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A small group of anti-lockdown protesters took to the streets of Minden on Sunday, May 9. The provincial government is expected to extend the stay-at-home order past May 20. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Municipalities pressuring for faster internet

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton County and other eastern region municipalities are ramping up lobbying to get provincial and federal backing for better gigabyte internet speeds.

Heads of council throughout the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) area met May 4 to discuss the state of the Gig

Project. The proposed \$1.2-\$1.6 billion initiative would deliver gigabyte download speeds, above the 50 megabytes per second (Mbps) download/10 Mbps upload minimum promised by the Government of Canada universally by 2030.

EORN is seeking \$200 million each from the provincial and federal governments, which has yet to come.

County Warden Liz Danielsen said May 6 she was worried about whether the funding would happen.

"Seems to be becoming more and more tenuous," Danielsen said.

EORN formally submitted the proposal to upper governments March 1. The remainder of the dollar total would come from municipalities, the private sector and the

Canada Infrastructure Bank.

Chair J. Murray Jones said 50/10 speeds would be outdated by the time they get built. He said governments should no longer delay the Gig Project file.

"We're not going to stand by and let the two governments not make some action here," Jones said.

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Minden Hills mayor Brent Devolin is on the EORN board. *File photo.*

Scott: Ontario 'all in' on broadband

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Provincial Minister of Infrastructure Laurie Scott told *The Highlander* Ontario is investing heavily in broadband, with nearly \$4 billion over six years and plans to provide reliable high-speed internet everywhere by 2025. But she did not address the Gig Project specifically.

"In terms of our commitment to improving broadband access to the residents of Ontario, I can tell you that our government is leading the way," Scott said. "Ontario is all in on broadband."

In a letter, EORN argued its funding ask is only a small portion - 5.7 per cent - of the combined \$7 billion available at the federal and provincial levels for broadband expansion. The letter also said about 30 per cent of underserved households in the province are in rural eastern areas.

Jones said despite meetings with Scott and the federal Minister of Women and Gender Equality and Rural Economic Development Maryam Monsef, he has been unable to get a straight answer.

"I'm not criticizing any one of

them. They have a lot of staff and bureaucrats in the background trying to give advice," Jones said. "I'm very confident, to be honest with you, that both Mary and Laurie understand the situation."

Jones said municipal officials across the region are backing the lobbying effort. He said EORN can do the work better than any private-sector alternative.

"There is life outside the big city limits," Jones said. "EORN has a track record. We know how to do it; we've done it before."



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Black bears emerge hungry from hibernation

By Lisa Gervais

Brian and Wendy Campbell returned home from getting groceries about 4 p.m. May 6 only to find a surprise visitor on their deck.

Brian Campbell said he suspected something was up as their Golden Retriever, Casey, was “quite agitated.”

“We soon found out why,” he said. “A young bear, probably just two years old and left on his own by his mother, was on our deck. He was reaching up and getting at our bird feeders, which have since been raised.”

The Campbells live on Moose Lake in Dysart et al. Brian Campbell said they have lived in the area for years. He said they’ve always had bird feeders and typically keep them high enough so the racoons can’t get to them.

“In 40 years, this is our first experience with a young bear in the bird feeders. As MNRF (the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry) will tell you, two-year-old bears are abandoned by their mothers when they come out of hibernation in the spring of their second year. They are starving and very immature.”

He said they are aware of the recommendation to take down bird feeders in spring “but in 40 years, this is the first time that this has happened. In this encounter, the bear destroyed two bird feeders but came back because he had not been able to finish off the third feeder. It had been raised to five feet or so, but he was still able to reach it.”

The MNRF and Ontario Provincial Police are reminding Haliburton County residents to be bear wise and prevent bear encounters again this spring.

In a news release, the two organizations asked Highlanders to exercise caution as black bears have begun to come out of hibernation.

“Bears waking up from hibernation are faced with a scarcity of natural food sources, leading them to look for food in garbage cans and bird feeders,” they said.

They added you can prevent bears from visiting your home, cottage or neighbourhood by:

- Storing garbage in waste containers with tight-fitting lids (and indoors if possible).
- Putting away bird feeders for the spring (you can offer birds natural alternatives, such as flowers, nesting boxes and fresh water).
- Cleaning food residue and grease from outdoor barbecue grills after each use.
- Keeping pet food indoors.

They said bears that enter our community are not necessarily a threat but it is important to know who to call if you encounter a bear. For non-emergencies, the province operates a toll-free bear wise reporting line (1-866-514-2327). The line is open 24/7 from April 1 to November 30.

If a bear is posing an immediate threat by exhibiting threatening or aggressive behaviour, remain calm and call 911 or your police department.



This black bear wandered onto the Campbells’ deck looking for food from bird feeders. Photo submitted.

HIGHLANDS EAST NEWS

Septic program expansion

Highlands East is expanding its septic inspection program to encourage residents to do more thorough examinations.

Council agreed May 11 to accept inspection reports for higher-level inspections of septic systems. Highlands East currently uses a Level 1 walk-around inspection. But council indicated it would accept reports going up to Level 4 – a full examination inside a tank with a pump-out.

Ron Parkinson presented the idea to

council May 11. He said though the municipal program, in place since 2017, is a good start, there is room to improve.

He said ensuring septic systems are functioning properly is important to keep contaminants out of the water.

“It’s all about water quality,” Parkinson said.

The proposal will allow property owners to pay a licenced inspector to examine their system and credit it as part of the municipal program.

Coun. Suzanne Partridge said Highlands East chose its Level 1 system to allow

for more inspections. But she supported Parkinson’s idea.

“I applaud the property owners who are willing to spend this money,” Partridge said. “It doesn’t preclude the municipality from doing their own inspections.

Noise bylaw delayed

The municipality is delaying a new noise bylaw due to provincial regulation.

Enforcement officer Wayne Galloway said he has prepared a bylaw for presentation. However, due to an April 2020 provincial

regulation, municipalities do not have the power to prohibit or regulate noise in connection with construction activity between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. The regulation is in effect until Oct. 8, unless repealed or extended.

“Not a lot of sense in presenting a noise bylaw at this time,” Galloway said, adding it could lead to confusion if reported but not enacted.

Galloway reported staff are also researching regulations for dogs and parking. (Highlands East news compiled by Joseph Quigley).

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Highlands East is joining other townships to use internet/phone voting in 2022. *File photo*

Highlands East opts for internet and phone voting

By Joseph Quigley

Highlands East is joining other townships in using phone and internet voting exclusively for the 2022 municipal election.

