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There are few places on earth like the Haliburton Highlands.

Set on the historic Canadian Shield, this land of 600-plus lakes will take your breath away. Teeming with stunning natural scenery, wildlife, and enough activity to fill a lifetime of sunny, summertime days, Haliburton County is one of the very best hidden gems in Ontario.

Located just a couple hours north of the GTA and four hours west of the nation's capital, the Highlands is a prime destination for people looking to escape from the city.

The County is made up of four townships – Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Highlands East and Minden Hills. Each has its own unique identity and attractions to explore.

Algonquin Highlands is home of the Dorset Scenic Lookout Tower, one of the Highlands' premiere tourist destinations. The structure stands 465 feet above Lake of Bays and offers a breathtaking 365-degree view that stretches as far as your eyes can see. Be sure to check out the Hawk Lake Log Chute, Buttermilk Falls and Ragged Falls, too. You won't be disappointed.

Dysart has Head Lake Park right in the heart of the village. It's where special events, such as the annual Art and Craft Festival, attract thousands. The site also hosts a weekly farmers market during the summer. The Haliburton Sculpture Forest, located in Glebe Park, offers a unique walking experience. For those with a penchant for a view, make your way to Skyline Park for gorgeous views.

Highlands East has earned its reputation as the 'Geocaching Capital of Canada' for its growing geo tours. The township boasts four maintained public beaches for you to lounge around and soak up the summer sun.

Minden Hills features a cultural centre with a gallery, museum, interpretive centre and library – all open again this year. The river walk beside the Gull has long been a favourite for locals and tourists alike.

If you love the outdoors, get ready for a multitude of adventures. Here, you can go hiking, biking, ATVing, snowmobiling, kayaking, parasailing, horseback riding and skiing, just to name a few.

For all you newcomers, welcome to the Highlands. We're glad you've found us.



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# A year of change

It's been a busy year in Haliburton County. We had provincial and municipal elections, the return of literally dozens of popular events following the removal of COVID-19 safety protocols, new businesses opening, and movement on several key items and files that will shape the future of the community for years to come. Here's a recap.

A new \$41 million, 128-bed long-term care facility was announced for the County in February, with the Ontario government partnering with Extendicare on the project. No further details regarding a potential location or project timelines have yet been made public.

Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit wrapped up its COVID-19 vaccine clinics in early spring, with approximately 43,000 people vaccinated in the Highlands since 2020.

MPP Laurie Scott was re-elected for a sixth term in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock after receiving 52.8 per cent of the vote in the June 2 provincial election.

Two new murals were unveiled at the Haliburton Sports Wall of Fame in June. Olympian Lesley Tashlin and former Canadian Football League star Taly Williams, who grew up in the community and attended Haliburton Highlands High School, were immortalized alongside the likes of footballer Mike Bradley and hockey players Matt Duchene, Cody Hodgson, Ron Stackhouse, and Bernie Nicholls.

The Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation unveiled plans for a new 300 to 400 seat arts centre to be built somewhere in Haliburton County, following completion of a months-long feasibility study process. Chair, Dan Manley, indicated it would likely be three to five years before shovels can get in the ground for the multi-million-dollar project.

There's been a lot of noise on the housing front, but not much action. An 88-unit condo build fronting Grass Lake has received support from Dysart and County councils; non-profit Places for People announced it would be releasing a community bonds program this summer, looking to raise \$850,000 to support new housing projects; and the County endorsed a new initiative bringing together 13 regions across eastern Ontario, aiming to build 7,000 new housing units by 2031.

It was another successful year for events such as the Highlands Summer Festival, Razzamaz Kids' Shows, Tour de Forest, Corduroy Enduro, The Studio Tour, and Highlands Opera Studio's summer concert series. The Haliburton Home and Cottage Show returned after a three-year hiatus, while HHSS students were able to go to prom for the first time since 2019.

The news has not slowed during the early stages of 2023 – Robinson's General Store in Dorset reopened in April, County council announced it was again shelving public transit, demolition of the historic Wigamog Inn got underway, while HHSS unveiled plans to close the Minden emergency room on June 1.



# Inside council chambers

Change was in the air in Haliburton County following last fall's municipal elections, with 10 newly elected officials brought on-board across the four lower-tier townships and a further five incumbents assuming new roles.

The biggest change was seen in Dysart et al, with former mayor Murray Fearrey acclaimed after running unopposed. He replaced Andrea Roberts in the township's hot seat after she decided against seeking re-election. After three terms as ward 5 councillor, Walt McKechnie was acclaimed as deputy mayor, replacing the retiring Pat Kennedy.

Tammy Donaldson, in ward 3, retained her seat on council, as did Nancy Wood-Roberts, who transitioned to representing ward 2 after previously serving as ward 1 councillor. The newcomers are Pat Casey (ward 1), Carm Sawyer (ward 4) and Barry Boice (ward 5).

There was quite the transition in Minden Hills, too. Bob Carter was acclaimed as mayor, following a term as ward 1 representative, while Tammy McKelvey (councillor at large) Ivan Ingram (ward 1), Shirley Johannessen (ward 1) and Bob Sisson (ward 3) are all new additions. Deputy mayor Lisa Schell and ward 2 councillor Pam Sayne retained their positions.

Liz Danielsen was elected as the new mayor in Algonquin Highlands, following four terms as deputy. Julia Shortreed (ward 1) Lisa Barry (ward 2), and Jennifer Dailloux (ward 3) were re-elected, with Sabrina Richards (ward 2) the lone new addition to council. Dailloux was later selected by her fellow members to serve as deputy mayor.

Consistency was the word in Highlands East – Dave Burton returned as mayor, with Cec Ryall securing another term as deputy. Cam McKenzie and Ruth Strong retained their councillor positions, with Angela Lewis elected for her first term.

The mayors and deputies from the four townships also serve on County council.

In terms of priorities this term, the upper-tier government will focus on implementing its recently adopting shoreline preservation bylaw, which strengthens controls for waterfront development in the County. The new legislation was endorsed by Minden Hills, Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands councils.

The County will also be pressing forward with plans to introduce legislation regulating short-term rentals, while finding other ways to collaborate better with the townships following the recent adoption of the single-tier waste management plan.

A big focus for Algonquin Highlands council this term is the redevelopment of the Dorset Recreation Centre and establishing a long-term plan for Stanhope Municipal Airport. The township also hopes to make some headway with its docks and landings rehabilitation project, with over a dozen sites across the community requiring attention.

Bolstering the local housing stock is a major priority for Dysart council, according to Fearrey, with the municipality endorsing a proposed 88-unit development fronting Grass Lake. Fearrey has also spoke about plans to "beautify" the downtown. Township-specific bylaws addressing shoreline preservation and site plan alteration will be rolled out this year.

After building its multi-million-dollar arena and rec centre, Minden Hills appears to be shifting away from new builds and taking care of infrastructure with planned, overdue, roadworks on Scotch Line and Bobcaygeon roads.

Highlands East is talking about the need for a new municipal office and ratepayers there will be excited to see the ongoing development of Herlihey Park.



Steve Burgio

# Warden's welcome

Haliburton County is a rolling tapestry of coniferous forests, rocky outcroppings, stunning vistas, and clear, deep lakes. A natural work of art, this breathtaking landscape makes the County a perfect destination for outdoor adventure. From canoeing, kayaking, and fishing to geocaching to experiencing some of the best hiking trails in Ontario, you'll find no shortage of spectacular opportunities to spend time in nature.

Public parks and outdoor spaces feature plentiful playgrounds, sandy beaches, sports courts, picnic areas and boat launches, guaranteeing long afternoons of family fun. Don't forget your sunscreen.

Art, culture, and history beckon, with museums and galleries waiting to share the stories of the community. Steeped in a history of logging, many of those tales are of the rugged days of settlement, when the communities we know today were carved out of the woods by 19th century pioneers. A host of artists, jewelers, sculptors, and artisans of all kinds are waiting to welcome you at a multitude of

home studios. If it's an evening of live music you're looking for, you'll find it at venues and outdoor concert series across the County. Or take in a stage show at the Highlands Summer Festival.

Brimming with entrepreneurial spirit, our bustling villages and hamlets are filled with boutiques and eateries that offer unique shopping and culinary experiences. From independent craft breweries to coffee shops to lakeside dining, you'll surely find whatever your palette is seeking.

So, strap on your hiking boots, get your tickets, and pull up a chair on the dock. From Minden Hills to Highlands East, from Dysart et al to Algonquin Highlands, whether you're here for a weekend, a week, or looking to make a more permanent move, welcome to Haliburton County!

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# Welcome to the Highlands

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The Haliburton Highlands, once known as “Gidaaki” – upward earth or height of land – by the Anishinaabe, is a place of connections: to the land, to history, to culture, to adventure, to each other and to ourselves. We acknowledge and respect the connections that First Nations have with this land that we love, and we want you to explore your own connections.

Explore adventure on the 600 lakes and 2,000 kilometers of all-season trails. Whether you prefer self-propelled back country adventures, or motorized exploration, you will find a place to connect and rejuvenate here.

Explore culture through the rich creative community. With live music, theatre, opera (yes! Opera!), 100s of working artists, an outdoor art gallery, and the Haliburton School of Art + Design, this is your destination for experiencing creativity in an inspiring setting. An ever-increasing local food community and collection of unique food offerings – from sit-down gourmet to food-truck finds – will keep you nourished during your adventures.

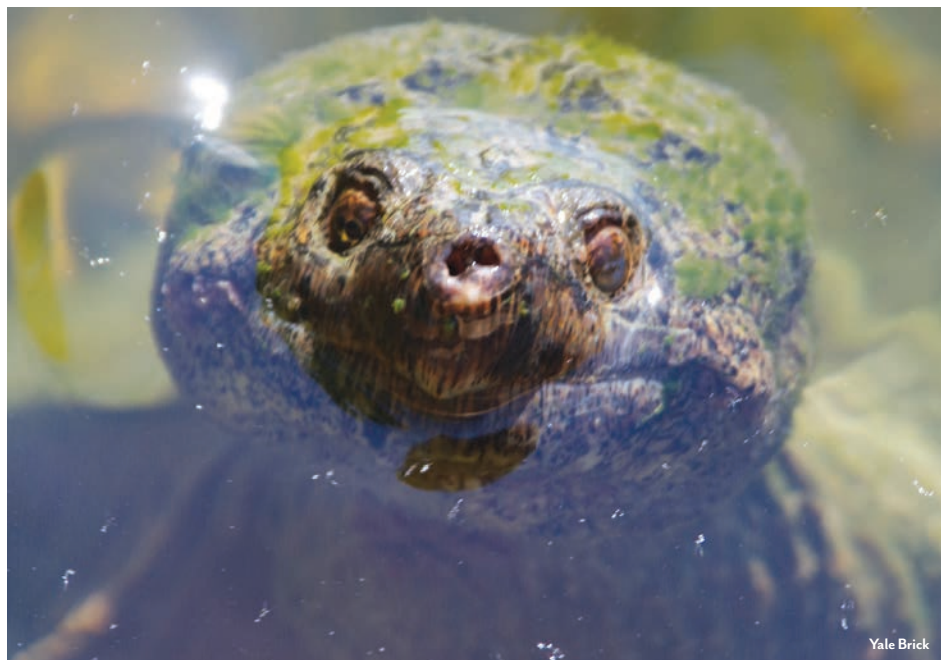
Explore history through the various museums, cultural centres, educational programs, and

historical sites. Walk in the footsteps of Group of 7 member A.J. Casson, listen to the roar of water through a traditional log-chute, and explore historical buildings rich with stories.

This community of communities welcomes thousands of visitors from all over the world each year. We are proud to say that communities aren't just something we have, they are something we do. An incredible community of volunteers helps to create and maintain many of the organizations and destinations that make this such a rich place to live or visit.

If you are full-time or part-time resident, we want to help you discover more of what you already love. If you are a visitor, we want to help you plan the experience of a lifetime. If you are a business owner, we want to welcome you into our dynamic, supportive business community. Find everything you need at [MyHaliburtonHighlands.com](http://MyHaliburtonHighlands.com), follow us on Facebook and Instagram or call 705-286-1777.

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#### PHOTO CONTEST



Bill Gehl

For the seventh year in a row, *The Highlander* ran a photo contest for The Handbook. Several of them appear in this year's edition. We want to thank readers for taking part in this initiative.

The winning cover photo is by Henriette Grootenhuis.



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# Algonquin Highlands

Located along the Highway 35 corridor, the Township of Algonquin Highlands has long been a popular destination for adventure, and our population of 2,600 permanent residents balloons to more than 10,000 during the busy summer months.

Nestled against the backdrop of the Canadian Shield, a string of pristine lakes offers endless opportunity for paddling, watersports, swimming and some of the best fishing in the province.

The Township maintains about 40 kilometres of hiking trails with vistas that provide stunning overhead views of forests and lakes. Circuit of Five Viewpoints, Crests of Kennisis and the James Cooper Lookout Trail are just view of examples of excursions that are bound to leave you breathless. Just make sure to stay hydrated!

Recreational opportunities abound at our parks. At Elvin Johnson Park at Halls Lake, you'll find a fun-filled children's playground as well as a public beach and picnic shelter. Be sure to check out some of the shoreline re-naturalization work that's been done at the site. On North Shore Road, the Stanhope Courts and Playing Field offer tennis courts, volleyball, basketball, pickleball, a soccer field, a baseball diamond, and children's

play structure. This action-packed park is also located directly beside the Stanhope branch of the Haliburton County Public Library, so you can grab a book to cozy up with after a busy day. In Dorset, the Lions Centennial Park and Dorset Parkette provide the perfect place for a stroll, or to sit and relax beside Lake of Bays.

