal is to refresh its strategic plan.

She said she moved from northern B.C. but grew up in Ontario in the Ottawa Valley and has family in Minden.

"HCPL looked like a fantastic library to work for. I know they do a lot of good work in the community and it gave me the opportunity to come back and see if moving to Ontario was the right move," Babluck said.

Sullivan, whose last day is May 31, said it was a pleasure to work alongside the board in furthering HCPL.

"The growth of the library is a culmination of their work, an engaged staff, and an interested public," she said.

"Although I am sad to be leaving, I am looking forward to some new challenges."



Haliburton County Public Library CEO Bessie Sullivan is resigning and will depart from the role May 31. File photo

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Jeepers making their way along one of the 14 trails at Ray's Place. It is under new ownership. *File.*

## Jeepers, new owners at Ray's

By Lisa Gervais

It may be called Ray's Place, but Ray has left the building and new owners Scott and Kate Boesveld are looking forward to their first summer season at the popular jeep and ATV playground. The Boesvelds took ownership on Oct. 29, 2020.

Kate Boesveld said former owner Ray Gervais decided to sell and move on, buying a home in Haliburton and working at a local grocery store.

She said she and Scott always talked about owning a campground. They bought a Jeep about six years ago and camped and off-roaded with friends, and eventually with kids, each year at different locations.

They decided to rent the Ray's Place bunkies in May 2019 with their friends and kids and "joked about owning the place when we heard it was for sale." Then, COVID hit.

At the time, Scott was an industrial electrician and project manager and Kate a fitness instructor and personal trainer who also worked for her parents.

She said she and Scott talked about how much they wanted to work together.

"Both of us come from hard working family businesses, his mom and dad owned a boarding kennel and my parents own greenhouses and sell custom potted flowers for wholesale clients.

"We both prayed and had many people praying for us on our next steps to buying Ray's place. We had to apply for loans, sell our rental house and home in Cambridge, and make the hard decision to move away from our family and friends.

"We felt God leading us here and encouraging us towards this new adventure and to bless others with our gifts and passion of Jeeping, ATVing

and our enjoyment of the great outdoors."

Kate said they have plans for the place just south of Minden but it all depends on finances during the prolonged pandemic. They are also new parents to a second child, who arrived in January 2021.

That said, Kate added, "We would like to expand our seasonal sites, update rooms and the public washroom, create a full-time kitchen for room service amenities, add more trees to the property, get the pool going, and add walking trails.

"Because we are family-owned, we would love to bring families here and provide the surrounding cities somewhere to get away and have some fun."

For now, they're concentrating on cleaning up the property.

"COVID has been a blessing in some sense as we were able to take on several renters for the winter to help us pay the bills and we have had some more time to, again, clean up, organize and prepare the place for this year. We have also been fortunate to be able to spend some time as a family as we know the summer months are going to be absolutely nuts."

The family is from southwestern Ontario, with two children, Taylr and Hunter, and two border collies.

"We honestly wouldn't have been able to do what we've done here without the love and support of our family, friends and off-road community. We are so thankful to be here and love the feel of being up north, life is just different here. The location is so beautiful and we fell in love with it all. We own 131 acres now which is unbelievable and we look forward to exploring every inch of it when we have the time and energy."

## Val's Soul Food

The mother and daughter team of Val Braithwaite and Layla Johnson are bringing soul food to Ray's Place.

The family goes back several generations in Canada and are descendants of slaves who came up through the Underground Railroad and settled near London.

They specialize in Southern, Caribbean, and Canadian dishes.

Braithwaite has been cooking soul food for more than 30 years and has run previous restaurants in the Kawartha Lakes area.

It's been quite a journey for the two of them. In 2016, just a few months after Layla was severely injured in a car accident, the family lost Layla's dad and Val's husband to cancer. Then, Val suffered a stroke in 2019. She was in intensive care for several weeks and in the hospital for several months. However, she recovered and moved in with Layla.

