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### New shoreline draft a 'landmark'

### By Sam Gillett

The County of Haliburton has a new draft shoreline preservation bylaw to consider.

At an Oct. 27 meeting, council received its consultant's draft bylaw and voted to hold a special meeting to discuss it, and chart the next step towards passing a final bylaw.

The new draft bylaw comes after nearly five months of community consultation, stakeholder interviews and two sets of surveys and virtual town hall meetings.

"This is a landmark thing within Haliburton County," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin. Council is now tasked with discussing the draft and may make changes before it is voted on.

"Regardless of what we decide, it's not going to make everybody happy," Devolin added.

J.L Richards (JLR) and Hutchinson Environmental Services Ltd. (HESL) recommend keeping the shoreline buffer at 30-metres in any future shoreline preservation bylaw.

HESL's scientific review suggests that will remove up to 85 per cent of pollutants, 85 per cent of sediment and 75 per cent of nitrogen from entering lakes.

The draft bylaw allows "minor landscaping" which includes the creation of gardens, maintenance and replacement of pathways and driveways up to five-metres wide, and beaches, as well as the removal of topsoil and up to 25 per cent of trees distributed throughout the shoreline.

It would also strengthen the existing tree preservation bylaw by requiring permit approval "to any future tree removal or site alteration in the shoreline buffer zone selected by County Council."

It prohibits removing native vegetation

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# Couple seeks answers after dogs killed

By Sam Gillett

A Dysart couple is reeling after a beloved hound and her three-month-old puppy were shot and killed.

On the evening of Oct. 21, Lacey Finch and Justin Hutchison's eight-year-old hound, Hunter, and her puppy, Nova, trotted into the bush behind their house as they did every night. They were always let out to go to the bathroom before eating dinner and cuddling in the living room with Finch and Hutchison.

But Finch said, "I called and called and called and they didn't come back." Finch said she then heard two shotgun blasts from the forest.

"We didn't hear yelling, we didn't hear barking; nothing."

Hutchison said he figured it was unsafe to go into the forest which borders their backyard because of the gunshots, however, he went to a property on the other side of the forest where it seemed like the gunshots had come from. They said a person on the property denied hearing gunshots.

After a sleepless night, the couple called the police.

Hutchison later found the dogs' bodies covered with sticks on the adjacent property, their collars removed.

He called the Haliburton Highlands OPP, and an officer attended the scene. According to an OPP press release on Oct. 27, the incident is under investigation but the individual responsible has not been identified. Hutchison has since buried Hunter and

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## Process 'good and open and transparent'

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including trees larger than five-centimetres in width, tree trimming and non-emergency removal of trees and stumps, and the placing of fill or altering the steepness of a shoreline more than a certain amount.

Also added is the protection of ponds and wetlands, which would be classified as bodies of water.

The new draft includes allowances for a "lesser shoreline" when a property's lot depth or site characteristics make it impossible to stick to the 30-metre rule.

Applications would include a legal description of a site, a project schedule, and a shoreline plan drawn to scale which includes estimated body of water locations and high watermarks, as well as approximate topography and natural and developed feature locations.

The application process, said J.L Richards planner Jason Ferrigan, was "regarded as a way for the community to grow into the bylaw over time" as well as expanding the matters that can be referred to council such as when a permit is denied or delayed.

The consultants suggest a transition period, where applicants would be free to submit for a year, with a simplified permit system, before moving to the full application system.

Those requirements contrast the previous stipulations of the council's draft bylaw, which required applicants to submit exact



The new draft bylaw maintains the current 30-metre buffer between a shoreline's high watermark and development. File

locations of all vegetation, trees and shrubs, and calculations regarding the property's stormwater controls.

Many who submitted feedback to consultants claimed those requirements were overly onerous and expensive.

The fine for breaking the bylaw is relaxed: consultants propose \$925 tickets for first-time offenders and second offence fines maxing out at \$100,000.

The consultants also provided a short summary overview of the bylaw, often

including shorter sentences that do not require prior knowledge of terms common in the legal and planning communities. Ferrigan described it as the "Coles Notes" version of the bylaw.

Council members noted how the draft bylaw process has sparked anger amongst the community throughout the bylaw process.

"The divisiveness and infighting amongst friends and neighbours, I've never seen anything like it. And I hope it never happens again because it's been exceedingly disappointing" Moffatt said.

The 827-page final report includes 470 pages of correspondence from Haliburton County residents and organizations, expressing their views on shoreline preservation initiatives.

"Unless you've been asleep under a rock," said Devolin, "for any individual or party who has wanted to have input in this, this has been a good and open and transparent process."



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## HKPR thinking 'outside the box' on drugs

#### By Mike Baker

Following in the footsteps of several other health care and law enforcement agencies across the country, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) district health unit has supported a new campaign that aims to decriminalize the personal possession of illicit drugs.

During a virtual meeting Oct. 21, board officials were told the local unit was at an impasse, with statistics surrounding opioid-related drug overdoses spiking to record highs since the onset of COVID-19.

Between April 2020 and March 2021, there were 41 opioid-related deaths in HKPR – up from 21 the year before.

While recognized as a "bold" strategy by Catherine MacDonald, HKPR substances and harm reduction coordinator, she said the move to decriminalize drugs such as cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin and ecstasy would assist the health unit in its attempts to manage an ever-escalating crisis.

"We need to explore innovative health and equity-focused strategies to address this opioid crisis," MacDonald said.

Nick Seguin, a detective with the Kawartha Lakes Police Services, said that by decriminalizing personal possession of illegal substances, hundreds of people locally would be diverted away from the criminal justice system towards a variety of health care and social services supports.

"By diverting people towards addiction programs, counselling, and harm reduction services we feel that's the best way to deal with the problem," he said. "Research shows that laws that criminalize people simply for using and possessing drugs have created serious health and social harms. From a mental health standpoint alone, it is very hard for people to recover from the criminalization aspect of their drug use.

"This is one way for us, potentially, to stop the cycle. If we can get people into programs, we'd be able to, hopefully, reduce crime, reduce calls for service from first responders and, ultimately, bring safer streets to our communities," Seguin added.

This is a different situation to the one surrounding marijuana, which was legalized in Canada in 2018 and is now sold in stores across the country. These illicit drugs would not be available at retail establishments.

Seguin said other countries that have adopted less punitive policies have not experienced any significant increase in drug use, or drug-related crimes. The movement has been supported by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police.

MacDonald said other health agencies, such as Toronto Public Health, have endorsed the campaign, while 42 municipalities in Ontario have supported the 'Moms Stop the Harm' resolution, which declares the opioid crisis a national public health emergency and calls for a comprehensive list of supports and reforms, including the decriminalization of illicit drugs for personal use. Organizations such as the Canadian Public Health Association, Canadian Mental Health Association and the World Health Association have also called for new approaches to tackling the overdose crisis, ranging from decriminalization of illegal substances to legal regulation.



Matt Parrin holds a Naloxone kit at a vigil marking International Opioid Awareness Day earlier this year. *File*.

Federal health minister, Patty Hadju, has stopped short of endorsing the campaign. Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale isn't a fan, either.

"There aren't many jurisdictions in the world that have done this kind of thing, if any. I hope Canada is not the first to try this," Schmale said. "I haven't heard any conversations of this happening (in Ottawa). I don't think the atmosphere is out there from Canadians to move forward with this," he said.