Two museums – the Stanhope Heritage Museum and Dorset Heritage Museum – are completely volunteer-run and offer a unique glimpse into the area's past through fascinating exhibits, events and programming. Algonquin Highlands is also home to a number of one-of-a-kind tourist destinations, including the Dorset Scenic Lookout Tower, the Hawk Lake Log Chute, Buttermilk Falls and the Stanhope Municipal Airport. At the municipality's north end, the hamlet of Oxtongue Lake is the gateway to Algonquin Provincial Park.

So join us in Algonquin Highlands, and let your next adventure begin!

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# Welcome from Dysart et al

The Municipality of Dysart et al is centrally located in Haliburton County. The Municipality is blessed with multiple lakes, hills and deciduous forests a site to enjoy the wonders of nature.

Dysart boasts some of the cleanest lakes in the County one of the reasons it has become a retirement of choice to many who wish for a rural lifestyle.

The multiple lakes provide the benefits of fresh water, fishing, swimming, boating in summer.

Winter includes snowmobiling, a first-class dog sled operation, downhill skiing and multiple cross-country ski trails. We are truly an all-season playground.

Haliburton village is the centre of the commercial area and offers excellent grocery stores, drugstores, restaurants as well a choice of interesting retail stores and multiple services for residents and visitors alike. The hamlets of West Guilford, Eagle Lake and Harcourt also provide services.

For younger families moving to Dysart, we have the county high school and two grade schools and many recreational opportunities for young people. Sir Sanford Fleming is a full-time arts school and offers a diverse summer school for all ages that attracts hundreds of students each summer.

Dysart has a range of medical facilities. We have the Haliburton hospital and a medical clinic, which houses chiropractic and eye practitioners. Like many rural communities, we have a challenge of recruiting health professionals. If you have skill sets in health care sector and would love to move to this beautiful area, I urge you to contact me.

On behalf of Dysart Council and staff, we welcome you to enjoy all that our area has to offer.

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# Welcome from Highlands East

Highlands East, our treasured gem, is located on the eastern side of Haliburton County comprised of Cardiff, Gooderham, Highland Grove, Tory Hill and Wilberforce. Our pristine lakes, glorious landscape, year-round activities, community events and welcoming community are some of the many things we have to offer.

With the pandemic now in our rear-view mirror and looking ahead to 2023, Council has recognized increased growth throughout the municipality leading to increased service requirements to meet today's needs. This year is shaping up to be another exciting and prosperous one for Highlands East. Many initiatives are underway such as a trails master plan, corporate strategic plan, discussion, and design for one municipal office in order to provide streamlined services and explore innovative ideas to utilize surplus buildings to meet the needs of the communities within Highlands East. I look forward to the outcomes of all our initiatives and implementing where possible, so that each and every one are able to reap the benefits.

I am pleased to state that Highlands East is part of the County of Haliburton Shoreline Preservation

Bylaw. The health of our lakes is imperative to cottage country now and for the future. This bylaw is in effect as of April 1, 2023.

Haliburton County and the 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.

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# Welcome from Minden Hills

Greetings, and welcome to the Township of Minden Hills where our motto is, "In Season, Every Season." This slogan illustrates the many attractions, amenities and activities for your enjoyment. Residents and visitors alike take advantage of the healthy lifestyle we offer.

Minden's lakes, rivers, forests, trails, parks and nature provide a splendid backdrop. This natural paradise invites you outdoors to fish, swim, canoe, kayak, bike, hike and camp. Indoor entertainment includes museums, art galleries, live music, shops and eateries. There are plenty of fun activities for everyone.

It does not take long to be captivated and discover why Minden Hills and Haliburton County are among the fastest growing areas in Ontario. People of all ages and walks of life have decided that this is

the place to live, cottage or visit.

Throughout this publication you will find listings of events and attractions. Please make sure you visit our website ([www.mindenhill.ca](http://www.mindenhill.ca)) for the latest information on programs and activities.

Learn more about our colourful history and the people that make this a strong and vibrant community. Most of all, please enjoy all that we have to offer.

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Steven Sherwood



# New to town?

Newcomers will find the *Highlander Handbook* packed with information that will help you settle into to your new life more quickly. Here are a few of these useful guides.

## POSTAL AND COURIER DELIVERIES

Highlands property owners generally receive their mail at roadside 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 here 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 in a post office, you'll receive a free standard-sized box. Ask about the box access hours.

**Oversize and signature parcel delivery:** If a parcel is too large or a signature is required, Canada Post will deliver it to your home. If no one is home and the parcel can't be left, a notice card will be left in your mailbox and the parcel will go to a nearby post office.

**Courier deliveries:** Online retailers and courier companies may ship to a PO box within a post office. To avoid risking packages being left on your doorstep when you're away, consider renting a box.

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**Recycle:** Recycling is mandatory in the Highlands, and recycling rules differ. The county's four municipalities now use the Waste Wizard app to help residents and renters quickly sort out recyclables and waste according to local regulations. This free app is available on the Apple App Store for iPhones and iPads, and the Google Play Store for Android devices. You can also access the service through each municipality's website.

Each township has multiple landfill sites or transfer stations for recyclables and waste. These locations can include recycling sections for electronics, metals, medications and sharps, textiles, tires, and recyclables from demolition and construction. Hazardous waste days cover items such as paints, used motor oil, household batteries, solvents and pesticides. Local waste disposal services can be hired to deal with recyclables and waste from large renovation or construction projects.

**Repair:** SIRCH Community Services organizes a "Repair Café" from time to time. This is a free community event where volunteers with repair expertise help people spruce up things they want to keep or donate and learn how to maintain items in good repair. Find out more at [sirch.on.ca/repaircafe](http://sirch.on.ca/repaircafe).

## COMPOSTING

Backyard composting must be done with care in the Highlands to avoid attracting bears and other wildlife. Highlands municipalities do not offer composting services, but they may make composters and digesters available for purchase. For more information contact your municipality or go to the municipal website. For wildlife deterrence information visit your municipal website and [ontario.ca/bearwise](http://ontario.ca/bearwise).

## WASTE DISPOSAL

For information on proper waste disposal, check your municipality's website and use the Waste Wizard guide on the website or download the free Waste Wizard app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

Landfill and waste transfer station addresses and seasonal hours are available on each municipal website.

**Short-term renters:** One-time landfill passes may be available from the municipality for purchase by property owners for their renters or by the renters directly to ensure recyclables and waste are processed. Municipalities may provide information sheets for owners to post for their renters.



Tracy Ferguson

# Cottage checks

Highlands home and cottage owners can keep their properties safer and potentially save thousands of dollars by hiring a cottage check expert to monitor their site while they're away.

The ideal is to need nothing more than regular checking, so it's wise to take precautions before you leave to meet insurance requirements and avoid potential problems such as flooding, storm damage, theft and vandalism.

Check with your insurers to see what level of monitoring they may require. While a report from a competent person may be sufficient to process a claim, a well-documented check by an expert can help a claim run more smoothly.

Consider an alarm system for crime deterrence. 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 also want to consider hiring a third-party specialist to call you or your cottage check expert if something goes wrong.

In the colder months, set the thermostat at about 13°C and set a low-temperature alarm to go off

at 8°C. This will give your expert enough time to respond to the alarm and resolve the issue before the structure gets cold enough for the pipes to freeze and burst.

Make sure doors and windows are all locked. Remove all portable items from the deck and store them or tie them down well.

In winter, set up regular snowplowing and deck shovelling services. These will make your property look lived-in, which can deter crime, and a plowed driveway gives firefighters quick access, which can reduce loss in the event of a fire. These services may also be required under your insurance policy. Install motion detector lights as another safety measure against theft and vandalism.

Have the roof monitored to ensure the snow is cleared before it reaches four feet in height if you have an older structure that may not be able to hold the weight. It's especially important to have the roof cleared around February when rains begin and turn the snow into heavy mush or ice.

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Demand for short-term rentals rose dramatically with the onset of COVID-19 and it remains high as people look for peaceful retreats. For rental cottage owners this can mean extra income but also the need to commit to providing caring service. It's important to plan ahead to be sure you and your family are ready to take this on.

## SETTING THE STAGE

If you're considering renting your property, start by discussing it with your family. Renting your property requires time, energy, expense and risk so it's important to make sure everyone is on board. Consider how your plans will work in your neighborhood.

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

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. Otherwise, research what you need to know to set up your own processes.

Consider hiring a cleaning service for a quick turnover between bookings.

If you decide to move ahead, bring your cottage up to a rentable standard – your goal is to make it feel like a hotel, including the best WiFi service available in your area. Source a licensed contractor who can take care of regular maintenance and unforeseen issues as quickly as possible.

## SHOW TIME

When booking guests, screen them carefully. Have a comprehensive cancellation policy in place.

Welcome guests with a highly visible, attractive book of necessary information such as local amenities and attractions, how to use the barbecue, local recycling rules, emergency numbers and a list of public WiFi spots in case your service malfunctions.

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

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

Purchase a one-time landfill pass and leave it near the recycling area with directions to the landfill to ensure it's easy for guests to dispose of recyclables and garbage as they're leaving.



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# Cottage etiquette

Being a good visitor or renter looks a little different in cottage country. Following are a few refreshers.

## VISITORS

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

## RENTERS

- Confirm your arrival and departure days/times.
- Treat the cottage and neighbours as though they're your own.
- Ask if you can bring pets; if so, clean up after them.
- Ask your host about cottage rules for well water conservation and septic system health (these may be posted prominently).
- Follow local burning and fireworks regulations.
- Learn the local and provincial rules for motorized watercraft if you plan to use them.
- Leave the cottage as you found it.
- Take your waste and recycling to the landfill when

leaving. Your host may supply a one-time-use landfill access card, or you can get one from the municipality.

## DON'T

- Delay if you need to cancel.
- Arrive early or leave late.
- Bring/allow unexpected guests.
- Drink too much alcohol.
- Play music or raise voices outdoors.
- Use harsh chemicals in sinks or toilets.
- Ever use soap or shampoo in the lake, even if the product is biodegradable.
- Leave food outdoors or grime on the barbecue.
- Let pets roam free, as local wildlife could harm them.
- Feed the wildlife.



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# Short-term rental bylaw

Haliburton County council is getting closer to implementing new legislation that would govern short-term rentals across the Highlands.

The process was kicked off in late 2021, when the upper-tier government hired consulting firm J.L. Richards (JLR) to conduct a comprehensive review of the file, including making recommendations for policies and regulations specific to the County's needs.

Public surveys were launched last spring, with JLR's Jason Ferrigan saying Haliburton County has a thriving short-term rental accommodation industry. He noted there is a concern among some locals that unregulated rentals can work against affordable housing targets, because as housing 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.

There is also quality of life issues that some STRs generate, including nuisance and public safety complaints. There's also worry that properties rented out to large parties could overtax septic systems and impact lake health.

The file was last discussed in February, when Scott Ovell, the County's director of economic development and tourism, recommended a two-tiered approach. He said the best way to tackle STRs would be to establish two separate bylaws, one for registration and another for licensing.

The registration bylaw would give the County an idea of how many active STRs there are, with the licensing bylaw outlining a fee structure and the specific requirements an operator would have to meet. Ovell said it will also include a demerit points system punishing those that violate the new rules.

The County is proposing STRs be split into three classes based on the number of units operated by a single owner and number of nights a property is rented per year. Class A licenses would be for owners who maintain a single STR and rent it out up to 30 nights per year, with up to eight occupants allowed. Class B licenses would cover those with two rental properties, rented out up to 90 nights per year, with up to eight occupants allowed. Class C licenses would cover those with three or more STRs, rented out 91 days or more and would allow eight or more occupants.

Class A licenses would bring a \$250 one-time application fee and annual renewal fee of \$125, with Class B licenses costing \$500 up front and \$250 annually, and Class C licenses \$750 up front and \$500 annually.

Ovell said there were 559 STR properties advertised in the County in January 2022, with 823 properties posted in July. He noted the average daily raise in January was \$234, and \$341 in July. The County hopes to have the bylaw in place later this year. Check *The Highlander* for updates and follow the County of Haliburton website.

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# Renovations

Given the rising cost of goods and the still-high demand for licensed contractors, you'll need to budget more funds and time for renovations this year.

Check with the Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA) and building supply centres for referrals to reliable licensed contractors or check out the online Ontario Builder Directory, which includes additional information such as the number of builds the company has done.

If you're doing the work yourself, research the amount of time the work will take, consider potential setbacks and assess your ability and willingness to expend this time. You may end up deciding that hiring a professional is your best choice.

Before starting your renovation, make a list of everything you want to change and why, advises the Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA).

Consider green renovations that improve energy efficiency and indoor air quality and reduce environmental impact and resource consumption. Accessible renovations can create a "universal design" dwelling space that is safer and more accommodating to people of all ages and abilities who visit and live in it. They can also make the property more desirable to the many buyers who want to retire in cottage country.

Next, create a wish list that's divided into "need to have" and "like to have". Consider refinishing existing features and investing in energy and water conservation fixtures. Check out design and product ideas so you can budget wisely and clearly advise your contractor, if using one.

Structural work requires professional designs and permits. You can source drawings locally from professional design companies and many building

supply centres. Both can create a materials list for you to help with accurate budget estimates. Municipal building department staff can advise you regarding permits.

When using a contractor, confirm they are licensed and get a detailed, written, signed contract. Remain involved, requesting and expecting regular updates.

When budgeting and scheduling, get local advice. In budgeting, a key rule of thumb is to set aside 15 to 25 per cent of your budget for unforeseen problems and upgrades. However, given the pandemic's unpredictability, you may want to set aside more to ensure you can complete the project if prices continue to rise (and you're delayed while temperatures drop). 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.