"I remember the Sunday my mom started to cook again," Layla said. "I'd come home to a huge plate of food. She was so used to cooking large portions for the restaurant, there was way too much food for just the two of us. I decided to get some food containers and drop it off to some family close by."

That became a weekly thing, that expanded to the local community.

"After a few months of delivering free Sunday soul food dinners, we were gifted a great opportunity to run a food truck for the summer and fall season," Layla said. "We're now at Ray's Place in Minden. We're enjoying our time here, meeting new friends and catching up with old ones. Minden is a wonderful town." They are planning to be open Tuesday-Sunday 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Seevalssoulfood.com for more.

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# Highlander people

## Forest boss to head provincial organization

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve managing director Malcolm Cockwell has been appointed president of Forests Ontario.

The not-for-profit organization made the announcement April 21.

The Haliburton resident is replacing outgoing president and chair, Steve Hounsell, who'll remain on the board of directors.

Some of the issues tackled by his predecessor, and board, in a 13-year-period included a battle against climate change and biodiversity loss.

"I am very excited to be moving into this role," Cockwell said.

"Forests Ontario performs critical work as the voice of our forests, and this work is more important now than ever before. I look forward to supporting the dedicated, talented staff at Forests Ontario over the coming years as president and chair."

Cockwell told *The Highlander* he's been involved in Forests Ontario for quite a while as a director, and he has been consistently impressed by the productivity of the CEO and his team, especially when it comes to forest restoration and forest education. He said that supporting their work in his new capacity as chair and president will be an honour.

"The forest education piece is especially important these days," he said. "The pandemic initially pulled people inside, but now it is pushing people outside: we're seeing more and more people exploring the natural environment in Ontario. Making sure those people have healthy forests to visit - and that they are knowledgeable

about how forests are managed - is critical."

Cockwell added that alongside every other forest manager or forest user in Ontario, Haliburton Forest benefits from the work that Forests Ontario does to advance forest restoration, public forestry education, tree-planting logistics, and more.

"I would go as far as saying that anybody that appreciates the health of Ontario's forests probably also appreciates the work of Forests Ontario - and my colleagues and I at Haliburton Forest are in that club," he said.

Cockwell is well known in the Highlands for managing the multi-use private land stewardship company responsible for more than 100,000 acres in central Ontario.

He oversees the integrated forest products division, and the tourism and recreation division. He is also a registered professional forester and is the Forest's representative at the Ontario Forest Industries Association. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from the University of Toronto, and is a PhD candidate at the same institution's Faculty of Forestry. Cockwell also serves as the chairman of Acadian Timber Corp.

Forests Ontario is a not-for-profit charity dedicated to re-greening the province through the support of tree planting, forest restoration, stewardship, education and awareness.

Through Forest Recovery Canada, they say they "promote Canada's greatest natural resource - our forests - because healthy forests sustain healthy communities and healthy economies. Forests Ontario is the voice of our forests."



Malcolm Cockwell of Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve has been selected as the next president of Forests Ontario. *Photo submitted.*

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# SPRING CAR CARE



Rhubarb Restaurant owner Terri Matthews said she is glad to see the County invest in electric vehicle chargers after installing one in 2017. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

## Electric vehicle chargers gaining momentum

**By Joseph Quigley**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The owner of Haliburton's first publicly accessible electric vehicle charging station welcomes local municipalities forging ahead with their own.

Rhubarb Restaurant owner Terri Matthews introduced a Tesla vehicle charger at her business in 2017. Now, municipalities have begun to approve new stations in all four townships. Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al and Highlands East councils have all agreed to an option that would install the stations by fall, with Minden due to decide April 29.

Matthews said it is a great idea. "We truly believe that it's necessary. That electric cars are the wave of the future,"

Matthews said. "People have to spend half an hour to one-hour charging, so why not walk around town, shopping, visit restaurants?"

The initiative comes from the County level. The approved stations would tentatively be located at the A.J. LaRue Arena and Head Lake Park welcome centre in Dysart and at the Wilberforce municipal office in Highlands East. Locations in Algonquin Highlands and Minden Hills have yet to be determined.

