

# A perfect place to reset

As Haliburton County residents - both full-time and seasonal - look ahead to the summer of 2021, we do so with the lingering effects of a global pandemic but hope for better days to come now that many of us have been vaccinated against COVID-19.

What better balm for our collective souls than watching the Highlands spring to life. We have welcomed the Canada Geese back along with the Monarch butterflies. We can again feel the warmth of the sun now that it's passed the equator on the spring equinox. The ice has retreated from the lakes, revealing the calming waters that soothe our troubled minds and beckon us to plunge in and play. The majestic pines are a striking contrast against clear blue skies. The rocks remind us that our earth is stable after all that we have been through.

If you're picking up the Highlander Handbook, we are proud to say that this is our 10th edition. We are the originators of this concept in the Highlands. But it isn't just ours. It is the community's go-to-resource. For example, the cover photo, and indeed every photo within, is taken by readers.

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Within these pages, we recap some of the news from 2020 and the first half of 2021 and we let the County tourism director, warden and mayors welcome you. We provide everything you need to know for your home and cottage. We have practical advice and information.

There are sections on boating, outdoors, recreation, arts, food and accommodation - basically everything you need to plan your next year in the Highlands.

If you need to contact the township, we have that. If the event of an unfortunate emergency, we can help you out there, too. We have health care and pharmacy listings. If you are looking for a church service, a service club to join, somewhere to volunteer, we have that as well.

Thanks for picking us up and we trust the Handbook will find a place in your home or cottage as an easy reference guide for all things Haliburton County.

Naturally, it is not going to be business as usual with the lingering pandemic, however, we are getting there. So, get out there and soothe those senses. *(Lisa Gervais)*

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## We're changing

We're now into year two of a global pandemic.

In Haliburton County, that has ushered in some unprecedented changes. Perhaps the biggest evolution is the impact on our population base. Beginning in early 2020, and continuing right through to today, we have seen many people leaving areas such as the Greater Toronto Area to come and live permanently in the Highlands.

It's not surprising. With COVID-19 and now its three variants making their rounds, people in so-called hotspots wanted to get out of cities, apartments and condos and come to the more sparsely-populated regions of Ontario. It's not just in Haliburton, but across rural and regional Ontario that the influx has occurred.

This movement has been good for the local economy in numerous ways. For example, the real industry industry is booming. Realtors cannot keep up with the demand. And with people converting seasonal cottages to permanent homes, there has been record demand in the trades sector. Long-term, all of this activity will lead to taxation growth for our municipalities.

It is a trend that is expected to continue.

It has also shone a spotlight on a few of our shortcomings. In particular, newcomers' demand for reliable, high speed internet, is driving a continuing conversation about speeding up the process for both better cell gap reception and overall broadband. In March, the Eastern Ontario Regional Network announced a partnership with Rogers, the province and the feds to help bridge the cell gap. It's expected an announcement on broadband support is also in the works.

All of this growth, particularly around lakefronts, has also spurred a contentious debate about how to best go forward with protecting our lakes. The County's shoreline preservation bylaw is now headed to a consultant to see if the company can come up with a plan that is amenable to most, if not all.

Without a doubt, the County is changing and with that comes both challenges and rewards.

At the same time, the rollout of vaccinations that have begun this spring are cause for hope. With the majority of County residents and seasonal visitors expected to be immunized by the summer, we long for a return to a sense of normalcy.

We suspect this summer is going to be a little different, once again, but we will start to see some things open up. While we are unsure of the events and activities that will take place in the summer of 2021, one thing we do know is that COVID-19 won't hinder our ability to sit on docks and catch our collective breaths; or get on, or into the water to refresh; or hit the paths and trails for a little forest bathing. Bring it on.



## The year that was

Without a doubt, COVID-19 was - and continues to be - the biggest news story in Haliburton County, as it has been around the world.

In many ways, the Highlands has been somewhat isolated from the pandemic. We have not had a lot of cases or hospitalizations and no deaths.

Despite the low numbers, we've been faced with the same challenges as the rest of the province. While Haliburton Highlands Health Services has stretched its resources, it has thankfully not been tasked to the level it had planned for.

Our economy, however, has taken a hit. Businesses were closed for three lengthy lockdowns.

However, 2021 brings some light to the end of the tunnel with the arrival of vaccinations. Already, residents of our three long-term care homes have received their shots. Clinics are underway for the rest of us. That gives business owners hope that while the summer of 2021 might not be stellar, it will be better than the 2020 season.

Despite the lockdowns and voluminous cancellations, the past year has not gone without some movement and progress.

In Haliburton, the Gardens of Haliburton retirement home is now open with a rental office in the village. The new welcome centre in Head Lake Park has taken shape. The prospect of having student housing at the college is also well underway. There's also a new retail development coming for Hops Drive.

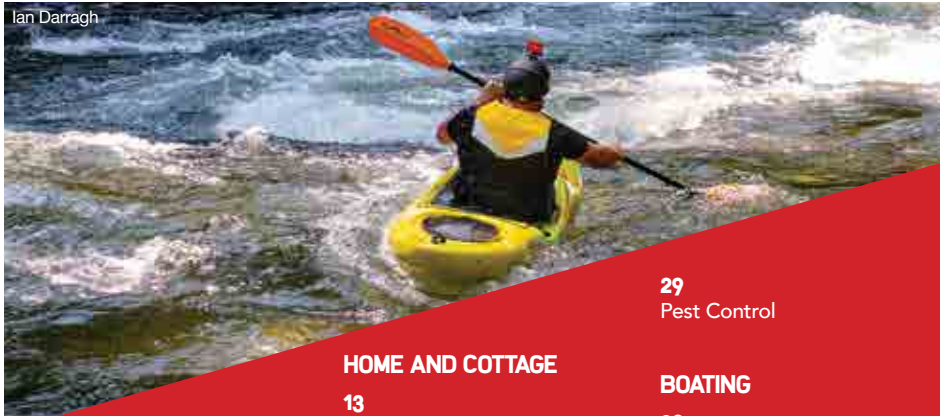
In Minden, the new arena and community centre is complete and waiting to welcome patrons.

In Highlands East, there continues to be progress on Herlihey Park. And Granite Shores is moving ahead with a massive development on Centre Lake.

In Algonquin Highlands, many residents breathed a sigh of relief when the Ontario Public Service Employees Union purchased the Frost Centre, an important part of the Dorset area's heritage. It also ensures use of trails in perpetuity.

It was also a year when we saw the youth hub finally open in Haliburton and a fun visit to Minden by the cast and crew of CBC's *Still Standing*. We're looking forward to seeing the episode air in the fall of 2021. After all, we could all use a good laugh.

Ian Darragh



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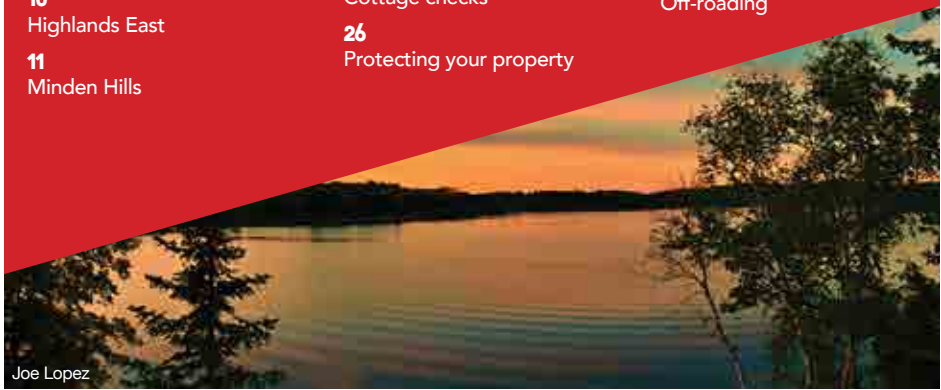
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## PHOTO CONTEST

For the fifth year in a row, The Highlander ran a photo contest for The Handbook. Several of them appear in this year's edition. We want to thank readers for taking part in this initiative. The winning cover photo is by Greg Pichnej.

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# A word from the warden

To say this year has been a roller coaster ride is an understatement. COVID-19 has effectively turned our lives upside down.

We are grateful for the way our medical professionals in Haliburton County have stepped up to the plate to ensure our safety. Our teachers have struggled to learn creative ways to deliver our children's education. Our businesses, which have been impacted dramatically, have followed the protocols and regulations thrust upon them with as much grace as they could muster, despite the difficulties and financial hardship the pandemic has brought them. Finally, our residents, both permanent and seasonal who fled the city to their cottage have done their best to follow rules that none of us anticipated. My thanks go out to you all.

Despite the challenges there have been lessons learned. We are more resilient and imaginative in finding ways of accomplishing tasks that need to be done. The County of Haliburton, and its member municipalities have continued to deliver services in the best possible way and have completed many of the goals set at the beginning of the year. The County completed its service delivery review, seeking ways to better collaborate with municipalities, to streamline services and hopefully see some financial savings. Many of the recommendations are long-term goals and will take considerable thought and negotiation over the next several years, and will ultimately lead us to a conversation about the most appropriate form of governance in the County.

However, of the 11 recommendations, a decision has been made to move forward with establishing an economic development office in the County.



This will be one of many steps taken to ensure economic recovery at a time when it is sorely needed and ultimately lay the foundation for growth.

Another County project is the draft shoreline preservation bylaw. There has been broad agreement we need to protect water quality. Without lake health our economy and lifestyles would be at serious risk. The County has had a tree preservation bylaw but we have seen the need to seek further protections. With a mixed response, the County recently decided to put a pause

on the process and hire a consultant who will be tasked with community consultation, reviewing the science behind the bylaw and working on a revised document.

We continue to develop annual budgets with a goal of financial sustainability and have been fortunate to get modernization and safe restart funding from upper governments.

The County has also made progress in hiring doctors, although finding housing for them is a challenge. The County continues to invest in housing projects to offer affordable housing options. Projects are underway in Haliburton and Minden Hills.

One remaining challenge is the need for broadband service. We welcome the announcement of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network's cell gap project for both improved cell service and broadband.

Meanwhile, we are grateful to live in a place of such tranquil beauty. Stay safe everyone and imagine a new normal that will surpass all of our expectations.

*Warden Liz Daniels*



# Algonquin Highlands

The past year has been an incredibly difficult one and yet in spite of the many challenges and uncertainty, the township and community have pulled together to use these changing times to our collective advantage.

Algonquin Highlands continues to care and share and look out for each other.