For more information, visit local building centres, the Haliburton County Home Builders Association at [hchba.ca](http://hchba.ca), the Canadian Home Builders' Association at [chba.ca](http://chba.ca), and the Ontario Builder Directory at [obd.hcraontario.com](http://obd.hcraontario.com).



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# Interior design

If you're facing a daunting makeover of any space in your home or cottage, it's good to know that your local interior designer can give you peace of mind about much more than fabric and furnishings.

These days, design firms can step in as full project managers when needed. ACM Designs and Cedar Winds Design ~ Build in Haliburton are two such firms.

"We work primarily on renovation where we design and project-manage your home or cottage transformation," said ACM owner Andria Cowan Molyneux.

"We specialize in cottages, which are unique in themselves, but the cottage experience goes one step further where visitors are there for extended periods of time and are of all ages and all abilities." ACM considers the full life cycle in every project.

"We really do manage the whole process from start to finish [of a project] and do everything we can to make sure our clients love their new space," said Sophie Creelman, a junior ACM designer.

"We'll sit down with homeowners and go over every aspect of a job, tapping into what they'd want in their ideal dream property. Then we'll work directly with our local contractors to bring that vision to life."

Design demand in the Highlands has been on the rise for the past couple of years as property owners spend more time at home because of the pandemic, contemplate aging in place, or choose to improve their properties for rental or sale.

Supply chains are strained, but ACM has "really worked to create a system where unavailability and a temperamental, unpredictable market can be offset by solid planning and preparation", said Creelman.

Cedar Winds is experiencing similar challenges in its market of new builds and complete redesigns. Designer Lauren Poetker said she's quoting at least a year ahead for new projects. The firm's solution is to work in phases: analyzing the space and how clients use it, making the large building decisions



such as electrical and plumbing routes, choosing finishes such as cabinetry and flooring, and then effectively communicating the final decisions to the trades.

"We'll have specifications, full drawing packages, everything ready to go," Poetker said. "Even the most complicated projects are that much easier, because everyone is on the same page."

When it comes to aging in place, ACM focuses on designs that accommodate everyone from great-grandparents to great-grandkids.

Cowan Molyneux noted that many people don't fully understand everything about aging in place design, so informing them is crucial.

"For example ... [being] unable to see clearly as you move around your house or cottage can result in serious safety risks, and that isn't just for the elderly ... Having good design that accommodates any user irrespective of age or ability is the best design and goes so far."

Whatever the reason for your design makeover and whatever the size, there are several things you can

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do on your own to change the feel of your property and possibly enhance its market value.

“A fresh coat of paint will go a long way,” said Creelman. “White backdrops are really appealing right now, and trying to spruce up a living room with throw pillows and small things like that can make a huge difference.”

Poetker suggested trying wall textures such as shiplap or panelling to “add a little coziness to the space” and also taking the focus outside to improve curb appeal through gardening and landscaping.

“Whether it’s friends and family, or potential buyers showing up at the house, when you’ve got this beautiful, fresh exterior I find it just screams ‘welcome home’.”





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# Finding a licensed contractor

Licensed contractors are still tough to come by as city dwellers continue to head for these hills due to the pandemic, but it's a good year to build a new home from a warranty perspective.

## THE SEARCH IS ON

Tarion, which administers Ontario's new home warranty and protection program, notes that all builders and vendors of new homes must hold a valid licence with the Home Construction Regulatory Authority (HCRA), with some exceptions that are outlined on the HCRA's website.

A person who plans to have a builder construct a home for them should confirm the builder is licensed by the HCRA and that their new home will be enrolled with Tarion prior to signing a contract.

The Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA) and building supply centres are excellent sources of information on licensed contractors. Centre staff will be able to report which contractors are licensed, provide high-quality work and are reputable and reliable.

Tarion reports you can also use the HCRA's Ontario Builder Directory, a searchable online database. The directory includes additional information such as the number of builds, the claims history and whether the company or an individual has been associated with any illegal building convictions during the past 10 years.

## NEW HOME WARRANTY

Builders must enroll homes in the new home warranty program prior to construction, according to Tarion. At time of writing, the program provides a total of up to \$300,000, but change is on the horizon.

The seven-year new home warranty is divided into three concurrent coverage periods.

Under the one-year period you're protected against defects in work or materials, including violations of the Ontario Building Code (OBC) and unauthorized substitutions of items.

The two-year warranty covers major systems such as plumbing and electrical systems. It also covers OBC violations affecting health and safety, cladding defects, and water penetration through the basement or other parts of the home.

The seven-year warranty provides protection against major structural defects that seriously threaten the structural integrity of a home or affect the use of a significant portion of it, such as a foundation shift or toxic mould.

## WARRANTY ENHANCEMENTS IN 2023

Tarion has set up two warranty enhancements for new homes, including custom/contract builds. Both changes take effect on July 1, 2023.

The warranty coverage for freehold homes will be increased to \$400,000 from \$300,000 and it will not be retroactive, so you may want to wait until then to sign one if possible. This includes detached, semi-detached, and custom/contract homes.

Tarion has further enhanced the warranty with a Temporary Relocation Warranty that provides homeowners with \$150 per day if a warranted repair renders the home uninhabitable and the homeowner is required to relocate during repairs or remediation.

For more information, contact your local building supply centre, or visit [hchba.ca](http://hchba.ca), [obd.hcraontario.ca](http://obd.hcraontario.ca), [hcraontario.ca](http://hcraontario.ca) or [tarion.com](http://tarion.com).

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# Energy efficiency

Energy conservation retrofits are often eligible for support from the provincial and federal governments to help consumers switch to alternative energy sources and reduce energy consumption. This support can include expert advice and funding.

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

The NRC reports that the most important retrofit you can make is to reduce the amount of air leaving your home or cottage. Seal around windows and doors and upgrade your insulation.

Invest in new certified windows, window frames and doors to replace older versions. 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 limit the need to use air conditioners and electrical fans.

Invest in a high-efficiency furnace or upgrade your heating energy efficiency even further with a heat pump system. Ensure your fireplace is sealed properly. Install a smart thermostat or

programmable thermostat with a built-in timer to control energy use. For your hot water supply, choose a gas-fired, direct-vent, fan-assisted or sealed tank.

Shift energy use to off-peak or mid-peak hours, which will save money as well. 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 a solar energy system to reduce your energy consumption and costs from the provincial power grid. Add batteries to extend your solar energy use.

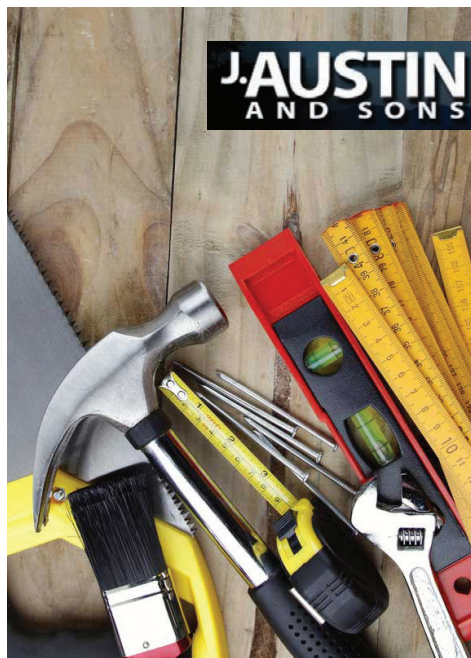
NRC is offering up to \$5,000 on recommended and eligible primary residence retrofits for specific items in insulation, windows and doors, heat pumps and renewable energy systems. The provincial government is making support available to income-eligible electricity consumers through the Energy Affordability Program.



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# Gardening

Growing stuff in the Highlands' thin, rocky soil isn't easy, but early settlers found a way. And for current Highlands dwellers who don't have green thumbs, there are nursery centre staff and the volunteer Haliburton County Master Gardeners (HCMG) to show them the way.

In addition to the poor soil that comes with this portion of the Canadian Shield, gardening challenges include a short growing season with unpredictable temperatures and precipitation levels, Zone 4 (cold) winters, the usual plant-devouring insects and the more unusual hungry pests such as deer and beavers.

The Master Gardeners are well equipped to overcome the challenges and to help others do the same. The MGs study horticulture formally and receive certification, and for many years they've operated a highly informative website.

In recent years this charitable organization has branched out into more hands-on community support. The HCMG website now features virtual forms to request information, plus answers to past questions, news, events and a "buy local" section that includes gardeners for hire, landscapers, retailers, and nurseries. The MGs do presentations, produce a newsletter and are active on Facebook and YouTube. They also now offer on-site consultations for a suggested small donation to HCMG to further the members' education and to communicate HCMG services.

Wildscaping (going native) is a strong theme in the MGs' work. Using native plant species helps protect sensitive Highlands environments, and 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.

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



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# Pest control

Bats in your belfry? Housebreaking squirrels driving you squirrelly?

Pests come with the territory in cottage country. Taking back your home can require varying degrees of expense, but you may be able to keep costs down in some cases by evicting the critters yourself.

Local retailers stock traditional commercial products to control smaller pests such as insects and rodents. Pest control companies such as the Highlands' Eco-Choice Pest Control feature traditional or more ecologically sound products for do-it-yourselfers, such as mouse and raccoon baits and a live trap cage that only raccoons can enter.

Prevention is an essential place to start. Seal all gaps in soffits, foundations and door and window frames and set mousetraps to both monitor and control mice. Manage nearby vegetation.

Pest control companies may provide coaching and/or make DIY advice available online. The Eco-Choice website ([ecochoicepestcontrol.ca](http://ecochoicepestcontrol.ca)) features how-to guides for getting rid of several pests from ants to wasps, with tips such as dealing with bees and wasps in the early evening because they return to the nest in the late afternoon.

The DIY approach is not always possible. On the website, Eco-Choice reports they once received a call to deal with woodpeckers making holes in a cottage. Their investigation revealed the birds were digging for carpenter ants that had colonized inside the cottage walls. The ant infestation was treated and the woodpeckers moved on.

In some situations DIYers are strongly advised to bring in professionals for health and safety reasons.

Larger wildlife pests such as coyotes and bears pose a larger potential threat. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) advises that all people and pets should be kept a safe distance away from wildlife. Do not feed wildlife or provide them with food, water or shelter, even accidentally. Leave young wild animals alone as their parents are often close by and will return for them.

In especially difficult cases you may need to hire a wildlife agent such as a licensed trapper or hunter to resolve the issue.

For more info, contact a pest control company. Guidance in dealing with larger wildlife is available at [ontario.ca/page/prevent-conflicts-wildlife](http://ontario.ca/page/prevent-conflicts-wildlife).



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# Septic reinspection

All four Highlands municipalities operate septic reinspection or septic maintenance inspection programs under the Ontario Building Code. While they have different names, the programs fulfill the same purpose: inspectors check for malfunction, deterioration, misuse and overall compliance to identify any issues that could risk human and environmental health.

It's a very important process in protecting the health of our lakes, according to the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations (COHPOA).

"Septic systems are the number one polluters of our lakes," said Paul MacInnes, chair of COHPOA.

"Ongoing septic reinspections in Ontario reveal that between 40 per cent and 50 per cent of systems need some remediation. Most problems are minor in expense to fix but can be major polluters. Septic inspections find these problems and thus protect the health of our lakes."

You can find additional tips on how best to protect the health of your lake and the value of your waterfront property on the COHPOA website at [cohpoa.org](http://cohpoa.org). These include keeping your septic system healthy, controlling erosion, improving fishing in your lake and more.

## ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS

The Township implemented a five-year septic reinspection program which was conducted from 2018 to 2022. Staff are currently working to address outstanding properties and will be in contact with those property owners beginning in mid-spring 2023. The Township Council is committed to lake health in the community, therefore participation in the program is mandatory. For further information, call 705-489-2379.

## DYSART ET AL

Township staff have managed the Dysart program in-house since 2022. The 2023 program will run from May 15 to Sept. 1 covering properties within 30 metres of Barnum, Black, Blue Hawk, Boyne, Drag, Grass, Haas, Head, Hurricane, Jim Beef, Kashagawigamog, Koshlong, Loon, Long, Miskwabi, Negaunee, South Portage and Spruce lakes. For information about your inspection appointment, contact [septic@dysartetal.ca](mailto:septic@dysartetal.ca) or call 705-457-1740 ext. 636.

## 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. The program is ongoing. For program details, call 705-447-0051 x443.

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# Protecting your property

Preparing your home or cottage to avoid vandalism, theft, fire, and other problems while you're away for extended periods is an important part of life in the Highlands.

**Security:** Install an alarm system and motion detector lighting; leave window treatments as usual but place electronics out of sight; remove all valuables and etch or mark stored sporting goods with identification information; install fresh batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and ensure they work properly; update your insurance coverage as needed; consider trimming back hedges that would prevent neighbours from detecting unauthorized activity; park your vehicle out of sight if possible; don't mention your plans on social media or in casual emails or conversations (and only post photos when you return); establish a local contact person to monitor your property; have mail and newspapers picked up regularly or stop the deliveries; monitor the property by phone app or through a cottage check expert; join or start a neighbourhood watch program.

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

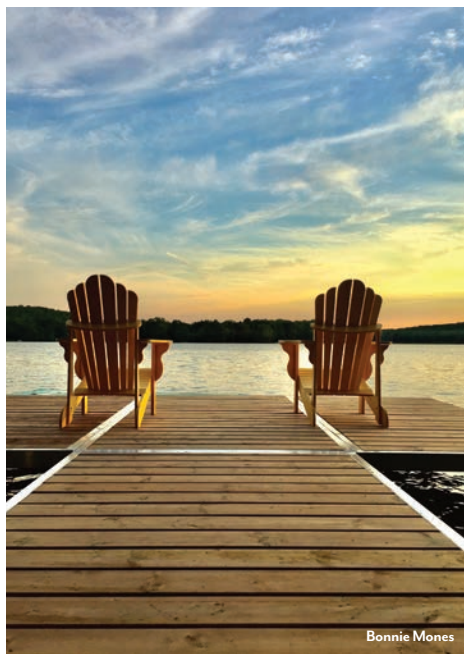
**Heating and air conditioning:** Replace furnace filter; close all flues; vacuum electric baseboard heaters; cover air conditioner; have heating system serviced by a qualified technician.