Board chair, Doug Elmslie, is worried it would place an additional burden on law enforcement, and basically force police officers to also act as social service workers.

But Seguin said while decriminalization would put more stress on police, "The simple answer is that we already are social service workers. The majority of the time, our frontline officers are dealing with folks that are at their worst, and we, first and foremost, try to help them out with their addictions, or their problems."

The HKPR board unanimously endorsed MacDonald's recommendation.

"We will use this [motion] as a key strategy to help address the opioid crisis and save lives," she said.

### Minden continues with costly planning consultant

### By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills will continue using a Peterborough-based planning consultant as its director of planning position remains

At an Oct. 14 meeting, CAO Trisha McKibbin asked council to extend the township's agreement with D.M. Wills Associates Ltd. for another six months.

The township entered into an initial sixmonth pact with the company on April 13, 2021, but it's over at the end of October.

McKibbin said, "These services have included all planning functions, including but not limited to, shore road allowance applications, minor variance applications, policy development, site plan agreements and planning consultations."

An attached schedule of fees shows the manager of planning services receives \$135/hour; senior land use planner \$120/hour; land use planner \$90/hour; planning/GIS technician \$80/hour; and administrator \$65/hour.

Asked for clarification on why former planner, Ian Clendening, had left the municipality, McKibbin said, "The Township does not comment on current or former employees."

Clendening has joined the City of



Former director of planning, Ian Clendening, at right. File.

Kingston planning department. He was never named to the province's sunshine list meaning his salary and benefits were less than \$100,000 a year with Minden Hills.

The CAO added, "Minden Hills will be

recruiting for a planner, and in the interim will continue to use the services of D.M. Wills. The Township is committed to ensuring that planning applications are processed in a timely manner and are

utilizing the services of D.M. Wills to accomplish this."

Asked what the contract had cost them as of mid-October, McKibbin said \$138,576.27.

## Restaurants relieved as doors fully open

#### By Mike Baker

Capacity limits and distancing requirements at Haliburton's restaurants and gyms were officially lifted Oct. 25 as Ontario Premier Doug Ford unveiled the final steps of the province's reopening plan.

The move comes just two weeks after similar restrictions were lifted at athletic venues, cinemas and theatres across the province.

Terri Matthews-Carl, owner of Rhubarb Restaurant in Carnarvon, said she was "thrilled" to be allowed to open back up at full capacity.

"We've already put our tables back in, which gives us an additional 50 per cent capacity compared to what we've been able to have inside over the past year. For us, this makes a huge difference," Matthews-Carl said. "It's definitely long overdue, but we're just thrilled that the decision has been made."

With no capacity limits in place, Matthews-Carl estimates she'll be able to have up to 25 additional customers inside the restaurant. That's particularly important, she said, given the changing of the seasons. "During the summer, the capacity limits weren't such a big deal, because we were able to use our patio. We were able to add a lot of extra seating that way. But now that patio season is over, it really is going to be much more helpful to have the additional seating inside," she said.

While many restauranteurs were beside themselves early in October, after Ford said capacity limits would remain in place at provincial eateries even after lifting them at sporting arenas, Matthews-Carl said she appreciated the delay as it gave her and her staff time to adjust to the new vaccination requirements without having a full house. "We really weren't that angry. Throughout all of this, we've just wanted to make sure everybody was safe. And, honestly, with having to do the vaccination checks opening up at full capacity and doing everything at the same time would have been a lot to handle. This way, everybody's gotten used to checking for vaccines, and now we're ready to go and be back operating at full capacity," she said. The best feeling, Matthews-Carl said, is knowing that she won't be forced to disappoint people moving forward. "We've been turning away people every night, basically since the end of summer and we closed our patio," she said. "Now we won't have to do that anymore." Venues such as barbershops and salons, museums, galleries and indoor areas of amusement parks have also had capacity limits lifted, providing they opt-in to the province's proof of vaccination requirements.

During the announcement, health minister Christine Elliott informed the public that the province is currently planning for all



Danielle Glassford sets a table at Rhubarb Restaurant. The local eatery returned to full capacity on Oct. 23. *Photo by Mike Baker.* 

remaining COVID-19-related public health and workplace safety measures to be lifted by March 2022.

Elliott said the province plans to begin a gradual lifting of vaccine certification requirements, chief medical officer of health directives and capacity limits in settings where proof of vaccination is not required. Other measures, like masking, will remain in place until March 28. "We know this is encouraging news for Ontarians who have sacrificed so much over the last 20 months," Elliott said. "Today is a milestone in our fight against COVID-19. We have a plan to safely manage this virus in the long-term and protect the health and well-being of Ontarians, while ensuring Ontario remains open and recovering."

### Programs' end could lead to more jobs

### By Mike Baker

After Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced last week that the federal government would not be extending the Canada Recovery Benefit, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale said this could encourage more people to return to the local workforce.

CRB benefits ended Oct. 23. Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland said as of Oct. 10, the program had paid out \$27 billion to more than two million applicants. The program was launched in September 2020 to replace the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

The Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy and Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy also ended Oct. 23.

"We really think that the CERB and the recovery benefits did what they were supposed to do," Freeland said. "We think now that the public health and economic circumstances of today are quite different, and so we think it is an appropriate time to transition away from these broader measures to more targeted support and to more ... regional lockdown support for businesses and workers."

She announced \$7.4 billion had been set aside to support a slew of new programs, including the Canada Worker Lockdown Benefit, which will assist those whose work is directly impacted by government-

imposed lockdowns. That program will run until May 7, 2022 and will provide \$300 per week to eligible workers.

Freeland also announced a new Tourism and Hospitality Recovery (THR) program, and Hardest-Hit Business Recovery (HHBR) program, which will both be available until May 7. THR applies to operations such as hotels, restaurants, bars, festivals and travel agencies that recorded average monthly revenue losses of at least 40 per cent for the first 13 months of the old Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) program. HHBR applies to businesses that don't fit under the tourism and hospitality umbrella, but are still facing financial hardships relating to the pandemic. To be eligible, businesses would have to show an average monthly revenue loss of at least 50 per cent over the first 13 months of CEWS.

While Schmale was pleased to hear that CRB would not be extended, he criticized Trudeau for implementing further relief programs without input from the other parties.

"This should have been done in Parliament, not at a podium during a media conference," Schmale said.

Federal politicians are still, essentially, on a break until Nov. 22, when they will return to Ottawa for the first time since last month's election.

Schmale acknowledged CRB was an



Local MP Jamie Schmale believes the recent changes to federal COVID supports could bolster the local economy. *File*.

important program when it was introduced last year, supporting Canadians who lost their jobs due to the pandemic. Now that it's over, he expects the local workforce to receive a much-needed jolt over the coming weeks

"I think this will get some people back into the workforce. Recent unemployment rates shows that levels are coming down quite dramatically, so people are getting back in. But we all know how bad the labour shortage is in many parts of the country, including Haliburton County," Schmale said. "Long-term, we need to be addressing this, looking at what does it mean and how we go about getting those who aren't in the workforce back in safely, and responsibly.

"But I do believe, with CRB gone, our businesses may start to see more people coming through their door [looking for work]," Schmale added.

## Library services remain on hold in AH

### By Sam Gillett

New library CEO Chris Stephenson said he's examining all options to bring interim library access to Algonquin Highlands residents "before winter."

A mold problem in Dorset and ongoing accessibility upgrades at Stanhope library have cut Algonquin Highlands residents off from easy access to Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) services.

