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According to Alexander Pope, who coined the phrase in his *An Essay on Man*, it simply refers to the fact people always hope for the best, even in the face of adversity.

We Highlanders, whether full-time, seasonal or visitors, are still emerging from a global pandemic. As COVID-19 becomes endemic, similar to the flus that come and go every year, we pause to reflect. It's been hard. Let's not kid ourselves. But as the winter snow has receded and the May 24 weekend arrived, we also have hope.

We relish spring's arrival. As the first plants begin to take hold, the yellow trout lily and the trillium, for example, we feel ourselves also awakening. Unlike last spring, and the spring before that, we feel more buoyant.

Our Highlands is returning to what we remember. There is a buzz in the air. The businesses, so resilient during the economic challenges of the young decade, are getting back to normal.

Our thriving arts and culture scene is reawakening.

We're dreaming of long days, and longer nights, at the cottage or lakeside. We'll do this with a beverage at our side as we sit on the beach or dock. We long to be surrounded by friends and family.

As it has done throughout this pandemic, we know Haliburton County's lakes, rivers, rocks and trees will soothe our tired souls and reinvigorate us.

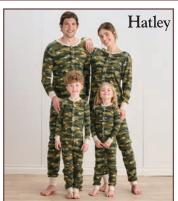
We will remember to play.

There will be swims, kayaks and canoe trips, long evenings sitting around a campfire with friends, music, stories and star-filled nights.

We have grown in so many ways. We have learned to be resilient. We have mastered the pivot. We are far less likely to take our Highlands for granted.

For those who have been here for the long haul. Well done. For those returning to full summers at the cottage. Welcome back. For those visiting for the first time. You are in for a treat. (Lisa Gervais).

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County population on the rise

It's been a busy year for us Highlanders. While we have continued to live on in the face of a global pandemic, there have been more than a few hints that life as we once knew it is just around the corner. We've welcomed the return of our tremendous farmers markets. Popular summer and fall events, such as the Haliburton Highlands Studio Tour, made their way back. We were even able to attend public Remembrance Day ceremonies again.

One thing that has stood out through all of this, is just how many people there are out and about in the Highlands.

With that in mind, it really shouldn't have been a surprise when, in February, Stats Canada revealed that Haliburton County's population had seen a pretty drastic increase over the past five years.

The Highlands now boasts a resident base of 20,571, up from 18,062 in 2016. That's an increase of 13.9 per cent. Diving a little deeper in the Census numbers, and it appears that Haliburton County is the fastest growing geographical region in Ontario – beating out the likes of Muskoka and Simcoe County.

In fact, the Highlands ranks fourth out of 294 communities Canada-wide when comparing population percentage change since 2016.

Of course, this is a trend that began long before the onset of the pandemic. COVID-19 just expedited the process. With borders locked down and international travel out of the equation, a significant number of people turned their gaze to Haliburton County as they sought a temporary refuge away from the city. Many of them never left.

And who can blame them? Those who grew up in this neck of the woods are well aware of its natural beauty. Of the perks that come with living here. With many jobs transitioning to a work-at-home model, the Highlands has, all of a sudden, become an extremely attractive destination for working professionals. It's the perfect place to raise a family.

Now this doesn't come without its problems. Housing has become a real issue for many local residents, while area businesses have long complained about our diminishing labour market.

While there are benefits to having more people living in Haliburton County, these are things that require urgent attention from our elected officials if we are to make the most of our growth.

One thing's for sure though – the word is out about Haliburton County. (*Mike Baker*).



It's an election year

In addition to the provincial election on June 2, residents in the Haliburton Highlands will also be casting their ballots for municipal representatives Oct. 24.

It will be interesting to see how the electorate judges the work of the Conservative government as well as local candidate Laurie Scott over the past four years.

But it many ways, it is local government that touches us the most.

Think about all the services your municipal government is responsible for providing. Roads, landfills, child care, contributing to OPP-policing, water and sewers, ambulances and parks and recreation to name a few.

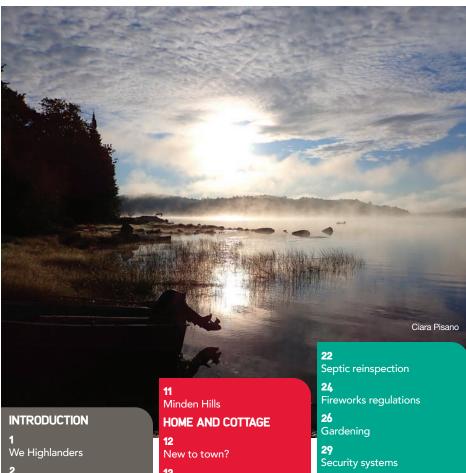
The pandemic has also highlighted some of the challenges being faced by our municipalities.

Many of us still don't have the type of internet

we need to work and play in the Highlands. A lot of us don't have family doctors in the County. While a provincial matter, the County employs a physician recruiter. There are long waits for public housing. Those seeking non-public housing can't find places to rent or buy, even if they could find a place up for grabs. It's led to a shortage of labour. Construction values have gone through the roof and our growing population puts a strain on our already overburdened infrastructure. There are fears about lake health, which is part of the reason the County is working on a shoreline preservation bylaw and short-term rental policies and regulations.

It's a tough time to be a councillor. Then again, we need visionary leaders unlike ever before.

Interested in running for office? The nomination period for candidates is May 2-Aug. 18. Nomination day is Friday, Aug. 19 with a 2 p.m. deadline. (*Lisa Gervais*).



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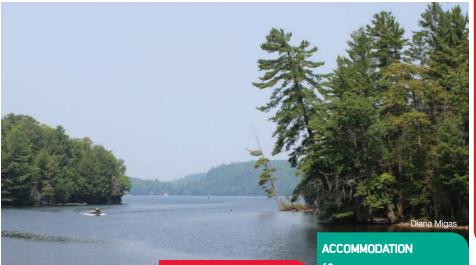
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For the sixth year in a row, The Highlander ran a photo contest for The Handbook. Several of them appear in this year's edition. We want to thank readers for taking part in Swarbrick this initiative. The winning cover photo is by Greg Pichnej.



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Tracie Bertrand Manager of Tourism County of Haliburton



A word from the warden

The County of Haliburton welcomes residents and visitors to spring and summer where the beauty and character of the County continue to offer an extraordinary place to live and play. Hopefully, we are emerging from one of the most challenging periods of our lives and can start to truly celebrate our successes.

County Council and staff have been reviewing previously identified projects and priorities, to be included in our budget deliberations, that will allow us to offer the best levels of service possible. Many are identified in asset management

plans that we have in place as a best practice. The County has seen rather unprecedented growth over the last several years, despite the challenges we have faced from COVID, and we continue to plan to meet the service demands that accompany that growth.

Despite some serious challenges, we have kept the increase at 3.22 per cent. While the County rate doesn't vary, the end result could change in individual municipalities, and often decreases for ratepayers once blended with the municipal and education portion of tax bills.

With our member municipalities, work has continued on recommendations in our service delivery review. With a goal of streamlining processes and seeking ways to offer services more cost effectively, progress has been made in collaborative and strategic purchasing, building and planning department processes, public works projects including waste management, greater cooperation among our fire departments, the creation of an economic development office and more. Much of the start-up work is being financed with help from modernization funding from the province. We look forward to finding further



innovative ways to meet the needs of our community while balancing the ability to pay.

We've added an economic development and tourism director. This person will work with our tourism manager in the new department. Council has approved an economic development study to partner with our existing tourism destination plan. For some time, economic development has been on our radar and we look forward to job creation, assisting the business community and attracting new business to the Highlands.

The council has been working on a shoreline preservation by-law to help guide development along the shorelines of our precious lakes and reduce environmental impacts like the increasing number of algae blooms. This has been a multi-year project, very contentious, and confusing for some. After the initial draft, Council retained a consultant to undertake an objective review of the science, engage the community to achieve consensus on the document's contents and complete a final draft for council's review. It has tasked everyone involved with finding fair middle ground that homeowners, environmentalists, landscapers and the business community can accept and work with.

Council has also embarked on a study of short-term rentals. The work is being completed on behalf of all four municipalities, with the hope of establishing a streamlined process that will be consistently applied across the County, create a fair playing field for accommodators and private homeowners and reduce the ongoing issues that are being experienced. Stay tuned for news about this project.

Warden Liz Danielsen



Algonquin Highlands

After two-plus years of uncertainty and frustration, our new normal is unfolding and there's much to celebrate in Algonquin Highlands.

Throughout the pandemic, innovative ideas and pandemic-related provincial funding contributed to initiatives that supported operational efficiencies and expanded public service. Many of the strategies have been permanently adapted into regular operations.

These include online building permit applications, virtual rec programming, remote work

and tap-to-pay at landfills. Livestreamed and recorded council meetings provide for increased access to real-time municipal business.

Administrative developments include a substantial new treasury program as well as a range of software applications that create or enhance management of accessibility, cemeteries, asset management, building permits, and more.

The hiring of a communications coordinator will provide greater opportunities for public interaction perspectives. via a new online engagement platform as well as official township accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. There's an updated website.



We've added a land acknowledgement to our agendas and a First Nations layer to our heritage mapping project. We're implementing a timed ticket program to better manage fall colour visitors to the Dorset Tower. The very successful septic inspection program is heading into its final year, and the Waste Wizard app and FoodCycler programs have aided landfill diversion. We've set aside space for green burials and installed our first e-vehicle charging station.

The community is changing, not only due to the pandemic

but also with the 2021 census reporting a 10 per cent increase in permanent population since 2016.

What's long been known as "cottage county" is moving toward "lakeside lifestyle" and more people living here full-time means increasing pressures to build, maintain, and operate - not necessarily more, but differently. Council and staff have responded to these changes in a measured and balanced manner that supports both perspectives.

Algonquin Highlands mayor Carol Moffatt



Dysart et al

This summer we are looking forward to seeing events and activities resume in and around the municipality. Things like the arts and crafts festival, music in the park, live theatre and the opera studio are all gearing up and planning for a successful summer. We have missed these cultural activities; they are what make this such a vibrant place to be.

Within the village of Haliburton there are some new shops and restaurants, and the patios will be returning once again to the main street. There is a great entrepreneurial spirit here and we are fortunate

to have such excellent businesses. Our hamlets of West Guilford, Eagle Lake, Fort Irwin and Harcourt all have something to offer too.

One of the biggest issues this area faces is a lack of housing. Real estate prices have gone through the roof and while there are a few developments in the works, they will take time to come to fruition. The Fleming college student residence,





some apartments, and the second phase of the Gardens retirement home are all very close to construction-ready. We know from census data that Dysart has grown and it will likely continue to increase, we need to be ready.