For the township, it's been difficult to continually shift gears and adapt to the rapidly changing requirements of the province. The community's patience and understanding as we crafted our way through it all.

Many projects have been delayed or interrupted but, on the upside, provincial funding has provided newfound opportunities for improving service delivery and access.

There's now tap-to-pay at landfills, and an updated website in 2021 will allow for an expanded online service portal.

Virtual recreational programming has been tremendously successful and plans are underway to expand it as well as 'fingers crossed' for soon being able to get back to having fun in person.



Livestreaming council meetings has allowed more people to learn how the municipality operates and what the hot topics are. Agendas have been publicly available by subscription for years and with meetings now being recorded they can be viewed at leisure.

We're excited about the implementation of a robust engagement tool in 2021 that will allow more opportunities to reach more people on more topics and more often.

The increase in property sales and permanent residency as

well as longer cottage stays has allowed us to see what's ahead so we can better accommodate the community's changing needs.

Algonquin Highlands has worked hard to turn every COVID curveball into a home run. We've embraced every opportunity to seek better, more efficient ways of building our community into the future.

May 2021 bring the relief and stability we all seek. Stay safe.

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# Dysart et al

It is impossible to talk about the highlights of 2020 and what is to come in 2021 without stating the obvious. COVID-19 changed everything. I still find it amazing how quickly we were all able to adapt. Meetings were held by Zoom, patios were permitted on the main street, businesses had to ensure their staff and customers were safe, curbside pickup and takeout meals were the new norm, and while there has been enormous stress, we all tried to stay positive and hopeful.

That said there is lots to be excited about in Dysart.

The new visitor centre and washroom began construction and will be completed by May of this year. It's going to be a great addition to the downtown and Head Lake Park area. The master plan for Head Lake Park was completed and adopted by council. This plan will guide the municipality when making future decisions for park improvements.

We've started the process with Fleming College to transfer land for a new student housing residence beside their property in Glebe Park. This is very exciting news and has been a priority for council for some time.

As well, we are in discussion with Places for People to transfer land to create an affordable housing project on Wallings Road. Both these projects are needed in our community and will take some time to complete but we are excited to start the ball rolling.



Dysart et al completed a service delivery review. It was a very detailed look at what we do and how we can improve. We have met and reviewed the seven initiatives identified in the review. Focusing on customer service, creation of a strategic plan, and licensing of short-term rentals were all identified as priorities to tackle first.

At the time of writing this piece there is still a lot of uncertainty for what restrictions will be in place for the summer of 2021. The

village of Haliburton comes alive in the summer with music, art and theatre, and we all miss that. It is unlikely the large events will be permitted this summer as well, and we need to find ways to support these organizations so they are there in the future.

We know many businesses have suffered while others are having the largest growth they've ever seen.

The real estate market has never been so hot. 2020 was a record year for building permits and indications are that this year will be busy as well.

The first ever retirement home in the area, Gardens of Haliburton, is set to open this May. All this points to good news for the future here in Dysart. We will get through these challenging times.

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Mayor, Dysart et al*



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2020 was a challenging year for everyone. As mayor of the Municipality of Highlands East, a majority of time was spent with our Emergency Operations Centre reviewing, planning and implementing protocols and priorities to address COVID-19 legislation and public health and safety concerns.

In addition to public safety, business continuity remains a high priority for Highlands East as most services we provide are essential. Working within the provincial COVID-19 parameters we have implemented many changes throughout the year. The public now has access to view council meetings online through Zoom, software upgrades and staff ability of remote access has been implemented, enhanced electronic payment options for services and communication protocols have improved



with the public, staff, other municipalities and provincial agencies.

In addition to the above-mentioned changes, some of the other significant projects I have been involved with include implementation of organizational review recommendations, preparing for retirements, increased building and planning activities, adapting to increased population and increased use of services such as waste, roads and administrative activities, enhanced bylaw enforcement and many capital initiatives identified

in our capital forecasting and annual budget. As a County councillor, I have also been very involved with the County of Haliburton initiatives such as the service delivery review, shoreline preservation, climate change and the community safety plan.

As we continue to navigate through the global pandemic, 2021 initiatives include: continuation of bylaw enforcement enhancements; enhancing technology in the building and fire departments with implementation of software and hardware; asset management policies and procedures; implementing a fuel card system and budgeting for smart meters through climate change initiatives; completing pathways and parking lots for Herlihey Park; implementing organizational changes (public works manager, operations supervisor and junior planner); continuation of road initiatives identified in the roads need study; water/wastewater financial plan and planning stages for municipal office requirements.

We are hopeful that we will be able to focus on revitalization and restarting our beautiful community.

*Dave Burton  
Mayor, Highlands East*

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# Minden Hills

After what has seemed like, on many fronts, the “lost year” of COVID-19 life, we look forward to the summer of 2021 hoping to see a resumption of a more normal season of activities in our region.

This summer season should see the gradual opening of the new S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre and the adjacent newly-completed housing project by KLHHC. On Highway 35, as well, we may also see the start of a public/private partnership of a new housing development.

On the municipal services front, we will see a slow return to more normal operating conditions. This return to more normal service levels though will be fraught with many challenges. The pent-up demand for processes delayed by COVID-19, and the explosion of demand by both new persons in Minden Hills and those seasonal ratepayers that have effectively made Minden their home will



lead to a less than optimum outcome. I would ask for patience by all, as municipal staff labour to have conditions return to manageable work levels.

I would ask that ratepayers take the time to be informed on such matters as shoreline protection and landfill site evolutions, so that ratepayers can inform council members of the policies and investments that are most important to them.

Finally, I would ask the people of Minden to take stock of all the good people in their life, COVID-19 has taught us all a lesson, that the community that we live and play in, is perhaps one of the best in the world.

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# Finding a contractor

When looking for a contractor, the process begins with researching your options, and that can be as easy as using an online search engine.

Your best bet is to go to the source of local information: building supply centres. Word of mouth is key in smaller communities. Centre staff will know which contractors provide high-quality work and are reputable and reliable. The Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA) is a strong resource.

Keep in mind that demand for Highlands properties has risen dramatically during the pandemic and you can expect to wait up to two years for a top contractor.

Choose a contractor who's experienced in your type of project.

Confirm the contractor has Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) coverage and liability insurance. Ask for several references and check them thoroughly. Find out how well your proposed contractor helped clients manage their budgets. Get a clear, signed contract. Maintain a paper trail, including contracts, building permits

and a detailed budget, as protection against any misunderstandings.

To secure the necessary permits, your contractor will need you to have plans prepared by qualified and licensed designers. Building centre design staff can provide certain plan design services and the Highlands are home to several professional design companies. Additional planning support from professionals such as an engineer may be required for major projects.

Finalize your budget based on the materials, labour, schedule and any other considerations needed to fulfill the plans. Set aside a contingency fund of 15 to 20 per cent of your budget to address any unforeseen circumstances. These will include any extras you request as the work progresses. Note that pandemic restrictions have already contributed to cost increases of as much as 300 per cent in some materials, so you may want to set aside even more to ensure you can complete the project if prices continue to rise. Keep track of any additional expenses to avoid surprises at the end of the project.



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Renovations are affected by the pandemic. Mill shutdowns and lumber prices rising by as much as 200-300 per cent for some items are common.

Budgeting for a renovation becomes even more critical now, especially when Highlands construction costs are always generally higher. But the budget is not first on the list of preparations.

Start by noting everything you want to change and why. Divide the list into “need to have” and “like to have.” Consider refinishing existing features and investing in energy and water conservation fixtures. Check out design and product ideas so you can budget well and clearly advise your contractor, if using one.

If using a contractor, expect to wait at least a year for availability in the current construction climate. Get a detailed, written, signed contract. Remain involved, requesting and expecting regular updates.

If doing it yourself, ensure you know the skill levels of your crew. Leave electrical, plumbing, heating and roofing projects to licensed experts to avoid serious problems. Also leave structural

changes to professionals to ensure the overall security and finishing of the building and to avoid unforeseen costs for expert repairs.

Structural work will require professional designs as well as permits. You can source drawings locally from professional design companies and many building supply centres. Both can create a materials list to help with accurate budget estimates. Municipal staff can advise you regarding permits.

A key rule of thumb is to set aside 15 to 25 per cent of your budget for unforeseen problems and upgrades. However, given the pandemic’s unpredictability, you may want to set aside more to ensure you can complete the project if prices continue to rise. Allow for scheduling factors such as the weather, supply time for permits and products, your available time, your skill level, and the availability of any professional contractor you’ll need.

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# Alternative energy

Whatever alternative energy source you choose, you can find it in the Highlands, according to Brian Nash, system consultant with Haliburton Solar and Wind (HSW).

However, 80 per cent of HSW's incoming work is based on solar power, said Nash.

The most popular local applications for alternative energy are net metering and going off the Hydro One energy grid, with about 70 per cent of clients choosing off-grid.

In the Highlands, net metering is 100 per cent solar power, said Nash. The energy generated is directed to a dedicated load panel and owners use that energy instantly. Any excess goes to the Hydro meter, which then turns backward. When solar power is insufficient, the system draws from Hydro.

This approach is highly popular with owners of existing properties who have, or will have, fixed incomes because it makes them immune to rising electricity rates, according to Nash. Set-up costs are generally recoverable within about nine years and solar panels operate for about 40 years.

For property owners who want to go off the grid, solar may be combined with wind power. The

off-grid approach is favoured for new builds and by those who face high costs to run Hydro, and/or want complete energy independence.

In off-grid solutions, the energy goes to a battery bank as DC current. An inverter changes it to AC current and it's sent to the load panel. The only limits to the power generated are budget and site metrics, according to Nash.

While the cost benefit varies, "some places could very well wind up with a significant savings."

Overall, energy sources are selected to provide the most valuable solution, with practicality included in the mix.

For example, "obviously waterpower is fabulous because it's 24/7, it's always making power," said Nash.

"Larger enterprises such as Emmerson Lumber [next to the Emmerson dam in Haliburton] ... have been able to incorporate waterpower into their generation mix."

However, environmental assessments make waterpower too costly for many property owners, so it's a small part of HSW's business, despite its value as a power generator.

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- Shift energy use to off-peak or mid-peak hours. Select energy-efficient appliances such as a front-loading washer, which will also reduce water consumption. Use clotheslines and drying racks to reduce dryer use.
- Invest in a higher-efficiency furnace and clean the furnace air filter monthly. Use a programmable thermostat with a built-in timer. Ensure your fireplace is sealed properly. For hot water supply, choose a gas-fired, direct-vent, fan-assisted or sealed tank.
- Select compact fluorescent light (CFL) and halogen bulbs, which are more efficient and last longer than traditional bulbs. Use dimmer switches indoors and motion sensor lights outdoors.
- Seal around windows and doors. Use energy-efficient windows. Install large windows,

especially on a south wall, to reduce energy use for heating in cold weather and for artificial lighting year-round. Use window shades in summer to reduce air conditioning and fan use.