It's estimated work at Stanhope will be completed before 2022, however supply chain issues have slowed construction to date

"It's unfortunate that we have these two branches in one municipality that are both closed," Stephenson said

While HCPL cardholders can access Lake of Bays libraries for free, Stephenson said "restoring library service is one of my important acts since I got here,"

In a September library board meeting, member Curry Humphreys said directing library cardholders to neighbouring municipalities is not an acceptable solution.

"The citizens of this municipality pay taxes to Haliburton, and we should find solutions for them," she said.

Stephenson's investigating a number of ideas including a drop-off and pick-up location, perhaps a locker with access keys.

"I've also been asked to explore a privatesector arrangement," Stephenson added. "I'm not sure what that looks like yet but I need to spend some time asking questions about who might be a good partner."

"Really, we need a space where people



HCPL CEO Chris Stephenson hopes to find alternatives since the Dorset Recreation Centre has been closed since May. File.

can meet someone or retrieve books or resources," he said.

Mold at the Dorset rec centre, initially discovered in March, has forced the

closure of the building since the end of May. Possible fixes being discussed at AH council range from exterior waterproofing to demolishing and reconstructing the building at a cost of \$4-5 million.

Stephenson, who just stepped into his role at the end of September, said he hopes to do a branch tour on Nov. 3, in order to "have a visual on what the community looks like."

### OPP NEWS

### Break and enter at Remax

Haliburton Highlands OPP is investigating a break and enter at the Remax real estate office on Highland St. in Haliburton.

Police discovered several pieces of electronic equipment were stolen from the offices between the evening of Oct. 21 and the morning of Oct. 22.

This incident is still under investigation. Police are ask anyone with information or video surveillance to contact the OPP at

1-888-310-1122 or contact Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

### Two charged after downtown incident

Haliburton Highlands OPP have charged two adults after an incident involving assault and firearms.

On Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 3:35 p.m. police received a report of a male and female in a dispute in downtown Haliburton. Reports

claimed a male was in possession of a firearm.

Officers located both people and recovered a firearm. Police charged a male with pointing a firearm, careless storage of a firearm, prohibited device or ammunition, unauthorized possession of a firearm, failure to comply with release order, two counts of assault, possession of a prohibited device or ammunition for dangerous purpose and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

He is also charged with possession of a "schedule 1 substance for the

purpose of trafficking"; a category of substances that includes heroin, cocaine, opium, oxycodone, fentanyl, morphine, methamphetamine and amphetamines.

A second male was also charged with two counts of failure to comply with a release order.

Both people are being held in custody until a bail hearing.

Police said the identities of the accused are not being released in an effort to protect the identities of the victims. (OPP News compiled by Sam Gillett.)

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### DYSART ET AL NEWS

### FoodCycler pilot

Council is keeping an open mind over a potential pilot project that could transform how local residents deal with food waste, and bring long-term environmental and financial benefits to the municipality.

Christina Zardo, of Food Cycle Science, was on hand at Oct. 26 council meeting to discuss the FoodCycler, a portable in-home food recycling machine. Its purpose is to transform food waste, such as vegetable peelings, meat, poultry and bones into a nutrient-rich soil sediment that can be used for gardening, landscaping or farming.

"Food waste accounts for a large portion of our household waste, between 25 and 50 per cent," Zardo said. "And what happens with most of that food? It ends up in our landfills. And, as you all know, landfills are both expensive and harmful to the environment. Our mission is to divert some of that food waste, and keep it out of municipal landfills."

Each FoodCycler unit is estimated to divert at least two tonnes of food in its lifetime, and prevent up to 2.6 tonnes of carbon monoxide from being released into the atmosphere. Zardo said taking one tonne of food waste out of the waste stream is equivalent to taking one car off the road for a year.

The product is currently being used in 17 municipalities across Canada. Algonquin Highlands is in the midst of a three-month pilot project, with around 100 homes across the municipality testing out the machine. Results from the pilot will be made available within the next four to six weeks, Zardo said.

She said a similar arrangement could be struck with Dysart. The units, which

retail for \$500, would be made available to local residents for \$150 – with Food Cycle Science picking up \$250 of the tab, and Dysart the other \$100.

"From an economic standpoint,
FoodCycler offers return on investment by
reducing waste management and disposal
costs," Zardo said. "From an environmental
standpoint ... it represents an approximate
reduction in greenhouse gas impacts by 95
per cent compared to sending food to the
landfill."

Any pilot project would run for 12 weeks, and cost the municipality in the region of \$10,000. Any resident who purchases a reduced-priced FoodCycler would be able to keep the machine at the conclusion of the pilot.

Council asked that environmental manager John Watson provide a report and recommendation on the idea, which will be presented Nov. 9.

### Dysart adopts new vaccination protocol

Dysart et al has adopted a new COVID-19 prevention and vaccination program, but has stopped short of imposing a mandatory vaccine order on members of staff, council and municipal volunteers.

Dysart CAO Tamara Wilbee said the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit had been encouraging the municipality to create an official COVID-19 policy, which will require anyone affiliated with the township to confirm their vaccination status.

The new policy will come into effect Nov. 25.



Dysart mayor Andrea Roberts. File.

"We believe most of our members are already double vaxxed, but the few exceptions will be required to participate in an education program and rapid test program at least once a week," Wilbee said. "If anyone has a positive result for COVID, that person would then have to go for a PCR test at the assessment centre."

Coun. John Smith asked why the municipality wasn't being more forthcoming and making vaccinations mandatory. Wilbee responded that Dysart has not been instructed to make

vaccinations mandatory, and offered her opinion that those holding out on getting their jab may be more inclined to change their mind through education and encouragement rather than force.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said adopting a rule of termination for non-compliance regarding a vaccine would be "very, very risky."

In a recorded vote, Council supported the policy 6-1 with Smith the lone tally against. (*Dysart et al news compiled by Mike Baker.*)

### INFORMATION PAGE

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 28, 2021 during its Meeting of Council via web conference regarding its Fees and Charges By-law. To review the proposed changes to Schedules C- Fire Services; F-Planning Services; H- Parks and Recreation Services, please visit www.mindenhills.ca/council/ to download the agenda.

Dated this 12th day of October, 2021.

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### Recycling Tip of the Week

Drink pouches, chip bags, straws and disposable cutlery are not recyclable. Please place these items in your garbage. For more info on recycling in Minden Hills, download the Haliburton County Waste Wizard mobile app on your Apple or Android device.

Notice of Virtual Regular Council Meeting November 11, 2021 1:00 PM

TAKE NOTICE that the Thursday, November 11, 2021
Regular Meeting of Council will be held virtually, via
web conference, at 1:00 PM in the Council Office,
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### (Virtual) Council Meetings

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

October 28
Regular Council Meeting
November 11
Regular Council Meeting 1:00 PM

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at <a href="https://www.mindenhills.ca/council/">www.mindenhills.ca/council/</a> or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting, please download by visiting our website at <a href="https://www.mindenhills.ca/council/">www.mindenhills.ca/council/</a>. Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

## Police won't tolerate vigilante response

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Nova on their property together, along with the puppy's favourite toy and blanket.

"I'm scared. I'm exhausted. I'm beyond sad for my dogs. They were more than dogs to me, they were my whole life," Finch said.