This is the last year of this term of council and we've have accomplished a lot.
These next few months, we will be working on a strategic plan. While Dysart has many guiding documents like its cultural resource plan, economic strategy, and its asset management plan, there was no over-arching strategic plan.

This will guide future councils and staff to align their goals and define resources to achieve them.

This is an election year and the nomination process opens in May and closes in July. The voting will be fully electronic, either by phone or computer. If you are a property owner, either of a seasonal or permanent residence, or tenant, you are eligible to vote so be sure to check if you are on the voters' list. The municipal election is Oct. 24.

Whether you live up here year-round, own a second property, or are just visiting, there is always lots to do. Dysart has many boat launches to explore all our lakes, beautiful beaches to swim and play at, and many great places to hike or walk. We are so fortunate to be in a place of natural beauty, and peaceful surroundings.

Dysart et al mayor Andrea Roberts



Highlands East

2021 continued to be a challenging year for everyone. As mayor of the Municipality of Highlands East we navigated through the year embracing many new changes and challenges.

COVID-19 continued to monopolize our time however as we learned to live within the COVID continually changing landscape, we as a municipality focused on opportunities in providing, as much as possible, an enhanced level of service.

2022 started in an all too familiar unknown territory

of COVID-19. Many individuals and business owners have felt the hardships from the past two years. Our focus this year through our budgeting process is to provide enhanced levels of service while maintaining minimal increases to our residents.

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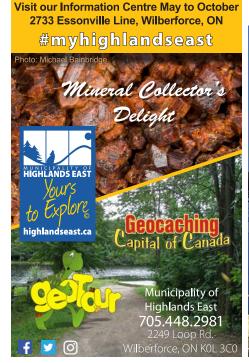
We have experienced increased growth and we will embrace the changes needed to meet the demands, I look forward to leading the municipality into our welcoming, proactive community. Feeling optimistic, I look forward to sharing experiences with you in the current year.

As the deputy warden for the County of Haliburton we are involved in many initiatives that include service delivery review, climate change, short term-rental review, shoreline bylaw and community safety and wellbeing plan. Each of these initiatives

have many aspects to their review and possible implementations. Public consultation has been a key component with these processes.

Haliburton County and lower-tier municipalities like Highlands East have much to offer and we encourage everyone to explore and experience all the bountiful things to see and do.

Highlands East mayor Dave Burton





Minden Hills

The summer season of 2022 will see a return to most traditional activities and municipal services as in the pre-COVID era. Summer signature municipal events like Canada Day and Pride week will be taking place with the splendour of years past. This summer will see the return of the farmers and artisan markets in the downtown core adjacent to the Minden Hills municipal office.

Over the winter the staff and volunteers have been busy launching our first bi-annual recreation guide. This publication contains

information on events, parks and trails, beaches, boat launches, library, and cultural centre activities and events, just to name a few.

The S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre will see the continuing roll-out of all its facilities and sporting events as the year rolls on. Fitness, gymnasium, arena, and community centre venues will be



opened in a phased approach until all assets are fully back in use.

2022 is an election year and expect to see many important dates and events that relate to the Oct. 24 election day at the mindenhills ca website. The Minden Hills website will be re-launched in a new friendlier format for all computer and mobile platforms that ratepayers and visitors alike can use to find all the information that is relevant in your search. The new website is a more contemporary format that will include many more links to other sites, that will

widen the breadth of resources for the user.

Lastly, 2022 is a year of hope for our community to return to all the things that we have historically liked to do in Minden Hills and the County of Haliburton

Minden Hills mayor Brent Devolin



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New to town?

The Highlander Handbook is filled with information that will help newcomers acclimatize to their new surroundings.

Snail mail and courier deliveries

Highlands property owners generally receive their mail at roadside property mailboxes, community mailboxes or post office boxes. Those who don't receive roadside delivery will need to ask the realtor, seller or Canada Post where to pick up their mail.

Community mailboxes

You can access your mail 24/7. Larger parcels are stored in a parcel compartment and the key is placed in your mailbox, to be dropped into the outgoing mail slot when you're done.

Post office mailboxes

If your mail is delivered to a PO box, you'll receive one free.

Oversize and signature parcel delivery

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The 3 Rs

Numerous resources are available for Highlands permanent and seasonal residents to help reduce, reuse and recycle.

Reduce or Reuse

Local thrift store organizations use sales revenues to support food banks and other community services.

Highland Grove Clothing Outreach 705-448-9406

Lily Ann Thrift Store, Haliburton 705-457-3311

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden 705-286-2541

Thrift Warehouse Haliburton 1-844-847-4381

Recycle

Recycling is mandatory, and County recycling rules often differ from those of other regions. The County's recycling guide poster is available on municipal websites and in municipal offices.

Each township has multiple landfill sites or transfer stations for waste and recyclables. These locations can include sections for electronics, metals, and demolition/construction waste. Hazardous waste days cover items such as paints, used motor oil, household batteries, solvents and pesticides. Local disposal services can take care of recycling from larger renovation or construction projects.

Composting

Backyard composting must be done with care in the Highlands to avoid attracting bears. Highlands municipalities do not offer composting services, but they may make composters and digesters available for purchase. Some municipalities have agreed to participate in a home composting pilot project in 2022. For more information on composting contact your municipality or go to the municipal website.

See the Important numbers section for contact information.

For bear deterrence information visit ontario.ca/bearwise.

Finding a contractor

When looking for a contractor, begin your search as soon as possible. The pandemic has driven demand for Highlands properties through the roof and you can expect to wait for a contractor. You'll find the best information from the Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA) and building supply centres. Centre staff will know which contractors provide high-quality work and are reputable and reliable.

Check with your insurance broker to make sure you are covered to do the work you are planning, said Aggie Tose, executive director, HCHBA. Once you've found the contractor you like and trust, get on their list.

The contractor should have 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 and maintain a paper trail, including a detailed budget and building permits.

You'll need to have plans prepared by a qualified and licensed designer so your contractor can get

the necessary permits. Building centre design staff can provide certain plan design services, the Highlands are home to several professional design companies and many contractors have a licensed designer on staff.

"The contractor you hire will know whether you will need an engineer to review the plans," said Tose.

Make sure all materials and labour, the schedule and any other considerations needed to fulfill the plans are factored into the final budget. Set aside a contingency fund of 15 to 20 per cent of your budget to address any unforeseen circumstances. These will include any extras as the work progresses. Considering pandemic constraints, supply chain delays and rising inflation, you may want to set aside even more to ensure you can complete the project. Keep track of any additional expenses to avoid surprises at the end.

For additional information, contact your local building supply centre or check the HCHBA's member list of contractors and suppliers at hchba.ca, email info@hchba.ca, or call the HCHBA at 705-457-6901.



Renovations

If you're planning to renovate this year, your plans will need to include patience to deal with high labour demand, low product supply and other issues.

"If using a contractor, expect to wait for availability and don't choose the first contractor who says they can do the work on your timelines," said Aggie Tose, executive director, Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA).

"If a contractor is available immediately, there might be a reason for that. As the story goes, 'If it looks too good to be true, it probably is'."

If you are doing the work yourself, remember renovation or significant home repair projects can require a lot of your time, said Tose, noting delays can be especially problematic on projects that disrupt your day-to-day routine or expose your home to weather, such as kitchen renovations and roofing replacements.

"So, before you commit to doing it yourself, be realistic about how much time the work will take, and your ability and willingness to invest this time. If you don't have the time, don't start the work. Hiring a professional simply may be your best option."

Check with municipal staff regarding permits. The professional designs required for structural work can be sourced locally.

Designers can also provide a materials list to help with accurate budget estimates. Set aside 15 to 25 per cent of your budget for unforeseen problems and upgrades. In the current economic climate you may require more.

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. The slow production of some products is still a problem in the industry, said Tose, adding that making decisions in a timely manner helps to keep the project on schedule.

Get a detailed written, signed contract including payment stages and approximate timing.

"One thing is for sure, avoid cash deals," advised Tose. "A cash deal means a lot more risk for you, less control over how your project turns out, and no guarantees of any sort — and that's no deal at all

"Even if it's only a small job, make certain that you and your family are protected. Always insist on a written contract covering all aspects of the project and proof of the proper business practices."

For more information, visit the Canadian Home Builders' Association at chba.ca and the HCHBA at hchba.ca.







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As fossil fuel costs and environmental concerns spike, Highlanders are increasingly focused on alternative heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) solutions to our bone-chilling winter cold and stifling summer heat.

Tim Kegel, owner of Kegel Heating and Cooling in Minden Hills, has been tracking energy source changes for 20 years. About two years ago, Kegel's records showed oil equipment installations had dropped to one per cent from 75 per cent. Propane equipment installations had risen to 90 per cent from 20 per cent and electrically driven equipment installations such as heat pumps had increased to nine per cent from five per cent.

"In the last couple of years, we have seen a shift to 50 per cent propane and 50 per cent electric-driven equipment," said Kegel. "He said they expect to see another big change over the next few years to almost 100 per cent electrically driven systems. "There will soon come a time where the government will mandate [such systems] and not allow us to install or even repair fossil fuel equipment. This is already starting to happen in some of our provinces including Quebec and BC and also in some US states."

The "biggest change and trend" in the industry is the use of air source cold climate heat pumps, according to Kegel. The pumps are now 200 per cent more efficient on average than straight electric heating and can extract heat from the air more efficiently than an electric baseboard or furnace system, even at -30C.

Kegel has also seen a big increase in geothermal (ground source) heat pump sales. Geothermal systems extract heat from the ground to warm the home or cottage and discharge heat into the ground to cool the building. They can be as much as 500 per cent more efficient than straight electric

systems and while they're more costly to install, the long-term saving is much greater than with any other system on the market, said Kegel.

"Another advantage of heat pumps is because they are fuelled by electricity, the cost of running them can be offset by installing PV [photovoltaic] solar panels and net metering back to the [hydro] grid. Heat pumps also come in various styles and can be connected to almost any heat distribution system like in-floor heating, forced air heating [and] stand-alone units."

At time of writing, Natural Resources Canada is offering up to \$5,000 for eligible retrofits, including HVAC systems, through the Canada Greener Homes Grant (nrcan.gc.ca/energy-efficiency).





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Energy efficiency

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The following energy conservation advice is provided by Natural Resources Canada (NRC) and Ontario's Save on Energy.