**Water intake and outflow:** Follow the instructions for winterizing your plumbing in 'Closing and reopening your cottage'; have well water tested; determine whether septic tank needs to be emptied before spring.

**Pest control:** Follow the instructions in Pest control.

**Interior maintenance:** Clean, defrost and unplug the refrigerator and place open soda boxes in fridge and freezer; ensure propane appliances are properly shut down; unplug small appliances; scatter mothballs strategically in the attic; set the temperature at 13°C and set a low-temperature alarm at 8°C to avoid frozen pipes and flooding, with the alarm monitored through a mobile app or by a neighbour, a cottage check expert or the alarm company.

**Exterior maintenance:** Clean eavestroughs and downspouts; clear chimneys; replace window screens with storm windows; drain outdoor water pipe and close valve; organize snow removal, including for the deck and roof.



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# Fireworks and burning

The population of the Haliburton Highlands nearly triples in the summer as city folk head for these wide-open spaces. While that's great news for the county for countless reasons, it also means potentially significant problems if local regulations aren't observed.

Two of the most important regulations for this region govern fireworks use and outdoor burning. With so many residents and visitors seeking the quiet of a natural environment, fireworks have raised a lot of noise over the years. Observing burning regulations can literally mean the difference between life and death.

The four municipalities in the Highlands have developed their own regulations but there are some common points.

## FIREWORKS

In all four municipalities, the use of fireworks is restricted to specific holidays and subject to strict date and time windows. Fireworks are banned entirely when a fire ban is in effect. In some areas flying lanterns are included in the regulations and are not permitted under any circumstance. For full details on the fireworks regulations in your area, contact your municipality (see municipal contacts).

## BURNING

Fire season runs from April 1 to Oct. 31 in Haliburton County. During fire season, the burning of brush etc. is prohibited during daylight hours as set by each municipality (exceptions may apply via permit or other conditions). Fines for violations are levied in all four municipalities.

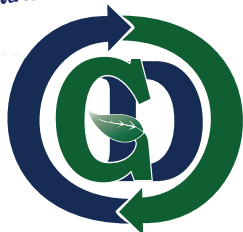
The municipalities and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry retain the authority to declare a ban on all outdoor burning if atmospheric conditions become extreme or local circumstances warrant it. For full details on the burning regulations in your area, contact your municipality.

It is everyone's responsibility to be aware of fire bans. Follow *The Highlander* on Facebook ([facebook.com/TheHighlanderOnline](https://facebook.com/TheHighlanderOnline)) to ensure you receive notification if a fire ban is placed in your area.



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# Closings and reopenings

Closing and reopening your property effectively can be challenging whether you're a snowbird who leaves it for several months in winter, or a cottager who returns occasionally.

We asked Mike Rahme, owner of HomePro Inspections in Haliburton, for his guidance. Rahme started HomePro in 1997 and holds six industry-related certifications, including multiple inspector/examiner designations.

"There are actually two types of shutdowns – hard and soft," said Rahme. "A hard shutdown will be for snowbirds, while a soft shutdown is ... for the home or cottage owner who intends on visiting the cottage periodically throughout the winter months."

Rahme started with critical points about plumbing. Among other potential problems, if a shutdown is not properly managed, plumbing pipes can freeze, rupture and cause flooding.

"Some plumbing systems are not designed to be fully drained via gravity and could require the lines to be blown out with compressed air," said Rahme. "If your system utilizes complex water treatment

systems it is not recommended that you undertake the winterizing of your cottage. In most areas we will be able to provide you with a referral should you like one."

**Rahme's hard shutdown directions are as follows:**

Turn off power to the water pump, then the hot water tank (HWT) and ultraviolet light. If individual shutoffs are not available or are not found, you can do this at the main breaker on the electrical panel. If you have any reservations, stop and contact an electrician to create switches for all three.

Open all interior and exterior taps, including hot and cold, and leave them open.

Connect a garden hose to the HWT base drain and extend the hose outside. Open the drain valve and empty the tank, then remove the hose and leave the drain valve open. "Placing a small catch tray will ensure no 'dribbling' will occur on the floor," said Rahme.

Move the garden hose to the drain at the base of the water pressure tank (the drain valve looks like



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an outside tap). Open the valve and drain the water to the outside.

“Assuming that your water source is surface water [from a lake or river] you can now disconnect the black flex pipe from the pump,” said Rahme, noting that the pipe could be either 1.5 or two inches in diameter. “Now in theory the only pipes that should have water in them are your drain traps below all the sinks.”

Pour at least one cup of plumbing antifreeze down each drain (sinks, showers, bathtubs). “It is also good to pour a couple of cups into the washing machine and then engage the drain cycle,” added Rahme. “Equally this can be done with the dishwasher. The intent is to displace the water that is remaining in the trap.”

Flush every toilet, twice if necessary, to remove at least 95 per cent of all the water from the tank and the bowl of the toilet. Pour plumbing antifreeze into the tank until the remaining water in the bowl is the same colour as the antifreeze.

Interior sewage pump pits should stay warm enough from the human waste breakdown process, and the same applies to exterior pits if they have at least a 12-inch covering of earth, said Rahme. However, “If you want a little insurance, you can

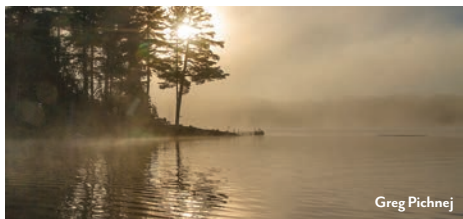
flush a full litre of plumbing antifreeze down the toilet.”

High-efficiency propane furnace owners should have the condensate line winterized by an HVAC company if the furnace won't be used during the winter. The same applies to humidifiers.

Finally, “[it] is well advised that you should now post at the front door that this plumbing system has been winterized and is now a dry system.”

**To reopen your property, follow the checklist in reverse.**

Steps to complete a soft shutdown are available at [homeproinspections.ca/useful-articles](http://homeproinspections.ca/useful-articles) in the article “Winterizing your cottage (soft shutdown)”. The soft shutdown tips include maintaining a minimum room temperature, running a fan to dramatically increase indoor air quality, heating water lines from lakes or rivers, and more.



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# Winterizing your cottage

Preparing your property for winter effectively can be challenging whether you're a snowbird who leaves it for several months or a cottager who returns to it occasionally.

In fact, the approaches are somewhat different for each case, said Mike Rahme, owner of HomePro Inspections in Haliburton.

"There are actually two types of shutdowns – hard and soft," said Rahme "[Soft is] generally only used when the cottage owner will be back within 15 days."

Since we have more returning cottagers than snowbirds in the Highlands, Rahme provided directions for a soft shutdown (for hard shutdown directions visit [homeproinspections.ca/winterizing-your-cottage-hard-shutdown](http://homeproinspections.ca/winterizing-your-cottage-hard-shutdown)).

He started with critical points about plumbing to avoid freezing, rupturing, and flooding.

"If your system utilizes complex water treatment systems it is *not* recommended that you undertake the winterizing of your cottage," he said. "In most areas we will be able to provide you with a referral should you like one."

**Dishwasher:** Put 2-3 cups of plumbing antifreeze (available at all hardware stores) into the dishwasher. Run your dishwasher through the shortest drain cycle to displace any water that may be sitting in a "sag" between the dishwasher and the sink drain.

**Water pump:** Shut off the power off to your water pump. Should individual shutoffs not be available, or you are unsure if or where they are located, you can locate your electrical panel and shut off the main breaker. Should you have any reservation about doing this then you should stop and contact an electrician to establish a proper shut-off switch.

**Hot water tank and UV light:** Shut these off by switch or, if necessary, at the main panel. Rahme cautioned that the warning in step 2 also applies here.

**Taps:** Open all taps in the home or cottage and leave them open. This includes the tap for the outdoor water supply and the tap on the water supply hoses for the toilets. Open all the exterior hose taps (bibs) and leave them open. Always double-check that every tap in the building has been left open. If you're uncomfortable with the



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**Drains:** Displace all the water in the drain traps by pouring approximately one cup of plumbing antifreeze down each drain.

**Toilet:** Flush the toilet. Remove the tank lid and use a small plastic cup to scoop out as much water as you can from the tank and bowl. Pour plumbing antifreeze into the toilet tank until the remaining water in the bowl is the color of the antifreeze.

**Washer:** Displace any water in the washer's drain pipes by pouring about one third of a bottle of antifreeze into the washer. Run the drain cycle, then open the washer lid and leave it open.

**Temperature:** Set the thermostat at a minimum temperature of 10 degrees Celsius and keep all interior doors open. In an extended power outage, a house with the temperature turned off can reach a freezing temperature at a quicker rate than a cottage that has maintained 10 degrees C.

**Air quality:** Replace your furnace filter monthly. When doing a soft shutdown, if you have a forced air furnace system or even just ceiling fans you can set your thermostat's fan control to manual, ensuring continuous circulation of conditioned air for improved air quality at little additional cost.

**Heat tracer:** Use a heated tracer line to keep your exterior water supply pipe from freezing. "My personal choice would be a local product known as Heat Line," said Mike. "This is the smart product. Heat Line utilizes a polymer that runs internally through your water pipe. The smart part is that every inch of it is thermostatically controlled. For instance, if you have a 40-foot run from the water source to your pump, and there are only two feet that are freeze vulnerable then only that section will draw current. Not only will this reduce your electrical cost, but it will also come with a lifetime guarantee."



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**Glebe Park:** This Haliburton park features woodlands, rolling hills and trails for walking, mountain-biking, cross country-skiing and snowshoeing. Visitors can also tour the Haliburton Highlands Museum and Haliburton Sculpture Forest on the grounds. ([dysartetal.ca](http://dysartetal.ca)).

**Haliburton ATV Association:** HATVA manages approximately 700 kilometres of three-season trails for ATVs and side-by-sides. It's also aligned other clubs to give one-pass access to 1,700 kilometres of trails that include the Muskoka, Kawartha and Peterborough regions. ([haliburtonatv.com](http://haliburtonatv.com)).

**Haliburton County Snowmobile Association:** HCSA'S 370 kilometres of trails include the Forest and Rail (FAR) Tour through Haliburton, Minden and Carnarvon. HCSA also partners in the Round Algonquin Park (RAP) Tour and offers several entry points to other trail systems. ([hcsa.ca](http://hcsa.ca)).

**Haliburton Forest:** Hiking vacations are a great way to explore the 300 km of three-season trails in this private forest. Guests staying overnight at Haliburton Forest have free access to trails. Day or season's passes are also available. ([haliburtonforest.com](http://haliburtonforest.com)).

## Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trails

**Association:** Hilly Glebe Park, family-friendly Moosewoods and dog-friendly Twin Lakes provide skiers with a total of 36 kilometres of trail. HHNTA also offers weekly youth programs. ([skihaliburton.com](http://skihaliburton.com)).

**Haliburton Highlands Rail Trail:** This former railway trail extends 35 kilometres between Haliburton and Kinmount and features winding rivers, waterfalls, heritage bridges and more. ([haliburtoncounty.ca/en/roads-and-trails/trails](http://haliburtoncounty.ca/en/roads-and-trails/trails)).

**Haliburton Highlands Water Trails:** The iconic Frost Centre trails are a small part of the more than 55 kilometres of summer and winter trails in this 28,000-sq-km system that offers hundreds of campsites and canoe routes through forests and along lakes and rivers. ([ahtrails.ca](http://ahtrails.ca)).

**Hike Haliburton Festivals:** Haliburton County hosts multi-day hiking festivals in fall and winter (pandemic conditions permitting). Hikers, snowshoers and the community are also treated to arts, culture, heritage, live entertainment and foodie events that showcase the Highlands. ([hikehaliburton.com](http://hikehaliburton.com)).

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

These 14 kilometres of professionally designed, four-season trails are a huge draw for owners of ATVs, Jeeps and other off-road vehicles. The trails are linked to an interactive map via GPS and are also connected to Haliburton ATV Association trails. ([mindenoffroadpark.ca](http://mindenoffroadpark.ca)).

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**South Algonquin Equestrian Trails:** Certified guides lead riders of all experience levels through the forested Highlands and Algonquin Park. Day rise passes, campsites, cabins, summer camps and working guide and groom holidays are available. Call or email ahead. ([southalgonquintrails.com](http://southalgonquintrails.com)).

**The Wild Life:** This Eagle Lake equestrian facility features leisurely horseback trail rides and riding lessons. ([the-wild-life.business.site](http://the-wild-life.business.site)).

## Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding

**Association:** Fully inclusive equine assisted learning and youth outreach initiative designated for children and adults with mental health concerns, unique considerations and socioeconomic isolation, and those who are abled differently ([walkaboutfarmtra.com](http://walkaboutfarmtra.com)).

Additional walking and hiking trails are available in many municipal parks, on properties managed by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, and at the Silent Lake and Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands provincial parks. For more information visit [myhaliburtonhighlands.com/hiking-trails](http://myhaliburtonhighlands.com/hiking-trails).