Dysart, Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands also all opted to join a federally funded program from Ontario Power Generation and Hydro One instead of owning the stations at a municipal level. This will mean the companies will own the charging stations, with no up-front

municipal cost but an annual service fee between \$2,400-\$4,000 depending on the site. Comparatively, owning them municipally could cost municipalities \$15,000-\$25,000 to install (but with an up to \$10,000 grant reimbursement per station) and a \$500-\$1,800 annual fee.

Dysart deputy mayor Patrick Kennedy said he did not want to invest in a municipally owned station only for it to go out of date. He also said the municipality should do the minimum until more private companies start installing.

"I'm a little reluctant, with technology changing so fast, to buy one of these stations," Kennedy said.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said the chargers represent economic development, given people will plan their routes around

stopping to charge.

Matthews said that has happened at her restaurant.

"It's brought people into the County who may not have come otherwise because it shows up on people's (phone) apps," she said. "We've had people numerous times come off of the highway because we're the closest charger."

Matthews said they installed one because there were no other options at the time. She also said although she expected the County to move forward sooner, it is positive that there are public chargers coming.

"It's necessary," she said. "It's good for the town and good for the visitors. Especially since everything in the County is a fair distance apart."



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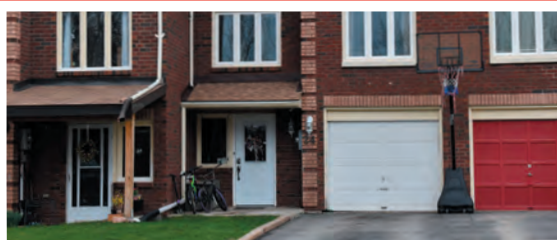
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# Highlander sports

## Students champion Haliburton's forgotten athletes

By Joseph Quigley

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dysart et al is considering adding two murals to the A.J. LaRue Arena after a campaign from an elementary school class attracted widespread attention.

The cultural resources committee on April 22 discussed the prospect of adding murals for track-and-field athlete Lesley Tashlin and Canadian Football League player Taly Williams. The committee opted to create a subcommittee to review and make recommendations for a policy on who should be honoured with murals on public facilities.

The move comes at the request of the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School Grade 7/8 French Immersion class. It felt the municipality should recognize the two athletes alongside the professional NHL and football players currently depicted at the arena.

Teacher Marina Thomazo said the effort has received support from the community and beyond.

"I don't think they can stop it from happening," Thomazo said. "It's time for Haliburton to make amends because those people, they deserve it just as much as the others. They were here, they grew up here and they did something absolutely amazing."

The black athletes both competed at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) before achieving at a top level.



Dysart is considering new murals after a push from an elementary class to recognize two black athletes. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Tashlin competed for Canada at the 1996 Olympics in the women's 100-metre hurdles and 4 x 100 metres relay. Williams was a defensive back with the Toronto Argonauts and Hamilton Tiger-Cats between 1994-1996.

The arena currently has murals for five white athletes: NHLers Bernie Nicholls, Ron Stackhouse, Matt Duchene, Cody Hodgson and CFLer Mike Bradley.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said the town has no policy on the matter. She said it began with Nicholls and Stackhouse before an

anonymous donor came forward who felt the tradition should continue, fully funding the three other murals in 2012.

"I really was thrilled that students looked at that and it was about honouring all athletes," Roberts said. "Is the arena the best place to do that?"

She noted the new Haliburton Sports Hall of Fame will also be honouring athletes soon and there is no fund for arena murals.

Committee member Anna Babluck said it is critical the two athletes do not slip through the cracks. She said they could

be role models for people of colour in the community.

"It's really important to have that representation," Babluck said. "I just don't want to see that lost because of policy."

Thomazo said she is confident the class could fundraise for the murals and is preparing a GoFundMe.

She said her students have taken a lot of pride in being able to make a difference.

"They witness social injustice, and they want to fix it."

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More information will be provided on the Township's website at a later date.

Dated this 21st day of April, 2021.