Reducing the amount of air leaving your home or cottage is the single most important retrofit you can make and should be your first step, according to NRC. Seal around windows and doors and upgrade your insulation.

Replace older windows, window frames and doors with new ENERGY STAR® certified models. 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.

The NRC reports space heating accounts for more than 60 per cent of the energy used in the average

Canadian home. Invest in a high-efficiency furnace or, even better, a heat pump system. Ensure your fireplace is sealed properly. For hot water supply, choose a gas-fired, direct-vent, fanassisted or sealed tank.

Shift energy use to off-peak or mid-peak hours. Install a smart thermostat or programmable thermostat with a built-in timer to control energy use. Choose energy-efficient appliances such as a front-loading washer, which will also reduce water consumption. Set up clotheslines and drying racks to reduce dryer use. Choose 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.

Install photovoltaic (PV) solar panels to convert sunlight to electricity and reduce your energy consumption and costs from the electricity grid. Add batteries to extend your solar energy use.

At time of writing, NRC is offering up to \$5,000 on eligible energy efficiency retrofits. For more information on this and other supports, visit nrcan. gc.ca/energy-efficiency and saveonenergy.ca.

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Renting your property requires time, energy and risk. If you're considering it, start by discussing it with your family to make sure everyone is on board.

Your insurance provider will need to advise you about appropriate rental coverage. Ask about any additional liability coverage regarding the pandemic. Contact your municipality to see what regulations they may be ready to establish for short-term rentals. Learn about the Ontario Travel Industry Act's rules and regulations for rental accommodations.

If you decide to go ahead, 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.

Bring your cottage up to a rentable standard by making it feel like a hotel. Provide the best Wi-Fi service available in your area.

Check with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR) about local pandemic precautions. Decide whether you want to implement additional measures and whether you will provide items such as hand sanitizers and masks or want guests to provide their own. Learn the specific requirements for cleaning public spaces during the pandemic.

When booking guests, discuss all pandemic precautions. Accept only as many guests at one time as your septic system and your relationships with your neighbours can support. Have a comprehensive cancellation policy in place.

Welcome guests with a highly visible, attractive book of necessary information such as amenities and attractions, how to use the barbecue, recycling rules and a list of public Wi-Fi spots in case your



service malfunctions. Include HKPR's current pandemic management regulations along with any other precautions you want your guests to take.

Stock the pantry with basic cooking ingredients but leave room for the weeks' worth of food your guests will bring. Provide good drinking water to deter guests from using single-use plastic bottles. Let them know your well water has been tested and tap water is fine to drink. Leave a municipal Cottage Kit near the recycling area for proper disposal of recyclables and garbage.

Guests will expect non-motorized watercraft in good condition, such as stand-up paddleboards, kayaks and canoes. Ensure guests know they should bring their own lifejackets.

For additional resources, check out cottage rental agency websites and visit ontario.ca/laws/statute/02t30, hkpr.on.ca and foca.on.ca (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations). Check with your municipal office for short-term rental review updates and Cottage Kits.





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Cottage etiquette

Visiting or renting a cottage for the first time? Following are a few guidelines to help you make sure you'll be welcomed back.

Visitors

- · Confirm your arrival and departure days/times.
- Ask what pandemic precautions, if any, are required by your host or the local health unit and pack enough hand sanitizer and masks for yourself and your group.
- Ask what food and other supplies you can/ should bring, and plan for all types of weather.
- If you want to bring pets, confirm they're permitted; if so, clean up after them.
- 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.

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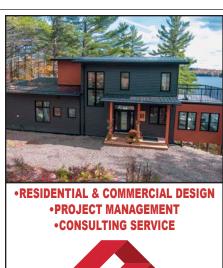
- · Confirm your arrival and departure days/times.
- Ask what pandemic precautions, if any, are required by your host or the local health unit and whether you or your host will provide hand sanitizer and masks for your group.
- If you want to bring pets, confirm they're permitted; if so, clean up after them.
- Treat the cottage and neighbours as though they're your own.
- 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 one.
- · Leave the cottage as you found it.
- Take your waste and recycling to the landfill



when leaving. Your host may supply a Cottage Kit with a pass, map, bags and guidelines, or you can get one from the municipality.

Don't

- Visit or rent if anyone in your group shows signs of illness.
- · Delay if you need to cancel.
- Arrive early or leave late.
- Ignore any pandemic precautions set out by your host or the local health unit.
- Bring/allow unexpected guests.
- Drink too much alcohol.
- · Play music or raise voices outdoors.
- Use harsh chemicals in sinks or toilets.
- Use soap or shampoo outdoors, even biodegradable types.
- Leave food outdoors or grime on the barbecue.
- Let pets roam free, as local wildlife could harm them.
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Cottage checks

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To help make sure you won't need them for more than a check, the experts have a few key recommendations.

Ask your insurance provider about cottage checks. You may only need to have a 'competent person' do the checking, but a well-documented check by an expert, complete with date and time stamped photos, could help smooth out a claim.

Before you leave your property, set the temperature at about 13°C and set a low-temperature alarm to go off at 8°C. This will give your expert enough time to resolve the issue before the structure gets cold enough for the pipes to freeze and burst. Bursting leads to flooding, which causes mold, and that can mean significant expense for removal.

Make sure doors and windows are all locked. Remove the barbeque and furniture from the deck and store it or tie it down well. One check expert answering a low temperature alarm found that a windstorm had blown the barbecue through a picture window.

If you have an older cottage or home, make sure you never have more than four feet of snow on the roof. It's especially important to have the roof monitored and cleared around February when rains begin and turn the snow into heavy mush or ice.

Set up regular snowplowing and deck shovelling services. A plowed driveway gives firefighters quick access, which can reduce loss, and it may also be required under your insurance policy. These services will also make your property look lived-in, which can deter crime. Motion detector lights can also help with this.

Alarm systems can be highly effective in catching problems on your property. You can have your alarm service contact your cottage check expert directly or you can choose a system that includes a remote monitoring app for your phone. Either way, you may want to consider a third-party specialist who will call you or your cottage check expert if something goes wrong.





Septic reinspection

Generally, 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. All four Highlands municipalities operate septic reinspection programs, summarized here.

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. The current program is scheduled to end in 2022. 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 are 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 under certain conditions but will also incur a processing fee for reviewing

the inspection report. For program details, call WSP at 1-289-984-0413.

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 x443.

Minden Hills

WSP Canada Inc. was contracted to provide septic reinspection services beginning in 2021. Residents receive letters from WSP with inspection process details. Initial inspections are expected to take five years. For program details, call WSP at 1-289-984-0448.







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Fireworks regulations

Fireworks and flying lantern regulations vary among the four Highlands municipalities. Under the existing bylaws at time of writing, the main regulations in each municipality are as follows.

Algonquin Highlands (fireworks bylaw) Dysart et al (fireworks bylaw)

Flying lanterns are banned.

Fireworks are banned when there is a fire ban in effect or when open air burning is prohibited.

Fireworks use is restricted to:

- New Year's Eve between 8 p.m. and 1 a.m. the following day.
- Victoria Day between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. on the weekend preceding and including the statutory holiday.
- Canada Day between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m.
 - The weekend before the holiday and on the holiday, when Canada Day falls on Monday or Tuesday.
 - The weekend before, the weekend after and on the holiday, when Canada Day falls on Wednesday.

- The weekend following and on the holiday, when Canada Day falls on Thursday.
- The weekend in which Canada Day falls on Friday, Saturday or Sunday.
- Civic Holiday between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. on the weekend preceding and including the statutory holiday.
- Labour Day between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. on the weekend preceding and including the statutory holiday.

Highlands East (fireworks bylaw)

Flying lanterns are banned.

Fireworks are banned when there is a fire ban in effect.

Fireworks use is restricted to:

- New Year's Eve between 7 p.m. and 1 a.m. the following day.
- Victoria Day between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. on the weekend preceding and including the statutory holiday.
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- · The weekend before, the weekend after and on the holiday, if Canada Day falls on a weekday.
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- Labour Day between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. on the weekend preceding and including the statutory holiday.

Minden Hills (noise and open air fire bylaws)

- No person shall set off, fire or discharge any device considered fireworks:
- Unless they have a fireworks permit issued by the Chief Fire Official or designate,
- In a place or in a manner that creates a danger or constitutes a nuisance to any person or property,
- · On a highway, road allowance, public beach, or park unless they have written permission from the fire department.
- On privately owned land unless they have written permission or consent of that land owner and the consent of the occupant or owner of the neighbouring land, upon which debris may fall upon, a copy of consent must be supplied to the fire department,
- Within 30 metres of any building, tent, trailer, canvas shelter or motor vehicle, including livestock, animal shelter or wildlife sanctuary or conservation area.
- Within 200 metres of any place where explosives or flammable or combustible liquids or substances are manufactured or stored,
- Within 200 metres of any facility that is designated as a hospital, care facility, educational institute, church or assembly building, without the written permission from the fire service,

- · When winds exceed 25 km/h or during any conditions considered as an undue fire hazard.
- · During any fire ban or fire restriction as set out by NDMMNRF [Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry] or the Chief Fire Official or designate.

No person shall set off any fireworks on any public street or roadway at any time.

Consumer fireworks are only permitted:

- New Year's Eve between dusk and 1 a.m.
- Canada Day between dusk and 11 p.m. the weekend prior to Canada Day, the weekend directly following Canada Day or on the day of Canada Day
- · Victoria Day and Labour Day between dusk and 11 p.m. on the weekend in which the holiday falls.

Discharging fireworks without a permit carries a minimum charge of \$485 and the person may be held responsible for all costs if a fire was started by the fireworks.

Full copies of the bylaws are available on the municipal websites (see municipal contacts).



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Wildscaping (going native) helps protect sensitive Highlands environments. It's especially important in the 30-metre-deep "ribbon of life" along shorelines.

"These [ribbons] are nature's grocery stores, daycare centres, community spaces, mating spots, and shelter," said Rebecca Krawczyk, owner/operator of Botanigals native plant nursery.

Thankfully, those of us who don't have a green thumb can find help from local nursery staff and the Haliburton County Master Gardeners.

The HCMG is a charitable organization funded by donations. The volunteer MGs study horticulture formally and receive certification. The HCMG website features virtual forms to ask a question or

request a consultation, answers to past questions, news, events and a "buy local" section that includes gardeners for hire, landscapers, retailers and nurseries. The MGs also do presentations, produce a newsletter and are active on Facebook and YouTube.

"More and more property owners are discovering that nature does it best," said MG Carolyn Langdon.

"We need only take the time to observe what happens in the surrounding forest and apply those learnings to the property surrounding our homes."