From time to time the provincial government provides support to eligible consumers to help them lower their monthly electricity costs and increase home comfort. This can include a free home energy needs assessment, a free energy saving kit, free expert advice and other initiatives.

For more information, check out Save on Energy's buying guides and more at [saveonenergy.ca](http://saveonenergy.ca)



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# Rent it right

Demand for short-term rentals has risen dramatically in the COVID-19 era, resulting in extra income for rental cottage owners along with an even greater requirement to provide caring service.

If you're considering renting your property, start by discussing it with your family to make sure everyone is comfortable with the idea.

Check with your insurance provider to ensure you have appropriate rental coverage and ask about any additional liability coverage regarding the pandemic. Contact your municipality to see what regulations they may be planning for short-term rentals. Learn about the Ontario Travel Industry Act's rules and regulations for rental accommodations.

If you decide to move ahead, bring your cottage up to a rentable standard – your goal is to make it feel like a hotel.

Avoid booking too many people at one time as this can damage both the septic system and your relationships with your neighbours.

Create a highly visible, attractive welcome book with necessary information such as local amenities and attractions, how to use the barbecue and local recycling rules. Provide the HKPR pandemic management regulations as a guide for conduct during local activities. Also provide a municipal Cottage Kit for proper disposal of recyclables and garbage.

Make room for the weeks' worth of food your guests will bring but leave basic cooking ingredients in the pantry. Provide good drinking water to deter guests from using single-use plastic bottles.

Ensure you have the best Wi-Fi service available in your area. Provide a list of local public Wi-Fi



spots in case your service malfunctions.

Renters will expect non-motorized watercraft in good condition, such as stand-up paddle boards, kayaks and canoes. Guests should bring their own lifejackets.

Cleaning and sanitizing will be a top priority. Check with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR) for requirements for cleaning public spaces based on provincial pandemic regulations.

Consider hiring a local cottage rental agency licensed by the Travel Industry Council of Ontario (TICO) for rental management, including listing and marketing the cottage, screening guests, helping guests during their stay, and more.

For additional information visit [foca.on.ca](http://foca.on.ca) (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations), [ontario.ca/laws/statute/02t30](http://ontario.ca/laws/statute/02t30) and [hkpr.on.ca](http://hkpr.on.ca).



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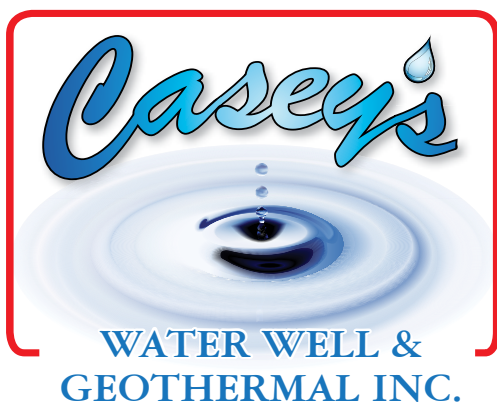
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# Short-term rentals

Short-term rental properties are alive and well in the Haliburton Highlands.

The COVID-19 pandemic has ensured their increased popularity this year given restrictions on travel outside the province. City dwellers in particular have been booking steadily, some through major cottage rental suppliers such as Airbnb and Vrbo, some through local cottage rental agencies, and some directly through the property owner.

Haliburton County's four lower-tier municipalities have been reviewing the need for bylaws to govern short-term rentals, having heard complaints about too many people, too much noise and other issues.

For example, a 2019 Highlands East survey drew more than 300 responses. One response alone cited multiple issues including loud noise, barking dogs, throwing dog dirt and burnt logs into the lake, large groups of people staying at the property and the harm that could cause to the septic system, theft of firewood, fires during a fire ban, alcohol and pot consumption and an invasive drone.

To date, Highlands East and Minden Hills continue to consider short-term rental governance options. A bylaw is on the Minden Hills planning staff's list of projects to be completed this year if possible.

Dysart et al conducted a service delivery review in 2020 that included short-term rentals.

The reviewing consultant noted that the implementation of a regulatory response to short-term rentals could address community concerns and increase revenues to support enforcement and/or tourism promotion. Staff expect there will be a more in-depth review started within the next year based on the recommendations contained in the review.

Algonquin Highlands welcomed public input on short-term rentals in the summer of 2020 and is currently reviewing options available to regulate them. Considerations may include environmental issues such as lake health, septic systems, noise, loss of housing stock, housing affordability, competition with traditional accommodation providers, and landfill use and recycling.



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# Keeping a good lid on it

When considering renovations to your home or cottage, it's wise to start at the top and ensure you have a well-constructed roof.

Cory and Melissa Valentini, owners of Up Right Roofing, say the roof is not always the first item on a renovation list but typically it hasn't been overlooked consciously.

"Many homeowners do not inspect the condition of their roof until it presents a problem or there are obvious issues," said Cory in an email interview. "This can often be too late to avoid interior damage."

"Your roof protects the people and possessions in your home from the elements," said Melissa. "A 'healthy' roof can also add curb appeal and value to your home."

When you request a quote or an onsite roof consultation, you can expect the contractor to ask about the roof's history and any previous or current issues. The contractor will check under the shingles to determine if there is any underlayment and if so, what type.

The inspection should also include walking the roof to check for multiple concerns such as soft spots, broken or curling shingles and/or missing shingles, and the condition of any valleys. The contractor will present the findings and discuss next steps with you.

Property owners don't need to be concerned about having roof work done during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to the Valentinis.

"We have advised our customers to move forward with planned roofing projects," said



Cory. "We can do all planning and contract finalization via computer and telephone. Once on site, there is no reason for the homeowner to have direct contact with the crew."

To ensure the crew is also protected, Up Right provides access to hand sanitizer and wash stations on all job sites. Each employee has dedicated tools and the employees practise social distancing whenever possible.

The Valentinis have three recommendations for property owners considering roof repair or replacement.

"Do not wait until the last minute to get a quote, your roofer of choice may not be available this season," said Melissa. Also, "make sure you have a roofing contract detailing the scope of work prior to the first work day on site."

Finally, "ask for proof of current WSIB [Workplace Safety and Insurance Board] coverage and an insurance certificate," said Cory.

"If the roofer does not have current insurance, you as the homeowner can be held responsible for any accidents or injuries during the project."

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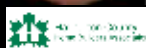
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# Cottage etiquette

Whether you're visiting a cottage or renting one for the first time, you want to make sure you'll be welcomed back. Following are a few guidelines for newcomers to cottage life, adapted for the pandemic era.

## Visitors

- Confirm your arrival and departure days/times.
- Ask what supplies you can/should bring, and plan for all types of weather.
- Ask if you can bring your pets; if so, clean up after them.
- Pack enough personal hand sanitizer and masks for yourself and your group.
- Bring and/or make at least one meal.
- Help with, or do, the dishes; tidy and clean throughout your stay; and help with final cleanup.

## Renters

- Anticipate higher rental prices to cover higher cleaning costs under pandemic protocols.
- Ask whether you or your host will provide personal hand sanitizer and masks for your group.
- Treat the cottage and neighbours as though they're your own.
- Ask if you can bring pets; if so, clean up after them.
- Follow cottage rules for well water conservation and septic system health.
- Follow local burning and fireworks regulations.
- Learn the local and provincial rules for motorized watercraft if you plan to use them.
- Leave the cottage as you found it.



Peter Magier

- Take your waste and recycling to the landfill when leaving. Your host may supply a Cottage Kit, or you can get one from the municipality.

## Don't

- Visit or rent if you or the others you plan to bring show signs of illness.
- Delay if you need to cancel.
- Enter anyone else's pandemic bubble or ignore other local pandemic restrictions.
- Bring/allow unexpected guests.
- Drink too much alcohol.
- Play music or raise voices outdoors.
- Leave food outdoors or grime on the barbecue.
- Use harsh chemicals in sinks or toilets.
- Ever use soap or shampoo in the lake, even if the product is biodegradable.
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# Cottage checks

Winter can be hard on homes and cottages in the Highlands. That's why many permanent and seasonal residents trust their property to a home and cottage check expert. These seasoned inspectors help keep structures safe and can save owners thousands of dollars in repairs.

Check expert Norm Barry says a typical winter visit starts with making sure the heat's on and the water's off. Doors and windows are checked to ensure they're secure.

When you're away, set the temperature at about 13°C and set a low-temperature alarm to go off at 8°C, Barry advises. That gives a check expert enough time to resolve a low-heat issue before the structure gets cold enough for the pipes to freeze and burst.

"Once a pipe breaks in the house, you have flooding and moisture," said Barry. "It's the moisture that causes mold. Once the mold is in, they have to start ripping stuff out. If that happens, you are into big money."

Floods can happen at any time. A pipe solder joint can fail or ice on the roof can back up under the shingles and melt into the house come spring.

Older cottages should have no more than four feet of snow on their roofs before they're shovelled, says Barry. One visit around February will usually cover the entire winter, although a shovel in December isn't unknown.

Don't skip regular snowplowing and deck shovelling. A plowed driveway means access for firefighters, which might be required by your insurance policy. Add to that a shovelled deck and your property looks lived-in, which can deter crime.

In addition to saving on costly repairs, a well-documented cottage check could help smooth out an insurance claim, according to Barry. A friend or neighbour might not be keeping the type of records that can prove invaluable.

While there are phone apps for remote monitoring, Barry recommends a third-party specialist who will call you or your cottage check expert if something goes wrong.

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**Insulation and ventilation:** Seal air leaks around doors and windows; clear indoor and outdoor air vents and close flapper dampers; repair roof leaks and gaps in underside of attic decking.

**Water intake and outflow:** Clean drains in dishwasher, sinks, tubs and showers and close shut-off valves; ensure hot water pipes are insulated; drain non-frost-proof faucets and close indoor valve for the outdoor water pipe; ensure there is water in the trap for each plumbing fixture and basement floor drain; fill traps and toilets with plumbing antifreeze; ensure sump pump is operating properly with no blockages or leaks; have well water tested; determine whether septic tank needs to be emptied before spring.