Finch described Hunter as "the most gentle dog ever," who was more like a child than animal. The dog had her own Instagram account "househoundhunter," where videos and pictures show Hunter posing with other dogs, cuddling on boats, wagging her tail while playing in the snow, and, most recently, keeping a careful eye on Nova.

"You can see how much she was loved, and what her personality was like from her pictures."

Finch said they were excited to bring Hunter hunting with Nova, to show the puppy how to help. "It was going to be Nova's first time at the camp this year. Her first time following her mom and her dad."

The couple said they appreciated the outpouring of phone calls, text messages and online comments of support they've received since posting about the incident.

"We're not out there for a hate crime, we're out there to prevent this from happening to someone else." They urge people to remain calm and let the police conduct their investigation without interference.

Finch has started a hashtag, #JUSTICEFORHUNTERANDNOVA.

"No matter what happens in the sense of justice, they're not going to bring back the



Lacey Finch and Justin Hutchison say Hunter, an eight-year-old hound, and Nova, her puppy, were found dead on an adjacent property. Submitted.

two things we want." Hutchison said. "We don't feel safe [being near] someone who is capable of doing that."

Finch said justice also means ensuring this doesn't happen to more families. "We want to make people aware you just can't shoot a dog when it comes on your property: you need to follow the correct steps." Finch said if they had been called on the context steps."

notified their dogs were trespassing, they would have immediately come to get them. Each dog had a tag and collar.

"I want people to know how much I loved them," said Finch. "I won't forget them, they weren't just dogs."

can't shoot a dog when it comes on your property: you need to follow the correct steps." Finch said if they had been called or the matter, but cautioned that the person

responsible for the shooting has not been identified. "The Haliburton Highlands detachment will be investigating any incidents that appear to be in response to this shooting," the press release states.

The OPP requests anyone with information to call 1-888-310-1122 or contact Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

## Paramedic services master plan

Increasing calls for paramedic service and steady population growth mean it's time for a paramedic master plan, said County council.

At a committee of the whole meeting Oct 13. Council voted in favour of posting a request for proposals (RFP) for an external review and development of a master plan, estimated to cost \$100,000. The plan would outline future ambulance requirements, patient transfer services and supervision and management structures.

"What we're looking to do is develop a fairly comprehensive master plan," said chief Tim Waite, who said the service has seen "significant" growth in call volumes.

The master plan is likely to account for the next 10 years or more of estimated population projections and identify service gaps that may be highlighted as the community changes.

"We've all seen a shift and a change in our community, without that new master plan we don't know where we're going," said Dysart mayor Andrea Roberts.

Some uncertainty lies in tracking where Haliburton residents go to receive service. Algonquin Highlands mayor Carol Moffatt mentioned she's noticed many residents go to Huntsville; by tracking location, she said, the plan could explore ways to make service more efficient.

"There are areas where the closest hospital may not be a Haliburton County hospital,"

CAO Mike Rutter agreed: "It might look at something where they're looking at other municipalities to determine where the most suitable location might be," he said.

A plan would also help the County foresee cost increases associated with expanding its emergency response system, as costs are expected to rise alongside Haliburton's population.

### Winter hiking festival returns

The Hike Haliburton Festival: Winter Edition will return for its second year after a COVID-19 hiatus.

County councilors voted to proceed with the event, which is tentatively planned for the first week of February 2022.

In its first iteration in 2020, 300 hikers took part in 20 guided snowshoe hikes around the County.

Rutter said the event is easy to host within COVID-19 guidelines, as it's administered virtually and each hike can have a capacity limit. He also said 83 per cent of

participants in the event's first edition were Haliburton residents or seasonal residents.

"It certainly did increase economic activities," he said, pointing to how the festival draws people into towns and villages where the hikes are based.

"It's a very low expense and a high return," said Minden Hills mayor Brent Devolin. The festival is estimated to cost the County approximately \$3,000 to host.

### Community climate action plan

Stakeholders from the County's business community, energy and development sectors, conservation authorities and public health organizations will be invited to apply for a spot consulting County staff as they develop a community climate action plan.

Climate change coordinator Korey McKay explained how assembling the advisory group is the next step in a multi-year process of developing a plan to reduce the County's emissions.

Next, staff will help develop a public consultation plan, which is expected to roll out in the spring of 2022.

A draft climate action plan is due to council in the fall or winter of 2022, with a final plan expected in 2023.

In 2019, McKay reported the Highlands

emitted 299,522 tonnes of CO2e and consumed 4,966,466 Gigajoules of energy, at an expenditure of \$161,694,699. This is equivalent to 7.6 tonnes of CO2e per person, at an expenditure of \$4,085 annually in energy costs.

As climate change models suggest, Haliburton is expected to see more days above 30 degrees Celsius, and less below -30 degrees with a 4.4 degree annual temperature rise.

It's expected applications for interested stakeholders will be open in November, with a list of recommended stakeholders brought to council for approval in December.

### Service improvements

The County will spend \$725,000 from the province's Municipal Modernization Fund on an operational review, and multiple online service renovations.

The funds will help cover the remaining balance of a recently completed service delivery review, a \$100,000 fuel card lock system, and financial software systems estimated to cost \$154,299.

That also includes \$100,000 for electronic records management, \$25,000 for security at public works yards, and \$240,500 for facility renovations at 11 and 12 Newcastle St. ((News compiled by Sam Gillett.)

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## The Highlander Shoreline bylaw a start

The great Highlands land rush is posing a threat to our waterways but the consultants' final report on the shoreline preservation bylaw is one way County officials can mitigate the impact.

Since the outset, we've had to agree to disagree with those arguing the existing shoreline tree preservation bylaw is doing the job and this one is not needed. Quite frankly, the old one doesn't have enough

And we have sadly seen how some property owners, developers and contractors know it and have been pushing the

For example, we were sent photos of a clear-cut on Drag Lake in the summer. The property owners were fined and ordered to do restoration works. They claimed a misunderstanding of the language in the existing bylaw. We did not write about it at the time as we did not think it was prudent to single out one possible bad apple. The problem was with the core. The legislation was underripe. This week, Haliburton County council has rightfully taken steps to ensure the bad apples can't get away with citing the rules and regulations aren't or weren't clear enough.

The County's forestry and bylaw officer is getting busier and busier. Between Jan. 1 and July 15, 2021, the man responsible for the existing bylaw had made 45 site visits, issued four fines, eight stop work orders and seven work orders for remediation to address issues from 2020.

Further, unlike those who argue a 30-metre setback is an attack on their Constitutional rights to do what they will with their land, the consultants disagree. They have recommended a 30-metre buffer as it removes up to 85 per cent of pollutants; 85 per cent of sediment; 75 per cent of nitrogen; 100 per cent of woody debris, maintains water temperature; and protects the chemical, physical and biological components of aquatic systems. Further, the 30-metres is already in the County's official plan; is what the province recommends; and lots of other comparable municipalities use it.

Some don't get it, so the consultants have recommended the County do more public education on the connection between shoreline buffers and water quality.

Adding further teeth, it's recommended there be permit approval prior to any future tree removal or site alteration in the zone.

The consultants have also quite rightly suggested that the County municipal partners, the development

continue to talk to its community and



By Lisa Gervais

other stakeholders about a permit-based system.

County council still has some work to do around permitting and will have to get a legal review but they should be in a position to pass the new bylaw at their next

There had better be a discussion about enforcement, too, since all local councils have not spent enough money to date on bylaw enforcement staff.