Council approved the measure May 11 after an extended discussion. The measure will see the municipality have voters submit online or on the phone using unique, mailed passcodes. Mail-in ballots - used in 2018 - will not be offered.

Coun. Suzanne Partridge said she was in favour and the municipality can adjust as needed, such as by mailing out additional information on the new system.

"The way we set it up can be whatever council decides," Partridge said. "I don't want to pay for two systems of voting."

Clerks from all four townships have pushed for the methodology as effective and less expensive. Clerks have also noted using a mixture of methods would be more expensive. Dysart et al, Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands have all agreed to use internet/phone voting, though Minden is also continuing mail-in ballots.

The 2018 election cost Highlands East \$50,503. The municipality will have \$51,000 reserved for 2022, but staff estimate the new method would cost \$22,000, excluding staff time.

Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall expressed concern with using the new methodology exclusively. He said local internet is unreliable, and some would be reluctant to change. He added although he would like to include internet/phone as an option, he was unsure of removing mail-in ballots entirely.

"Voting is a right," Ryall said. "Before I agree to exclude a system, I want to make sure everybody gets the right to vote ... You're asking me to exclude all other (voting methods), and my answer is not yet."

But clerk Robyn Rogers said the municipality could help individuals to vote at the township office if needed. She also said consistency with other townships is a benefit.

"If it is done, and we are working together in Haliburton County, it is going to reduce the confusion for residents," she said, adding uncertainty about the COVID-19 pandemic is another consideration. "This is a very good method when we don't know what is going to happen in 2022."

Ryall was convinced by provisions to assist people and voted in favour.

"I apologize to council for being a little bit boisterous on this," Ryall said. "I'm a whole lot more okay than I was before."

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Scotiabank to finalize closure of Dorset branch

By Lisa Gervais

Scotiabank has officially confirmed the closure of its branch in Dorset, with an Oct. 19 move to Huntsville.

The branch had been closed for more than a year, and before that only open Mondays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Manager, Canadian Banking Communications, Daniela Da Silva told *The Highlander*, that “after careful consideration, we have made the decision to relocate our services at our branch at 1059 Main St in Dorset, which has already been closed for more than a year, to our branch at Huntsville Place Mall, 70 King William St, Huntsville.”

She confirmed the move will take place October 19.

She added that all Scotiabank accounts from the Dorset branch will continue to be held at the Huntsville branch and there will be no interruption in service or access to accounts. She said all employees who previously worked at the Dorset branch will continue to serve customers from the Huntsville branch following the closure.

“We feel that this relocation will help us provide better service and greater resources

to our customers from our Huntsville Place Mall branch and our team there is committed to assisting our customers with any questions they may have about this change,” Da Silva said.

She said the decision was made “as a result of a fulsome business review which includes a full area market analysis and is not limited to one branch, or to rural or urban areas. We also review factors such as proximity of the branch to other Scotiabank branches and customer traffic at branches across the market area.”

Customers received notification letters dated April 15 for the branch that is located in Algonquin Highlands.

Mayor Carol Moffatt said she was in touch with a Scotiabank representative, who called to tell her about the closure.

Moffatt said she was told the accounts of bank customers have always been integrated with the Huntsville branch location so the bank will not be changing customers’ bank account numbers. She added there will be no job losses.

However, she said not all of their residents shop and bank in Huntsville

“It is tremendously unfortunate, because the bank is one of the things that gives the



The Scotiabank in Dorset is being officially moved to Huntsville effective Oct. 19, 2021. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

village its identity,” Moffatt said. “If there’s any solace to be had, it’s that no jobs are being lost and the banking integration has existed for years anyway. People aren’t suddenly without a bank.”

In January, 2017, Scotiabank officially closed its doors for good in Wilberforce, leaving that town without a financial institution and requiring customers to use its Bancroft branch.

ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS

Council unsure on shore structures

The township is still considering what to do with municipally-owned shore lands across from private property – and the structures built there.

Council discussed the issue again on May 6. For years, landowners have built structures such as docks onto shore lands they believe belong to them, but are municipally owned. Staff recommended the municipality require a licence of occupation on a go-forward basis, which would require owners to confirm appropriate insurance. Their concern is the municipality could be held liable for injuries on privately-built structures on municipal land.

Other staff options included selling portions of the shore road allowance; allow existing structures while forbidding new ones; or tearing down all existing structures.

Council did not reach a final decision and agreed to address it at a future meeting. Coun. Jennifer Dailloux questioned whether the effort was needed for an unlikely scenario.

“There’s got to be a reasonable middle ground,” Dailloux said.

Deputy mayor Liz Danielsen said many structures have existed for years without issue, but times are changing.

“People are so much more inclined to litigate and sue for a variety of reasons,” she said. “I still worry about the extent of our liability.”

Commercial farm garners concern

Algonquin Highlands gave site plan approval for a proposed convenience store and sustainable cabin and organic farm.

The Cléroux family plans to develop their property fronting Highway 118 on vacant land. They plan to first construct a 1,200-square foot convenience store before adding a farm and 10 cabins surrounding a pond.

Councillors expressed some misgivings about the size of the development. Mayor Carol Moffatt said although she loved the concept, comparing it to Abbey Gardens, she was uncertain of the future ramifications.

“I love the proposal these folks have in mind,” Moffatt said. “Should the endeavour fail, we have a commercial establishment with a store and 10 cabins and that will remain a lead ball in my gut for some time because of what the potential future uses could be.”

Council voted to support the application subject to a site plan agreement.

Cardlock fuel system

The township is opting for the more expensive option to purchase a new cardlock fuel system in partnership with the County, Minden Hills and Highlands East.

Council agreed to spend \$32,997 for a system from Hamilton-based Camco Canada Inc. The price is the greater of two bids received, with Brampton-based Kardtech making a \$25,950 proposal.

Interim operations manager Brian Nicholson said the County IT department found the Camco proposal would work better. Nicholson said the Kardtech proposal could not connect using ethernet, requiring a cell connection and ongoing monthly costs.

The card lock will be installed at the Dorset works yard and at the new Stanhope works yard. (*Algonquin Highland news compiled by Joseph Quigley*).



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Algonquin Highlands opted for internet and telephone voting in 2022. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Algonquin Highlands drops mail-in ballots

By Joseph Quigley

Algonquin Highlands is opting to use internet and telephone voting for the 2022 election, moving away from vote-by-mail.

Council unanimously approved the move May 6 and authorized staff to proceed with a joint request for proposals for the method. It is expected to cost the township \$30,000.

Staff recommended the methodology, citing cost-effectiveness, a longer voting period, increased participation and preventing gatherings amidst the pandemic.