**Interior maintenance:** Clean, defrost and unplug refrigerator and place open soda boxes in fridge and freezer; ensure propane appliances are properly shut down; unplug small appliances;

scatter mothballs strategically in the attic; set the temperature at 13°C and set a low-temperature alarm at 8°C to avoid frozen pipes and flooding, monitored by phone app or cottage check expert.

**Exterior maintenance:** Clean eavestroughs and downspout; clear chimneys; replace window screens with storm windows; drain outdoor water pipe and close valve; arrange regular snow removal on driveways, decks and the roof as needed to enable firefighter access, avoid ice damage and deter theft.

**Security:** Ensure your insurance coverage is updated; install an alarm system and motion detector lighting; cover windows with shades and/or shutters; install fresh batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and ensure they work properly; remove all valuables and etch or mark stored sporting goods with identification information; consider trimming back hedges that would prevent theft detection; arrange for someone to monitor your property or hire a cottage check expert; have mail and newspapers picked up regularly or stop the deliveries; join or start a neighbourhood watch program.



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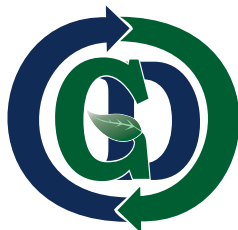
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# Pest control

Cottage country pest problems can drive us batty, but there are numerous resources available to help us cope on our own or with expert help.

According to the Highlands' Eco-Choice Pest Control, the need for pest control comes down to three things: personal preference, damage potential and the pest's ability to transmit disease or reproduce.

As an example, spiders don't bother everyone and don't cause damage, but squirrels and raccoons can cause considerable amounts of damage. Bats benefit the ecosystem and are at risk so they should be protected, but their droppings can transmit disease. Destructive carpenter ant colonies, common in cottage country, can reach a staggering size before the problem is noticed.

Start your pest control with preventive actions. Seal all gaps in soffits and foundations to block entry by mice, squirrels, bats, raccoons and other pests. Manage vegetation around the building and set mousetraps to monitor and control.

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smaller pests such as insects and rodents are available from local retailers. Pest control companies can either do the work or provide guidance and traditional or more ecologically-sound products for do-it-yourself. Products include mouse and raccoon baits and a live trap

cage that only raccoons can enter.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) features online guides for dealing with bats, birds, coyotes, cougars, bears and other wildlife. The MNR can provide phone assistance and will advise on managing human-animal conflicts.

Hiring a wildlife agent to deal with problem wildlife is the property owner's responsibility. There are several types of agent available, including a licensed trapper or hunter, and staff with a wildlife removal business.

For more information, contact a local pest control company or visit [ontario.ca/page/prevent-conflicts-wildlife](http://ontario.ca/page/prevent-conflicts-wildlife) and [ontario.ca/page/hire-wildlife-agent](http://ontario.ca/page/hire-wildlife-agent).



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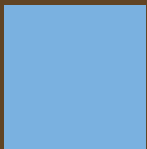
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# If canoes could talk

Rarely does one get feedback from a canoe reminiscing on its life exploits and adventures. However, as a company dedicated to maintaining small watercraft, we frequently experience old and worn-out boats telling us their amazing stories. The canoes our clients ask us to rebuild, refurbish, restore, beautify (pick your lingo) often come to us as fiberglass, Kevlar or cedar strip boats in various degrees of rough-and-tumble shape telling us of the events leading to their current state of affairs.

We hear of watercraft of all types tossed aside due to damage sustained during their lifetime, and their inability to stay afloat or more importantly, remain safe. This harkens back to our youth when 100 or more young campers would be recruited to enjoy the canoe relay races. As much fun as it provided, these boats took a beating and, due to tight camp budgets (and lack of skilled repair help), would have jury-rigged field repairs from bits of hockey

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A person is seen from behind, sitting in a small boat (likely a canoe or kayak) on a calm body of water. The sun is setting or rising, creating a warm, golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water's surface. The background shows a dark line of trees on the far shore.

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Kinmount 705-488-2011  
[crystallakemarina.ca](http://crystallakemarina.ca)

## **Fort Irwin Marina**

5002 Haliburton Lake Rd.,  
Haliburton. 705-754-4176  
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## **Haliburton Marine & Storage**

111 Industrial Park Rd.,  
Haliburton. 705-457-1128  
[haliburtonmarine.com](http://haliburtonmarine.com)

## **Haliburton Outdoor Equipment**

4355 Kennis Lake Rd.,  
Haliburton. 705-754-9262  
[haliburtonoutdoorequipment.ca](http://haliburtonoutdoorequipment.ca)

## **Haliburton RPM**

5122 County Road 21,  
Haliburton. 705-457-1473  
[rpmmarinas.com](http://rpmmarinas.com)

## **Harcourt Park Marina**

2199 Sumcot Rd.,  
Harcourt. 705-448-2888.  
[harcourtparkmarina.ca](http://harcourtparkmarina.ca)

## **Harper Powersports & Marine Ltd. - Haliburton**

3572 County Road 21,  
Haliburton. 705-457-2282  
[harper-marine.com](http://harper-marine.com)

## **Harper Powersports & Marine Ltd. - Haliburton**

13533 Highway 118, Haliburton  
705-457-2848. [harper-marine.com](http://harper-marine.com)

## **Harper Powersports & Marine Ltd. - Minden**

11588 Highway 35, Minden  
705-286-2750. [harper-marine.com](http://harper-marine.com)

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# 2021 Boat Diary

## MAINTENANCE

ITEM	COST	NOTES
<i>Oil Change &amp; Prop Replacement</i>	<i>\$195</i>	<i>keep speed low first 2 hours</i>

## TRIPS

DATE	WHO & WHERE	NOTES
<i>July 15, 2020</i>	<i>Jonny, Bill and Andrew - Gull Lake</i>	<i>went cliff jumping</i>

## BIG CATCHES OF 2021

DATE	WHERE	SPECIES	WEIGHT/LENGTH
<i>June 19, 2020</i>	<i>by the narrows</i>	<i>Lake Trout</i>	<i>4lbs - 25 inches</i>

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# Nature reserves

The Highlands are home to several thousand acres of nature reserves managed by municipal staff, property owners and/or volunteers to maintain healthy and enjoyable environments.

The largest public example of these reserve areas is the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails (HHWT) system. Covering approximately 28,000 hectares of Crown and municipal public lands, the HHWT feature more than 55 kilometres of summer and winter trails and hundreds of campsites and canoe routes along pristine lakes and rivers in continuous forest. ([algonquinhighlands.ca](http://algonquinhighlands.ca))

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT), a not-for-profit, non-governmental charitable organization, manages five of the most richly diverse and closely protected reserves. The HHLT acquires lands of ecological and cultural significance for conservation purposes and hosts guided hikes, public Discovery Days workshops and the online Speaking of Wildlife show. Research projects include studies of species at risk and wetlands. ([haliburtonlandtrust.ca](http://haliburtonlandtrust.ca))

The 100,000-acre Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve features nationally recognized sustainable forestry practices. Amenities and activities include a wolf centre, a forest canopy tour, astronomy, four-season camping, mountain biking, and snowmobiling. The privately owned reserve is also used for ecological studies. ([haliburtonforest.com](http://haliburtonforest.com))

Minden Wild Water Preserve is the designated white-water site for past and future Toronto Olympic bids. The 100-acre, privately owned preserve hosted kayaking events during the 2015 Pan-Am Games. Visitors can enjoy challenging



John Crowe

kayaking and canoeing runs, forested nature trails and picnic spots along the Gull River. ([whitewaterontario.ca](http://whitewaterontario.ca))

Snowdon Park wetland and forest preserve offers forested walking trails, Nordic ski and snowshoe trails, and a wheelchair-accessible viewing platform in the high season. Wildlife sightings on the park's 460 acres are common in all seasons. ([hhfn.ca/Snowdon.htm](http://hhfn.ca/Snowdon.htm))

The Lochlin Esker & Wetlands are situated on private land south of Haliburton. Running through the centre of one of the county's largest wetlands, the site features several natural environments, including fen, open marsh, bore hole and boreal forest. Tours may be arranged when conditions are appropriate. ([lochlinesker.wordpress.com](http://lochlinesker.wordpress.com))

## Provincial parks

At time of writing, Ontario Parks campgrounds, back country campsites and roofed accommodations were temporarily closed and stores, visitor centres and equipment rentals remained closed due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. Visitors are advised to check ahead when planning their trip.

### Algonquin Provincial Park

Highway 60 east of Highway 35  
705-633-5572  
[ontarioparks.com/park/algonquin](http://ontarioparks.com/park/algonquin)

### Oxtongue River-Ragged Falls Provincial Park

Highway 60 east of Highway 35  
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### Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands

Local access: 1115 Devils Lake Rd.  
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### Silent Lake Provincial Park

1589 Silent Lake Park Rd., south of Highway 28  
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[ontarioparks.com/park/silentlake](http://ontarioparks.com/park/silentlake)



# Hitting the trails

More than 1,000 kilometres of Highlands trails beckon you to hike, canoe, kayak, ski, snowboard, snowshoe, off-road and more. The following systems feature trails of varying difficulty and environments. For information on additional systems, talk to your accommodation provider or visit [myhaliburtonhighlands.com](http://myhaliburtonhighlands.com) or your municipal website (see Municipal contacts).