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# Nature reserves

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## ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS

**Haliburton Highlands Water Trails:** This system covers approximately 28,000 hectares of Crown and municipal public lands, making it 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)

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**Haliburton Highlands Land Trust:** This not-for-profit charitable organization acquires lands of ecological and cultural significance for conservation purposes and hosts public “Land Trust Discovery Days” workshops such as the Owl Prowl and Wild Edibles. Research projects include studies of species at risk and wetlands. (haliburtonlandtrust.ca)

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**Herlihey Park:** The newest reserve in the Highlands covers 7.05 acres on Dark (Pusey) Lake. The master plan for the park includes public waterfront activities and experiences, but it also recognizes the park’s ecological resources as critical

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**Lochlin Esker & Wetlands:** Several natural environments run through the centre of this system, which is one of the County’s largest wetlands. These include fen, open marsh, bore hole and boreal forest. Tours may be arranged when conditions are appropriate. (lochlinesker.wordpress.com)

**Minden Wild Water Preserve:** The 100-acre, privately owned reserve 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)

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# Provincial parks

At time of writing, Ontario Parks sites were generally listed as being open for regular use on their operating dates. Nevertheless, visitors are advised to check ahead when planning their trip.

## Algonquin Provincial Park

Highway 60 east of Highway 35 • 705-633-5572  
ontarioparks.com/park/algonquin

More than 772,000 hectares in size, Ontario's oldest park extends into the northeast portion of the Highlands. Visitors can enjoy an art centre, a logging museum, canoeing, kayaking, limited boating, hiking, camping, excellent trout fishing, limited hunting, moose-watching, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. Many Algonquin areas are open year-round. Check the website or call for season dates.

## Oxtongue River-Ragged Falls Provincial Park

Highway 60 east of Highway 35 • 705-789-5105  
ontarioparks.com/park/oxtongueriverraggedfalls

This 507-hectare park features hiking trails and one of the top 10 waterfalls in Ontario. Situated just west of Algonquin Park, it can be accessed off Highway 60 on a marked gravel road. Parking is pay-and-display. Open seasonally for day use only. Campers may wish to stay at Algonquin Park. Check the website or call for season dates.

## Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands

Local access point: 1115 Devils Lake Road  
705-454-3324  
ontarioparks.com/park/queenelizabeth2wildlands

Extending into the southwestern portion of the Highlands, this 33,505-hectare wildlands park is crossed by numerous trail systems, including the Ganaraska Hiking Trail. It's classified as "non-operating" with no maintained public facilities or services. Visitors are advised not to rely on cellular service and to follow "leave no trace" principles. Discussions have begun regarding reclassification to "operating." Check the website or call for season dates.

## Silent Lake Provincial Park

1589 Silent Lake Park Road south of Highway 28  
613-339-2807 • ontarioparks.com/park/silentlake

Silent Lake covers 1,610 hectares in the Highlands East area. The park features sandy beaches, forested campgrounds, a lookout point and more than 59 kilometres of hiking, mountain biking and Nordic ski trails. Four-season roofed yurts and cabins are available. Activities include canoeing and kayaking (rentals available), snowshoeing and ice fishing. No electric motors are permitted on the lake. Check the website or call for season dates.

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# Outdoor adventure

Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve and Yours Outdoors are both entrepreneurial enterprises dedicated to providing excellent recreational and tourism experiences. When they joined forces in 2020, they multiplied their impact and potential as experience providers. All the better for the Highlands!

**The Forest:** Haliburton Forest is a private company situated on 100,000 acres northeast of Haliburton. The Forest manages services that range from highly practical to highly entertaining and educational, operating through eight businesses within two divisions.

The forest products division manages a hardwood sawmill at the Haliburton site and three others in central Ontario. In addition to lumber, the division's products include customized log home kits.

The tourism and recreation division is where the Forest is most visible publicly. Here it operates as an experience provider, but it also serves as a research facility and an education centre. The Forest's pre-partnership offerings include sawmill tours, a canopy boardwalk, an astronomy program, a Wolf Centre, camping, and hundreds of kilometres of trails for hiking, biking, snowshoeing, ATVing and snowmobiling.

**Yours Outdoors:** YO describes itself as a community of guides, environmental and outdoor professionals, artists, local characters, accommodators, restaurateurs, and other service providers committed to delivering high-quality, unique and authentic experiences and excellent customer service.

Are you a creative cruiser, a freedom finder, a memory maker, a rustic roamer, or a serenity seeker? YO will help you meet your match among

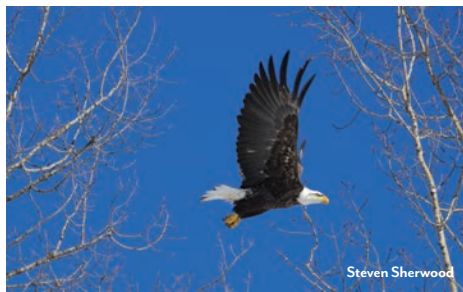
the experiences. Led by a former environmental educator, the group offers activities in categories that focus on interests such as art, camping, creatures, food, geography, heritage and wellness.

YO's pre-partnership offerings include glassblowing, making moccasins, snowga, culinary tours, photo safaris, ice climbing, winter camping, skijoring and bikejoring with your dog and wild edibles foraging.

**The Experiences:** Together, the partners offer great outings in the beauty and freedom of a vast Highlands forest. It appears to be working: the duo started 2023 off right with the Best Bicycle Friendly Business Award for Ontario's Highlands region from Ontario By Bike.

Examples of combined Forest/YO experiences include rock climbing, rock hounding, a hawk walk, a predator prowling, a history of the Forest, culinary and wild edibles outings, fly casting lessons, ice climbing, guided ice fishing, hot-tent winter camping, "Fur and Flintlock" – a history of fur trading, and "Maple Slurp" – a maple syrup production experience.

For more information: Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve, 705-754-2198, [haliburtonforest.com](http://haliburtonforest.com); Yours Outdoors, 705-457-0459, [yoursoutdoors.ca](http://yoursoutdoors.ca).



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# Accessible sports and rec

Searching for accessible sports and recreation activities? Special Olympics Ontario (SOO) provides several outlets through its Haliburton chapter.

“We started with 5-pin bowling and over the past 17 years we have added curling, softball, golf and bocce,” said Yvette Brauer, Haliburton co-coordinator alongside Tracey Pratt.

Participants also play shuffleboard free of charge at the invitation of the Minden Seniors Shuffleboard Club.

“We do our best to accommodate all athletes whatever their ability,” said Pratt. “Age range is teens and up. All our sports have volunteers on hand to support the athletes as well as provide coaching and mentorship. Our volunteers are registered with Special Olympics and take mandatory courses to support the safety and wellbeing of all our athletes.”

The athletes become part of the SOO’s Haliburton County Red Wolves pack. Membership is free. The Red Wolves provide uniforms and equipment and cover all costs for extras such as tournaments. The only pay-to-play activity for the Red Wolves is bowling.

Brauer listed some of the many benefits the

athletes receive from membership in the Red Wolves: “Friendship, sportsmanship, being a part of a club, learning to get along with others, making decisions, meeting and making friends when we travel to other communities to compete. For some participants, [a] Special Olympics sport is the only physical activity they participate in.”

The Red Wolves club supports their programs in Haliburton County with two annual fundraising events, said Pratt. They hold a bowl-a-thon in October at Fast Lane Bowling in Minden and a dinner/dance in the spring, traditionally at the Haliburton Legion. They also partner with the Haliburton OPP detachment for a Torch Run, usually held in late summer.

“Special Olympics Ontario provides all the clubs with guidance, safety protocols, and an information portal that registers and records all our athletes and volunteers in a database,” added Pratt.

“The money we raise in Haliburton stays in Haliburton.”

For more information contact Yvette Brauer at 705-488-2282 / [gybrauer@yahoo.com](mailto:gybrauer@yahoo.com) or Tracey Pratt at 705-286 1842 / [tracey@skycor.ca](mailto:tracey@skycor.ca) and visit the Haliburton Red Wolves on Facebook.

HALIBURTON RED WOLVES – SPECIAL OLYMPICS ONTARIO		
ACTIVITY	PROVIDER	SCHEDULE
Bocce	Call for location	Start date to be determined. Wednesdays – call for time. No cost.
Bowling	Fast Lane Bowling, 12281 Highway 35, Minden	Starts first Wednesday in September. Wednesdays 2 to 4 p.m. Playing fee.
Curling	Minden Curling Club 50 Prentice Street, Minden	Starts 1 week after Thanksgiving. Mondays 3 to 4 p.m. No cost.
Golf	Haliburton Golf Centre 6643 Gelert Road, Haliburton Various courses for tournaments	Start date to be determined. Thursdays – call for time. No cost.
BY COMMUNITY INVITATION		
Shuffleboard	Minden Seniors' Shuffleboard Club 55 Parkside Street, Minden	Start date to be determined. Fridays 1 p.m. No cost.



# Adventures and ecotourism

Visit the vendor's website or call ahead to confirm availability.

## Adventure Haliburton Group

Members have collaborated to offer a wide range of memorable experiences. Adventures include mountain biking, kayaking, parasailing, horseback riding, ATV and snowmobile tours, dogsledding, downhill skiing, ice climbing, ice fishing and more. [adventurehaliburton@gmail.com](mailto:adventurehaliburton@gmail.com); [adventurehaliburton.com](http://adventurehaliburton.com)

## Algonquin Outfitters/AO Boatwerks

Rentals help you maximize your opportunities for fun and adventure. Selections include canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddle boards, water trampolines, Nordic skis, snowshoes, camping / hiking gear and complete outfitting packages. Five locations in the Highlands. 1-800-469-4948; [algonquinoutfitters.com](http://algonquinoutfitters.com)

## Back Country Tours

Sign on for epic experiences through the Highlands' rugged terrain, including camping, birthday and team-building tours through mud, forest and rivers (or snow), and a fall colour tour through Algonquin Park. Rentals are available for ATVs, jet skis, snowmobiles, cottages and resorts. Various locations. 705-457-7046; [backcountrytours.ca](http://backcountrytours.ca)

## Deep Roots Adventure

Experienced outdoor leaders and interpretive guides help participants become capable and confident in the wild. Offerings include a wilderness school, guided adventures, youth programs, custom school trips and outfitting. 4071 Elephant Lake Road, Harcourt. 705-306-0628; [deeprootsadventure.com](http://deeprootsadventure.com)

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## Fall in Love with the Highlands

From world-renowned Algonquin Park to lesser-known Silent Lake, in fall the Highlands blossom into one of the most colourful scenic destinations in North America. Canada's Group of Seven artists created many of their most famous autumn works here. Trip ideas abound on the county's tourism website. [myhaliburtonhighlands.com/fall-colours](http://myhaliburtonhighlands.com/fall-colours)

## Geocaching Capital of Canada

Rated the No. 1 GeoTour in Canada, this GPS-based tour of 150 fun and imaginative caches takes "treasure" hunters through majestic forests and around pristine lakes in parts of seven hamlets, mostly in Highlands East. Collect 99 puzzles that, when mapped, create a work of art. 705-448-2981 ext. 432; [geocachingcapitalofcanada.com](http://geocachingcapitalofcanada.com)

## Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve

The privately owned, 100,00-acre Forest hosts activities such as sawmill tours, a canopy walk, wolf centre visits, camping, astronomy presentations, snowmobiling, dogsledding and more. New partner Yours Outdoors supports additional authentic rural experiences.

1095 Redkenn Road, Haliburton.  
1-800-631-2198; [haliburtonforest.com](http://haliburtonforest.com)

## Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Visitor's Centre

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

## Killara Farm Experience

Develop a feel for the Highlands' homesteading roots with a tour of Killara Station. Killara produces organically grown vegetables, pasture-raised chickens and eggs. Pet the horses, goats, chickens, Edward the emu and piggy pals Frank and Daisy. Tours are free for some Killara campers. Or consider joining the community garden. 5205 Gelert Road, Minden. [info@killarastation.com](mailto:info@killarastation.com); [killarastation.com](http://killarastation.com)

## It's Maple Syrup Time

Experience the age-old art and science of maple syrup and sugar production with local experts in March and April. More than a dozen locations give you direct access to learning experiences ranging from tapping and evaporating to discovering some of the many ways in which this liquid gold can be enjoyed. [myhaliburtonhighlands.com/maple-season](http://myhaliburtonhighlands.com/maple-season)

## Minden River Run

Rent a tube or bring your own for a long, lazy tube drift down the Gull River through woods and town. Sign up by the old fire hall at Prince and Milne streets and shuttle to the Rotary Park start. Lifejackets and key security included. So relaxing, you may also drift into sleep.  
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### Sir Sam's Ski & Ride

Grab your bike and leisurely sightsee or fairly fly over 23 kilometres of trails through meadow, forest, and ancient rock passes overlooking Eagle Lake. Trails are suited for all abilities and the Time Tunnel offers a really easy ride. Or go hiking or trail running. Flip to winter and it's skiing, snowboarding and snowshoeing. 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 Road (Bonnie View Inn). 705-455-7697/8754; skiwakefootschool.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

### SUPnorth Paddle Board Adventures

Lessons include safety/introduction, safety/introduction with a Burnt River tour, and advanced skills development. Take a social paddle, enjoy a two-hour guided tour, go fishing, or try out your mermaid alter ego. Cottage party paddle boarding packs available. Various locations. info@supnorth.ca; supnorth.ca

### The Minden Experience

This adventure fun park offers go-karting, mini putt, a batting cage, walking trails and a snack bar. Stop for a quick round or make a day of it and enjoy all the activities. 1063 Ravine Road, Minden. 705-306-9936; themindenexperience.com

### Winterdance Dogsled Tours

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### Yours Outdoors

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### The Minden Experience

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705-306-9936 • themindenexperience.com

## COURSES

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Minden. 705-286-1315 • blairhamptongolf.com

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Minden. 705-286-1378 • gullrivergolfclub.com

### Haliburton Highlands Golf Course

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# Off-roading

The Highlands offer breathtaking trails in all four seasons, whatever wheels you choose.