Mayor Carol Moffatt said it is something council has considered in the past.

“Our previous conversations were around sort of not being ready,” Moffatt said.

“Looks like the time has come.”

Clerks from all four County townships met to discuss the issue, according to AH clerk Dawn Newhook. The methodology is being brought to all local municipalities, with Dysart et al also opting for the internet/phone voting and Minden Hills going for a hybrid model.

Under the method, voters will receive an information package including a unique passcode. They then either use a website or call in to use a touch-tone menu to cast their vote.

Deputy mayor Liz Danielsen asked about having an option for holdouts who prefer a written ballot, but Newhook said that a hybrid model is “labour intensive.”

“It’s very costly. You need two sets of procedures,” Newhook said. “Hiring staff is challenging, so the recommendation is to go with internet/telephone alone.”

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux said she supported the move.

“Especially due to the number of seasonal residents we have,” she said. “Some of the other methods are not appropriate for our township.”

She asked about issues with website crashes other jurisdictions experienced in the last election. Newhook said the RFP would address it and providers would conduct load tests.

“Any RFP that would be issued ... it would be focused on providing information

about the security and broadband and backup,” Newhook replied. “What they would propose as an alternative method should something go wrong.”

The projected cost is more than the \$19,000 pricetag for the 2018 election, though Newhook said the limited number of races drove down the price that year. Three of the five council positions were acclaimed.

Clerks plan to issue a joint RFP with each of the townships that agree to take part.

“I’m really pleased to see the clerks are working so much more closely together,” Danielsen said. “It’s good to see this consolidated recommendation.”

■ OPP NEWS

Driver complaint leads to charges

A Hamilton off-roader was arrested and charged with numerous offences after an OPP probe May 8.

Police said they responded to a traffic complaint on Water Street in Minden Hills.

They located an off-road vehicle and began an investigation.

As a result, a 57-year-old man was arrested and charged with: operation while prohibited; operation while impaired-80 plus; drive non-passenger ATV with a passenger; driver-no helmet or improper helmet; drive with passenger not wearing proper helmet; driving while under suspension and individual-fail to comply with a continued section 7.0.2 order, Section 10(1) ROA.

The accused was released from custody and will appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on June 2.

The vehicle was towed and impounded for 45 days and the accused’s driver’s licence has been further suspended for 90 days under the conditions of the administrative driver’s licence suspension.

OPP said “educating the public about safe driving practices with our community safety partners is a priority, if you see a possible impaired driver or operator please ‘make the call’ and dial 911 and help prevent a crash.”

(Lisa Gervais)

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Minden wrong on voting

Make no mistake. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is keeping an eye on The County of Haliburton and its four lower-tier municipalities when it comes to the modernization funding the province has handed over to assist the five governments to find efficiencies.

A media relations spokesperson reminded me recently that the Ontario government has no intention of forcing amalgamations or annexations in Ontario. However, it is encouraging municipalities to look for opportunities to work together and support locally-developed solutions that are mutually-beneficial.

All four municipal clerks have brought virtually the same report to their respective council meetings about the method of voting for the 2022 election.

They all said they were striving for consistency across the board. This hasn't happened in the past. Residents of Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Highlands East and Minden Hills have had different voting methods at various times. It has been confusing for County residents.

The clerks said if all four selected the same voting method for the 2022 ballot there would be an opportunity to work collaboratively to deliver a consistent

election with equally consistent training, education, advertising, processes and procedures. In essence, they could put out a joint RFP that would result in all Highlands voters being on the same page, and all of them benefitting from costs savings.

It made perfect sense and was in keeping with the County's recent services delivery review.

Dysart et al was the first to vote for the recommended e-voting only, using internet and telephone. They used vote-by-mail last time around. While councillors had some concerns, they thought it was a method whose time had come.

Algonquin Highlands is also onboard. They scrapped vote-by-mail to go with e-voting, too. They stressed the cost savings as one reason for their unanimous council vote.

At a Highlands East meeting May 18, they also opted for e-voting only.

That leaves Minden Hills. They were the only council to vote against their clerk's recommendation. They instead chose a hybrid model of e-voting and paper ballots. This despite the fact clerk Trisha McKibbin specifically did not recommend a combination of voting methods. She said it's very labour intensive, expensive and

may be confusing for the public.

She argued for consistency in all four townships.

Coun. Bob Carter largely led the charge to keep paper balloting in Minden Hills and his colleagues voted with him.

While I understand that Carter is worried about older people, in particular, having to adapt to e-voting, the Minden decision, in the larger context, is wrong. It harkens back to an age-old silo mentality that has not served County residents well in the past.

Don't think councillors in Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, and Highlands East didn't have reservations about scrapping paper ballots. They did. However, they opted for a new approach that better meets today's needs. And they'll go out of their way to make sure everyone who wants to vote can.

Even more worrisome, Minden Hills' decision sends a message to the ministry that it is dancing to the beat of its own drum - even though other townships have shown a willingness to change in the name of consistency and efficiency.



By Lisa Gervais

COVID CORNER

How things change in a week

Pfizer and its European partner BioNTech are seeking the FDA's full approval for their COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine is currently administered in the United States under emergency use authorization (EUA). If the FDA says yes, Pfizer would be the first COVID vaccine to gain full approval in the U.S. Similar to EUA, in Canada, all four COVID-19 vaccines are okayed for use under an Interim Order (subsection 30.1 (1) of the Food and Drugs Act. This allows temporary and immediate use of drugs in situations of urgent public health needs. Interim Orders typically are followed by official authorization.

The World Health Organization has now classified the Indian variant B.1.617 as a variant of concern (VOC) at a global level. Remember this variant? It's the double mutant (with two mutations) that has shown increased transmissibility and possibly more lethality. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continues to define it as a variant of interest. There are now four VOCs: UK, South African, Brazilian and Indian.

Dr. David Williams, Ontario's chief medical officer of health, says the Ontario government is pausing the use of AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine as a first dose because of the blood clotting syndrome Vaccine-Induced Immune Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia (VITT).

Health Canada has approved Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine for children in Canada ages 12 to 15. Clinical trial results showed

the vaccine had 100 per cent efficacy and was well tolerated in this age group.

Modification of the Moderna mRNA vaccine shows effectiveness against the VOCs from South Africa and Brazil. Adjusting the vaccine has successfully neutralised these variants in laboratory trials, suggesting that boosters against these more contagious and partially vaccine-resistant variants is feasible and effective. Oxford/AstraZeneca is reportedly developing tweaked vaccines against the South African variant and the Brazilian variant, which appear to be the major threats to current immunisations.