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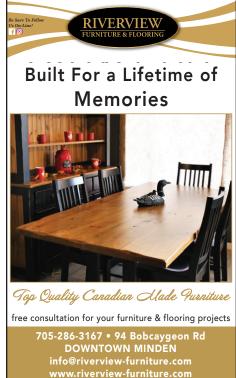
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Security systems

One of the charms of cottage country is the ability to enjoy life in secluded natural surroundings. Unfortunately, longer distances between neighbors make it easier for thieves and vandals to break in undetected and harder for neighbours to notice signs of fire, weather damage or flooding.

While there are steps you can take to reduce the risks on your own (see Protecting your property), a security system helps cover the bases thoroughly.

Main system

Security systems can be wired or wireless, operate on a telephone landline or cell service, and be integrated with smart home hubs with centralized control.

The system base is a control panel that triggers an alarm when a connected sensor detects activity or change in or around your home or cottage. The system is controlled through keypads installed near the main outer doors and the bedrooms.

An alarm can be local, for instance to a neighbour, or it can be sent to your vendor or third-party monitoring company for a monthly fee. Remote monitoring on your cell phone is available. Sirens and strobes can be set up to go off indoors and outdoors when the alarm is triggered, which can deter theft and vandalism.

Different types of detection sensors may be combined to create a stronger security solution. They include contact (detects intrusion), shock (detects the vibration of a breaking window or door), glass break (detects entry and exit from a window due to breakage), motion, low temperature, carbon monoxide, natural gas, propane, water, and heat/smoke/fire.

Surveillance options

Security can be further enhanced by adding surveillance cameras. Home security cameras



and closed-circuit TV (CCTV) systems can be connected to the main system and controlled remotely.

Webcams can be easier on the budget, are simple to hide and can be set up using cables or Wi-Fi. Trail cameras used by hunters and photographers to monitor animal activity are helpful in areas without Internet service.

Choosing a system

The number of DIY options for security systems is growing. However, you have to install the system yourself and it won't be monitored by a trained professional 24/7 unless you can arrange it.

If you choose to go with a professionally installed system, look for a vendor who will conduct a site inspection, discuss your specific use and budget needs, and ensure that you understand exactly what you're getting. Check references and compare the design specifications and costs proposed by each of the vendors you're considering to find the one that can best meet your needs



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Protecting your property

Attention to details can help ensure your Highlands home or cottage stays safe from theft and damage causes if you're away for extended periods.

Water intake and outflow: Drain non-frost-proof faucets and close indoor valve for the outdoor water pipe; clean drains in dishwasher, sinks, tubs and showers and close shut-off valves; ensure hot water pipes are insulated; 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.

Heating and air conditioning: Cover air conditioner; replace furnace filter; close all flues; vacuum electric baseboard heaters; have heating system serviced by a qualified technician.

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

Interior maintenance: Unplug small appliances; ensure propane appliances are properly shut down; clean, defrost and unplug refrigerator and place open soda boxes in fridge and freezer; 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: Clear chimneys; replace window screens with storm windows; clean eavestroughs and downspout; drain outdoor water pipe and close valve; arrange regular snow removal on driveways, decks and the roof to enable firefighter access, avoid ice damage and deter theft.

Pest control: Seal all gaps in soffits and foundations to block entry; trim vegetation around the building; set mousetraps and other products as needed; scatter mothballs strategically in the attic; check online guides for dealing with bats, birds, coyotes, cougars, bears and other wildlife from the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (ontario.ca/page/prevent-conflicts-wildlife; ontario.ca/page/hire-wildlife-agent).

Security: Install an alarm system, ideally with remote monitoring; install motion detector lighting; cover windows with shades and/or shutters; install fresh batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and test them; remove all valuables and etch or mark stored sporting goods with identification information; ensure your insurance coverage is up to date; 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 where possible.



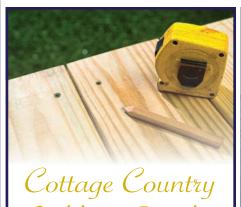
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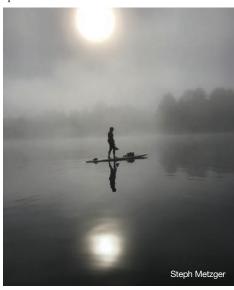
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Haliburton ATV Association

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Haliburton County Snowmobile Association

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Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trails Association

Check out 36 kilometres of trails in hilly Glebe Park, family-friendly Moosewoods and dogfriendly Twin Lakes. The group also offers weekly youth programs. (skihaliburton.com)

Minden Off-Road Park (formerly Ray's Place)

ATVs, Jeeps and other off-road vehicles are welcome on these 14 kilometres of professionally

designed, four-season trails in Minden Hills, linked to an interactive map via GPS. The trails are also connected to Haliburton ATV Association trails. (mindenoffroadpark.ca.)

Paws Trails and Dog Park at Paws at Killara Station

This adventure camp for dogs features off-leash walking trails and a park on the 215-acre Killara Station homestead in Minden Hills. The fee is \$8 for the first dog and \$5 for additional dog. Book your time on the Sniffspot app at sniffspot.com/to/vrph8 or call 705-854-0055. (pawsatks.com)

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Additional walking and hiking trails are available in many municipal parks, on properties managed by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, Haliburton Highlands Water Trails /Frost Centre and Minden Wildwater Preserve, and at the Silent Lake and Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands provincial parks.



Nature reserves

The Highlands have a new addition to the several thousand acres of richly diverse nature reserves that are nurtured and protected by municipal staff, property owners and/or volunteers.

Situated on Dark (Pusey) Lake in Highlands East, the 7.05 acres now known as Herlihy Park were donated in honour and memory of long-time residents Beatrice and Harold Herlihy. While the master plan for the park includes public waterfront activities and experiences, it also recognizes the park's ecological resources as critical assets and identifies opportunities to protect them. (highlandseast.ca)

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's holdings include several donations. This not-for-profit charitable organization currently manages five reserves of ecological and cultural significance and hosts guided hikes, public workshops and a wildlife show. Research projects include studies of species at risk. (haliburtonlandtrust.ca)

Covering approximately 28,000 hectares of Crown and municipal public lands, the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails system is the largest publicly managed reserve in the Highlands. It features more than 55 kilometres of summer and winter trails, with hundreds of campsites and canoe routes along lakes and rivers in continuous forest. (ahtrails.ca)

The largest private system is the 100,000-acre Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve. Amenities and activities include a wolf centre, a forest canopy tour, astronomy, camping, mountain biking and snowmobiling, and the opportunity to learn about sustainable forestry practices. The reserve is also used for ecological studies. (haliburtonforest.com)

Visitors to the 460-acre Snowdon Park Wetland and Forest Preserve can enjoy wildlife sightings while travelling along forested walking trails or Nordic ski and snowshoe trails. A wheelchair-accessible viewing platform is available in the high season. (mindenhills.ca)

The 100-acre, privately owned Minden Wild Water Preserve features challenging kayaking and canoeing runs, forested nature trails and picnic spots along the Gull River. The preserve hosted kayaking events during the 2015 Pan-Am Games. (whitewaterontario.ca)

Running through the centre of one of the county's largest wetlands, the private Lochlin Esker & Wetlands system encompasses several natural environments, including fen, open marsh, bore hole and boreal forest. Tours may be arranged when conditions are appropriate. (lochlinesker. wordpress.com)





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Provincial parks

At time of writing, Ontario Parks were generally open for regular use, with visitors required to follow public health advice. Nevertheless, check ahead when planning your trip.

Algonquin Provincial Park

Highway 60 east of Highway 35 705-633-5572

ontarioparks.com/park/algonquin

Established in 1893, Algonquin covers more than 772,000 hectares, including the northeast portion of the Highlands. Park attractions include an art centre, a logging museum, canoeing, kayaking, limited boating, limited bicycling, hiking, camping, trout fishing, limited hunting, moosewatching, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Many areas are open year-round. Check ahead for

Oxtongue River-Ragged Falls Provincial Park

Highway 60 east of Highway 35 705-789-5105

ontarioparks.com/park/oxtongueriverraggedfalls

Located just west of Algonquin Park, this 507-hectare park features hiking trails and one of the top 10 waterfalls in Ontario. Access is off Highway 60 on a marked gravel road. Parking is pay-and-display. Open seasonally for day use only. Check ahead for season dates.

Oueen Elizabeth II Wildlands

Local access: 1115 Devils Lake Rd. 705-454-3324

ontarioparks.com/park/queenelizabeth2wildlands

This is a "nonoperating" park. Activities may be temporarily unavailable or restricted. Discussions have begun regarding reclassification to "operating". Crossed by numerous trail systems, this 33,505-hectare wildlands park extends into the southwest Highlands. It has no maintained public facilities or services. Visitors are advised not to rely on cellular service and to follow leave no trace principles.

Silent Lake Provincial Park

1589 Silent Lake Park Rd. south of Highway 28 613-339-2807

ontarioparks.com/park/silentlake

Located southwest of Cardiff and about 20 minutes from Bancroft, Silent Lake covers 1,610 hectares. The park features sandy beaches, forested campgrounds and walk-in campsite areas with laundromats, a lookout point, more than 19 kilometres of hiking and biking trails, and more than 40 kilometres of groomed Nordic ski trails. Activities include yurt camping. Non-motor lake. Check ahead for season dates.

Summer camps

Programming and fees may be dependent upon any changes to pandemic precautions. For additional information visit ourkids.net.

Two telephone numbers generally indicate 'summer / off-season' unless otherwise noted.