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The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

**April 29** – Regular Council Meeting

**May 13** – Committee of the Whole Meeting

**May 13** – Public Meeting Fees and Charges By-law

**May 13** – Public Meeting Procedural By-law

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/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/council/) or by using the direct link provided in the notice.

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## Lions roar for drive-by birthday bash

The Haliburton and District Lions Club held a drive-by celebration for senior lion Helen Mykytuk to celebrate her 85th birthday April 16. Members formed a procession of vehicles and carefully offered her family flowers and cards for the occasion.

Top: Helen Mykytuk is surrounded by family holding cards, flowers and balloons for her birthday celebration. Bottom: Lion David Mills sticks his head out of the top of his vehicle to greet Mykytuk during her birthday celebration. *Photos by Joseph Quigley.*



# Highlander classifieds

## OBITUARIES




### Donald Freeman

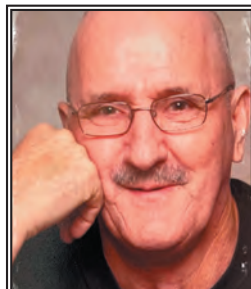
April 26, 2021 (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Hyland Crest Nursing Home in Minden on Monday afternoon, April 26, 2021 in his 95th year. Beloved husband of Molly Freeman (nee Kerr). Loving father of Gary and Nancy (Rick). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Trevor (Rachel) and Brittany (Eric) and by his great grandchildren Olivia and Tanner. Predeceased by his sister Jean.

Also lovingly remembered by his nieces and his nephew. Don worked for the Toronto Transit Commission for close to 30 years. He enjoyed horses and most of all, his family.

#### Private Graveside Service

A Private Graveside Service will be held. 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. 




### Roland Peckford

(Resident of Tory Hill, Ontario)

Peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Wednesday morning, April 21, 2021 in his 74th year. Beloved husband and best friend of Judith Peckford (nee Bryan). Loving father of Gordon, Brenda and Darryl. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Kayla, Samantha, Shenese, Hailey and Isabel. Dear brother of Daisy, Stanley, Chesley, Edgar, Garland, Donna, Vincent and Gary. Predeceased by his sister Rose and his brother Kenneth. Also lovingly remembered by his many nieces and nephews. Roland worked in construction for many years in the NWT with his sons. He enjoyed hockey, the Toronto Maple Leafs and most of all time with his family.

#### Private Visitation

A private visitation will take place. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer 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. 



### CAMERON RODERICK BROWN

April 3, 1953 – April 23, 2021

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Cam was Soft Spoken, Humble, an Animal Lover, Always Offering to Help. He valued friendships, He Loved Big Bob Lake. He was a much- loved Brother & We Miss Him.

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In Loving Memory of

### Scott "Scotty" Gordon Charity

April 27, 1965 – April 13, 2021

It is with heavy hearts and great sadness that we announce the passing of Scott Gordon Charity on April 13, 2021, at the age of


55 with the love of his life Karen by his side. Scotty is survived by his parents Gord and Dawn and his brothers Stuart (Teresa) and Stephen (Stacey). He will be greatly missed by his niece, nephews, family, friends & neighbours.

Scotty was the third generation of his family to live and work on Crystal Lake. One of his proudest life moments was building the beautiful home on the Lake that he and Karen shared together. After hanging up his butcher's apron, Scotty started his own business, "Knot for Charity Carpentry". He provided skilled carpentry work to homeowners and cottagers as well as building and installing decks, docks, painting and staining. Scotty was known for his attention to detail and perfection in every job that he did, regardless of the size of the job.

Scotty was an avid outdoorsman, who loved to snowmobile, fish, swim and cruise Crystal Lake in his boat "Scott Free". He was easily recognized wherever he went wearing his trademark bandanna and dark sunglasses. Scotty enjoyed to cook and experiment with new recipes and couldn't go to bed without a bowl of ice cream. He loved listening to music, especially his favourite band Lynyrd Skynyrd, and watching wrestling matches, outdoor related or nature type shows on TV. Scotty was also a huge fan of the Leafs and the Blue Jays.