You can book your COVID-19 vaccine on the provincial booking system (1-833-943-3900) or visit covid-19.ontario.ca. Vaccination clinics continue to be offered locally through doctors' offices as well as pharmacies.

The Haliburton doctors' office clinics are not available on the provincial booking system, but patients and permanent residents can call 705-457-1212 and select option 5 or 6 to book in the Haliburton doctors' office.

The Haliburton Family Medical Clinic has four clinics this month: May 14, 17, 18, and 19 for Moderna vaccines.

Who can currently book? Anyone born in 1981 or earlier, or those who fall into the Phase 2 provincial priority grouping. This includes people with highest, high, and at-risk health conditions; those who live or work in a congregate living setting;

certain caregivers in congregate settings; and essential frontline workers who cannot work from home (definitions are on the COVID-19 vaccine online booking site).

Also able to book at the Haliburton Medical Clinic are people who had Moderna as their first vaccine and meet the criteria for a reduced interval between first and second dose (if AstraZeneca, interval is decreased from 16 to 12 weeks; if Pfizer or Moderna it is decreased from 16 weeks to 21-28 days). These are people currently receiving chemotherapy, organ transplant recipients, dialysis patients, high risk health care workers, and First Nations and Métis status individuals. We may require a letter from your physician stating your eligibility.

Second dose planning is underway and anyone receiving a first dose at the medical centre will be booked accordingly and contacted if the date for the second dose changes.

We are reading about "breakthrough cases" of COVID, illness in people after vaccines. Especially with the numbers of Variants of Concern in our communities rising now, we must keep washing, masking, distancing, avoiding indoor gatherings. And vaccinating. Please review <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/zones-and-restrictions>.



By Dr. Nell Thomas

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Editorial opinion

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Kevin K. Pepper captured the Common Loon creating what he calls 'The Water Fall.'

LETTERS

What about the I B & O trail in Tory Hill?

Dear editor,

In the news briefs, Thursday, May 6, you mention that Highlands East staff highlighted how outdoor recreation has increased in Highlands East despite the pandemic. You mention the homesteader trail, the school trail, and geocaching.

What about the I B & O Trail in Tory Hill?

The trail both sides of Highway 118 are in a mess, especially the west side that runs along McCue Lake and River.

In some spots the ATVs have made it almost impassable with the ruts and deep mud holes. As well, the old railway ties are poking up on the surface in many places. In some places the culverts are showing. Some even have holes in them.

A lot of people walk, bike and horseback ride along this trail looking at the wonderful scenery while side-stepping these obstacles.

Do the Highlands East outdoor recreation staff not inspect this trail as well, or take a count of the number of cars parked in the Tory Hill Park parking lot during the nicer months while the families walk this trail?

My granddaughters, along with my daughter, ride their bikes on this trail and quite often they come back with their trophies from falls.

Don Outram
Tory Hill

Governments doing shoreline damage

Dear editor,

I listened with interest to Mike Jaycock's interview with Paul MacInnes on Canoe FM.

Mr. MacInnes is chairman of CHA and a member of BeShore.ca who is a strong proponent that the proposed shoreline preservation bylaw must be enacted if

we are to save our lakes from further deterioration.

The large degree of opposition to the revision from property owners and business mainly stems from the 30-metre naturalization setback from the shoreline high-water mark which most find excessive and an invasion to their property rights.

While I commend Mr. MacInnes for the work he has performed in trying to reduce the deterioration of our lakes, a much more multifaceted effort is required if we are to improve and maintain the quality of our lake water which the vast majority of lakefront property owners agree is necessary.

Besides shoreline preservation, local governments such as the Township of Algonquin Highlands must stop massacring and permanently damaging what trees remain along our shorelines using a bush whacker as was recently committed last fall for no justified reason along North Shore Road which parallels Maple Lake. The Trent Severn Waterway does even more environmental damage, especially to flow

through lakes such as the Maple Lake chain by its consistent lowering of our water level to intolerable levels as we had to endure all last summer and to the same extent so far this spring.

Mr. MacInnes pointed out that he would love to see the return of frogs, crayfish and minnows that used to inhabit in earlier years along his shoreline. Unfortunately, this is never going to happen as long as the TSW keeps lowering our water level to the extent that we no longer have a shoreline.

It's hard to comprehend why governments who are voted in, partly to protect our environment, end up causing the most damage. A clear case of the do as I say, not as I do mentality.

Don Wetmore
Algonquin Highlands

[editor's note: All townships do road brushing to improve sightlines for vehicular safety].

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Clothes designer Keli Schmidt is launching a new solo clothing company in Haliburton. Photo by Joseph Quigley

Designer sews seeds of success

By Joseph Quigley

Keli Schmidt said she was born wanting to sew, getting her first needle and thread at age three and learning how to operate a sewing machine by age eight.

The designer and clothes maker has worked freelance in the fashion industry for the past 15 years, creating patterns for Ontario brands. But now, she is making her mark by starting her own business, the Haliburton Clothing Co. She plans to launch her first line in June.

"Retail fashion is kind of hibernating right now, so I haven't had a lot of work," Schmidt said. "It just feels like the right moment. There's such a wonderful arts community in Haliburton and I'm not aware of any other fashion designers operating here, so I thought there was a good opportunity."

"It's just in my bones."

The company is a one-woman operation, with Schmidt producing everything out of the Haliburton home she moved into

last November. Her first line will include T-shirts, hoodies, dresses, pants, shorts and underwear.

"Like all artsy people, I have 1,000 ideas, so the challenge is to always stay focused and do one thing," she said. "Just looking for some comfy clothes that would be great for life up here in the Highlands."

Schmidt credited the Digital Comfort Studio for helping her online storefront. The Arts Council Haliburton Highlands program helped 14 local artists through a free six-week seminar to teach them digital marketing.

"I'm a sewer. I like to sit in my basement and make clothes," Schmidt said. "All that world of online marketing was definitely a scary thing, so that has really helped."

"We discovered that focusing on story was very beneficial. She just has a great story," program coordinator Sandra Clarke said. "She will definitely be very successful."

Ethical production is also a focal point for Schmidt. She said she will price her

clothing to providing for a fair, living wage. She added international clothes production has many issues with wages, and prices have not kept up with inflation.

"Just stop buying it isn't the answer. It's a very complex issue, but we have to start talking about it and being aware," Schmidt said. "If you want to consume mindfully, the best way to do that is just to buy less stuff."

Schmidt said her clothes are staying online for now, but she will gladly help anyone with fit to ensure they order the right size.