Algonquin Highlands / Algonquin Park

Camp Northway / Wendigo

Northway for girls 7-16, Wendigo for boys 12-16 705-633-5595 / 905-468-4455 campnothway.com

Camp Pathfinder

Water, land and camping sports; boys 7-16 705-633-5553 / 585-249-0716 camppathfinder.com

Camp Tanamakoon

Camping and environmental education; girls 4-16, W: 705-633-5502 / A: 705-633-5573 adults 705-633-5541 / 905-338-9464 tanamakoon.com

Kandalore

Canoe trips and in-camp activities; ages 6-17 705-489-2419 / 416-322-9735 kandalore.com

Moorelands Camp

Positive and fun experiences for Toronto children and youth affected by poverty; Grades 3-8 705-766-2916 / 416-466-9987

moorelands.ca/programs/moorelands-camp/

Outward Bound Canada

Challenging outdoor adventures for personal development; ages 12-25+ 1-888-688-9273 outwardbound.ca

The Taylor Statten Camps

Wapomeo for girls 6-16, Ahmek for boys 6-16 416-486-6959 (off-season) taylorstattencamps.com

Dysart et al

Camexicanus

Year-round, cross-cultural arts programming and more; various ages 519-801-5413 camexicanus ca

Camp Northland B'nai Brith

705-754-2374 / 905-881-0018 campnbb.com

Camp Timberlane

Land and water sports and arts programs; Grades 1 to 10 705-457-2813 / 416-923-7200 camptimberlane.ca

Camp Towhee

Residential therapeutic program for learning disabilities; ages 10-18 705-457-2741 / 416-603-1827 childdevelop.ca/towhee

Camp White Pine

Adventure, creative and performing arts programs; ages 6-16. 705-457-2131 / 416-322-6250 campwhitepine.com

Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp

Hockey, golf, and wakeboard training and camp activities: ages 7-14 705-457-1559 / 905-717-1000 camphockevhaven.com

Medeba Summer Camp

Traditional and specialized adventure activities; ages 6-25 1-800-461-6523 medeba.com

Monarch Bible Camp

Daytime adventure programs; ages 7-12 705-887-3625 monarchbiblecamp.com

South Algonquin Summer Horse Camp

Day and residential camps; ages 6-16 705-455-9166 southalgonquincamp.com

The Pine Project

Nature connection programs; age 4 through to adults and families 416-792-2772 pineproject.org

YMCA Wanakita

Residential, day and family camps; ages 7-16 and older 1-800-387-5081

ymcahbb.ca/camps/ymca-wanakita

Highlands East / Bancroft

Camp Can-Aqua

Challenges through learning and exploration; ages 5-15 613-339-2969

canaqua.ca

Cedar Ridge Camp

Summer Jewish community camp; Grades 1 to 10 Year-round education and retreat centre; ages 7-16 1-877-334-6675 cedarridgecamp.ca

Fraser Lake Camp

Educational, diverse camp community; ages 8-17 613-332-3351 / 905-642-2964 willowgrove.ca/fraser-lake-camp

One-Up Leadership Program

For young men in Grades 9-12 416-979-5949 oneup.ernescliff.ca

Minden Hills

Camp Awakening

Camp and leadership programs for ages 8-29 with physical disabilities 1-833-875-8400

campawakening.com

kilcoo.com

Kilcoo Camp Fun, learning and confidence-building; boys 7 to 705-286-1091 / 416-486-5264

Kinark Outdoor Centre

Recreational and therapeutic programs for children and youth with special needs and their families; virtual programs available; various ages 1-800-805-8252 kinark.on.ca/koc/

Onondaga Camp

Fun, learning and adventure, ages 6-16 1120 Rackety Trail, Minden 705-286-1030 / 416-482-0782 www.onondagacamp.com



Adventures and ecotourism

Experience providers may have altered or suspended services due to the pandemic. Visit the provider's website or call ahead to confirm availability.

Adventure Haliburton Group

Group partners offer mountain biking, kayaking, parasailing, horseback riding, ATV and snowmobile tours, dogsledding, downhill skiing, ice climbing, ice fishing and more. adventurehaliburton@gmail.com; adventurehaliburton.com

Algonquin Outfitters/AO Boatwerks Paddling School

Rent or buy as needed: canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, water trampolines, snowshoes, camping gear and outfitting packages. Train in kayaking, canoeing, C1 and more in flatwater and whitewater. 1-800-469-4948; algonquinoutfitters. com / 1-866-529-2570; boatwerks.com

Deep Roots Adventure

Choose your adventure from among multi-sport trips, a wilderness school, guided adventures, youth programs, custom school trips, outfitting and more. Outposts at 4071 Elephant Lake Rd., Harcourt and 113 Main St., Minden. 705-306-0628 / 0631; deeprootsadventure.com

Esson Creek Maple

Enjoy guided tours of the sugarbush, fascinating mineral deposits, wildflowers and old-growth forest and check out maple syrup processing demonstrations. 1984 Essonville Line, Wilberforce. 613-334-7340; essoncreekmaple.ca

Geocaching Capital of Canada

Hunt for "treasure" through majestic forests and around pristine lakes on this GPS-based tour of 150 fun and imaginative caches in the Highlands East region. Collect 99 puzzles that map out a

wolf. Contactless hunt available. 705-448-2981 ext. 432; geocachingcapitalofcanada.com

Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve

Sawmill tours, a canopy walk, wolf centre visits, camping, astronomy presentations, snowmobiling and dogsledding are just a few of the things you'll find at the privately-owned, 100,000-acre Forest. 1095 Redkenn Rd., Haliburton. 1-800-631-2198; haliburtonforest com

HHOA Visitor Centre

The non-profit Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association's fish hatchery has stocked more than 700,000 fish in local lakes. Tour schedules and events have been affected by pandemic precautions. Visit the website or call ahead. 6712 Gelert Rd., Haliburton. 705-457-9664; hhoa.on.ca

Killara Farm Experience

Enjoy a sense of the Highlands' homesteading roots with Killara's organic farming. Pet horses, goats, chickens, Edward the emu and more. Tours are free for some Killara campers. 5205 Gelert Rd., Minden. info@killarastation.com; killarastation.com

Magnificent Hill Work Stay

Work an organic farm for your room and board in this work-stay opportunity on 100 aces, weather permitting. Or gather friends or family for an afternoon tour or pizza party. By appointment only. 1258 Magnificent Rd., Highland Grove. 705-448-9453; magnificenthill.ca/the-hill.html

Sir Sam's Ski / Ride

Hike, run, bike, ski, snowboard or snowshoe on trails totalling 23 kilometres through meadow, forest, and ancient rock passes overlooking Eagle Lake. Suited for all abilities, and the Time Tunnel is an easy ride. 1054 Liswood Rd., Eagle Lake. 705-754-2298; sirsams.com



Ski-Mazing Watersports School & Sky-mazing Parasail Adventures

Learn and enjoy exciting watersports including wakeboarding, waterskiing, barefoot skiing, wakesurfing, hydroflight and parasailing. Kids' camps, jet ski and pontoon rentals and product sales are also available. 2713 Kashagawigamog Lake Rd. (Bonnie View Inn). 705-455-7697/8754; skiwakefootschool com

South Algonquin Equestrian Trails

Trail rides, pony rides, specialty rides, cabins, campsites, overnight packages and summer camps – something for every horse lover. Located in the tranquil wilderness just south of Algonquin Park. 4378 Elephant Lake Rd., Harcourt. 705-448-1751; southalgonquintrails.com.

Spirit of the Waterfalls Series

Guided, shamanic journeys that include Spirit of the Waterfalls, the Plants, the Trees, the Stones and the Crystals. Horseback riding, hiking, swimming, drumming and singing are among the experiences offered. Journeys can be customized. 5012 Elephant Lake Road, Harcourt. 705-448-1346; spiritofthewaterfalls.ca

Sugar Shacks & Syrup

Experts lead you in the age-old art and science of maple syrup and sugar production in the spring. Learn about tapping, evaporating and more, and discover new ways in which this gold can be enjoyed. myhaliburtonhighlands.com/maple-season

The Minden Experience

This adventure fun park offers go-karting, mini putt, a driving range, a batting cage, walking trails, gift shop and a snack bar. Stop for a quick round or make a day of it. Available for group events. 1063 Ravine Rd., Minden. 705-306-9936; themindenexperience.com

Winterdance Dogsled Tours

Thrill to the fun of dogsledding with purebred Siberian Huskies on 2,200 acres of wilderness near Algonquin Park. Tour options range from two hours to multiple days, heli-dogsledding and private groups. Hiking trails are also available. 1888 Hodgson Rd., Haliburton. 705-457-5281; winterdance.com

Wolf Flow SUP Yoga

The calming crossover of yoga and stand-up paddleboarding improves balance, strength and awareness. The paddleboard is generally anchored or tied down in calm waters. Choose easy or intense or something in between. 403-836-3505; wolfflowsup.com

Yours Outdoors

Choose from guided, themed activity packages such as glassblowing, culinary tours, photo safaris, ice climbing, winter camping, skijoring and bikejoring with your dog, wild edibles foraging and more. Custom packages available. 705-754-3436; yoursoutdoors.ca



Hunting and fishing

Highlands hunters and anglers will find several changes in store from the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF), according to the ministry's regulation summaries.

For hunters, highlights include a new \$25 surcharge for each report that is not submitted. The COVID-19 source virus has been found in white-tailed deer, so special precautions are advised for handling. The deer season has been changed to simplify and align seasons across the province, and a fall wild turkey season has been added in Wildlife Management Unit 60. The Ontario Hunter Education Course is now available both online and in person.

Highlands anglers may now use up to three lines for common carp under certain conditions. To battle harmful invasive aquatic species and fish diseases, new requirements regulate the movement and personal harvest of baitfish and leeches.

For more information, see the 2022 Hunting Regulations Summary and 2022 Fishing Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary.

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

Following are general highlights of the 2022 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 MNDMNRF's 2022 Hunting Regulations Summary and 2022 Fishing Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary, available at ontario.ca/hunting, 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.

2022 WILD TURKEY SEASONS – 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.
60 (NEW)	Oct. 11 to 23: shotgun or bow. Oct. 1 to 31: bow only Ontario residents and non-residents	One wild turkey, male or female. Only one tag may be purchased for the fall season.	No restriction

2022 MOOSE SEASONS – HALIBURTON COUNTY					
RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, MUZZLE-LOADING GUNS AND BOWS					
WMUs	ONTARIO RESIDENT - OPEN SEASON	NON RESIDENT - OPEN SEASON			
53, 54, 56, 57, 60	Oct. 17 to Oct. 23 Adult & calf	No season			
BOWS ONLY					
53, 54, 56, 57, 60	Oct. 1 to Oct. 7 Adult & calf	No season			

2022 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. 7 to Nov. 20		
60	Dec. 5 to 11	Muzzle-loading guns and bows only; no dogs	

2022 ELK SEASON – HALIBURTON COUNTY						
34/8/411	HARVEST	HARVEST	DESCRIPTION OF HARVEST	RESIDENTS ONLY	SEAL C	QUOTA
WMUs	AREA	CODE	AREA BOUNDARY	OPEN SEASON	BULLS	COWS
57	1	100	The part of WMU 57 west of a line formed by Highway 62 south of Maynooth and Highway 127 north of Maynooth.	Sept. 19 to	1	1
57	2	101	The part of WMU 57 east of a line formed by Highway 62 south of Maynooth and Highway 127 north of Maynooth.		2	2
60	4	120	The part of WMU 60 east of Highway 28.		1	1

2022 BLACK BEAR SEASONS – HALIBURTON COUNTY			
RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, BOWS AND MUZZLE-LOADING GUNS			
WMUs	ONTARIO RESIDENT - OPEN SEASON	NON RESIDENT - OPEN SEASO	
53	Sept. 6 to Nov. 30	Sept. 6 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	

For details on big game hunting and for the seasons and regulations for small game, small mammals, furbearing mammals and falconry hunting, see the MNDMNRF's 2022 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 Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry's 2022 Fishing Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary.