In keeping with Scotty's wishes, cremation has taken place and due to the Covid-19 restrictions, a celebration of his life will be held at a later date.

We wish to thank the Doctors, Nurses and staff at both, the Sunnybrook Odette Cancer Centre and the Peterborough Hospice as well as the many friends and family members who provided support, care and comfort to both Scotty and Karen over the past several years.

For those who wish, memorial donations in Scotty's name can be made to the Gord Downie Fund for Brain Cancer Research at the Sunnybrook Hospital. [www.donate.sunnybrook.ca/tribute](http://www.donate.sunnybrook.ca/tribute) or the Peterborough Hospice [www.hospicepeterborough.org/donate/](http://www.hospicepeterborough.org/donate/) or can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 




In Loving Memory of

### Adam James Burke

Passed away after battling a lifetime of addictions on Thursday, April 22, 2021, at the age of 40.

Adam leaves behind his two sons Logan and Lucas who he adored and spoke about often, though he chose to make the difficult decision to step away from their lives almost 3 years ago, he did so to spare them a potential future of addictions and left them in the loving care of their mother Amanda and step-father Brent. Adored son of Tom and Joann Burke. Loving brother of Christina and Peter Allore and amazing uncle to Dawson, Denver, Olivia, Riley, Maya, McKenna. Dear brother of Talitha and her children Kayle, Morgan (deceased), Joanna, Malia. Chosen brother to Earl and his sister Karen (Rodger) and chosen uncle to Georgia and Ava. Fondly remembered by his special friend Glenda and by his aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

A Private Family Service will be held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 1:30 pm to join in the service through the zoom link on our webpage.

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Across

- 1 Min. concerned with farming
- 4 Toronto Raptors' org.
- 7 Betas' followers
- 13 After-dinner drinks swirled in snifters
- 16 Hands-on-hips stance
- 17 Smoothing tool used in churchy regions?
- 19 "\_\_\_ Without a Cause"
- 20 Word said sternly while pointing at the door
- 21 Wing: Fr.
- 22 Boring tool for young feminists?
- 26 Dialogue writer's word
- 27 Taking Aleve, say
- 28 Country's econ. output
- 31 Happy Meal component
- 33 "Don't fall for it, it's \_\_\_!"
- 37 Whatchamacallit woodcutters?
- 42 Green growths in a fishtank
- 43 Low sound?
- 44 Its capital is Yellowknife: Abbr.
- 45 U.S. penny word
- 48 Drive home one's point?
- 51 Gadget for sizing up bureaucratic baloney?
- 57 Letters on a crucifix
- 58 Saturday churchgoers: Abbr.
- 59 Obama successor
- 61 Ceremonial smoking device that doubles as a twisting tool?
- 65 Confessor's words
- 66 Hot remedy for a sore throat
- 67 Rat out
- 68 "The \_\_\_ is near" (doomsday sign)
- 69 Nevertheless

Down

- 1 For short, for short
- 2 "Peer Gynt" composer Edvard
- 3 Bar Mitzvah overseer
- 4 Point of calligraphy?
- 5 Insect in a comb
- 6 Equally base, or bass
- 7 Intestinal opening?
- 8 Letters before an alias
- 9 Slender mosque towers
- 10 2502, in Ancient Rome
- 11 "That rings \_\_\_"
- 12 Quebec city near Joliette
- 14 Cardinals but not Jays, briefly
- 15 \_\_\_ Falls, Canada's highest cascade (Strathcona Park, B.C.)
- 18 Day 3, on a cal.
- 23 Donair bread
- 24 Khloé Kardashian's ex Lamarr
- 25 "Rupaul's \_\_\_ Race"
- 28 Ontario's cap. city and region
- 29 Senators' club, for short
- 30 Slop - or sloppy - eater
- 32 Thanksgiving veggie
- 34 Wasn't colourfast
- 35 "Too cute!"
- 36 Levy not charged in 44-Across
- 38 Ship-related

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