But, no one can now say there was no public consultation. It cannot be argued special interest groups drove the process. The final report was done by consultants from outside of Haliburton County. Their work has revealed best practices in other iurisdictions. It is time we all got behind it for the sake of our lakes, ponds and natural heritage features.

### **COVID CORNER**

## Hey kids, it's your turn

Pfizer announced its vaccine is safe for children aged five to 11, showing 91 per cent effective protection from symptomatic COVID-19 in this age group. Thanks to the children studied, the vaccine is no longer experimental, with safety data on more than 4,500 children overwhelmingly in favour of immunizing the pediatric population.

The vaccine will be given in a two-dose series of 10 mcg per dose, in 0.2 ml of diluent (adolescent/adult is 30 mcg in 0.3 ml), given three weeks apart. The reduction is to avoid the risk of myocarditis, a rare infection of the heart seen in a small number of vaccine recipients (so far readily diagnosed and easily treated). None of the subjects in the clinical trial developed myocarditis or pericarditis. (When younger people develop myocarditis from the virus itself it can be severe.)

Pfizer has formally asked for Health Canada approval and Canada has 2.9 million Pfizer doses ordered, awaiting approval. While Health Canada has vet to approve, it is anticipated, and pharmacies are ordering kids' vaccines and training staff. Pediatric vaccines are not only lower doses but use a different mix and smaller

In Saskatchewan, where they are struggling with a high volume of COVID patients and are now transferring many of the sickest to Ontario ICU beds, it is no

surprise the province has ordered 112,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses for children. Dr. Tania Diener, medical health officer responsible for immunization, announced Oct. 26 they will start vaccinating five to 11s in mid-November.

The vaccinations for children are expected to be at schools, pharmacies, drop-in clinics and mobile clinics. About 190 clinics are expected in 100 communities in Saskatchewan.

The province has COVID data showing children under 12 were responsible for almost 25 per cent of COVID-19 cases diagnosed in October, a quarter happening in school and half traced to transmission in

Parents need to provide signed consent, therefore they must be given the information to encourage and reassure it is the right thing to do.

In the USA, an expert committee advised the Food and Drug Administration this week to authorize Pfizer-BioNTech's coronavirus vaccine for the age group, which will then allow vaccines for about 28 million children. The federal government announced the pediatric dose will be crucial to keeping schools open and bringing a sense of safety and normalcy to family and

Their statistics show COVID-19 is the eighth-highest killer in the demographic.

Amanda Cohn, a top C.D.C. official said, "Use of this vaccine will prevent deaths, I.C.U. admissions and significant



By Dr. Nell Thomas

long-term adverse outcomes in children." C.D.C vaccine approval spokesman, Dr. Peter Marks, points out nearly two million in this age group have been infected, and that a third of those hospitalized have needed intensive care.

In Canada, data to Oct. 1 indicated that children aged 0 to 19 years old accounted for 20 per cent of cases but only two per cent of hospitalizations, 1.2 per cent of ICU admissions and 0.1 per cent of deaths.

A viral disease specialist at the C.D.C. announced that more than 2,000 schools had been forced to close between early August and October because of outbreaks, affecting more than a million students. "We saw the highest hospitalization rates in the five-to-11-year age group in September, during the Delta wave," she said.

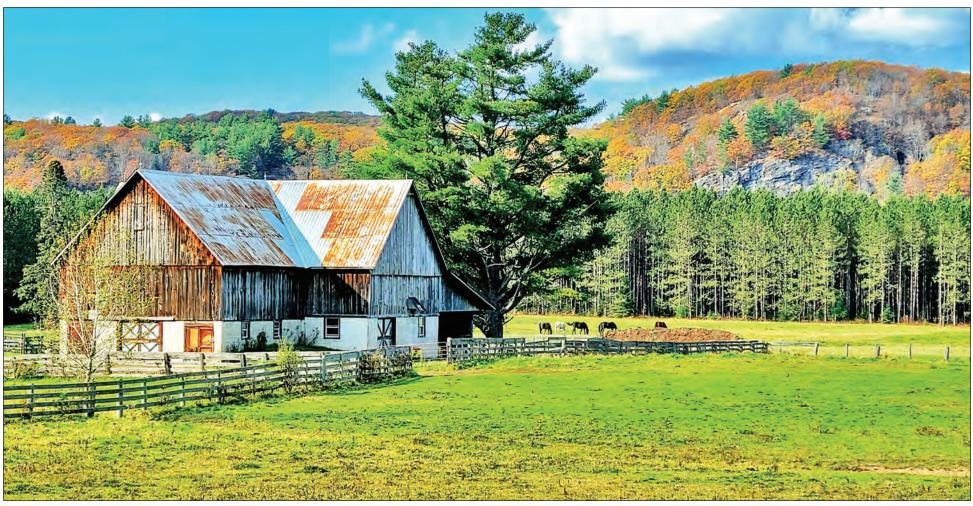
Next up. Moderna has tested a half strength version of its adult dose in 4,753 children six to 11 years old and found their vaccine similarly produced a strong immune response of neutralizing antibodies and a favorable safety profile.

### **HAVE AN OPINION?**

Send your letters to editor@thehighlander.ca (300 words max)

## Editorial opinion

### PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Craig Dellio took this photograph of the barn looking west on Kennisis Lake Road 7, 3km north of West Guilford.

### **LETTERS**

### **Upset over** vaccine mandate

Dear editor,

I wrote MPP Laurie Scott. For several years, I have exhibited my poetry volumes, which take Haliburton as their inspiration, at the Rails End Gallery shop in Haliburton.

Recently, I contacted the gallery about holding a video presentation, such as we did in 2019, to promote my new release, *Book Four Rooms at Heart Lodge.* On Oct. 15, the gallery replied by email that for this to happen I would need to provide Rails End with "proof of 2x vaccination for a scheduled program/event where you are interacting with staff or volunteers."

As I am not vaccinated, nor do I intend to be, it was clear that the presentation would not go ahead under the present circumstances.

My response will be to remove my volumes from the gallery store. I intended to do so on Oct. 22. As I explained in an email to the gallery, "Whether one is confronting apartheid on the large scale or addressing divisive practices locally, the simplest and most direct way to counter exclusion is by instituting a service boycott."

I am under no illusion that by withdrawing a few items from the Rails End Gallery I can expect to influence Ontario's vaccine policy. However, if other artists in similar straits choose to act likewise, then we can perhaps oblige Ms. Scott's government

to reconsider the punitive and irrational vaccine mandate that is setting the people of Ontario against one another.

**Douglas Smith PhD** Blairhampton

### When 'net zero' is not zero

Dear editor,

Net zero carbon. Net zero targets. Net Zero by 2030. Net zero by 2050.

We hear a lot about net zero but do we hear much about what it is and what it means? To paraphrase Ray Conniff's old song, "net zero means different things to different people, that's what net zero means."

The impression we are given is that achieving net zero means we are overcoming continued global warming by drastically reducing CO2 and methane missions in our atmosphere. Is this true? How do we know it's true? Who tells us this **Lookout blocked off** is true? Who benefits from our believing that it's true?

Are you starting to wonder if you were told enough about net zero to determine if the claims made in its favour are valid? If so, you are not alone. How important is net zero and do we need to have a better understanding of the term and how it is

COP26, the 26th annual United Nations Climate Change conference. is being held

in Glasgow, Scotland between Oct. 31 and Nov. 12. Yes, net zero will play a key role in the pending discussions, negotiations and commitments aimed at holding our earth's global warming average increase to 1.5 C degrees.