2022 FISHING SEASONS – HALIBURTON COUNTY				
SPECIES	SEASONS			
Walleye & Sauger	Jan. 1 to Mar. 15 & third Sat. in May to Dec. 31			
Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass	Fourth Sat. in June to Nov. 30			
Northern Pike	Jan. 1 to Mar. 31 & third Sat. in May to Dec. 31			
Muskellunge	First Sat. in June to Dec. 15			
Trout (Brook & Lake)	Jan. 1 to Sept. 30			
Yellow Perch / Crappie / Sunfish / Channel Catfish / Lake Whitefish				
Pacific Salmon / Splake / Trout (Brown & Rainbow)	Open all year			



Geocaching

When was the last time your shopping list included an iron cauldron? Funky objects such as this are an integral part of the fun and challenge of the Geocaching Capital of Canada (GCC) GeoTour in the Highlands East region.

Geocaching is billed as the world's largest treasure-hunting game. It involves a GPS device such as a smartphone and membership with geocaching.com. Anyone can hide a cache (a container with trinkets and a logbook) and post its location on the website. Visiting geocachers replace those trinkets with their own and log their visit in the logbook and online. Geocaching. com notes there are more than 200 geocaching organizations and three million registered geocaches across more than 190 countries.

The GCC was established in 2006 to increase tourism in Cardiff, Gooderham, Harcourt, Highland Grove, Irondale, Tory Hill and Wilberforce. The GeoTour was created in 2015 with 100 fun and elaborate caches, including three that can best be found at night. It now features 150 caches.

"We make the claim as number one rated GeoTour in Canada based on the number of 'favourite' points received from premium members" of geocaching.com, said Joanne Vanier, GeoTour cocreator with Mary Barker.

The GCC GeoTour had 13,779 points compared to second-place Gold Country GeoTour with 2,865 points on March 18, 2022, Vanier reported. The same metrics placed GCC second out of 94 active GeoTours worldwide in January.

The GCC games keep growing. Organizers have added the Highlands East Howler GeoArt collection, a series of 99 puzzle caches laid out to create a howling wolf, and 14 caches that can

only be accessed by water. In response to the pandemic, the GCC launched an Adventure Lab® to enable hunters to see some sites without having to touch caches.

Geocaching brings a continuous flow of visitors to the GCC region throughout the summer and also in the shoulder seasons, said Vanier.

"If you are new to geocaching and choose to start your adventure in the Geocaching Capital of Canada, be prepared that geocaching in other areas won't be as awesome. We have put a lot of effort into earning and maintaining our title."

Preloaded GPS devices can be rented from the Highlands East Visitor Information Centre in Wilberforce. Newcomers to geocaching can take a half-day course from Yours Outdoors.

For more information, visit geocachingcapitalofcanada.com, highlandseast. ca, geocachingtoolbox.com (puzzle cache help), yoursoutdoors.ca/packages/introduction-geocaching and geocaching.com.





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Off-roading

Is your off-road vehicle of choice an ATV or a four-wheel drive? Or both? The Highlands offer spectacular trails in all four seasons, whatever off-roading wheels you choose.

Haliburton County has some of the best ATV trails in the province, according to the Haliburton ATV Association (HATVA). 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. Most of HATVA's members are seasonal residents and visitors from the Toronto region and beyond.

HATVA has land use permits with private property owners to ensure uninterrupted travel for ATVs and side-by-sides. HATVA has also secured municipal approval for touring via road access links in some areas.

The group's 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.

Lovers of winter ATVing can explore more than 400 kilometres of snowmobile and winter ATV trails within the 100,000-acre Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve. Its location at the top of the Algonquin Dome means a greater guarantee of excellent winter conditions. Accommodations, food and fuel are available at Base Camp near Kennisis Lake.

Minden Off-Road Park, formerly Ray's Place, is open to off-roaders year-round. ATVs, Jeeps, 4WDs and other off-road vehicles are welcome on the 14 kilometres of professionally designed, fourseason 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. Val's Soul Food fills the tank with specialties such as jerk barbecue wings onsite in summer and online in winter.

For more information visit haliburtonatv.com, haliburtonforest.com and mindenoffroadpark.ca.





Sledding

The exciting public and private snowmobile trails in Haliburton County cover more than 600 kilometres and feature several unique environments, including the Haliburton County Rail Trail, dense bush and Hydro corridors.

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) oversees 370 kilometres of trails that 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. Sledders can also connect easily with trail systems in neighbouring communities through the permit system managed by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) for the more than 30,000 kilometres of trails across the province.

The HCSA system's neighbourly connections include almost 200 kilometres of trails from Huntsville to Algonquin Park and Kearney to Dorset, groomed by the Algonquin Snowmobile Club. 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 into Bancroft, Apsley and Coe Hill.

Privately groomed systems include the more than 400 kilometres of trails at the 100,000-acre Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve. The Forest also maintains winter ATV trails.

Sledders provide a much-needed financial injection during the off-season for an economy that is largely based on tourism. In recognition, the HCSA has adopted the slogan "Grooming for Tourism." Based on a study by the OFSC, the HCSA estimates sledders travelling through the county and beyond spent \$28.8 million and contributed an additional \$8.3 million in taxes in 2019 alone.

If you're interested in sledding but don't own a sled, rentals are available through various local marinas and retailers, and private operators such as the Forest may offer rentals.

Snowmobile tour operators offer rentals, training and guided tours.

For more information on Highlands sledding, visit hcsa.ca, algonquinsnowmobileclub.ca, facebook.com/TallPinesSC, facebook.com/PaudashTrailBlazers and haliburtonforest.com.



Golfing

Take your pick – mini-putt, driving range or the full course experience – in winter, too!

Driving ranges/mini-putt/golf

Carnaryon Family Golf

Dedicated to an affordable, fun, outdoor family experience, new owner Chris Near (Class A professional with the PGA of Canada) and his wife Kelsey offer a long list of golf activities and other treats. Enjoy a driving range, an 18-hole Mike's Mini Putt, a par 3 golf course, a shortgame practice screen, a bunker practice area, lessons, junior golf camps, fitting days, a retail golf shop and special orders. Additional features (conditions permitting) include a free jumping castle in July and August and a batting cage. Carnarvon. 705-489-3473; carnarvonfamilygolf.com

Haliburton Golf Centre

The centre features a driving range, lessons, fittings, a pro shop and discounts for golf at partner ranges. In winter, practice or play nine or 18 holes alone or with up to four people on simulated championship courses from around the world at Pinestone Resort Golf & Conference Centre (weekly leagues available). Haliburton. 705-457-2199; 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, batting cages and a snack bar. Minden. 705-306-9936; themindenexperience.com

Courses

Blairhampton Golf Club

Minden

705-286-1315; blairhamptongolf.com

Gull River Golf Club

Minden

705-286-1378; gullrivergolfclub.com

Haliburton Highlands Golf Course

Haliburton

705-457-2233; haliburtongolf.com

Lakeside Golf Club

West Guilford

705-754-2110; lakesidegolfclubhaliburton.com

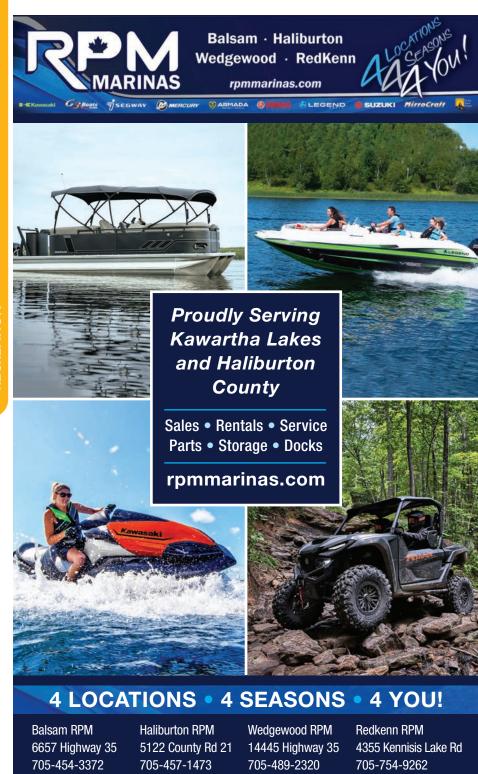
Pinestone Resort Golf & Conference Centre

Haliburton

705-457-3444; pinestone-resort.com

For more information visit myhaliburtonhighlands.com/golf or call 1-800-461-7677.





Insuring your property

While there are many similarities in insurance coverage between city properties and Highlands properties, there are several areas in which effective policies differ greatly. Property owners are advised to review these key insurance types with their Highlands insurer to secure the best coverage.

All-risk

This is considered to be the best form of coverage available for cottages and homes. All-risk coverage is usually best suited for primary homes and cottages that are fully winterized and used year-round. However, the term 'all-risk' can be misleading as the policy does not cover everything. Generally, if something is not excluded then it's covered. Optional coverages can be purchased for particular exclusions.

Named Peril

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 may be the most important part of

any policy. Talk with your broker to determine the limit you need. Most cottage policies limit the liability coverage to premise liability, meaning the property the cottage is located on, so check for this. Liability coverage on a primary home policy will extend to personal liability, which protects you if someone tries to bring a lawsuit against you personally.

Personal Property

Coverage for your personal contents is included in most all-risk and named peril package policies, but some content items have a special limit, so make sure you are properly covered.

Fire

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

Water Damage

Your location may determine which coverages you qualify for, such as septic/sewer back-up, overland flood and ground water.

Building Costs

'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

There are risks associated with renting out part or all of your property, so advise your insurer if you plan to do either. Most policies provide extra coverage that can be added for protection. For example, rental income coverage addresses 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 rental weeks

Vacancy

How often you come to the cottage may determine the form of coverage you qualify for. This information can also be used to determine the policy premium cost.

Boats

Ask your insurer whether your best option is to insure your boat on your primary home policy or on a separate policy.



www.haliburtoncottages.com

Shoreline preservation bylaw

Haliburton County council has been working on a shoreline preservation bylaw to help guide development along the shorelines of our lakes and reduce environmental impacts such as the increasing number of algae blooms.