The designer said she would be glad if the business experiences enough success so that she can do it full-time.

"I hope people buy it and then I'll just keep making more clothes," she said. "I make all my own clothes and I haven't bought clothes for 17 years, so I have a very practical understanding of what works and what doesn't."

The store is available through haliburtonclothingco.com.

Highlander health

HEALTH NEWS

Palliative care at home

The province is piloting a new program in Haliburton to have community paramedics treat palliative care patients at home.

Ontario announced the initiative May 7. It will allow palliative care patients calling 9-1-1 to have the option of being treated on scene for pain and symptom management, versus automatically being taken to hospital.

Haliburton County Paramedic Service deputy chief Jo-Ann Hendry said this will aid in end-of-life comfort and provide a choice for those who wish to be at home.

"They don't want to be in hospital, they want to be with their family. Those are their dying wishes, and we want to respect that," Hendry said.

The program is also being piloted throughout Central East Ontario; County paramedic chief/director Tim Waite said paramedics throughout the region submitted a joint proposal.

The province said patients will remain in control of their care and can always request to be taken to the emergency department.

But paramedics can treat symptoms on-site and co-ordinate directly with the patient's primary palliative care provider afterward.

The province added it also helps protect hospital capacity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Waite said the model will have use beyond the pandemic as well.

"Certainly, it's helpful right now," Waite said. "Moving forward, it's important for families and for those patients who wish to stay at home."

Hendry said the initiative will not be implemented until the fall, as further training is required.

She said services are currently occupied with staffing vaccination centres and delivering vaccines.

The pilot will last for 12 months.

Digital support for youth

The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) is planning to create a new digital platform to help service people at its Youth Wellness Hubs.

Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario (YWHO) announced May 7 that it would support developing a one-stop platform to provide youth with access to resources such as mental health assessments, addictions treatment, therapy and counselling.

It will be delivered at the 10 hubs throughout the province, including Haliburton's.

The platform "enables YWHO to enhance its virtual support for youth anywhere and whenever they need it," executive director Dr. Joanna Henderson said.

The RBC Foundation is providing \$1 million to fund the program.

(Health news compiled by Joseph Quigley).



Paramedics Chris Parish and Carla Hill head out to provide vaccines to patients at home. Photo by Joseph Quigley

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Highlander education

School board encourages skilled trades

By Kirk Winter

A new, comprehensive plan to encourage students to choose the skilled trades as a career path was presented to trustees at a local school board meeting April 27.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) staff, Katherine MacIver, Heather Truscott, Kelly Neumann and Angela West shared the recently-launched Start Me Up campaign. It's intended to increase awareness of skilled trades as a viable option and opportunity for high school students.

MacIver said, "This is a great opportunity for students, families and staff to learn about and get involved in the skilled trades. We want to increase board-wide knowledge of the pathways to the skilled trades and apprenticeships."

Truscott shared a recruitment video, laying out how important the initiative might be for the future of the Ontario economy.

The film's narration stated that in the next five years, one in five new jobs will be in the skilled trades. By 2030, the province will need more than 500,000 new tradespeople to keep up with retirements and economic expansion.

It also pointed out the opportunities for interested students are ever-expanding. They include technological studies classes and two credit co-ops that place students in workplaces, the Specialist High Skills Major program and the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship program.

It promised students long-term career opportunities, the chance to own their own business and portable skills that could allow them to work anywhere in the world in any of the 140 recognized trades offered in Ontario.



Carpenters are one of the in-demand skilled trades. *Unsplash.*

The Ontario Construction Secretariat (OCS), a lobby group for homebuilders in Ontario, echoed the board pitch, saying a 2019 survey of 500 member firms found 79 per cent reporting company growth slowed and 76 per cent turning down work because of a lack of skilled workers. OCS also reported too many older skilled tradespeople not being replaced by younger fully-trained workers when they retire.

Truscott said, "Tradespeople have rallied around this programming locally, offering student placements and volunteering their time to mentor and instruct students."

Truscott talked about the involvement of

Georgian, Fleming and Loyalist College, who have all signed on to the dual-credit program that has senior students spending part of their day at college as they continue their pathway to certification in the trade of their choice.

"Across the board we have 400 students in 23 different trades enrolled in the Specialist High Skills Major program in nine distinct economic sectors," Truscott said.

She added there are another 200 students enrolled in 36 different trades as part of the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship program, the first step towards getting their ticket, and local businesses have stepped up to provide

placements for these students.

She said the seven most in-demand trades in the TLDSB catchment area are automotive service technician, truck service technician, carpenter, electrician, plumber, welder and hair stylist.

Board chair Bruce Reain called the presentation "spectacular."

Trustee John Byrne suggested the "programs were fantastic and there will be more skilled tradespeople once students (through this program) become more aware of what jobs are available in the future. I am happy that TLDSB can make these opportunities available."

Unions say funding not 'historical investment'

By Kirk Winter

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) can begin planning its 2021-2022 school year with financials released by the Ministry of Education May 4.

The Ontario government is going to provide \$25.6 billion to all boards, which breaks down to \$12,686 for every student currently enrolled in publicly-funded schools. The TLDSB is to receive \$207.1 million, up slightly from the \$203 million it received for 2020-2021.

The provincial government claimed it's

the most money per student ever invested in education. However, the increase from \$12,246 in 2019 to \$12,525 in 2020 and \$12,686 in 2021 does not keep pace with inflation over the same time period.

Asked whether the Grants for Student Needs (GSNs) was adequate to provide programming for 2021-2022, TLDSB communication officer, Sinead Fegan, told *The Highlander*, "our senior administration are currently reviewing the GSNs and allocations for TLDSB. We will not have comments available until information is presented (to trustees) at our May board meeting." The board's committee of the

whole met May 11 and the regular board meeting is May 25.

However, TLDSB's two largest unions are concerned.

According to Sam Hammond, president of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, "when you look at the funds required to pay for utility increases and other inflation-impacted costs, Ontario schools will be forced to operate with less funding than they had this year."

"Saying there is a growth in funding of 2.2 per cent is a gross exaggeration. The Ford government has repeatedly refused to make the real investments required to keep

schools open safely and sustainably."

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation responded to the GSN announcement on social media stating, "Ford's funding fails to keep up with inflation. Ford and (Minister Stephen) Lecce want to distract the public with figures and an oversimplification of education funding. This year's education budget has been touted as an 'historical investment.' That's not really the case. School funding (GSN) is dropping on a per student basis when adjusted for inflation."