## Glebe Park

This park in Haliburton features woodlands, rolling hills and trails for walking, mountain-biking, cross country-skiing and snowshoeing. It is home to the Haliburton Highlands Museum, Haliburton Sculpture Forest and Haliburton School of Art and Design. ([dysartetal.ca](http://dysartetal.ca))

## Haliburton ATV Association

HATVA operates approximately 700 kilometres of three-season trails for ATVs and side-by-sides. The group aligns with other clubs for one-pass access to 1,700 kilometres of trails. ([haliburtonatv.com](http://haliburtonatv.com))

## Haliburton County Snowmobile Association

The HCSA'S 370 kilometres of trails include the Forest and Rail (FAR) Tour that circuits through Haliburton, Minden and Carnarvon. HCSA also partners in the world-famous Round Algonquin Park (RAP) Tour. ([hcsa.ca](http://hcsa.ca))

## Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trails

Manages 36 kilometres of trails in Glebe Park, family-friendly Moosewoods and dog-friendly Twin Lakes. Check out the Ski All 3 Challenge on Facebook and the Jackrabbit weekly youth program. Memberships and day passes also give access to YMCA Wanakita's 16 kms of classic-only trails. ([skihaliburton.com](http://skihaliburton.com))

## Paws Trails and Dog Park at Killara Station

Enjoy the new off-leash walking trails and park

on the 215-acre Killara Station homestead in Minden Hills. \$8 per dog; humans free. Book on the Sniffspot app at [sniffspot.com/to/vrph8](http://sniffspot.com/to/vrph8). ([pawsatks.com](http://pawsatks.com))

## Ray's Place

ATVs, Jeeps, 4x4s and other off-road vehicles are welcome on these 14 kms of professionally designed, four-season trails in Minden Hills. Linked to an interactive map via GPS, the trails feature a variety of challenging terrains and are connected to HATVA trails. ([rayzplace.ca](http://rayzplace.ca))

## Sir Sam's Ski/Ride

This family-owned complex features downhill and cross-country mountain biking and a five-kilometre interpretive hiking trail. In winter enjoy 14 alpine ski runs, a snowboard terrain park and a snowshoe trail. Equipment rentals are available. ([sirsams.com](http://sirsams.com))

## South Algonquin Trails Inc.

Ride through the forested beauty of the Highlands and Algonquin Park with certified guide. Horses, ponies and trails are available for all experience levels for rides from ½ hour to three days. Reservations are required or recommended based on event. ([southalgonquintrails.com](http://southalgonquintrails.com))

## The Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust; Haliburton Highlands Water Trails/Frost Centre; Minden Wildwater Preserve and Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands all have walking and hiking trails.



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# Adventures and ecotourism

Many experience providers have adjusted or suspended services due to COVID-19. Visit the vendor's website or call ahead to confirm availability.

## Adventure Haliburton Group

Adventures include mountain biking, kayaking, parasailing, horseback riding, ATV and snowmobile tours, dogsledding, downhill skiing, ice climbing, ice fishing. [adventurehaliburton@gmail.com](mailto:adventurehaliburton@gmail.com); [adventurehaliburton.com](http://adventurehaliburton.com)

## Algonquin Outfitters/AO Boatwerks

Rentals include canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddle boards, water trampolines, Nordic skis, snowshoes, camping / hiking gear and complete outfitting packages.. 1-800-469-4948; [algonquinoutfitters.com](http://algonquinoutfitters.com)

## Deep Roots Adventure

Offerings include a wilderness school, guided adventures, youth programs, custom school trips and outfitting. 4071 Elephant Lake Rd., Harcourt. 705-306-0628; [deeprootsadventure.com](http://deeprootsadventure.com)

## Esson Creek Maple

Explore the sugarbush and fascinating mineral deposits via guided tours. Enjoy wildflower and old-growth forest tours, and maple syrup processing demonstrations. 1984 Essonville Line, Wilberforce. 613-334-7340; [essoncreekmaple.ca](http://essoncreekmaple.ca)

## Geocaching Capital of Canada

This GPS tour of 150 fun and imaginative caches takes treasure hunters through majestic forests and around pristine lakes in parts of seven hamlets, mostly in Highlands East. Collect 99 puzzles that, when mapped, create a work of art. 705-448-2981 ext. 432; [geocachingcapitalofcanada.com](http://geocachingcapitalofcanada.com)

## HHOA Visitor's Centre

The non-profit HHOA's volunteer fish hatchery has stocked more than 700,000 fish in local lakes. Hatchery tour schedules and special events vary by season. Private tours are available by appointment. 6712 Gelert Rd., Haliburton. 705-457-9664; [hhoa.on.ca](http://hhoa.on.ca)

## Killara Farm Experience

Killara produces organically grown vegetables, pasture-raised chickens and eggs. Pet the horses, goats, chickens, Edward the emu and piggy pals Frank and Daisy. Tours are free for some Killara

campers. Or consider joining the community garden. 5205 Gelert Rd., Minden. [info@killarastation.com](mailto:info@killarastation.com); [killarastation.com](http://killarastation.com)

## It's Maple Syrup Time

In the spring, more than a dozen locations give you direct access to learning experiences ranging from tapping and evaporating to discovering some of the many ways in which this liquid gold can be enjoyed. [myhaliburtonhighlands.com/maple-season](http://myhaliburtonhighlands.com/maple-season)

## Minden River Run

Rent a tube or bring your own for a long, lazy drift down the Gull River. Sign up by the old fire hall at Prince and Milne streets and shuttle to the Rotary Park start. Lifejackets and key security included. 905-924-2635; [facebook.com/Minden-River-Run-260492907809779/](https://facebook.com/Minden-River-Run-260492907809779/)

## Sir Sam's Ski & Ride

23 kms of trails through meadow, forest, and ancient rock passes overlooking Eagle Lake. All abilities and the Time Tunnel offers a really easy ride. Or go hiking, trail running, skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing. 1054 Liswood Rd., Eagle Lake. 705-754-2298; [sirsams.com](http://sirsams.com)

## Ski-Mazing

Wakeboarding, waterskiing, barefoot skiing, wakesurfing, hydroflight and parasailing. Kids' camps, jet ski and pontoon rentals and product sales. 2713 Kashagawigamog Lake Rd. (Bonnie View Inn). 705-455-7697/8754; [skiwakefootschool.com](http://skiwakefootschool.com)

## SUPnorth Paddle Board Adventures

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## The Minden Experience

Go-karting, mini putt, a batting cage, walking trails and a snack bar. 1063 Ravine Rd., Minden. 705-306-9936; [themindenexperience.com](http://themindenexperience.com)

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### Winterdance Dogsled Tours

Enjoy the thrill of dogsledding with purebred Siberian Huskies on 2,200 acres of private wilderness near Algonquin Park. Two-hour, half-day, full-day, moonlight or multi-day tours. 1888 Hodgson Rd., Haliburton. 705-457-5281; winterdance.com

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## Off-roading

The Highlands give off-roaders access to more than 2,000 kilometres of public and private trails, whether you're experienced or novice, in mud or snow, by ATV or 4x4.

The Haliburton ATV Association (HATVA) operates some of the best ATV trails in Ontario, with about half of the County's approximately 700 kilometres of trails created on Crown land. Options include the Haliburton County Rail Trail, the old railroad route from Lindsay.

These trails are so popular that seasonal residents and visitors from the Toronto region and beyond account for more than 90 per cent of HATVA's membership.

HATVA has land use permits with private property owners to ensure uninterrupted travel for ATVs and side-by-sides. The group aligns with other clubs for one-pass access to 1,700 kilometres of trails that include the Muskoka, Kawartha, Peterborough, Almaguin and Madawaska regions. HATVA has also secured municipal approval for touring via road access links in some areas.

The HATVA off-roading season usually runs from May 1 to November or December. HATVA

organizes several rides each year. Trail passes are required and carry certain conditions.

Training in the Canadian AQCC Safety Institute (CASI) ATV Rider Safety Course is available through a certified instructor.

In winter, ATVers can enjoy more than 400 kilometres of trails at the 100,000-acre Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve. The privately owned Forest is located at the top of the Algonquin Dome, which means a greater guarantee of excellent winter conditions. Accommodations, food and fuel are available at Base Camp near Kennisis Lake.

Ray's Place in Minden Hills is open to off-roaders year-round. ATVs, Jeeps, 4x4s and other off-road vehicles are all welcome on the 14 kilometres of professionally designed, four-season trails with a variety of challenging terrains. The trails are linked to an interactive map via GPS and are connected to HATVA trails. Overnight visitors can choose accommodations ranging from motel room to wilderness tent.

For more information visit [haliburtonatv.com](http://haliburtonatv.com), [haliburtonforest.com](http://haliburtonforest.com) and [rayzplace.ca](http://rayzplace.ca).



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# Sledding

Snowmobilers from far and wide are discovering the exhilarating public and private sledding trails in Haliburton County and giving a welcome boost to the local economy.

The Highlands trail systems cover more than 600 kilometres and feature a unique variety of environments, including the Haliburton County Rail Trail, dense bush and Hydro corridors.

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) manages 370 kilometres of trails under the slogan “Grooming for Tourism.”

HCSA trails include the Forest and Rail (FAR) Tour that circuits through Haliburton, Minden and Carnarvon and the world-famous Round Algonquin Park (RAP) Tour, in which HCSA is a partner.

Based on a 2019 OFSC (Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs’) study, the HCSA estimated the high volume of snowmobilers travelling through the County and beyond spent \$28.8 million and contributed an additional \$8.3 million in taxes.

Sledders can also connect easily with trail systems in neighbouring communities through the province-wide permit system managed by the OFSC.

The Algonquin Snowmobile Club now grooms almost 200 kilometres of trails from Huntsville to Algonquin Park and Kearney to Dorset.

The Tall Pines Snowmobile Club, based out of Dorset, maintains more than 200 kilometres of trails through the Highlands and Muskoka.

The Paudash Trail Blazers Club grooms more than 300 kilometres of trails in Highlands East and operates into Bancroft, Apsley and Coe Hill.

The Highlands also feature privately groomed trails, including the more than 400 kilometres of trails at the 100,000-acre Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve. The Forest maintains winter ATV trails as well.

Don’t own a sled? Check with local marinas and retailers for sled rentals for public trails, and with private operators such as the Forest for their own rentals. Snowmobile tour operators offer rentals, training and guided tours.

For more information on sledding in the Highlands, visit [hcsa.ca](http://hcsa.ca), [algonquinsnowmobileclub.ca](http://algonquinsnowmobileclub.ca), [tallpines.org](http://tallpines.org), [facebook.com/PaudashTrailBlazers](http://facebook.com/PaudashTrailBlazers) and [haliburtonforest.com](http://haliburtonforest.com).

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# Hunting and fishing

Hunters and anglers in the Haliburton Highlands have a big decision to make: where to hunt and fish on the thousands of acres of pristine land and more than 600 beckoning lakes within the County's borders.

The big news for big game hunters this year is the change in the moose management process by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR). The changes include a switch to a points-based tag allocation process, a ban on tag transfers except in exceptional circumstances, and different fees. These moves are designed to improve moose management to benefit moose populations and



Emily Stonehouse

provide a fair system for allocating moose tags to resident hunters.

The five-year pilot program for black bear hunting is now over and the black bear season is established. New features of the black bear hunt include mandatory hunter reporting and a change in non-resident hunting regulations.

Note: The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry discourages the feeding of wildlife. Animals being fed can cause road accidents and may become a threat to pets or humans. The MNR will endorse feeding only in emergency situations which will be communicated to the public.

Following are general highlights of the 2021 fishing and game seasons as a convenient reference only. For full details on participating in any hunting or fishing season, hunters and anglers must refer to the MNR's 2021 Hunting Regulations Summary and 2021 Fishing Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary, available at [ontario.ca/hunting](http://ontario.ca/hunting), [ontario.ca/fishing](http://ontario.ca/fishing) and many outdoor sports equipment retailers in the Highlands.