It has been a multi-year project that has been very contentious and confusing for some people.

After the initial draft, which was done in-house by the County planner, council hired a consultant to undertake an objective review of the science and engage the community to try to achieve consensus on the document's contents and complete a final draft for council's review.

The draft was completed in the fall of 2021 and councillors have met to discuss it in January, March and April.

The County's warden has said they're trying to find fair middle ground that homeowners, environmentalists, landscapers and the business community can accept and work with.

One thing councillors are trying to hammer home is the bylaw is intended for large development, such as new waterfront subdivisions or major



earthworks, as opposed to people wanting to do minor landscaping at their home or cottage, or something such as moving a fire pit.

They want to ensure there are not acts such as clear-cutting land to provide a sweeping view of a lake. Rather, they are hoping to promote naturalization of shorelines.

So far it appears that council is heading towards a 20 metre setback and they have been refining other sections of the draft bylaw this year, including looking at a permitting system, enforcement and penalties.

Staff were hopeful of having the bylaw in place for June but that is now unlikely. To find out more about it, see the County of Haliburton website at haliburtoncounty.ca.

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Disease-causing organisms are generally filtered out of ground water by the soil, 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.

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Buying vacant land

Building a forever home or cottage in the Highlands is such a popular dream that vacant land sales are outstripping developed property sales

"Many buyers seeing the prices of resale homes and cottages have turned to buying vacant land and building as an option that may provide more value, while at the same time getting exactly what they want in a new build," said Jeff Strano, sales representative with Parish & Strano / RE/MAX Professionals North.

"Unfortunately, most buyers don't realize that vacant land prices have also risen dramatically, with the average sale price in the county being \$292,000 in 2022 year-to-date versus \$240,000 in 2021. That's a 21.7 per cent increase in under 12 months."

"Other segments as a general state have tripled in value over the last six years whereas vacant land has probably gone up six times," said Anthony vanLieshout, Broker of Record with Trillium Team / Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton.

Insufficient inventory is a big part of the problem, vanLieshout added.

"Six years ago, we saw basic vacant lots ... that were selling for \$25,000 to \$35,000 and those lots are now selling for \$100,000 to \$150,000."

"Buying vacant land and building is a fantastic option, but one that a buyer needs to budget for and weigh out carefully before taking the plunge," advised Strano.

Interest rates to borrow on vacant land are higher and typically subject to larger down payments, so purchasing land is more difficult from the start. Then, "even if ... you're qualified and all the rest of it, now you're competing against multiple offers and 'how much above asking do I go?' and it just becomes a guessing game," said vanLieshout.

The realtors outlined additional considerations.

"You want to look at the soil conditions," vanLieshout advised. "If you want to put in a foundation, do you need to blast rock to do that,



or can you actually get a foundation in without blasting?"

"Raw land is typically undeveloped so beyond the actual building, infrastructure needs to be built and the cost of that must be considered," said Strano. "How far away is Hydro service from the lot line? How far is it from the building site? What about a driveway and clearing the property? Any building permit requires approval for a septic system, and you will need a well to supply water. What about landscaping after your new home is built? All of these are big-ticket items that add up quickly.

"Most reputable builders are booking two to three years out," added Strano. "Where will you live while it's being built? And material costs have skyrocketed, and there are delays. Some appliances are taking up to a year to arrive after ordering."

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, although 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.

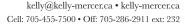
A local lawyer can help buyers understand the zoning, easements and history of the property and any restrictions and help them get deeded access before they sign an offer. Landowners should ensure they have a comprehensive contract with the builder before construction starts.

Buyers are also advised to work with a local insurer to learn about the types of insurance available during construction and choose the type that will work best for them.

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Short-term rental review

The County of Haliburton has begun a short-term rental review.

Late last year, they gave the job to a consultant, J.L. Richards and Associates, to come up with policies and regulations specific to the Highlands.

While some of the townships, most notably Highlands East, have done work on the file, a decision was made to bump it up to the upper-tier government. The County is paying half the bill and the townships the other half.

When it comes to the public, the work involves two surveys launched this spring and public consultation.

JLR's Jason Ferrigan said Haliburton County has a thriving short-term rental accommodation industry but the experience here, and across Ontario, is varied.

There is a concern that unregulated rentals can work against affordable housing targets, because as housing stock is taken out of supply, it puts pressure on housing prices for people looking to own or rent.

The flip side is short-term rentals benefit tourism in communities without a lot of hotels or motels.

But there's also quality of life issues, such as nuisance and public safety complaints. There's worry about overtaxing septic systems and impacting lake health. And, existing accommodators say it isn't a level playing field.

The consultants will also be looking to see what other communities have successfully done to reign in the industry.

If all goes well, and council endorses the consultant's work, rules and regulations could begin in June.

Some councillors, most notably Dysart's Pat Kennedy, says consideration should also be given to a municipal accommodation tax (MAT), as is done in some other places.

MAT is a sales tax paid by the guest and charged as a percentage of the purchase price of transient accommodations within cities. It is about four per cent. In the case of Toronto, for example, it goes to Destination Toronto, which supports the tourism industry as well as programs and services visitors take advantage of when visiting, such as roads, culture, parks, natural areas and recreation.

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For more information, call your branch or visit the library website at haliburtonlibrary.ca.

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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.

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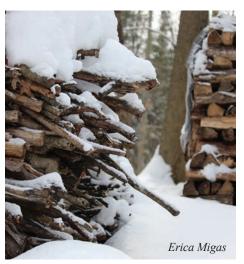
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23 York St., Haliburton 705-457-2330, railsendgallery.com

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1040 Main St., Dorset 705-766-0323, dorsetheritagemuseum.ca

Haliburton Highlands Museum

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Check the website for hours of operation. Admission by donation. 66 Museum Rd., Haliburton 705-457-2760 haliburtonhighlandsmuseum.com

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A small collection of local artifacts, including original blackboards from the Tory Hill schoolhouse and approximately 50 local family histories.

5373 Loop Rd., Highland Grove 705-448-9546 or 705-448-2218

Lake of Bays Marine Museum

A wide selection of artifacts and photographs on display as well as many historical recollections concerning the marine history of Lake of Bays and the SS Bigwin, a former ferry restored to its former glory and available for public cruises in the high season. Includes a gallery of local art.

1090 Main St., Dorset 705-380-2244 (SS Bigwin office) ssbigwin.com

Minden Hills Museum-Heritage Village & Nature's Place

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-thecentury 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 for more information. 176 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden 705-286-3154

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1123 North Shore Rd., 705-489-2379 (municipal office) stanhopemuseum.on.ca

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Haliburton arts scene rebounds

From theatre to opera to art shows on rocky shorelines, Haliburton is home to a vibrant arts scene and the summer of 2022 looks to be a grand return to the Highland's usual busy calendar of events.

First off, live music won't be in short supply.

Haliburton's Highlands Opera Studio stages fully-fledged performances featuring professional operatic talent. They're offering singing classes throughout the summer and concerts such as "Pop Goes the Opera" in which opera singers will sing classics and pop hits side by side.

You can also eatch local musicians (and a pint of local beer) at Haliburton Highlands Brewing Fridays and Sundays and at The Boshkung Social each Wednesday. Keep an eye out for concert announcements from the Haliburton County Folk Society which hosts open mic nights and a steady stream of toe-tapping concerts.

Haliburton has become a summer destination for art enthusiasts. The Haliburton Art and Craft Festival returns to Head Lake Park July 22, 23 and 24. It brings hundreds of artisans from across Ontario to showcases paintings, ceramics, apparel and more in the heart of the village.

Some of those exhibiting also take part in the Tour De Forest. It's a cross-county tour that invites you into the studios of a broad range of artists July 30 and 31.

Two lake communities, Kashagawigamog and Kennisis, host dockside art shows in July and August. Take a boat, kayak or car between dozens of cottages to enjoy local creations with a view of the water.

Those looking to learn might be drawn to the Haliburton School of Art and Design's summer art courses. Want to learn to paint? Craft pottery? Combine yoga and art? The school's 2022 calendar is once again full of in-person creative learning opportunities.

One of Haliburton's best-kept secrets sits just behind the school: the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, Curator Jim Blake leads free tours of the woodland creations every Tuesday in July and August.

Lastly, the Highlands Summer Festival is back in action. (Sam Gillett).





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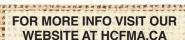
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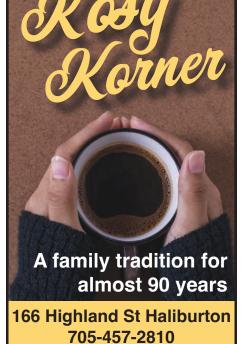
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Bed and Breakfasts

Look to B&Bs for cottage charm, tasty breakfasts and friendly hosts who are happy to help you find all the local special spots.

Ask about pandemic precautions and the cancellation policy. Check with your travel insurance agent about coverage. Ensure the venue provides the services and atmosphere you want. Hosts may have partnered with local experience providers and event organizers to provide discounts for their guests. Most B&Bs offer Wi-Fi service (note that Internet access speed varies in the Highlands).

Many hosts are members of the Federation of Ontario Bed & Breakfast Accommodation and the Haliburton Highlands Bed & Breakfast Group. To find your Highlands B&B, visit bbhaliburton.com and myhaliburtonhighlands.com or call 705-286-1777 or 1-800-461-7677.

Cottage rentals

The Highlands feature privately owned rental cottages and cottage resorts with many amenities. Ask about COVID precautions and the cancellation policy. Get travel insurance.

Book early in the year to ensure you get your top pick. With a private cottage, avoid being scammed by ensuring the person you book with is the actual owner. Photos should show that exact cottage and be current. Working with a reputable cottage rental agency can help you avoid scams. The agency should have a superior website, strong references and first-hand knowledge of their listings. Look for Travel Industry Council of Ontario (TICO) registration.

Make sure the cottage can support the number of people who may visit (see Cottage etiquette).

If you want to bring kids or pets, ensure the owner agrees, and that decks and water access are safe. Ask whether the cottage is accessed by road or water and how close it is to amenities. Confirm the cottage has the features you want, including types of appliances, a barbecue and fuel. Learn about telephone, mobile phone, Internet and TV reception services. Find out whether you'll need to bring your own towels, sheets, games, videos or other items, such as hand sanitizer and masks.

For cottage resort and cottage rental agency listings, visit myhaliburtonhighlands.com, email tourism@myhaliburtonhighlands.com or call 705-286-1777 or 1-800-461-7677 (toll-free).