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Highlander outdoors



Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association's Dan Smith stands by a portion of the Drag River where Walleye spawn. It's the site of a new monitoring program. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

Anglers make sure nothing fishy about Walleye count

By Joseph Quigley

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) is tracking Walleye spawning for the first time in six years in a bid to get more of the fish species stocked in local lakes.

The Walleye Watch Program ran from April 2 to April 20, with 14 volunteers surveying spawning grounds on two sections of the Drag River. The organization counted 1,334 Walleye across all nights combined.

The initiative previously ran for 15 years in the early 2000s. HHOA president Dan Smith said the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) only stocks the species in a small number of local lakes, but the HHOA hopes it can use new data to convince them to increase that.

"Many anglers like to catch Walleye because they're a very tasty fish," Smith said, adding there have been

some concerns about the species population. "The Walleye fishery is not as good as it used to be, despite the fact that a lot of people in our area want to fish Walleye."

The HHOA runs a community hatchery but does so in conjunction with the MNRF. The MNRF decides what to stock and where. Presently, the HHOA is hatching Rainbow Trout and Lake Trout, including the hatchery's signature Haliburton Gold. But it no longer runs a local Walleye stocking program, as it did from 2010 to 2015.

Retired Fleming College Fisheries and Limnology professor Dennis McGee is directing the effort. He said it will help with management throughout the area.

"Data from this and future surveys will be used to help us better manage Walleye throughout the Kashagawigamog chain of five lakes," McGee said.

Smith said the MNRF did stock Walleye hatched elsewhere last season, including Barnum Lake. But he added it does not compare with the trout stocking happening, with 20-25 lakes due to receive supply this year.

The Walleye are also anecdotally not nearly as populous as in previous years, according to surveyors around in the early 2000s Smith said. He added that could be because of a low water flow due to weather and predation.

"Those numbers are very much down from what they were," Smith said. "Hopefully pique some interest (from the MNRF) in getting the Walleye hatchery program again."

Smith said the HHOA is already sharing the data with the MNRF and will continue to do so.

"It was at one time a very healthy fishery and we want to get it back to that state," Smith said.

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Highlander arts

HGTV show to 'strike a balance' in the Highlands

By Lisa Gervais

At a time when the County is debating water health and the need to regulate short-term rentals, HGTV's Scott McGillivray said his show, *Scott's Vacation House Rules*, is trying to strike a delicate balance.

Speaking of season two, which premieres May 16 with episodes in Minden and Gooderham, McGillivray told *The Highlander*, "we want to help people embrace the area that they're in. We're not a show that goes in and says 'let's tear this down and build something that's a 100,000-square-foot mega mansion'. Our show is way more grassroots than that."

McGillivray, who owns a vacation property in the City of Kawartha Lakes, said they ask people to do their research, understand the local market and what's appropriate and know the bylaws. He said they do a lot of restoration, not teardowns and rebuilds, with the intent of updating properties to Building Code standards.

"Making sure people are doing the best they can with their properties, never the most extreme, or the worst," he said.

He acknowledged that there are always challenges with people who live local and visitors, however he said the cottage owners, and local specialists, they worked with were "extremely wonderful. I couldn't imagine anybody having an issue with what we're doing."

In some cases, he said some of the cottages they are preparing for rent have been owned by people forever, who need the rental income to keep it. In addition,

he added there are people who don't want an influx of newcomers and yet are selling properties for \$1 million. "There are people on both sides of the coin."

"It's hard to decide what's the right answer. Change is coming and you need to embrace it. Every part of Canada was a small town and it's grown. Muskoka wasn't Muskoka 40-50 years ago."

"We don't go and do anything that's going to destroy the environment. We're not interested in helicopter pads. We're here to support the local community, be balanced with what we do and be respectful about it and find affordable ways for people to have a slice of that dream, too, that other people get to live all the time."

McGillivray said the show's been attracted to the Highlands in part because of his property in the Kawarthas.

"It's nice to stay close to where I am doing properties. It's a beautiful area. I think it's underestimated. There's a lot of potential here for growth. Some other areas are just saturated and overdone and it's maybe not quite as difficult to get into."

He said the show also offers an inspiring message to cottage owners, that "if you're willing to strike a balance, and do some heavy lifting, roll up your sleeves, plan your design and be your guest and have vision, you can achieve your goals."

While he could not give much away in advance of the screenings, the host said they have again worked with local contractors and specialists to showcase what the area has to offer.

Preparing the season during the pandemic



Designer Debra Salmoni and Scott McGillivray are returning in HGTV's *Scott's Vacation House Rules*, with cottages in Minden and Gooderham in season two. *Photo submitted.*

also offered some curveballs. He said they had to film outside in winter, using tents, and "boy, was it cold." There were starts and stops with production throughout provincial orders.

"As a team it has been hard, working harder to make everything work, and fewer people doing more work."

However, he said there are always silver linings.

"We got to meet some extraordinary

people. We've seen people really refocus on what is truly important and meaningful in their lives. People have been focusing on their vacation properties and getting to their goals faster."

Season 2 of *Scott's Vacation House Rules*, premieres Sunday, May 16 at 10 p.m. The series follows McGillivray and designer Debra Salmoni as they turn rundown cottages into attractive vacation rentals. Minden and Gooderham are featured in the new season.

Time to escape once again as 6-Minute announces lineup

By Lisa Gervais

The line-up for the next 6-Minute Escape video series has been announced.

The Arts Council Haliburton Highlands and Haliburton Reads and Writes Committee are behind the initiative, scheduled for May 14 at 7 p.m. on YouTube.

The night will feature texture artist Kathleen Dewar with *Honouring Earth's Beauty*; Danielle Martin, owner of Shape

Shifter, with *Intertwining the Realms of Art and Spirit*; artist Marcia Mandel with *Turtle Magic*; digital artist and photographer June Krisko with *Experience the Haliburton Seasons*; author Marie Gage with *Trail of Tears*; artist Rosana Dewey with *Reflections*; and special guest Canadian/Nashville singer songwriter Linda McRae with *Singing River*.

The event will be co-hosted by librarian Erin Kernohan-Berning and museum director Kate Butler.

Kernohan-Berning said, "This program will provide us all with a much-needed escape and allow us to witness, first-hand, the transformation these brilliant artists bring to our world."

After the seven short videos are broadcast, viewers are invited to their online after party, where video presenters will be available virtually for questions and answers.

Butler said, "Although we cannot mingle in the same room, we will have

the opportunity to chat with these brilliant artists."

There is no cost to attend the launch. However, any donation would be greatly appreciated. It will help the Arts Council support arts, heritage and culture within our community. To donate, go to their GoFundMe link: gofundme.com/f/6-minute-escape.