## HUNTING

WMU = Wildlife Management Unit. Haliburton County covers all or portions of WMUs 51 (Algonquin Provincial Park), 53A, 54 (includes a portion of Algonquin Park), 56, 57 and 60.

2021 MOOSE SEASON – HALIBURTON COUNTY		
RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, BOWS AND MUZZLE-LOADING GUNS		
WMUs	ONTARIO RESIDENT - OPEN SEASON	NON RESIDENT - OPEN SEASON
53, 54, 56, 57, 60	Oct. 18 to Oct. 24 Adult & Calf	No season
BOWS ONLY		
53, 54, 56, 57, 60	Oct. 2 to Oct. 8 Adult & Calf	No season

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**2021 WILD TURKEY SEASON – HALIBURTON COUNTY**

WMUs	OPEN SEASON	BAG LIMIT	HOURS
53, 54, 56, 57, 60	April 25 to May 31 Ontario residents & non-residents	One bearded wild turkey per tag. Two spring tags per hunter maximum. Two bearded wild turkeys may not be taken on the same day.	1/2 hour before sunrise to 7 p.m.

**2021 ELK SEASONS – HALIBURTON COUNTY**

WMUs	HARVEST AREA	HARVEST CODE	DESCRIPTION OF HARVEST AREA BOUNDARY	RESIDENTS ONLY OPEN SEASON	SEAL QUOTA	
					BULLS	COWS
57	1	100	Part of WMU 57 west of a line formed by Hwy. 62 south of Maynooth & Hwy. 127 north of Maynooth.	Sept. 20 to Oct. 3	1	1
57	2	101	Part of WMU 57 east of a line formed by Hwy. 62 south of Maynooth & Hwy. 127 north of Maynooth.		2	2
60	4	120	Part of WMU 60 east of Hwy. 28.		1	1

**2021 WHITE-TAILED DEER SEASONS – HALIBURTON COUNTY**

Subject to Sunday gun hunting and other restrictions. Check with your municipality.

**RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, BOWS AND MUZZLE-LOADING GUNS**

WMUs	ONTARIO RESIDENT & NON RESIDENT	CONDITIONS/RESTRICTIONS
53A, 54, 56, 57, 60	Nov. 1 to Nov. 14	
60	Nov. 29 to Dec. 5	Bows & muzzle-loading guns only; no dogs

**2021 BLACK BEAR SEASONS – HALIBURTON COUNTY****RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, BOWS AND MUZZLE-LOADING GUNS**

WMUs	ONTARIO RESIDENT - OPEN SEASON	NON RESIDENT - OPEN SEASON
53	Sept. 7 to Nov. 30	Sept. 7 to Nov. 30
53, 54, 56, 57, 60	May 1 to June 15	May 1 to June 15
54, 56, 57, 60	Sept. 1 to Nov. 30	Sept. 1 to Nov. 30

A moose licence will no longer include a calf tag. The MNRF has made improvements to moose management to benefit moose populations and provide a fairer system for allocating moose tags to resident hunters. For details on big game hunting and for the seasons and regulations for small game, small mammals, furbearing mammals and falconry hunting, see the MNRF's 2021 Hunting Regulations Summary.

**FISHING**

Haliburton County is located in Zone 15. For limits and exceptions to these seasons, additional fishing opportunities and more see the MNRF's 2021 Fishing Ontario Regulations, Fishing Regulations Summary.

**2021 FISHING SEASONS – HALIBURTON COUNTY**

SPECIES	SEASONS	SPECIES	SEASONS
Walleye & Sauger	Jan. 1 to Mar. 15 & third Sat. in May to Dec. 31	Trout (Brook & Lake)	Jan. 1 to Sept. 30
Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass	Fourth Sat. in June to Nov. 30	Yellow Perch/ Crappie/ Sunfish/ Channel Catfish/ Lake Whitefish Pacific Salmon/ Splake/ Trout (Brown & Rainbow)	Open all year
Northern Pike	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31 & third Sat. in May to Dec. 31		
Muskellunge	First Sat. in June to Dec. 15		



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## Airport

When pandemic regulations no longer restrict travel, you'll find that Stanhope Municipal Airport is a little-known source for armchair adventure.

Visitors can kick back on a large deck with a soft beverage, a hot lunch and a front-row seat for activities by an impressive variety of aircraft. In poor weather the live stream video feed on the airport website is a window on the Stanhope world.

Stanhope airport features a single, non-instrument runway that is 2,500 feet long, 60 feet wide and paved and lighted. The airport is owned and operated by the Township.

Private aircraft using Stanhope include helicopters and planes with wheels or with floats for water-only use, and amphibious craft with both. In winter, planes with ski attachments turn the snowy field into a runway.

The MNRF leases property next to the airport for its regional fire management headquarters. The MNRF aircraft roster at Stanhope can include Turbo Beavers, Twin Otter water bombers, Griffin helicopters and more. Ornge air ambulance, Hydro One and military helicopters also frequent the airport.

Area pilots lease space among 26 hangar stalls. The commercial hangar allows for heated indoor maintenance and/or storage. There's also a turf tie-down area for storage.

Between flights, visitors and pilots enjoy the free Wi-Fi access on the deck or in the air-conditioned terminal. Visitors may be treated to stories and tours of the aircraft.

For travelling and visiting pilots, the 24/7 self-serve access to fuel at competitive prices is a big draw, as is Stanhope's nearness to amenities in Dysart et al and Minden Hills. Some pilots fly in to visit their cottages or hunt camps or friends. Some transport university students to visit their family cottages.

Pilots may also just enjoy a "\$100 hamburger," aviation slang for an excuse to fly a short distance for a meal such as those from Dan's Delicious Delights food truck at Stanhope.

As well as welcoming visitors generally, Stanhope hosts several public fly-in events each year when possible. For more information and to view the live web stream, visit [algonquinhighlands.ca/airport.php](http://algonquinhighlands.ca/airport.php).



# Golfing

Whether you want to hit the links or a bucket of balls or just putt around, you'll find several options in Haliburton County – even in winter.

## Driving ranges and mini-putt/golf runs

### Carnarvon Family Golf

The Gary Kent Golf School offers junior golf lessons and adult semi-private and private lessons plus half-day camps. Other attractions include a pro shop, a mini-putt run, a jumping castle and batting cages. Carnarvon. 705-489-3473; [carnarvonfamilygolf.com](http://carnarvonfamilygolf.com)

### Haliburton Golf Centre

In addition to discounts for golf at partner ranges, the centre features a driving range, a pro shop, lessons and indoor winter golf at Pinestone Resort Golf & Conference Centre. At time of writing, a mini-putt run is scheduled to open this season. Haliburton. 705-457-2199; [haliburtongolfcentre.com](http://haliburtongolfcentre.com)

### The Minden Experience

The Experience offers a par-44 mini-golf course

with various unique hole designs as well as a go-kart track and a batting cage. Minden. 705-306-9936; [themindenexperience.com](http://themindenexperience.com)

## Courses

### Blairhampton Golf Club

Minden. 705-286-1315; [blairhamptongolf.com](http://blairhamptongolf.com)

### Gull River Golf Club (formerly Beaverbrook)

Minden. 705-286-1378; [gullrivergolfclub.com](http://gullrivergolfclub.com)

### Haliburton Highlands Golf Club

Haliburton. 705-457-2233; [haliburtongolf.com](http://haliburtongolf.com)

### Lakeside Golf Club Inc.

West Guilford. 705-754-2110; [lakesidegolfclubhaliburton.com](http://lakesidegolfclubhaliburton.com)

### Pinestone Resort Golf & Conference Centre

Haliburton. 705-457-3444; [pinestone-resort.com](http://pinestone-resort.com)

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## Market review

Highlands real estate inventory dropped by 50 per cent in 2020 while sale prices jumped by an average of 27.6 per cent for waterfront and 16.2 per cent for non-waterfront properties.

This dramatic shift was due primarily to the pandemic and related restrictions, and local realtors generally predict only a small market slowdown in 2021 as the pandemic and restrictions continue.

“I’ve been selling real estate for 33 years in Haliburton and I have never, ever experienced a market like this,” said Linda Baumgartner, Broker of Record for The Haliburton Real Estate Team / RE/MAX Professionals North.

The buying spree was fueled by several factors including greater interest in the home environment and greater personal savings. Many buyers had begun working from home and found themselves short on space and privacy. Travel restrictions led to the need for a getaway. Young adults who had grown up here began moving their own families back to the relative safety of the area.

“COVID’s moved us forward in one year to where I think Haliburton County would have been in 20 years from now without COVID, which is more and more people wanting to enjoy the natural beauty of the area and enjoy everything that the area has to offer,” said Anthony vanLieshout, Broker of Record with Trillium

Team / Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton.

“2021 is off to a crazy start,” said Melanie Hevesi, Broker with RE/MAX Professionals North. “I had a listing in January that had 90 showings, 23 offers and sold well over list.”

Meanwhile, a high-end Kushog Lake property sold for 48.6 per cent above the asking price.

A small inventory increase was expected starting in the spring, so the market could begin to balance out this year.

Demand will decline in the next two years with the possibility of inflation and the need to pay for the government’s pandemic debt load, vanLieshout predicted.

“There is no crystal ball ... but I do feel we shall always be an area of choice, which will help us ride any fluctuations,” said Terry Carr, Sales Representative and Team Leader with Moving the Highlands Team / RE/MAX Professionals North.

Local realtors advise this year’s potential sellers to sell because it’s likely their peak year, and to make viewings easy. Buyers are advised to wait and avoid paying such inflated prices. Otherwise, they should set their goals lower than their budget, have their finances in order and come in quickly with their best and cleanest offer.

Sellers and buyers alike are advised to work with a local realtor to ensure the best possible results.

# Insuring your property

Setting up insurance for your Highlands property can differ greatly from your city experience.

Certainly, there are many similarities, but one local broker reports that cottage clients have commonly been told by their city insurer that a cottage-area insurer is better able to provide the best coverage.

Following are key insurance types to review with your local insurer as recommended by Vasey Insurance Brokers Limited.

## All-risk

The term 'all-risk' can be misleading as it suggests that the policy would cover everything, but that's not the case. However, it's still the best form of coverage available for cottages and homes.

Generally, if something is not excluded then it's covered. Optional coverages can be purchased for particular exclusions. All-risk coverage is usually best suited for primary homes and cottages that are fully winterized and used year-round.