Wouldn't it be nice if there was some local event available to help us get a handle on this net zero business? Well, friends and neighbours, look no more. The good folks of Environment Haliburton!, Seniors for Climate Action Now, and Climate Action Muskoka, have got just the thing for us. This Thursday night (Oct. 28) at 7:30 p.m. they have arranged for a free online presentation by economist Marc Lee entitled "Cop 26 and Net Zero's Dangerous Distractions."

Simply register at the internet site environmenthaliburton.org. I hope to see you there.

John Gibb Minden

Dear editor,

I've got a great idea!

You know the Panorama Drive in Minden and the Panorama Park where you can drive up and see out over the town and the valley for miles? The one that looks so spectacular in the fall, and people come from miles around to enjoy it?

Well, here's my idea: why don't we block

it off so cars can't go there anymore? Great idea, eh? Let's make it so that seniors or handicapped people or people with small children can't go up there and look at the leaves. Only spry young people will be able to walk up there. Hopefully they won't have parties.

Isn't that a great idea? Ooops, the town has already done that.

It was barricaded on Sunday, Oct. 17, the weekend after Thanksgiving. My wife and I managed to climb up (me with difficulty) and there were still lovely leaf colours to be seen out over the valley. I just couldn't believe the barricades at such a beautiful time of year.

Great thinking, Minden.

**Bob Killev** Clear Lake

### **Expects better**

Dear editor,

Your photo in the Oct. 21 *Highlander* of the water ambassadors shows a closelybunched group of a dozen people, all but one maskless.

This is irresponsible behaviour during the pandemic.

It is doubly irresponsible of a community paper to showcase it.

I expect better.

Tom Needham Lake Kashagawigamog

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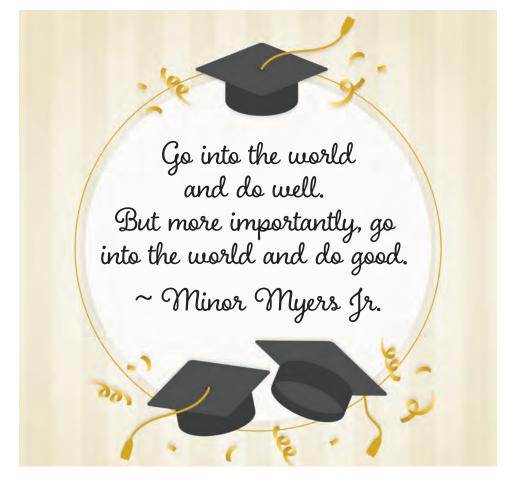
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### **ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS**

### Council approves green burials

Council gave the thumbs up to green burials at St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Director of public works, Lyell Bergstrome, tabled a report to the Oct. 21 meeting.

It came after a Green Burial Society delegation to council and subsequent council direction.

Bergstrome said they would have to upsize the plots to four by 10 feet and look at the cemetery layout.

He suggested allowing green burials from April to November but said it might be problematic during winter.

Bergstrome said that with green burials. they have to inter a body within 72 hours of death - at a time of year when public works staff are taxed with winter duties, and there may not be enough staff and equipment. He said even if contracted out, he'd want one staff person for liability purposes.

Council expressed unanimous support for green burials.

As for doing them in winter, council asked for staff to bring back more information.

"I'd sure like us to continue to work on it," deputy mayor Liz Danielsen said.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux added it was a precious opportunity to extend services to the public and was in support of doing what the township can with its resources.

Councillors also suggested full cost recovery for the service.

A timeline has not been set as approvals will be required.

A staff report will come back to council.

### Early budget talks

Mayor Carol Moffatt suggested Algonquin Highlands may have to up its tax hike percentage increase next year during an Oct. 7 council meeting.

Staff and council set their budget schedule at the meeting, beginning with a projects and priorities session Nov. 17 and council deliberations getting underway Feb. 16,

Referring to a report from treasurer Jean Hughes, CAO Angie Bird asked if council wanted to set a target, such as the 1.5 per cent it established last year.

Moffatt said they should wait until after projects and priorities.

"We have a lot going on. We have a lot of opportunities. I think various folks have spoken in the last couple of years that it's nice to stay at the ones, 1.5 per cents but we're not sure that can cut it any more with the growth the community is seeing."

She noted a one per cent increase in the tax rate only generates \$54,000-\$55,000.

Danielsen asked if they should set a target for wage increases. Bird said the Consumer Price Index is at four per cent right now and she was "assuming council isn't interested in that number."

"Probably not," said Moffatt.

The mayor added, "We're kind of speculating. Let's wait. See what projects and priorities day looks like, revisit our ability to set a [percentage tax rate] target on that day. It could be smooth, easy peasy, there could be a few speed bumps. It's a number of weeks away."

### Request to privately plough Bear Lake Road

The Bear Lake Road Winter Maintenance Association asked Algonquin Highlands council, at its Oct. 21 meeting, to enter into an agreement with them that would allow the association to plough Bear Lake Road in winter.

The six-kilometre, township-owned road now only receives three-season maintenance.

The association's Doug Middlebrook and Kathleen Hedley said 40-plus cottage owners want four-season access. They added it is becoming increasingly busier with vehicles and snowmobile trailers starting to clog sides of the road.

"We're seeking approval to the principle that we can enter into a confidential agreement with the municipality of Algonquin Highlands for us to plough the Bear Lake Road at the users' expense," Hedley said.

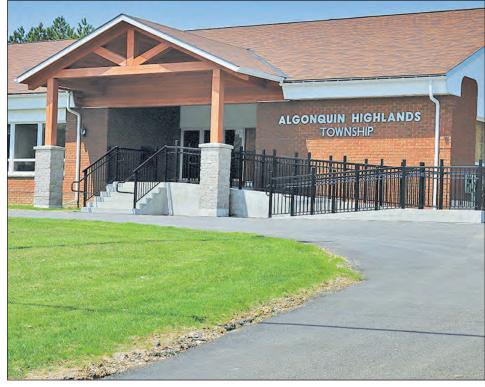
Moffatt said the request had come to council in the past so, was a long-standing issue and a very big file.

Hedley said agreements are in place in Lake of Bays and Dysart with some funding provided to associations so, "There is a way around this, we'd like to work with Algonquin Highlands to find a suitable solution."

Moffatt said she's spoken to the two mayors and while they don't require formal agreements, they may be looking into that soon for safety and liability reasons. She added granting programs are not large or widespread.

She asked if the association would be seeking to have the township assume winter maintenance in future. The delegates said that was not their intent.

Council did not make a decision. Danielsen said she thought municipalities



Algonquin Highlands council continues to meet via Zoom, not in chambers. File.

were "laissez faire" in not having agreements in these times of joint and several liability. "It's our road. That's the bottom line."

She said there were a number of things to follow up on, such as use by emergency vehicles, input from the public works director, impact on the Tall Pines Snowmobile Club, ability to maintain the road to municipal standards, and the fact it would be a policy change. She added even if an agreement was reached, it would not be in place for this winter.

### Cell tower extension deferred

Citing concerns about Bell and Rogers not co-locating towers and light pollution, council deferred a request from Rogers to extend a previous letter of concurrence for a proposed tower.

Kathy Barbuto, a municipal relations specialist with Rogers, said they first got a letter from council in 2015, it was extended in 2018, but they were unable to develop the site on Kawagama Lake.