## Haliburton ATV Association

Haliburton County has some of the best ATV trails in the province, according to the Haliburton ATV Association (HATVA). Billed as the fast-growing ATV association in Ontario, HATVA counts seasonal residents and visitors from the Toronto region and beyond as the majority of its members. Trail passes are required and carry certain conditions.

**Extended access:** 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.

**Private property and municipal road crossings:** 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.

**Events and training:** HATVA's off-roading season usually runs from May 1 to November or December. HATVA organizes several rides each year. Training in the Canadian AQCC Safety Institute (CASI) ATV Rider Safety Course is available through a certified instructor.

## Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve

The Forest beckons lovers of winter ATVing with more than 400 kilometres of snowmobile and winter ATV trails. 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 Kennebec Lake.

## Minden Off-Road Park

Formerly Ray's Place, this park is open to off-roaders of all types year-round. The 14 kilometres of professionally designed four-season trails feature 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 rooms to wilderness tents. 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](http://haliburtonatv.com), [haliburtonforest.com](http://haliburtonforest.com) and [mindenoffroadpark.ca](http://mindenoffroadpark.ca).

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# Sledding

You may have exchanged a flying saucer for a snowmobile, but sledding never gets old, especially in the Highlands.

## ALL ABOARD

Haliburton County sledding trails 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 world-famous Round Algonquin Park (RAP) Tour, in which HCSA is a partner. Don't miss the Forest and Rail (FAR) Tour that circuits through Haliburton, Minden and Carnarvon.

## MAKE YOUR CONNECTIONS

HCSA trials link with trail systems in neighbouring communities through the permit system managed by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC). Sledders can add almost 700 kilometres of trails to their itineraries through the Algonquin, Tall Pines and Paudash Trail clubs from Muskoka to Bancroft, Apsley and Coe Hill.

## PRIVATE FOREST TRAVELS

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.

## FRIENDLY ACCOMMODATIONS

Make it a sledding weekend or a full vacation with snowmobile-friendly accommodators, some of which are directly connected to the trails (and even have their own!). Sledder discounts may be available.

## RENTALS AND SALES

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.

## ECONOMIC BOOSTER

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.

For the most information on Highlands sledding, visit [myhaliburtonhighlands.com/snowmobiling](http://myhaliburtonhighlands.com/snowmobiling). Additional links: [hcsa.ca](http://hcsa.ca),

[algonquinsnowmobileclub.ca](http://algonquinsnowmobileclub.ca), [facebook.com/TallPinesSC](https://facebook.com/TallPinesSC), [district2ofsc.ca/member-clubs/paudash-trail-blazers](http://district2ofsc.ca/member-clubs/paudash-trail-blazers), [haliburtonforest.com](http://haliburtonforest.com).



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# Stanhope Municipal Airport

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But the secret could get out in a big way soon: after years of discussion about airport expansion, there may be real change in the wind to get it off the ground.

The county's only airport is a registered aerodrome (CND4 Haliburton/Stanhope Municipal Airport) with a single, Code 1 non-instrument runway (Runway 08-26) measuring 2,500 by 60 feet that is paved and lighted.

The airport is owned and operated by the Township of Algonquin Highlands (AH). Mayor Liz Danielsen noted in a March 2023 interview that commitments were made during the recent election to ensure that the airport becomes self-supporting, along with modest expansion.

"As one of the primary economic development opportunities in Algonquin Highlands, we are all excited to see the results of an updated plan that will guide growth over the next few years," said Danielsen.

While plans were put on hold for various reasons due to the pandemic, "we are ready to move forward and excited about new ideas and plans as well as working with partners across the County."

Danielsen acknowledged the airport does not make a profit currently, but added, "neither do most municipal facilities across the County. In most cases municipalities are prohibited from making a profit at all.

"Even operating at its current level the Stanhope Airport is not only a valuable transition point for forestry firefighting, it is also the Ministry [of Natural Resources and Forestry]'s northeastern [firefighting] base with an existing long-term contractual obligation that can't be abandoned. It also remains an important conduit for the work of Hydro One, for air ambulance and for stocking lakes with fish in partnership with the [Haliburton Highlands] Outdoors Association, all very key and valuable community services. And that doesn't account for the number of aviators that rent hangar space and others that visit the airport for a variety of reasons."

With a new council in place and the ability for municipal committees to meet again as pandemic restrictions ease, Danielsen said the Township is re-establishing its committee structure including the airport committee, "hopefully working with somewhat revised terms of reference".

"Not only do we hope to see the return of airport events but, with a new and viable action plan in place as a result of an updated airport development plan, we are hoping for cautious and incremental growth, expanded tourism opportunities and a boost to the community's economy."

For more information visit [algonquinhighlands.ca](http://algonquinhighlands.ca).



John Madill



# Summer camps

Programming and fees may be subject to change. For additional information visit [myhaliburtonhighlands/camps](http://myhaliburtonhighlands/camps) and [ourkids.net](http://ourkids.net).

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

## ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS / ALGONQUIN PARK

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# Hunting and fishing 101

Recreational game and fish harvesting account for billions in spending across Ontario each year (nearly \$6 billion in 2018), much of it in the central east region of which the Highlands are a part.

Fishing and hunting mean family bonding for Kent MacDonald, a volunteer and director with the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA), who began hunting and fishing as a young boy.

MacDonald taught his children Brandon, Shannon and Ben to fish as soon as they could hold a rod, and the next generation is in line to learn.

“It is an excellent way of spending family time together outdoors, not only in the summer but also in the winter,” said MacDonald. “It gets you out in the fresh air even when sometimes it is easier to sit in front of a TV. Fishing in the winter is great for the mind on a sunny day.”

MacDonald’s children also learned to hunt deer on the family’s 64-acre property. Sadly, Brandon died in 2015, but Shannon and Ben continue the tradition with MacDonald, and Shannon’s husband, Greg, now hunts with his father-in-law regularly.

“It is the only hunting we do,” said MacDonald. Whether using a gun or bow, “I wait until the shot is right, perfect. I saw 30-plus [antler point] deer last year and never took a shot.”

Non-Indigenous people in these regions weren’t always so careful. Early settlers in the area hunted and fished as an important part of their diet, according to Emily Turner, Economic Development Officer – Heritage Planning for City of Kawartha Lakes. Many continued to rely on hunting and fishing well into the twentieth century to supplement their diets.

Hunting and fishing became a big tourism draw in the late 1800s and eventually this phenomenon “massively depleted fish and game stocks in central Ontario,” says Turner. Meanwhile, the Williams Treaties signed in 1923 effectively stripped Indigenous people of their right to hunt and fish in their traditional territories off-reserve, said Turner. This was settled in 2018 but treaty negotiations continue regarding lands in other areas of these regions ([ontario.ca/page/settled-land-claims](http://ontario.ca/page/settled-land-claims)).

The excessive harvesting was curbed over time and by 2018, Ontario accounted for 37 per cent of Canada’s anglers and 33 per cent of its hunters

(The Economic Footprint of Angling, Hunting, Trapping and Sport Shooting in Canada – The Conference Board of Canada). While recreation was listed as the primary motivation, 25 per cent of the 25,571 national survey respondents said they also fished and hunted for food or sustenance.

Groups such as the HHOA give members more strength in conserving fish and game. HHOA president Dan Smith noted that the organization’s fish hatchery program and its “small army” of volunteers raise and stock between 30,000 and 35,000 fingerlings in Highlands lakes each year in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

While good harvest management has been shown to provide environmental benefits, recreational harvesting continues to draw criticism, with hunting taking the biggest hit. For his part, MacDonald sees a difference between hunting and shooting as a possible cause.

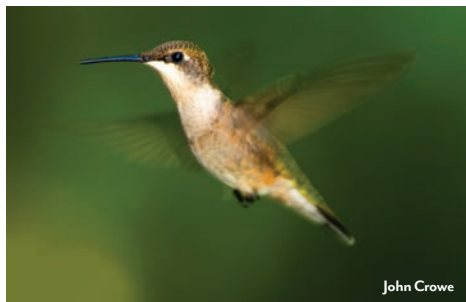
“I consider myself a deer hunter, not a hunter that shoots everything just for the sake of shooting something ... anyone can shoot a gun, but it takes real patience and stealth to properly hunt.”

MacDonald advises anyone interested in learning to hunt to team up with an experienced hunter.

“You need to take the hunters’ safety course and write a hunters exam before you start hunting,” said MacDonald. “If you don’t have that you can go with a licensed hunter and watch but not participate.”

For those tackling fishing for the first time: “Buy a licence and ... start with the basics – fishing rod, worms, hook. Sporting goods stores are more than willing to help out.”

For more information visit [hhoa.on.ca](http://hhoa.on.ca), [myhaliburtonhighlands.com/fishing](http://myhaliburtonhighlands.com/fishing), [ontario.ca/page/fishing](http://ontario.ca/page/fishing), [ontario.ca/page/hunting](http://ontario.ca/page/hunting), [ofah.org](http://ofah.org) and [ontario.ca/document/tourism-regions](http://ontario.ca/document/tourism-regions).



John Crowe

# Fishing schedule

Haliburton County is located in Zone 15. For limits and exceptions to these seasons, additional fishing opportunities and more see the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry’s 2023 *Fishing Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary*.

2023 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

## Hunting tips

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

The big news this year is for Highlands anglers. The The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has proposed to outlaw ice fishing of Brook Trout and Lake Trout on all lakes with low natural populations in Fisheries Management Zone (FMZ) 15, which includes Haliburton County. The MNRF stated that the “anticipated environmental and social consequences of this proposal are positive” and “the approaches presented aim to balance the ecological and socioeconomic objectives of the region”.

Ice fishing tourism is an important income supplement for many Highlands accommodators

and experience providers during the off-season. Participants in interviews with *The Highlander* at the time had mixed reactions to the proposal. Some acknowledged this may be the right decision but feared the loss of income. One operator said he had already seen significant losses due to low fish stock and this was the right course.

The MNRF posted the new draft management plan for FMZ 15 to its website on Sept. 29, 2022, as part of a 60-day public consultation. A ministry spokesperson said the earliest any proposed change could come into effect is Jan. 1, 2024. At the time of this writing (April 2023) the website listed the draft plan as still being in the proposal stage.

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



Russell West



# Market review and forecast

The Highlands real estate whirlwind launched by the pandemic in 2020 slowed toward the end of 2022, with this year starting off looking as though it'll be a little more settled.

"Demand was strong at the beginning of [2022] and into the early spring but began to tighten up as the year went on," said Chris James, sales representative with Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton.

"Many [buyers] said they wanted to just sit and wait to see what was going to happen with the market," said Linda Baumgartner, broker of record and owner, Re/Max Professionals North Baumgartner Realty.

So, what happened? The inventory remained at historical low levels, with the market impacted by the increase in interest rates as well as affordability and economic uncertainty, according to Baumgartner.

"Residential sales [volumes] were down 38 per cent in 2022 over 2021," said Baumgartner. "New listings were down 5 per cent over the same period."

Regardless, prices continued to rise. Baumgartner provided figures that showed the 2022 average sale price for waterfront was \$1,076,151 compared to \$930,000 in 2021 and \$705,534.25 in 2020. The average sale price for off water was \$538,489 in 2022 versus \$497,900 in 2021 and \$333,106.42 in 2020.

The market appeared to be evening out for 2023-24, according to James.

"It's still a little early to tell for sure but it looks like it will be more of a balanced market for both sellers and buyers. Inventory levels will be one factor that could move the needle in either direction."

"Buyers will have more confidence in purchasing, with reports saying there will be no interest rate hikes on the near horizon," said Baumgartner. "Buyers will be inserting conditions in their offers giving them time to do their due diligence."

Rising prices and interest rates and a return to more 'normal' pre-pandemic activities will all affect the market in the coming months, according to both realtors.

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the pandemic recently commented about the high cost of living in Haliburton, specifically the cost for food, said Baumgartner. “This may impact his decision on whether to move or not. I would assume many others are feeling the same way. The interest rate hikes have certainly affected affordability for many.”

Baumgartner added that many people who moved here during the pandemic are being called back to the office while others miss city life and travelling or had not foreseen the additional expense and maintenance of cottage ownership.

James notes that rising prices will make building and renovating more expensive. He added rising interest rates may not have as great an effect on the cottage buyers who have enough financial security or equity in their primary residence.

As for a change in activity levels, he noted that “may contribute to higher inventory levels. As has been a significant reason in the past, if [owners] aren’t utilizing the cottage enough to make it worth while, they may sell.”

James advised sellers that pricing is key – “buyers are looking for good value for their dollar.” He advised buyers to avoid missing out on the perfect property by trying to determine the best time to buy.

“The best time to buy is when you find the right one – just ensure you’re getting good value for the money you’re spending.”

For sellers, Baumgartner had the reminder that the best time to sell is when the inventory is low, and she noted that the County market is still categorized as a sellers’ market.

As for buyers, “we remind our buyers that real estate is their best long-term investment. Also, with the chance of interest rates increasing in the later part of 2023, now would be a great time to get into the market ... With few listings on the market practising patience is key. That right property will come along.”



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# Insuring your property

Setting up insurance for your Highlands property can differ greatly from your city experience. While there are similarities, the differences are significant, and a cottage-area insurer will be better able to advise on the best coverage. Following are key insurance types to review with your local insurer.

## All-risk

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

## Named Peril

Less broad than all-risk, a 'named peril' policy lists all the coverages provided. This option is typically used for properties that don't qualify for the all-risk policy and for cottages that are only used seasonally.