## Named Peril

Less broad than all-risk, a 'named peril' policy



lists all the coverages provided. This option is typically used for properties that don't qualify for the all-risk policy and for cottages that are only used seasonally.

## Liability

This coverage is an especially important, if not the most important, part of any policy, and it's best to speak with your insurance broker to determine the limit required based on your individual needs.

If you're insuring a cottage, check this coverage carefully, as most cottage policies limit the liability coverage to premise liability, meaning the property the cottage is located on. Liability on a primary home policy will extend to personal liability coverage, which protects you if someone tries to bring a lawsuit against you personally.



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## Personal Property

Most all-risk and named peril package policies include coverage for your personal contents, but some content items have a special limit associated to them, so make sure you are properly covered.

## Fire

Fire damage coverage is included in even the most basic type of policy.

## Water Damage

This is becoming the primary cause of insurance claims. Note that your location may determine which coverages you qualify for, such as septic/sewer back-up, overland flood and ground water.

## Building Costs

Consider the type of coverage you want for rebuilding. Guaranteed rebuilding cost coverage will ensure the insurance company builds you a new home similar to the original despite the limit on your policy. For this you will be required to insure the dwelling to 100 per cent of the estimated rebuilding cost.

In comparison, actual cash value (ACV) coverage considers depreciation when determining payout on a claim. Discuss coverage limits with your

insurer as each dwelling is unique.

## Renting

It's important to advise your insurer if you decide to rent out part or all of your property. Most policies provide extra coverage that can be added to protect against the risks associated with renting.

For example, rental income coverage is recommended as it provides coverage for any lost rental income due to an insurance claim. Other options may include a liability extension to allow your tenants to use your watercraft.

Note that some companies limit the number of weeks for which you can rent out your cottage.

## Vacancy

Some insurance companies will need to know how often you come up to the cottage throughout the year in order to determine what form of coverage you qualify for. This information can also be used in determining the cost of the insurance premium.

## Boats

Boats can either be insured on the same policy as your primary home or on a separate policy, so ask your insurer which is the best option for you.



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# Custom builds

If you’ve decided to build your dream home in the Highlands, hold on to your hat – the pandemic’s dramatic boost to local real estate values extends to vacant land.

“Prices on vacant land are incredible and there is a real shortage of it to sell,” said Jeff Strano, sales representative with Parish & Strano / RE/MAX Professionals North.

On top of that, financing and budgeting are different for a new build.

“Mortgage rates are at historical lows right now; however, interest rates to borrow on vacant land are higher and typically subject to larger down payments and these should be confirmed with the bank or lender prior to even starting to look at this type of property,” said Strano.

Some material costs have doubled and even tripled in price, and you’ll have the costs of installing a driveway, well, and septic system, running hydro to the property and more.

When it comes to insurance, liability on your homeowners’ policy will typically extend to vacant land for no extra premium, but report your purchase to your insurer regardless, advised Vasey Insurance Brokers.

When construction begins, get a separate policy known as a “building under construction” or “builders’ risk” policy. Coverage can be based on the estimated value of the completed structure. Note that contents are not automatically covered.

Working with a lawyer can help sellers ensure their titles are marketable and that any issues with the property won’t cause problems later on, according to Lebo Law. Buyers can learn more about zoning, easements, the history of the property and any restrictions and be assured of deeded access before they sign an offer.

Land owners should have a signed contract before construction starts, outlining what will be built and when, and when payments will be advanced to the contractor. It should also cover other issues, including liability for accidents, quality of materials, delays, changes and clean-up (see also Finding a contractor).

Sellers are advised to sell now because “a market like this one may not come back around in our lifetime,” said Strano.

As for buyers, “Unless you absolutely need to buy a property or fall in love with one and can’t live without it, wait. At some point the market will level off ...”

If you want to buy this year regardless, get your finances in order and study the market online. Work with your realtor to find your dream property with the least amount of travel and contact necessary.

When calling on any expert you need, make it a local call. Cottage country realty and construction differ greatly from those in the city, so local realtors, contractors, insurers and lawyers are your best choices.

# Buying non-waterfront

Affording a delightful Highlands property is easier if you choose one away from the water, but that's not the only reason non-waterfront property sale values have jumped in the past two years.

City dwellers have been moving here to escape the congested city over concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic and the feeling of being cramped during lockdowns. One cottage country transplant from the city marvelled that he and his family had been able to move from an Oakville townhouse with a 20-square-foot yard to a house on three acres.

Due to this increased demand and the low inventory during lockdowns, sale values for waterfront properties rose by 27.6 per cent last year and values for non-waterfront properties – traditionally less desirable – grew by a remarkable 16.2 per cent.

“Not every non-waterfront property has acreage,” said Anthony vanLieshout, Broker of Record with Trillium Team / Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton.

“But if you get into acreage, you’ve got a lot of natural wildlife ... that may be different [from waterfront wildlife], you’ve got trails, you’ve got the ability maybe to tap maple trees for

syrup, and your own snowshoe backyard, skiing backyard, and you may be able to generate your own firewood off the property, so lots of [benefits] depending on the parcel.”

While considering the many benefits, buyers also need to consider that their chosen property may be more likely to have certain constraints.

It's good for all buyers to know where the property lines are and that there's been no contamination on the property at any point, but these potential issues may be more likely with larger parcels of land, according to vanLieshout.

Larger parcels are also more likely to be subject to rights-of-way that may allow neighbours or even the general public to cross the owner's land to access another property.

Still, non-waterfront properties remain in high demand. Even long-vacant, landlocked backlots are being snapped up for development, noted vanLieshout. For these reasons, buyers must ensure they're prequalified to help make any transaction smoother and quicker.

“It's not an easy market to buy in so it can be very frustrating. You need to be patient but at the same time you need to be prepared and you need to be aggressive.”

## Well water testing

While it's easy to trust that our well water will always be safe to drink, the Ontario Ground Water Association recommends well testing at least three times a year, especially after a heavy rainfall or snowmelt.

The overlying soil generally filters disease-causing organisms out of ground water, according to the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR) website. However, various issues can lead to contamination. These include poor installation of well casings or caps, a break in the casing, contaminated surface run-off water entering the well, drilling in fractured bedrock without an adequate layer of protective soil, and casing lengths that are shorter than the recommended minimum.

Drinking water that carries harmful bacteria can cause stomach cramps, nausea and/or diarrhea, as well as other medical problems. Regular testing is required to ensure that your water is safe to drink.

Free well water testing is available from the HKPR. Samples are sent to the provincial lab for

testing and the results are returned through the mail.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, sampling bottles can be picked up and dropped off at the HKPR office in Haliburton as follows:

Pick up your test kit from the black-and-red bin outside the main office door at 191 Highland St. (3rd floor of the Dawson Gray building) during office hours, and

Drop off your sample in the cooler outside the main door from Monday to Thursday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. No samples are accepted on Fridays.

Once the pandemic has passed, check with HKPR to see when regular sampling services will be available again in Haliburton, Minden and Highlands East.

To learn more about drinking water safety, contact the HKPR at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 5006 and speak with the Public Health Inspector. For more information, including how to take a water sample, visit [hkpr.on.ca](http://hkpr.on.ca).

# Shoreline regulations

The already hot topic of the proposed shoreline preservation bylaw in Haliburton County became hotter in April with the launch of a new advocacy, education and petition campaign.

BeShore Haliburton created a website and advertising blitz following County Council's March 24 decision to set aside the bylaw development process and issue a request for proposals (RFP) for a third-party consultant to take over.

Although largely an anonymous group, Paul MacInnes, president of the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Association (CHA), came forward as a spokesperson.

The proposed bylaw - prior to it going out to RFP - includes but is not limited to:

- adding new protection for natural shoreline vegetation located within 30 metres of the high-water mark;
- creating a permit process for some forms of site alteration within 30 metres of the high-water mark;
- allowing limited development of up to 25 per cent in shoreline areas; and
- continuing to protect trees within 30 metres of the high-water mark, as currently covered under the shoreline tree preservation bylaw.

Organizations such as the CHA and Environment Haliburton! are advocating for the stricter rules in the proposed bylaw as being necessary to preserve natural shoreline vegetation. The vegetation helps prevent contaminants from entering the water, which can seriously affect lake health and lead to algae blooms that can cause property values to plummet.

The Haliburton County Home Builders Association, local landscapers and some property owners have said the draft is too far-reaching.

The Beshore Haliburton website beshore.ca includes links to government and scientific sources in regard to buffer zones in an effort to show why the proposed setback of 30 metres is the appropriate distance.

Meanwhile, the County is setting up a Wade In website to support public participation in the development of the bylaw at wadein.haliburtoncounty.ca.

The Shoreline Tree Preservation Bylaw 3505, as Amended, remains in effect.

For more information on both bylaws, visit [haliburtoncounty.ca/en/living-here/shoreline-preservation.aspx?\\_mid\\_=79446](http://haliburtoncounty.ca/en/living-here/shoreline-preservation.aspx?_mid_=79446)

For previous County Council agenda items and staff reports related to shoreline preservation, visit [haliburton.civicweb.net/portal](http://haliburton.civicweb.net/portal)



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# Septic inspections

All four Highlands municipalities operate septic reinspection programs. Generally, all existing on-site septic systems regulated by the Ontario Building Code are to be inspected for malfunction, deterioration, misuse and overall compliance to identify any issues that could risk human and environmental health. Following are brief summaries of local septic reinspection programs.

## ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS

WSP Canada Inc. is contracted to administer this program. Letters are mailed in spring to properties scheduled for inspection that year. Following inspections, owners receive a copy of the report and either a certification or remedial action letter. For program details, call WSP at 1-289-984-0432.

## DYSART ET AL

In March 2021, Dysart council signed a bylaw contracting WSP Canada Inc. to manage the municipality's septic reinspection program. Homeowners will be notified by WSP as to whether or not their tank is required to be pumped out. Homeowners may still retain the services of a qualified septic inspector but will also incur a processing fee from WSP for reviewing the inspection report. For program details, call 705-457-1740.

## HIGHLANDS EAST

Building department staff manage septic reinspections. A letter is sent to the property owner following the inspection indicating the results. If any deficiencies have been found they are noted in the letter, and further inspections may be required. For program details, call 705-447-0051 x442.



## MINDEN HILLS

WSP Canada Inc. has been contracted to provide septic reinspection services beginning in 2021. Initial inspections are expected to take five years. Zone A inspections were scheduled to begin in May 2021 and include North Pigeon, Little Bob, Gull, Black and Moore lakes. Residents will receive letters from WSP with inspection process details. WSP has also proposed to hold public information sessions online. For program details, call 705-286-1260.