However, she said they now want to proceed under their deal with the Eastern Ontario Regional Network to expand service. She said they hope to complete work by the end of 2022.

Planner Sean O'Callaghan recommended council sign off on it with existing conditions.

However, Dailloux said there'd been correspondence from a long-time resident of the area who said the Kawagama Lake Cottagers Association had input into the original request. She said they asked for a shortened time period for Rogers to erect the tower and soon after that a tower was built by Bell. She said the resident wanted to know if Rogers could not co-locate its equipment on the existing Bell tower. She asked if O'Callaghan could send a request to Rogers with evidence as to why they could not co-locate.

She noted lights from the towers, while alerting air traffic, cause light pollution for lake residents. She wanted to know if there were ways Rogers could mitigate that.

O'Callaghan said he would attempt to get answers from Rogers and report back to council's Nov. 4 meeting.

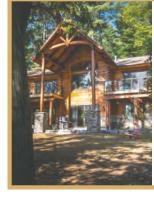
Moffatt commented, "Two towers within spitting distance of each other is outrageous. They just don't want to [co-locate]. It is unreasonable to put more fake trees and lights in the sky so close together."

However, she noted council is not an approval authority so Rogers could say 'no' and still erect its tower. (Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Lisa Gervais.)

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## Highlander business



Discussing a medical aesthetic treatment at Fresh You Clinic's Haliburton location. Photo by Caitlin Dunlop Photography.

## Clinic taking care of 'freshies'

#### By Lisa Harrison

Looking for a fresh take on self-care and wellness? Consider the Fresh You Clinic, with locations in Haliburton and Bancroft.

"Fresh You centres the patient in an experience of renewal," said Dr. Ashley White, who serves as medical director for both sites.

"We provide a space for clients to 'feel like themselves' or 'feel how they want' guilt-free ... Our work helps women become informed about the options they have in the skin health, beauty and wellness space and ensures they direct their care in a gentle, progressive way that does not intimidate or exclude. Fresh offers a sense of brightness and hope, which is what we love about our work."

Fresh You provides medical aesthetic and beauty services such as injections, laser treatments, hair removal, medical facials and nail care, as well as a wellness program called Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies, created for people with obesity. The clinic shop features numerous products by brands such as Vivier and Zo. Bookings and product purchases can be made traditionally

or online through the Fresh You website.

Clients are known as Freshies, defined as people who want to be taken care of properly and to "feel refreshed in a modern, up-to-date, light, comfortable and fun atmosphere." Services are available individually and in group events organized by Gillian Taylor, clinic coordinator and events lead.

"People love our events," said White.
"Gillian has such a great eye. We just hosted a bachelorette and the bride was so pleased. We had so much fun putting it together, and we hope to do many more."

A family practice and emergency room physician, White opened Fresh You at the Bancroft site in 2017 and the Haliburton site in 2020. The two locations are staffed collaboratively by Taylor, four nurses, four estheticians, a lead for the Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies program and a COO. In addition, White runs her own sessions for injections and skin consults at both locations.

According to White, the Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies program differs from many wellness offerings in that it "considers that obesity is a real disease, genetically rooted and mostly brain-centred." The program offers evidence-based care combined with supportive wellness coaching, pharmacotherapy and group support (healthymindshealthybodies.ca).

"We want to help people with obesity own the space they're in, and self-advocate, and feel entitled to good care, in beauty and in medicine," said White.

As with similar services, Fresh You was shut down under pandemic regulations seven months out of 18. White said the team used that time to plan and clarify the clinic's focus and "trained like crazy."

"We are serious about skin health, and we are going to make a name for ourselves in the industry by ensuring that our patients know that they are in charge, and we can equip them with the information they require to make empowered decisions about health and beauty."

The Fresh You Clinic sites are 17 York River Dr., Bancroft and 187 Highland St., Suite 5 (lower mall level), Haliburton. Call or text 705-417-2084, email info@ freshyouclinic.com or visit freshyouclinic.com.

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### Study to chart future of arts centre

### By Sam Gillett

The Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation (HHACF) has hired a consulting firm to study how a performing arts centre could best fit into County life.

Janis A. Barlow and Associates, a Toronto-based arts consulting firm, will complete a multi-staged feasibility study determining where a performing arts centre could be located, submit design recommendations and assist in developing a business plan for long-term sustainability. Previously, the board estimated the centre would hold 350-500 people.

"I believe Janis Barlow is the most

experienced consultant in theatre working in Canada today," said HHACF board member Drew Allan at the foundation's Oct. 21 AGM. "They have researched, built and studied theatres for the past 40 years across Canada."

The feasibility study will cost \$90,000. Chairperson Dan Manley said the group hopes a Canadian Heritage funding application will cover up to \$45,000 of the final cost.

Local fundraising initiatives have garnered \$9,420 in the past year, with CanoeFM signing on as the foundation's media sponsor and donating \$15,000 raised through the station's radio bingo in July.

That's not enough to fund the study. However, the contract with Barlow indicates a four-stage study. The first stage of work is already paid for.

"Essentially if this doesn't work out with Canadian Heritage, part of the contract is we can freeze or pause work when funds are a bit short," Manley said. "Once we get some more then we can move to the next phase."

According to the board, the consultants will reach out to board-selected community stakeholders late in 2021, and then explore possible site locations, followed by conceptual architectural and design work, estimated to wrap up by 2023.

## Highlander health

### HEALTH UNIT NEWS

### Getting vaccinations 'back on track'

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit has been busy juggling numerous vaccination priorities over the fall, with medical officer of health, Dr. Natalie Bocking, saying the unit was attempting to "get back on track" with programs that have fallen by the wayside due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

At an Oct. 21 meeting, she said 82.3 per cent of local health unit residents are fully vaccinated, while 86.7 per cent have received one dose.

"We're waiting for information regarding expanding the eligibility for third doses," she added. "We are anticipating Health Canada approving a vaccine for five-11-year-olds. We're also anticipating other groups, such as First Nation, Inuit and Metis becoming eligible for doses of vaccines, COVID-specific."

HKPR is also trying to jump start its school-based immunization program and community influenza program.

"It has become a bit of a song and dance in terms of priorities. Our school-based immunization program ... was not fulfilled last year due to the pandemic. The more we defer it, the farther behind we get in core immunizations for Grade 7 and 8 students. At the same time, we have been told by the province to prioritize (COVID-related programs)," Bocking said.

The unit is trying to recruit additional

vaccinators and data entry supporters to keep up with demand.

"I think November is where all of these priorities will converge. We are working right now to meet all of the demands and priorities, with (COVID) ramp-up clinics booked as necessary, while still trying to fulfill some of these other mandatory programs," Bocking said.

### COVID-19 response

Bocking said things are looking "optimistic" locally and province wide with COVID-19.

"I think our numbers are certainly lower than what the modeling had predicted for this time in the fall," Bocking said.

The unit's most recent rolling incident rate was 7.4 cases per 100,000 residents. To put that into perspective, at the peak of the third wave, it was as high as 90 cases per 100,000 residents.

The majority of local cases are young adults or youth, and individuals that are either not vaccinated or only partially vaccinated.

Over the past couple of months, the unit has been rolling out mobile vaccination clinics.

With some of the new vaccine eligibilities expected to increase demand for the vaccine again, Bocking said the unit would be moving back towards "five or six" fixed-site clinics over the coming weeks in an attempt to meet that demand.