## Liability

This coverage may well be the most important part of any policy, and it's best to speak with your insurance broker to determine the limit required based on your specific needs. If you're insuring a cottage, check this coverage carefully, as most cottage policies limit the liability coverage to premise liability, meaning the property the cottage is located on. Liability on a primary home policy will extend to personal liability coverage, which protects you if someone tries to bring a lawsuit against you personally.

## Personal Property

Most all-risk and named peril package policies include coverage for your personal contents, 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

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

## Building Costs

Consider the type of coverage you want for rebuilding. Guaranteed rebuilding cost coverage will ensure the insurance company builds you a

new home like 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. Discuss coverage limits with your insurer as each dwelling is unique.

## Renting

Be sure to advise your insurer if you decide to rent out part or all your property. Most policies provide extra coverage that can be added to protect against the risks associated with renting. For example, rental income coverage is recommended as it provides coverage for any lost rental income due to an insurance claim. Other options may include a liability extension to allow your tenants to use your watercraft. Note that some companies limit the number of weeks for which you can rent out your cottage.

## Vacancy

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

## Boats

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



John Crowe



# Second units and Bill 23

Ontario has new legislation governing the provision of secondary dwelling units, also known as secondary, in-law or garden suites. Here's what it means for Highlands property owners.

## EXISTING LEGISLATION

The County of Haliburton Official Plan addresses secondary dwelling units through Policy 4.4 "Second Units", according to Steve Stone, director of planning for the County. The policy was developed in response to provincial acts dating back to the Strong Communities through *Affordable Housing Act*.

The Act requires municipalities to permit one additional unit either in a house or in an ancillary structure such as a laneway garage on the same lot.

"Secondary units are permitted as a right as per provincial policy, subject to certain conditions," said Adam Kozlowski, senior planner.

In short, the County's Policy 4.4 states that: Local official plans shall permit second units in both existing and newly developed residential areas. Municipalities and development proponents are encouraged to incorporate second units when planning new neighbourhoods and redevelopment projects.

Through their local official plans, municipalities are responsible for determining what standards or zoning provisions should apply in relation to matters such as minimum unit size. Standards should support the creation of second units.

Second units must comply with any applicable laws such as the provincial building and fire codes. The changes do not "grandfather" any existing second units that do not meet applicable laws. Municipalities are encouraged to implement a process to ensure legal and safe second units are developed and maintained.

A building permit shall be required to establish a second unit depending on whether alterations to the house are needed.

The County supports second units being permitted by the local municipalities and encourages them to be directed to settlement areas.

Second units shall not be permitted in resource-based recreational areas or waterfront designations. Second units shall be located on lots having direct frontage on municipally/public maintained roads.

## ENTER BILL 23

The province now allows up to three units under Bill 23, said Stone. These can be on any lot where residential uses are permitted in areas of the county that have full municipal services.

Additional residential units will not be permitted within industrial areas and in areas such as lands that are prone to flooding and erosion hazards. This includes the flood-prone areas of the villages of Haliburton and Minden.

"The changes are effective immediately and override local official plans and zoning bylaws," said Stone. "The area municipalities will need to consolidate their comprehensive zoning bylaws to reflect the provincial changes."

If you're hoping to create a secondary unit, Stone advises you'll need to contact your local municipal planning or building department.

As for what's in store for the future, Stone advises: "Stay tuned for more changes to the provincial Policy Statement in relation to creating enabling policies for more homes, sooner."

*The bulleted format for Policy 4.4 information was used for ease of reading and does not reflect the original documentation of the Policy as provided by the County.*

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

Free well water testing is available through HKPR. Testing kits/bottles can be picked up and dropped off at the HKPR office in Haliburton as follows:

Pick up your kit from the black-and-red bin outside the main office door at 191 Highland

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

Samples are sent to the Regional Public Health Laboratory at 99 Hospital Drive in Peterborough for testing. Result can be picked up at the lab. Well owners can also have the results sent electronically as follows:

Email your request to customerservicecentre@oahpp.ca,

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## GALLERIES

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176 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden • 705-286-3763

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[theethelcurrygallery.com](http://theethelcurrygallery.com)

### Group of Seven Outdoor Exhibit & Mural

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Oxtongue Lake Community Centre  
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[oxtonguecraftcabin.com](http://oxtonguecraftcabin.com)

### Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre

A registered charity featuring changing contemporary art exhibitions and public programs in a heritage railway station. Hours vary by season. Admission by donation. Free for members.

23 York St., Haliburton  
705-457-2330 • [railsendgallery.com](http://railsendgallery.com)

### Corner Gallery

Located on the ground floor of the historic Lucas house in downtown Haliburton, Corner Gallery showcases works by Ontario artists, with a focus on abstraction and modern Canadian landscapes. Now reopen for the 2023 season, the gallery will host a series of exhibitions through spring, summer and fall.

123 Maple Ave.,  
705-457-7518, • [cornergallery.ca](http://cornergallery.ca).

## MUSEUMS

### Dorset Heritage Museum & Information Centre

Artifacts from the Dorset area's early pioneer days, and public events. Check the website for hours of operation. Admission by donation.

1040 Main St., Dorset  
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5373 Loop Rd., Highland Grove  
705-448-9546 or 705-448-2218

#### Lake of Bays Marine Museum

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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-the-century events and community programming.

Nature's Place features ongoing information on the unique eco-environment of Haliburton County and an impressive exhibition of minerals, talks/lectures, movies and displays. Adjacent to the wetlands and boardwalk connecting to the Riverwalk and downtown.

Part of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.  
See [mindenhills.ca/cultural-centre](http://mindenhills.ca/cultural-centre) for more information.  
176 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden • 705-286-3154

#### Stanhope Heritage Discovery Museum

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[stanhopemuseum.on.ca](http://stanhopemuseum.on.ca)

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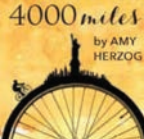
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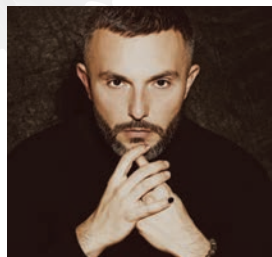
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Artistic Director

**TICKETS**  
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## MASTERCLASSES

### RICHARD MARGISON MASTERCLASSES

Thursday July 27<sup>th</sup>, Friday 28<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>

7:30-9:00pm | St. George's Anglican Church

### MISHAABOOZ'S REALM

August 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> | 7:30-9:30pm | NLPAP

Experience this powerful & moving work COMMISSIONED by HOS in 2017 and WRITTEN in HALIBURTON COUNTY! Combining opera with First Nation singers and instrumentalists, created for HOS by Cree First Nation composer, Andrew Balfour, Mishaabooz's Realm takes us on a journey through Creation, Colonization, and ultimately Hope for the Future. Post-performance chat with creators/performers.

### L'ELISIR D'AMORE

(THE ELIXIR OF LOVE) BY GAETANO DONIZETTI

August 24<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> | 7:30-10:15pm | NLPAP

August 27<sup>th</sup> | 2:00-4:45pm | NLPAP, Haliburton

One of the best loved of all Donizetti's operas, this two-act romantic comedy follows poor villager, Nemorino, who is in love with wealthy, beautiful heiress, Adina. A hilarious sit-com for all ages!

## CONCERTS

### #1: FROM OPERA TO BROADWAY

August 3<sup>rd</sup> | 7:30-9:30pm

### #2: CELEBRATIONS!

August 5<sup>th</sup> | 7:30-9:30pm

### #3: POP GOES THE OPERA

August 9<sup>th</sup> | 7:30-9:30pm

### #4: HOMECOMING:

HOS ALUMNI CONCERT

August 21<sup>st</sup> | 7:30-9:30pm

All Concerts: St. George's Anglican Church

## PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN EVENTS:

### #1: WHY CHOOSE OPERA?

July 31<sup>st</sup> | 7:30-8:45pm

Abbey Gardens Performance Tent

### #2: MUSIC ON THE WATER

August 12<sup>th</sup> | 6-7pm

Location TBA

### #3: CASUAL SONG SOIRÉE

August 14<sup>th</sup> | 7:30-8:45pm

St. George's Anglican

**SAVE THE  
DATE!**

Plan to attend our **Exclusive Gala Fundraising Concert & Reception** on August 6<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm featuring European Pop Sensation & HOS Alumnus, 'Vasil' – visit us online to learn more and purchase tickets!



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# Upcoming events

The arts come alive in Haliburton County. Among the steeped hills and land of lakes, hundreds of artists and performers spend time honing their craft year-round. With pandemic restrictions behind us, 2023 promises to be a jam-packed year of events, shows and festivals in the Highlands

## Haliburton Rotary Music in the Park

With an expanded lineup of 10 concerts, there will be something for everyone at this year's Music in the Park. Taking place weekly on the shores of Head Lake at the Haliburton Rotary Bandshell, the 2023 schedule will feature local favourites like The Ya Babys, Nick & Benton and Jeff Moulton, and travelling artists such as The Rockin' Bobs, Rick Fines and Ragged Company. Shows will run from June 27 until Aug. 29, with multi-award-winning roots and blues singer Suzie Vinnick closing out the season. Admission is by donation.

## Highlands Summer Festival

For over 20 years, HSF has brought live theatre to Haliburton County. The 2023 season will run through July and August, bringing five exciting shows to the Highlands. First up is the Broadway classic musical *She Loves Me*, opening July 3 and running for 10 performances; Amy Herzog's play *4,000 Miles* debuts July 17 for eight showings; *More Confessions from the Ninth Concession*, written by Dan Needles and Ian Bell, opens July 26 for three performances; a recreation of the popular *Shirley Valentine* starts July 31 and will have five showings; with *Early Morning Rain*, documenting the 50-year career of Canadian musician Gordon Lightfoot, closing out the festival with five shows beginning Aug. 6. Tickets can be bought online at [highlandssummerfestival.on.ca](http://highlandssummerfestival.on.ca).

## Haliburton Art and Craft Festival

Hosted by Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre, this event has been a highlight of summer in Haliburton County for more than 60 years.

Featuring Canadian artists, the fair offers a range of vendors specializing in ceramics, wearable art, glassblowing, printmaking, jewelry making, metalwork, mixed media, painting, photography, sculpting and woodworking. Taking place July 21, 22 and 23.

## Highlands Opera Studio

Now entering its 16th season, this event brings some of the best emerging and established voices from across Canada to the Highlands. Enjoy vocal masterclasses from Richard Margison July 27 to 29, and operas Mishabooz's Realm, happening Aug. 17 and 19, and L'Esir D'Amore, Aug. 24, 26, 27 and 28. There will be four concerts hosted at St. George's Anglican Church in August, with three pay-what-you-can events in the summer. For more information, visit [highlandsoperastudio.com](http://highlandsoperastudio.com).

## Tour de Forest

Featuring a wide array of artisans from across Haliburton County, the annual Tour de Forest provides Highlanders with an opportunity to come face-to-face with some of the creative talents that reside in the area. Celebrating its 17th year, the event will run Aug. 5 and 6 and will include 30 artists and 13 studios showcasing painting, sculpting, pottery and jewelry making. For more, visit [haliburtontourdeforest.com](http://haliburtontourdeforest.com).

## The Studio Tour Haliburton Highlands

Explore the art of the Haliburton Highlands. Now in its 36th year, The Studio Tour offers a unique experience by allowing visitors to tour the County and witness the vibrant autumn colours while visiting individual studios. You will have the opportunity to meet the artists, shop and learn about their creative processes. Taking place Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 7 and 8. Studios open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more, visit [thestudiotour.ca](http://thestudiotour.ca).



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# Libraries

With seven branches and one depot, Haliburton County Public Library provides access to books, e-books, audiobooks, magazines, and the latest DVD releases. Visit branches for computer and Internet access, WiFi, and activities for people of all ages. For more information, call your branch or visit the library website at [haliburtonlibrary.ca](http://haliburtonlibrary.ca).

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Choose from privately-owned rental cottages or cottage resorts with extended amenities but choose early to ensure you get your top pick. Ask about the cancellation policy. Travel insurance is recommended.

If you're looking for a private cottage, consider working with a reputable cottage rental agency. They can do the searching for you and help you avoid scams (people renting cottages they don't own). 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.

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. 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. Find out whether you'll need to bring your own towels, sheets, games, videos. Ask what services are available, such as satellite, mobile phone and Internet (more remote cottages may have reduced cellular and Internet services).

For listings of cottage resorts and cottage rental agencies, call the Highlands tourism office at call 1-800-461-7677 or visit myhaliburtonhighlands.com/where-to-stay.

## BED AND BREAKFASTS

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### Pine Grove Point Campground

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### Sleepy Hollow Camping

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### Winterdance (Tiny Cabins)

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### Southlake Tent and Trailer

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### The Baltic - Fort Treehouse

[forttreehouseco.com](http://forttreehouseco.com)

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### **Lake of Bays Mission Church**

705-766-1973

### **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. Ambrose Anglican Church**

lakeofbaysanglicanparish.ca

### **St. James Anglican Church**

lakeofbaysanglicanparish.ca

### **Stewart Memorial United Church, Dwight (seasonal)**

705-571-5310 • lakeofbaysunitedchurches.org

## DYSART ET AL

### **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 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

stanthonyh.al.wixsite.com/stanthonyofpadua

### **St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton**

705-457-2074 • haliburtonanglican.org

### **West Guilford Baptist Church**

705-457-1537 • wgbchurch.net

## HIGHLANDS EAST

### **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

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### **Allsaw Pentecostal Church**

705-286-2113

### **Highland Hills United Church, Minden**

705-286-1470 • highlandhillspc.ca

### **Ingoldsby United Church**

705-457-1891 • haliburtonpastoralcharge.com

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### **Kinmount Baptist Church**

705-488-3188 • kinmountbaptist.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

### **St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden**

705-286-2541 • mkmlanglican.ca

### **St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple Lake**

705-286-2541 • mkmlanglican.ca





# Hospitals, clinics and services

In case of an emergency call 9-1-1 immediately. Do not call any of the service providers below directly, and do not hang up the phone. You may want to visit the location's website or call ahead before going.