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Jennifer Wilson jumped in the lake. She's pictured with her daughter, Layne. Photo submitted.

Over \$50,000 raised for community health

By Lisa Gervais

The second annual Jump in the Lake Challenge May 1 was an “overwhelming” success and raised more than \$50,000 for the proposed wellness centre in Coboconk, organizers said.

Jennifer Wilson, general manager of the Coboconk, Norland and Area Chamber of Commerce said it was an “incredible weekend.”

Wilson said that almost 600 people made

a donation.

“What an amazing outpouring of support for this much-needed wellness centre for the under-served areas of Kawartha Lakes,” she added.

The community has committed to raising \$1 million for the centre.

The Jump in the Lake Challenge was founded by realtors Dean Michel and Jenny Bacon, who said the community is now well on its way to officially launching the fundraising campaign this summer.

Unlike organized polar bear dips that happen in one central location, this event promoted social distancing and took place off each participant’s dock, or waterfront location of their choice.

Over 35 participants jumped into eight different lakes, including Shadow Lake, several locations on Balsam Lake, Canal Lake, Head Lake, Four Mile Lake, Horseshoe Lake and Lake Kashagawigamog in Haliburton.

The new wellness centre will provide a

hub for community health in the northern portion of Kawartha Lakes and will include doctors, after-hours care, physiotherapy, dental, a community meeting space and other complementary services that will benefit both full-time and seasonal residents.

Meanwhile, Brandon Nimigon of Century 21 Granite Realty Group Inc. jumped in Lake Kashagawigamog to raise \$1,545 for SIRCH.



Yoga could be part of the YWCA challenge. Unsplash.

YWCA launches challenge

By Lisa Gervais

Online yoga events are just one activity that local women can engage in as part of the YWCA’s 2021 virtual challenge this month.

The challenge is an online fundraising initiative in support of YWCA resources for women experiencing gender-based violence.

Participants choose an activity to accomplish during the month of May, register online, and challenge others to match their efforts.

“Activities are flexible, with options ranging from athletic challenges, to cooking or yoga skill-share challenges (or the option of creating something entirely new), offering participants of all ages and abilities the opportunity to participate safely in their own way, on their own schedule,” the agency said.

The YWCA said women’s organizations across Canada have seen a 30-40 per cent increase in the need for safety and support

this past year, so local fundraising initiatives are more vital than ever.

“Women’s lives continue to be threatened by abusive men who are taking advantage of COVID-19 safety protocols to isolate, manipulate and cause harm,” said Kim Dolan, executive director of YWCA Peterborough Haliburton.

“Our entire community needs to be actively involved in looking out for loved ones who may be at risk of violence and supporting the local services that help to equip women to safely create change in their lives.”

Participants who raise \$250 or more will be entered into a draw to win prizes. Winners will be announced June 14.

To learn more about the challenge or corporate partnership opportunities visit ywcapeterborough.org, call 705-743-3526 x113 or email Ria Nicholson at rnicholson@ywcapeterborough.org.

What's on

Farmers markets back despite lockdowns

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton County residents can mark one activity on their social calendars during lockdown with the farmers markets resuming May 18.

The markets are back every Tuesday from noon to 4 p.m., behind Rails End Gallery in Haliburton; every Saturday at the Minden Fairgrounds from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting May 22 and every Friday from noon to 4 p.m. down North Shore Road in Algonquin Highlands beginning June 18.

New market manager Rob McConnell said because the markets feature agricultural products they are considered an essential service so are allowed to be open.

The usual COVID protocols will be in place, including mask wearing, physical distancing and limitations on how many people can be in the market at any one time.

McConnell said the Haliburton location has shifted to the right in the park and will provide more space for the 21 vendors there.

"So, that's really good news."

The others are in the same locations as last year. Another addition is the return of Into the Blue Bakery and its wood-fired pizzas, he said. They will be on site in mid June.

McConnell said the markets wouldn't be possible without vendors at all three sites.

"We would like to thank all the vendors for participating. We want to wish them a very enjoyable market season. People can expect to see all the traditional vendors that appeal to them, ones that are regular vendors are going to be returning, and we'll have a few new ones."



Farmers markets are returning to Haliburton, Minden and Stanhope. This photo was taken at last year's COVID-appropriate market in Minden. *File.*

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Notice of Public Meetings

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding Public Meetings on Thursday, May 13, 2021 during its Meeting of Council via web conference regarding its Fees and Charges By-law and Procedural By-law. To review the proposed changes to the Fees and Charges Schedules C, H & I and the proposed changes to the Procedural By-law please visit www.mindenhills.ca/council/ to download the agenda.

Dated this 21st day of April, 2021.

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- Equipment Operator (temporary full time)
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(Virtual) Council Meetings

Council, Committee of the Whole and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted virtually via web conference meetings, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.

The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

May 13 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

May 13 – Public Meeting Fees and Charges By-law

May 13 – Public Meeting Procedural By-law

May 27 – Regular Council 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 mindenhills.ca/council.

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

Household Hazardous Waste Event

The first household hazardous waste event is fast approaching!

Join us on Saturday, May 29th at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena between 8 am – 2 pm for an extended household hazardous waste event.

Materials must be in labelled, non-leaking containers and must be from a household.

Please bring your landfill ID card and remain in your vehicle at all times.

Staff will unload your materials for you.

Request for Tenders

The Township is currently accepting submissions from qualified bidders for the following:

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Submission deadline is May 26, 2021 by 12:00 noon

Visit our website at www.mindenhills.ca/tenders/ for more information.

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IN MEMORY

Marianne Smith

It was just a year ago, on May 15, 2020 that we said a tearful goodbye to Marianne a loving Wife, Mother and Grand-mother after her battle with disease came to an end. Every day since, it seems so hard to believe she is no longer with us. We enormously miss her presence in our lives, especially the hugs and her ever loving care for her family, but we will forever cherish all the wonderful memories we have. Her faith in God and trust in His faithfulness never wavered even with the many difficult struggles she faced physically. She once wrote "We come to know God more intimately when we walk through the shadow of death and trust that He is in control. Though the journey seems so hard, the destination is priceless". Marianne rests now in the arms of her Lord and Saviour, her "destination". The following passage reflects Marianne's confidence - Psalm 4: 7a-8, "You have filled my heart with joy, I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord make me dwell in safety."

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OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of

Archie Ross

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Thursday, May 6, 2021, at the age of 103.