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Dysart et al

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Harmony Resorts (South Algonquin) 289-427-6669

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Winterdance (Tiny Log Cabins) 705-457-5281

Highlands East

Elm 8 Cabin (Tiny Cabin) facebook.com/elm8cabin

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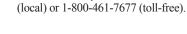
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For more details about Highlands accommodations, visit myhaliburtonhighlands. com, email tourism@myhaliburtonhighlands.com or call the county tourism office at 705-286-1777





Churches

Pandemic precautions may restrict regular services. Many churches also offer services online.

Algonquin Highlands

Knox United Church, Dorset (seasonal) 705-571-5310; lakeofbaysunitedchurches.org

Norway Point Community Church (seasonal) norwaypointchurch.ca

Pioneer Memorial United Church, Hillside 705-571-5310; lakeofbaysunitedchurches.org

Seabreeze United Church, Dwight (seasonal) 705-571-5310; lakeofbaysunitedchurches.org

St. James Anglican Church

705-641-8787; findachurch.ca/church/church/detail/589

Stewart Memorial United Church, Dwight (seasonal) 705-571-5310; lakeofbaysunitedchurches.org

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Eagle Lake Community Church 705-754-2240; facebook.com/ EagleLakeCommunityChurch

Haliburton United Church 705-457-1891: haliburtonuc.com

Haven of Rest Chapel (The), Haliburton 705-457-4525

Lakeside Baptist Church, Haliburton 705-457-2851; mylakeside.ca

Northland Faith Church, Haliburton 705-455-9656; northlandfaithchurch.ca

St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church, Haliburton

705-457-3695; stanthonyhal.wixsite.com/stanthonyofpadua

St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton 705-457-2074; haliburtonanglican.org

West Guilford Baptist Church 705-457-1537; facebook.com/ WestGuilfordBaptistChurch

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Gooderham Pentecostal Church 705-741-7551

Harcourt Community Chapel 705-448-2957; harcourtchapel.com

Our Lady of Lourdes, Cardiff 613-339-2852; lourdes-cardiff.com

St. John Vianney, Highland Grove 613-339-2852; lourdes-cardiff.com

St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Wilberforce 705-457-2074; haliburtonanglican.org

Wilberforce Full Gospel Church 705-448-3494

Minden Hills

Allsaw Pentecostal Church 705-286-2113

Highland Hills United Church, Minden 705-286-1470; highlandhillspc.ca

Highland Lakes Community Church, Minden 705-286-0354; highlandlakescc.weebly.com

Ingoldsby United Church

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705-457-1891; haliburtonpastoralcharge.com

Kinmount Baptist Church

705-488-3188; kinmountbaptistchurch.ca

Minden Bible Church

647-217-7434; mindenbiblechurch.com

Our Lady of Fatima, Minden 705-488-2222; stpatrickchurch.ca

St. James Anglican Church, Kinmount 705-286-2541; mkmlanglican.ca

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Kinmount 705-488-2222; stpatrickchurch.ca

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Haliburton Highlands Health Services 7199 Gelert Rd., Haliburton 705-457-1392; hhhs.ca 6 McPherson St., Minden 705-286-2140 x 3245 hhhs.ca

Clinics

Dorset Community Health HubBy appointment only
1098 Main St., Dorset
705-766-0866; dorsethealthhub.com

Haliburton Family Medical Centre 7217 Gelert Rd., Haliburton 705-457-1212; hhfht.com/contact-us

Minden Medical Centre 6 McPherson St., Minden 705-286-2500; hhfht.com/contact-us

Kinmount & District Health Centre

Phone for appointment 5100 County Road 503, Kinmount 705-488-1105; kdhc.ca

Regional Support Services

Home and Community Care Support Services

- Central East

1-800-263-3877; healthcareathome.ca/centraleast

Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit

COVID-19 pandemic and other support services, guidelines and regulations 1-866-888-4577; hkpr.on.ca







Mental health care services

4 County Crisis

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cmhahkpr.ca/programs-services/four-county-crisis hhhs.ca/community-programs/mental-health-

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biapr.ca

Canadian Mental Health Association

Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge

1-888-454-8875

cmhahkpr.ca

Canopy Support Services

1-888-616-3456

canopysupport.ca

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

1-800-463-2338

camh.ca

ConnexOntario Crisis Line

1-866-531-2600

connexontario.ca

Crisis Services Canada

1-833-456-4566

crisisservicescanada.ca

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support

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flemingemploymenthub.ca

FourCAST Addictions Counselling

1-800-461-1909

fourcast.ca

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Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub

705-457-5345

pointintime.ca/youth/haliburton-youth-wellness-hub

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705-286-4575

hhhs.ca/community-programs/mental-healthservices

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705-457-5345

1-855-310-2673 crisis line after 4:30 p.m.

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RAAM Clinic

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Wellness Together Canada

1-866-585-0445

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Highlands East Food Hub

(Wilberforce Food Bank)

Community Cooks

Phone: (705) 448-9711

Cardiff Food Bank

Heat Bank Haliburton County



www.centralfoodnetwork.org

Service clubs and volunteering

The health and well-being of our communities are greatly improved through the dedication and compassion of individual volunteers and groups such as those listed here. Please note not all causes could be listed due to space limitations.

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).

Dorset – dorsetcanada.com/communityservice/dorset-lions-club or dorsetlions@gmail.com.

Haliburton & District – haliburtonlions.com or haliburtonlions@gmail.com.

Kinmount & District – kinmountlionsclub.com, kinmountlions@gmail.com or 705-488-2005.

Minden & District – e-clubhouse.org/sites/ minden_on, mindenlions@lionsa16.com or 705-286-3233

Minden Kin Club Inc.

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 or info@mindenkin.club

Rotaract Haliburton Highlands

A service club for young people ages 18 to 30 who are dedicated to finding innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges while developing leadership skills and making friends from around the world. facebook.com/RotaractHaliburtonHighlands or haliburtonrotaract@gmail.com

Rotary Club

Regular causes: Adventures in Citizenship, Junior Naturalists, youth summer camp, local youth recreation programs, Artists in the School, Volunteer Dental Outreach of Haliburton County, Junior Fair Day, Lochlin Community Centre, community kitchen/food bank, Big Bike for Heart and Stroke, monthly blood donor clinics, HHSS bursary program, food bank, hospitals, library and support for individuals and organizations on an as-needed basis. Haliburton – portal.clubrunner. ca/201. Minden – mindenrotary.ca, info@mindenrotary.ca or 705-286-5164.

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, rcl129@outlook.com or 705-457-2571. Kinmount – 705-488-3462. Minden – 705-286-4541. Wilberforce – 705-448-2221.

Fraternities

Masons

Regular causes: Women's shelter, food banks, Canadian Blood Services, Food for Kids, the 4Cs, Fuel for Warmth, Angelman Syndrome research, bursary program for high school students, and individual community needs as they arise. mason33.org/content/canada/victoria-district-masons/Lodges/Lodges.html, or: Haliburton – larryjgiles@gmail.com; Kinmount – northernclan@sympatico.ca; Minden – brobb@bell.net or 705-286-3241

Shriners International

Regular causes: Take care of local kids in need of Shriners Hospitals by providing individual transportation to the hospital and everything that is needed to get the child medical care. Algonquin Shrine Club – algonquinshrineclub.ca or info@ algonquinshrineclub.ca





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Municipal contacts

Township of Algonquin Highlands

1123 North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands 705-489-2379 algonquinhighlands.ca

aigonquinnigniands.ca info@algonquinhighlands.ca

Dorset Satellite Office

P.O. Box 99, 1051 Main St., Dorset, ON, P0A 1E0 Phone: 705-766-2211

Municipality of Dysart et al

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

Municipality of Highlands East

County Road 648, Wilberforce 705-448-2981 highlandseast.ca info@highlandseast.ca

Township of Minden Hills

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

County of Haliburton

11 Newcastle St., Minden 705-286-1333 haliburtoncounty.ca info@county.haliburton.on.ca

Check your municipal website for: announcements, bylaws and regulations, career opportunities, community events, council meetings and minutes, emergency contacts, important news and information, landfill hours and locations, recreational activities, zoning bylaws and planning applications.





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Art: Anda Kubis, Director, Haliburton School of Art + Design Bay, 7:45pm - Oil on canvas



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hsad.ca or 705.457.1680 866.353.6464 ext. 4

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@dysartetal.ca

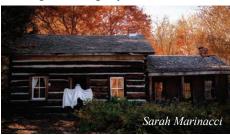
Highlands East Fire Department Chris Baughman, Acting Fire Chief 705-448-2981x428 cbaughman@highlandseast.ca

Minden Hills Fire Department Nelson Johnson, Fire Chief

705-286-1202 njohnson@mindenhills.ca

Haliburton County Paramedic Service 6 South St., Haliburton 705-457-1616 emsinfo@county.haliburton.on.ca

The County's fire departments remind motorists to pull over or yield if they see flashing green lights. In Ontario, volunteer firefighters can place flashing green lights in their vehicles if they are responding to an emergency call. The lights are meant to signal to other motorists that they are travelling to an emergency.





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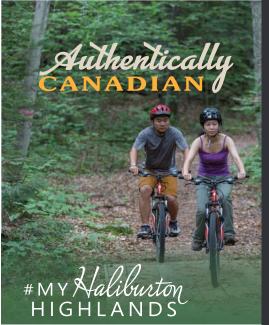
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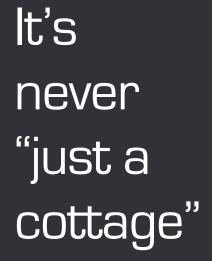
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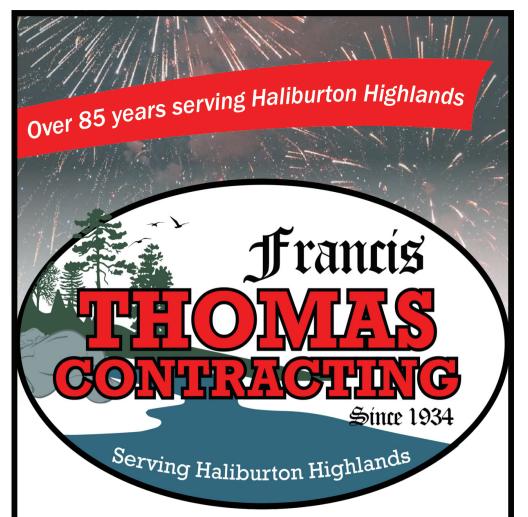


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