## HOSPITALS

### Haliburton Highlands Health Services

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

### Quinte Health Care North Hastings Hospital

1-H Manor Ln., Bancroft  
 613-332-2825 • qhc.on.ca

## CLINICS

### Bancroft Community Family Health Team

19 Oak St., • 613-332-1565  
 16 Billa St., • 613-332-1565  
 1 Manor Ln., • 613-332-5692  
 bcfht.org

### Dorset Community Health Hub

By appointment only  
 1098 Main St., Dorset  
 705-766-0866 • dorsethealthhub.com

### Haliburton Family Medical Centre

7217 Gelert Rd., Haliburton  
 705-457-1212 • hhft.com/contact-us

### Minden Medical Centre

6 McPherson St., Minden  
 705-286-2500 • hhft.com/contact-us

### Kinmount & District Health Centre

Phone for appointment  
 5100 County Rd. 503, Kinmount  
 705-488-1105 • kdhc.ca

## REGIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

### Home and Community Care Support Services

**Central East - Haliburton County**  
 1-800-263-3877  
 healthcareathome.ca/central-east  
**South East - Bancroft**  
 1-800-717-2344 • healthcareathome.ca/south-east

### Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit

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

### Hastings Prince Edward Public Health -

**Public Health North Hastings Office**  
 613-332-4555 • hpepublichealth.ca



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# Mental health care services

Canada will be getting a new number, 9-8-8, for suicide prevention on November 20, 2023. If you need help now, you can continue to call 1-833-456-4666 at any time, or text 45645 between 4 p.m. and midnight ET.

If you'd like to know more about the new number, visit: [canada.ca/en/radio-television-telecommunications/news/2022/08/crtc-to-implement-new-9-8-8-number-for-mental-health-crisis-and-suicide-prevention.html](https://canada.ca/en/radio-television-telecommunications/news/2022/08/crtc-to-implement-new-9-8-8-number-for-mental-health-crisis-and-suicide-prevention.html).

## 4 County Crisis

1-866-995-9933  
[cmhahkpr.ca/programs-services/four-county-crisis](https://cmhahkpr.ca/programs-services/four-county-crisis)

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## Brain Injury Association Peterborough Region

1-800-854-9738 • [biapr.ca](https://biapr.ca)

## Canadian Mental Health Association

Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge  
1-888-454-8875 • [cmhahkpr.ca](https://cmhahkpr.ca)

## Canopy Support Services

1-888-616-3456 • [canopysupport.ca](https://canopysupport.ca)

## Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

1-800-463-2338 • [camh.ca](https://camh.ca)

## ConnexOntario Crisis Line

1-866-531-2600 • [connexontario.ca](https://connexontario.ca)

## Crisis Services Canada - see Talk Suicide Canada

## Fleming Muskoka-Kawarthas Employment Services

Job search training, search, and mental health support  
1-866-353-3536 • [flemingemploymenthub.ca](https://flemingemploymenthub.ca)

## FourCAST Addictions Counselling

1-800-461-1909 • [fourcast.ca](https://fourcast.ca)

## Good2Talk

Support for post-secondary students in ON and NS  
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## Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub

705-457-2727 • [pointintime.ca/youth/haliburton-youth-wellness-hub](https://pointintime.ca/youth/haliburton-youth-wellness-hub)

## Haliburton Highlands Health Services Mental Health Services

705-286-4575 • [hhhs.ca/community-programs/mental-health-services](https://hhhs.ca/community-programs/mental-health-services)

## Hugr Authentic Connections Mental Wellness App

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705-457-5349 • K. Brewer Financial Services (local plan) • [chamberplan.ca](https://chamberplan.ca)

## Kids Help Phone

Emergency 24/7 help line and mental health activities

1-800-668-6868; text 686868 • [kidshelpphone.ca](https://kidshelpphone.ca)

## Lynx Early Psychosis Intervention Program

705-286-4575 • [lynxtracks.ca](https://lynxtracks.ca)

## Point in Time – Children's Mental Health

705-457-5345; 1-855-310-2673 crisis line after 4:30 p.m. • [pointintime.ca](https://pointintime.ca)

## RAAM Clinic

Rapid Access Addiction Medicine • 705-286-4575

## Talk Suicide Canada (formerly Crisis Services Canada)

1-833-456-4566 toll-free 24/7/365; text 45645 4 p.m. to midnight • [talksuicide.ca](https://talksuicide.ca)

## Voice Haliburton

Community support group – mental health, mood, substance use (addiction) and similar issues.  
Text 705-749-6145

## Wellness Together Canada

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# A Voice for Haliburton County

Tom Regehr has been there, done that when it comes to struggling with personal issues. His lived experience speaks to a key reason Voice Haliburton, a new drop-in support group, may succeed in helping others find the answers they haven't found elsewhere.

Voice is operated by Regehr and others who are working on their own difficulties in areas such as mental health strain, addictions, homelessness, and gaps in social services. They get it.

"I've had success because I've been in the exact same position," said Regehr in a February 2023 interview. "A lot of times, people like me feel like they've been failed by the system. Left behind, with nowhere to turn ... now I spend a lot of my time showing 'us' that there is a way back."

Voice is especially needed here because people are dying, said Regehr in a later interview.

"The mechanism of death may be Fentanyl or violence, the protagonist may be addiction or mental health concerns, but the root causes can be addressed with human connection and a sense of community.

"People are alone and lonely. Suffering ... the Voice effort aims to provide a space where folks working on mental health, addiction, or any large personal struggle can meet and support each other as well as create ways to help improve social services."

Voice opened its doors in April 2023 at Lakeside Church in Haliburton. There is no affiliation, just a case of a church volunteering the space. The meetings are come-as-you-are with no need to be referred, register, join, be a regular visitor or even share your name – just come by the church when it works for you. Voice is for everyone from teenagers to retirees. Confidentiality is understood.

"Group meetings are important because good human connection can be made without any great effort or disclosure," said Regehr. "The 'I am not alone' refrain is common. Groups often provide a comfortable place to start, a gateway to further help when people are not sure of [where to go] or otherwise not wanting to ask. Groups provide context, a wider view and are often the working crew of hard work where the therapist or counselor etc. is the architect, advisor, or mentor.

"If we see people becoming more comfortable in their own skin, developing a sense of belonging, making better choices – that would be a success."

Voice runs from 7 to 9 p.m. on the second

Thursday of each month. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. with coffee supplied by the church (bring a coffee cup or a tea bag if you like).

Community supporters include Lakeside Church, United Way, Haliburton County Development Corporation, Haliburton Mental Health, and Substance Use Working Group and more.

If you'd like to support Voice you could donate money or cans of coffee to Lakeside Church. "In kind" donations of materials for the monthly events and participants' creative work are appreciated, such as flip chart paper, markers, green tape, and printing.

For more information visit [voicehaliburton.weebly.com](http://voicehaliburton.weebly.com), email [voice@thecastprojects.ca](mailto:voice@thecastprojects.ca) or text 705-749-6145 at any time.



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## Dorset Satellite Office

P.O. Box 99, 1051 Main St., Dorset, ON, PoA 1E0

705-766-2211

## Municipality of Dysart et al

135 Maple Ave., Haliburton

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## Municipality of Highlands East

County Road 648, Wilberforce

705-448-2981 • [highlandseast.ca](mailto:highlandseast.ca)

[info@highlandseast.ca](mailto:info@highlandseast.ca)

## Township of Minden Hills

7 Milne St., Minden

705-286-1260 • [mindenhills.ca](mailto:mindenhills.ca)

[admin@mindenhills.ca](mailto:admin@mindenhills.ca)

## County of Haliburton

11 Newcastle St., Minden

705-286-1333 • [haliburtoncounty.ca](mailto:haliburtoncounty.ca)

[info@county.haliburton.on.ca](mailto:info@county.haliburton.on.ca)

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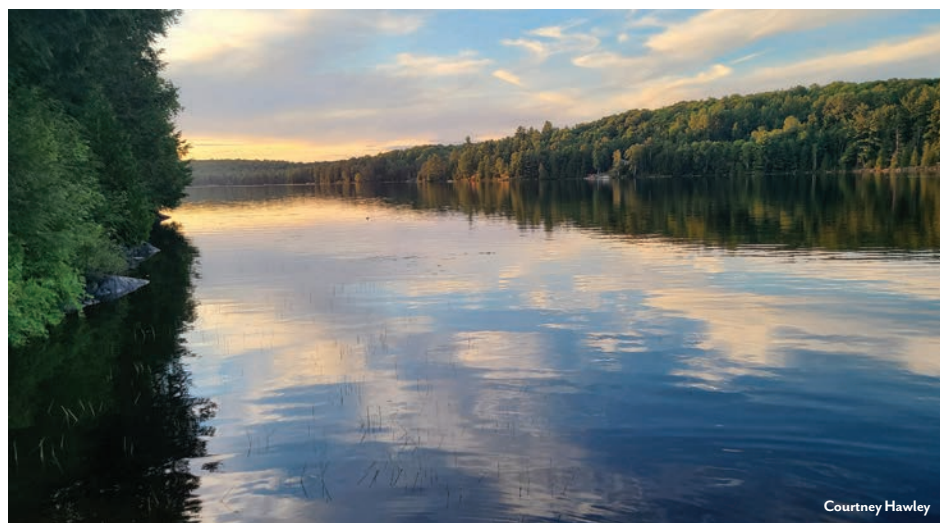
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## MPP Laurie Scott's office

14 Lindsay St. North, Lindsay

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# Service clubs and volunteering

Volunteers and groups such as those listed here play a significant role in the health and well-being of our communities. Please note not all clubs and volunteering opportunities 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](http://dorsetcanada.com/communityservice/dorset-lions-club) or [dorsetlions@gmail.com](mailto:dorsetlions@gmail.com).

**Haliburton & District** – [haliburtonlions@gmail.com](mailto:haliburtonlions@gmail.com) or [haliburtonlions@gmail.com](mailto:haliburtonlions@gmail.com).

**Kinmount & District** – [kinmountlionsclub.com](mailto:kinmountlionsclub.com), [kinmountlions@gmail.com](mailto:kinmountlions@gmail.com) or 705-488-2005.

**Minden & District** – [e-clubhouse.org/sites/minden\\_on](http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/minden_on), [mindenlions@lionsa16.com](mailto:mindenlions@lionsa16.com) or 705-286-3233

### 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](http://mindenkin.club) or [info@mindenkin.club](mailto: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](https://facebook.com/RotaractHaliburtonHighlands) or [haliburtonrotaract@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/201). Minden – [mindenrotary.ca](http://mindenrotary.ca), [info@mindenrotary.ca](mailto:info@mindenrotary.ca)

### 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](http://haliburtonlegion.com), [rcl129@outlook.com](mailto:rcl129@outlook.com) or 705-457-2571. Kinmount – 705-488-3462. Minden – [rclbranch636@hotmail.com](mailto:rclbranch636@hotmail.com), 705-286-4541. Wilberforce – [rcl624@bellnet.ca](mailto:rcl624@bellnet.ca), 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. [victoriadistrict.com/enter.html](http://victoriadistrict.com/enter.html) or: Haliburton – [northernentrance@victoriadistrict.com](mailto:northernentrance@victoriadistrict.com); Minden – [arcadia@victoriadistrict.com](mailto:arcadia@victoriadistrict.com)

### 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](http://algonquinshrineclub.ca) or [info@algonquinshrineclub.ca](mailto:info@algonquinshrineclub.ca)



Emily Schell

# 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

Const. Michael Melnychuk  
Community Services Officer  
12598 Highway 35, Minden  
Michael.melnchuk@opp.ca • 705-286-1431

## Algonquin Highlands Fire Department

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

## Dysart et al Fire Department

Dan Chumbley, Fire Chief  
705-457-2126 • dchumbley@dysartet.al.ca

## Highlands East Fire Department

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

## Minden Hills Fire Department

Shain Duda, Fire Chief  
705-286-1202 • sduda@minderhills.ca

## Haliburton County Paramedic Service

6 South St., Haliburton  
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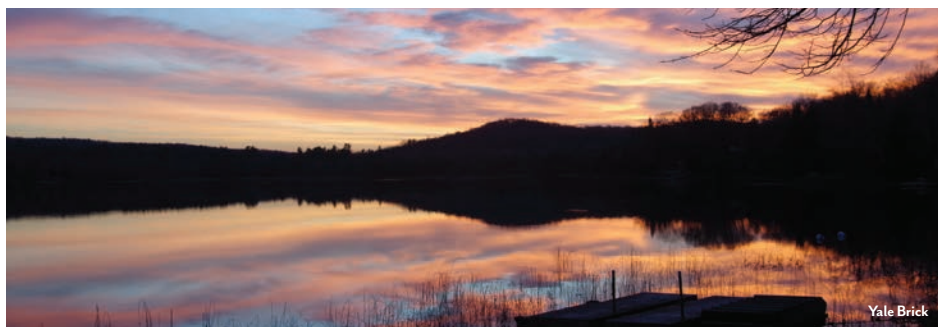


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Is your Generac being looked after properly? If not, you're at risk of voiding your warranty. *Extended Warranties are available.*

## OTHER MACHINES

made by Generac that we do service are Honeywell & Eaton.

## MAINTENANCE

You are required to have a Generac dealer complete your Generac's annual maintenance and service while under warranty.



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