Beloved partner to Vi Howell and predeceased by his wife Joyce. Dear father of Jim and loving grandfather of Kelly

(Nash), Dani (Giovanni) and great grandfather of Julia, Milan, Zane and Giovanni.

Thanks to the Doctors and Nurses at Haliburton Hospital and to Corinne, Daniel and Rachel, Louise and Matt and their families, Debbie and Dray, the Women's Legion, Lynn and Wendy.

It was Archie's wish for cremation and private family arrangements

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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The families of David and Corinne Howell, and Mike and Bernadette Trotter are saddened by the loss of..

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Archie came into our lives 25 years ago, joining us for many family celebrations and gatherings.. we enjoyed listening to all his stories about coming to Canada from Scotland with the British Navy and fighting alongside the The Canadians, and many more.

Archie became a surrogate grandfather to Daniel(Rachel) Louise and (Matthew)

And a great grandfather to... Jack Kingston Mason and Roman.

Our families welcomed Archie with open arms and we are so glad we did, it was an honour to know this wonderful gentleman..

Rest in peace Archie after 103 years you deserve some rest.

We send our condolences to Archie's families, and hope they get closure in knowing that he is at peace now.

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Interested applicants are invited to send a resume and list of quoted services including pricing to Tori Miscio, Interim Director of Care, tmiscio@hhhs.ca

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association is holding its 49th Annual General Meeting

Saturday May 29th at 10 am

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ANNOUNCEMENT



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Highlander puzzles

Keep Calm and Do a Puzzle

by Barbara Olson
© ClassiCanadian Crosswords

- Across**
- 1 Book of legends?
 - 6 Texter's "This is just what I think"
 - 10 Pacific salmon type
 - 14 Gloater's boast
 - 15 India's prime minister
 - 16 Once again
 - 17 De Niro film about boxer Jake La Motta
 - 19 Prefix with -graph or -gram
 - 20 Mudroom's more elegant term
 - 21 Flowing cascade
 - 22 Sandler comedy with the tagline "Feel the Love"
 - 27 Typical kid's comment?
 - 28 Haligonian's hrs.
 - 29 Myopic millionaire of toondom
 - 30 Ignore an invitation, say
 - 32 Heart of la Ville de Québec?
 - 33 Steinbeck classic, with "The"
 - 39 Like Tom Waits' voice
 - 40 Cranny mate
 - 42 Gordon Lightfoot song "___ Bound"
 - 45 Stick in a bucket?
 - 48 Finder's ___
 - 49 With "The," Faulkner novel about the Compton family
 - 52 Migraine precursors, maybe
 - 53 Dallaire who led a peacekeeping mission in Rwanda
 - 54 Rare colour?
 - 55 Cruciverbal creations ... and when divided, what this puzzle's theme answers contain
 - 60 Spoken "uh-huh"
 - 61 Some shakers on French dinner tables
 - 62 ___-Sketch (drawing toy)
 - 63 No Joe Cool
 - 64 "It was ___ big joke!"
 - 65 Long answer on an English test

- Down**
- 1 Express, as a grievance
 - 2 La-la lead-in
 - 3 Carry with effort
 - 4 "Get ___!" ("Do something!")
 - 5 Lady of La Mancha
 - 6 "That was exhausting!"
 - 7 Lament a loss
 - 8 "Good" cholesterol, for short
 - 9 Can contents in "The Wizard of Oz"
 - 10 Double-hulled sailboat
 - 11 Flamingo's perch, often
 - 12 "Not a damn chance!"
 - 13 Has an outstanding balance with
 - 18 Places for sweaters?
 - 21 Longest human bone
 - 22 "Washboard" locales
 - 23 Da ___ (Vietnamese port city)
 - 24 Wild ox of India
 - 25 "I ___ two minds about that"
 - 26 Had to drop the hem, maybe
 - 31 On a streak?
 - 32 Slyly shy
 - 34 Cowpoke's cronies
 - 35 "¿Cómo ___?" (Guadalajaran greeting)
 - 36 End of life?
 - 37 Veggie burger ingredient
 - 38 Gardener, at times
 - 41 Rollerskater's need, once
 - 42 Simile words after "neat"
 - 43 Lake ___ Ski Resort in 42-Across
 - 44 Hot plate hot place
 - 45 Peak in NE Greece
 - 46 What omegas symbolize, in physics
 - 47 Minor hockey level after Atom
 - 50 Like St. Nick's "little mouth," in a Christmas book
 - 51 ___ the bill (covers the cost)
 - 55 Product testing org.
 - 56 Judeaism or Jainism, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 57 Mounted police, for short
 - 58 Fatty acid in fish: Abbr.
 - 59 "I ___, old chap, ..."



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SOLD

Long Lake



This stunning 3-bdrm, 2 bath year-round cottage/ home checks off all boxes. This property consists of two waterfront lots providing a total of 120 ft of frontage on beautiful Long Lake. This bright open concept living space features pine cathedral ceilings, slate, and maple flooring. Beautiful stone wood burning fireplace. Spacious main floor master with walk-in closet. Unfinished lower level. Built-in lower garage. This move in ready cottage truly is a complete package. **\$895,000**

SOLD

Kushog Lake



The amazing sunsets are a must to see! This seasonal 3-bdrm cottage is perfectly situated on a large level lot with 98 feet of frontage on Kushog Lake. Incredible big waters view up the lake located in a quiet bay. Excellent sandy shoreline, great for building sandcastles with the kids later in the summer. Ample space for the whole family. Spacious kitchen finished with dark cabinetry and features a beautiful skylight. Large indoor dining combined with living room and games room. Private docking system and large sunny lakefront deck. **\$569,000**

NEW LISTING

Contau Lake



Nature at it's best! This bright open concept 3-bdrm home features 223 ft of frontage on Contau Lake in a quiet bay. Southern exposure and pretty lake view. Main floor features one bedroom, large kitchen finished with pine cabinetry, island, and ample storage space. Bright dining area with pine flooring, ceilings, and walkout to lake front deck. Sunken living room with cozy woodstove. Master bedroom is located on the second level with jet tub. Many recent improvements. 4.17-acre lot provides good privacy. Escape the busy city life and enjoy serene cottage country living. **\$549,000**

NEW LISTING

Negaunee Lake



A great project for the handyman in your family. 3-bdrm, 1 bath cottage with an open concept main floor. Walk-out to a large wrap around deck. 102 feet of frontage, private docking, and clean shoreline for excellent swimming. Unfinished walk-out basement. Drilled well and septic. Negaunee is a tranquil non-motorized lake. This is an estate sale being sold "as is where is" without representations or warranties from the seller. **\$399,000**

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