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### Cardiff

2778 Monck Rd.,  
Cardiff. 613-339-2712

### Dorset library depot

1051 Main St., Dorset  
Dorset Recreation  
Centre. 705-766-9969

### Dysart

78 Maple Ave.,  
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### Gooderham

1032 Gooderham St.,  
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### Highland Grove

5373 Loop Rd.,  
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### Administrative centre

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## Galleries

Operations of the County's galleries and museums have been impacted by COVID-19. Please contact them before attempting an in-person visit.

### Agnes Jamieson Gallery

A public art gallery established in 1981 that offers art exhibitions year-round, as well as community programming. The collection includes an extensive selection of work by Andre Lapine. Part of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. For hours and admission visit: [mindenhills.ca/agnes-jamieson-art-gallery/](http://mindenhills.ca/agnes-jamieson-art-gallery/) 176 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden 705-286-3763

### The Ethel Curry Gallery

Original works by artists locally and across Canada for viewing and purchase. Open seven days a week in summer. Hours vary off-season. Check the website or call for hours. 94 Maple Ave., Haliburton. 705-457-9687, [theethelcurrygallery.com](http://theethelcurrygallery.com)

### Group of Seven Outdoor Exhibit & Mural

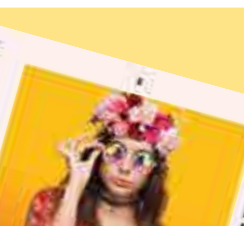
This exhibit includes information about the numerous works the Group of Seven and Tom Thomson created, showing the Oxtongue Lake area, and the artists' connections to the community. A large-scale mural of A.J. Casson's "Oxtongue River" (Ragged Falls) is mounted on the centre's exterior wall.

### Oxtongue Lake Community Centre

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The museum was established in 1984 offering exhibitions from the collection of an Edwardian time period. Consisting of seven heritage buildings, the village features ongoing turn-of-the-century events and community programming.

Nature's Place features ongoing information on the unique eco-environment of Haliburton County and an impressive exhibition of minerals, talks/lectures, movies and displays. Adjacent to the wetlands and boardwalk connecting to the Riverwalk and downtown. Part of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. See [mindenhills.ca/cultural-centre](http://mindenhills.ca/cultural-centre) for more information. 176 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden 705-286-3154

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The Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation has set out to bring a massive arts centre to better meet the needs of performing arts in the Highlands.

The organization began in 2018 and has now achieved charitable status. It's made the rounds of the County's townships seeking letters of support for grant applications.

The centre would have more than the 210 seats at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion and would feature administration space, rehearsal areas, a lobby and a kitchen. There would be an opportunity for people to have an adult beverage.

The price tag is uncertain, but foundation head Dan Manley has speculated it could cost more than \$20 million. He believes the project can work.

He attributes that to the love of performance, and affinity for all arts in the Highlands.

As music director for the Highlands Chamber Orchestra and co-director of the Highlands Wind Symphony, Manley said the vision came out of a lot of talks for a number of years among people wanting an arts centre that would provide more options.

Those conversations led to the creation of the foundation.

Manley said they have consulted with other arts groups and there is a lot of interest.

Manley said the team is also hoping for private donations to pay for it. The process will take time. Manley said the group is aiming to complete feasibility studies and a business plan in 2020. He said it would be a multi-year project but wants the building to be in place for decades to come.

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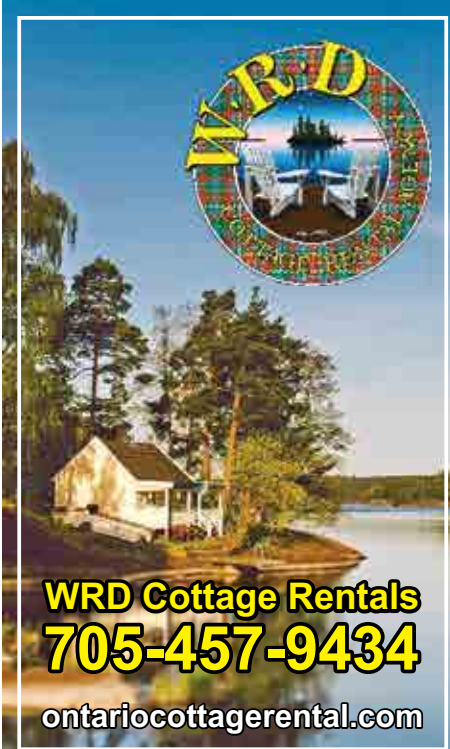
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Demand for these versatile vehicles has been growing steadily for 40 years and has spiked during the pandemic. The RV industry Association estimates 2021 will be a record year for wholesale shipments at 533,356 units.

Go RVing reports American RV ownership has risen by 62 per cent in the past 20 years to a record 11.2 million households, split almost equally over and under age 55. There's "significant growth" among 18-34-year-olds. Another 9.6 million households intend to buy an RV within the next five years.



Ian Kinross

"We've noticed an increase in RVing over the last five years, both in younger adults with children as well as empty-nesters and retirees," said Debbie Smith, who co-owns The Woods of Minden Hills RV resort with husband Jack.

"My guess is that there is an increase [in the past year] as a result of COVID-19 ... it's easy, there are plenty of places to go, it can be relatively inexpensive, especially if you compare it to the cost of a cottage ...

"It's a great way to see Canada, and of course the warmer climates of the U.S. Many seniors spend their winters south, and summers in a park in Canada – pre-COVID, anyway. RVing is great for families, couples or singles looking to enjoy nature, see our beautiful country, and make memories at your own pace."

Smith said many current callers are "looking for a way out of the cities and larger towns, to a quiet and peaceful escape."

"Some just want to book a few weekends anywhere, but some are looking for a place for the season. Then there are those seeking 'a little piece of The Woods' ... more of a long-term member."

The Woods is transitioning to a seasonal park with a focus on empty-nesters. Smith said she and Jack will miss being able to meet so many short-term campers.

"Typically, campers are down to earth, wonderful people. I would enjoy greeting campers on a Friday evening, you could tell that they loved what they were doing. Even on a washed-out weekend, there was always something positive to mention on their way out."

For a list of Highlands RV parks and campgrounds, visit [myhaliburtonhighlands.com/where-to-stay](http://myhaliburtonhighlands.com/where-to-stay), email [tourism@myhaliburtonhighlands.com](mailto:tourism@myhaliburtonhighlands.com) or call 1-800-461-7677.

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## SERVICE CLUBS

### Lions Club

Regular causes: Supporting areas of need in the community as they arise, including minor hockey, youth baseball, Lions Camp Dorset, Heat Bank, Arts Council, food bank, Camp Kirk (for youth with learning disabilities), Camp Dorset (kidney dialysis). Dorset – [dorsetcanada.com/event/dorset-lions-club](http://dorsetcanada.com/event/dorset-lions-club) or 705-766-1313. Haliburton & District – [haliburtonlions.com](http://haliburtonlions.com) or [haliburtonlions@gmail.com](mailto:haliburtonlions@gmail.com). Kinmount & District – [kinmountlionsclub.com](http://kinmountlionsclub.com), [kinmountlions@gmail.com](mailto:kinmountlions@gmail.com) or 705-488-2005. Minden & District – [e-clubhouse.org/sites/minden\\_on](http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/minden_on), [mindenlions@lionsa16.com](mailto:mindenlions@lionsa16.com) or 705-286-3233

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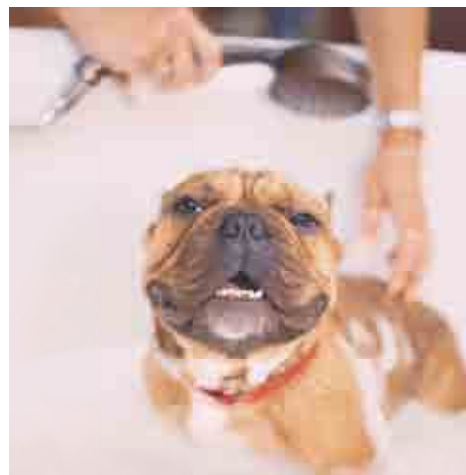
Regular causes: Food bank, local hospitals, Food for Kids student nutrition program, Catch the Cure (Angelman Syndrome research fundraiser) and support for local community needs as they arise for organizations or individuals. [mindenkin.club](http://mindenkin.club) or [info@mindenkin.club](mailto:info@mindenkin.club)

### Rotaract Haliburton Highlands

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### Royal Canadian Legion

Regular causes: Wounded Warriors veterans service organization, the Cadets, Fuel for Warmth, the K-Wing at Sunnybrook Hospital, Leave the Streets Behind homeless veterans' assistance program, youth programs, and any organization in need. Haliburton – [haliburtonlegion.com](mailto:haliburtonlegion.com), [rc1129@bellnet.ca](mailto:rc1129@bellnet.ca) or 705-457-2571. Kinmount – 705-488-3462. Minden – 705-286-4541. Wilberforce – 705-448-2221



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135 Maple Ave., Haliburton  
705-457-1740. dysartet.al.ca  
info@dysartet.al.ca

## Municipality of Highlands East

County Road 648, Wilberforce  
705-448-298. highlandseast.ca  
info@highlandseast.ca

## Township of Minden Hills

7 Milne St., Minden  
705-286-1260. mindenhills.ca  
admin@mindhills.ca

## County of Haliburton

11 Newcastle St., Minden  
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# Emergency contacts

In case of an emergency call 911 immediately and do not hang up the phone. Do not directly contact any of the service providers below.

## Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment

12598 Highway 35, Minden  
705-286-1431

## Algonquin Highlands Fire Department

Michael French, Fire Chief  
705-766-0010  
mfrench@algonquinhighlands.ca

## Dysart et al Fire Department

Mike Iles, Fire Chief  
705-457-2126  
miles@dysartet.al.ca

## Highlands East Fire Department

Chris Baughman, Acting Fire Chief  
705-448-2981x428  
cbaughman@highlandseast.ca

## Minden Hills Fire Department

Nelson Johnson, Fire Chief  
705-286-1202  
njohnson@mindhills.ca

## Haliburton County Paramedic Service

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wixsite.com/stanthonyofpadua

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**Dorset Health Hub**  
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705-766-0866; dorsethealthhub.com

**Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team**  
7217 Gelert Rd., Haliburton  
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6 McPherson St., Minden  
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**Kinmount & District Health Centre**  
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