The health unit plans to be busy with vaccinations. Freepik.com.

### Concern over optometrists

The board is drafting a letter of concern it intends to send to the Ministry of Health regarding the province's ongoing dispute with Ontario's optometrists.

Almost four million people currently have no access to eye tests after the union representing optometrists called a strike action over the summer, raising concerns over the amount of money professionals receive for OHIP-covered eye exams.

According to the Ontario Association of Optometrists, most optometrists in Ontario receive around \$44 for carrying out eye exams on patients. The OAO says that only

covers about half the cost.

Board member Bill Cane said he was concerned that a prolonged holdout would start to become a real issue for residents.

"I think vision care is absolutely being affected by this ... Most of the companies that produce glasses and contact lenses, if your prescription is more than two years old, they won't do the work for you. And, right now, you cannot get a new prescription," Cane said. "Obviously, there are people who are in limbo right now."

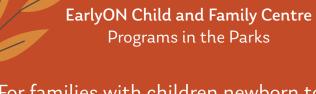
Bocking said she is also worried about school children's access to eye care and submitting a letter would be a reasonable step. (Health unit news compiled by Mike Baker)





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Chase Casey pursues the puck. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

## U-9s storm to 11-7 season open victory over Mariposa

Oct. 23 marked the first game for the U9 Rep Highland Storm team and they did not disappoint.

The Storm came out strong and led the game with their first goal from Liam Scheffee to put them on the scoreboard

Mariposa answered with a goal right away to tie the game.

The Storm and Mariposa rallied back-and-forth with hat-tricks by Maddex Reynolds and Liam Scheffee. goals by Austin Cunningham, Rowan Maddock, Fynnley Miscio and Chase Casey also putting points on the board for the Storm.

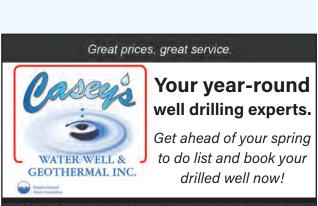
The Storm never lost their enthusiasm and stamina and were able to pull a four-goal lead in the last 10 minutes of

The team exhibited strong team work, great sportsmanship and most importantly everyone had fun. The team had a great start to the year and is looking forward to the season. (Submitted.)









Fynnley Miscio's resilience in all plays and

ensuring she took every shot available stood out.

## The Huskies



## Huskies impress in big win over Dukes

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton County Huskies put in their best home performance of the season on Saturday (Oct. 23), defeating the OJHL powerhouse Wellington Dukes 3-2 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden.

It was a colossal defensive effort from the hometown team. Trapped inside their own zone for long stretches, the Huskies stifled the Dukes' offense, limiting their scoring opportunities.

At the other end, Oliver Tarr was the hero once again, expertly firing in a pair of goals to secure a much-needed victory for the Huskies, who, with the win, climbed off the bottom of the East Division standings. The team is now 4-4 on the season.

"That was a huge character win for us," said Huskies head coach and general manager Ryan Ramsay following the game. "We battled hard, and stayed the course throughout the game. The Dukes are a really good team, with some great players and we more than matched them tonight."

There was a definite big-game feel at puck-drop, with the 374 fans in attendance in full voice as they got behind their team. The Huskies had several good moments early in the first, but couldn't get the goal their play deserved. The Dukes opened the scoring at 7:30 through Harrison Ballard.

The Huskies continued to knock at the door, and, on the final rush of the period, they got their reward. Lucas Stevenson tied the game with just 12 seconds left on the clock, assisted by Haliburton native Ryan Hall

"That was massive to get the goal and head into the intermission tied. I thought we played well in the first period – I think 'Cheech' (Huskies goaltender Christian Cicigoi) would want that first goal back, but we responded well, didn't get discouraged and got the goal our play deserved,"



Oliver Tarr celebrates after scoring his first goal. Photo by Mike Baker.

Ramsay said.

Tarr scored his first at 3:32 of the third period, beating goaltender Matt Dunsmoor up high over his left shoulder. The Dukes would hit back in fortuitous fashion. Barret Joynt flicked the puck high and deep into the Huskies zone at 13:35, only to see it bounce back off the boards, hit Cicigoi on the back and drop into the net.

Tarr then bagged the game-winner, his league-leading 11th goal of the season, at 15:02

"Probably one of the flukiest goals you'll

ever see," Ramsay said of the Dukes' second tally. "I think, in all my years of hockey, I've maybe seen that happen once. So, for that to happen, after all the hard work and good play, was tough. But the guys stayed positive, they stayed focused, dug in and we got the win."

Winger Christian Stevens, on his first Huskies appearance since being acquired by the OHL's North Bay Battalion last week, put up two assists, as did fellow forward Patrick Saini.

Ramsay said, "They're a good hockey

team, a proper hockey team. They had some quality guys playing tonight, but we didn't back down. I think we can play with any team in this league when we show up, and I think we proved that tonight."

The Huskies participated in a league-wide mini tournament in Cobourg during the week, and will be back in regular action on home ice Oct. 30, taking on divisional rivals the Lindsay Muskies. Puck drop is set for 4:30 p.m.



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## The Huskies





Left: Huskies forward Oliver Tarr finds the top corner to give the Huskies a 2-1 lead in an Oct. 23 tilt with the Wellington Dukes. Right: Davis Bone challenges for the puck. Photos by Mike Baker.



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## Sports hall of fame

## Revered 1934 Huskies a lock for new Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame

By Mike Baker

Highlands resident Roger Dart wasn't around to see his dad, Glen, and uncle, Don, light up the ice for the 1934 Haliburton Huskies, but he has heard several, almost fantasy-like stories recounting the exploits of that historic team.

Playing at a time when organized hockey was, for the most part, restricted to more urban areas closer to Toronto, the Huskies were one of several rural outfits that proved the exception to the rule. Rather than competing in a league, the team would travel across the southern parts of the province to play in weekend tournaments where the winner would take home a trophy or a cup.

That team, from 1934, is still remembered to this day as one of Haliburton's most successful hockey outfits, having collected seven championships over a short four-month window. Now, those accomplishments will endure for generations to come with the squad set to be inducted into the inaugural class of the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame.

"The 1934 Huskies really were like the rock stars of their generation ... They were the team to beat in Ontario, that's for sure," said Dart. "We don't know a whole lot about this hockey team, but we do know that they played during the [Great] Depression era, and that they were both prominent and successful. They gave the community something to cheer for, and something they could be proud of."

As a 15-year-old high schooler, Glen Dart was in the early stages of his remarkable hockey career when he dressed for the Huskies in 1934. He and his brother, Don, were important members of the team, but were far from the stars, Roger said.

The leaders of the team were defensemen Ron Curry and Dick Logan. Other



The 1934 Haliburton Huskies squad pose for a team photo in front of the community arena. Pictured are, Back Row: George Woods, manager, Grenville Dart, secretary-treasurer, Babe Austin, Earl Austin, Lyle Lucas, Harold Dean, Glen Dart, Berklley Feir, executive, W.R. Curry, executive. Front row: Gordon Watt, Dick Logan, Oswald Gliddon, Ron Curry, Don Dart. Six of the trophies showcased are, in no particular order the Durant Cup, Bert Porter Cup, Hughes Cup, Felt Cup, Refrew Cup, Carew Cup. Submitted.

prominent players included Jas (Jimmy) Iles, Lyle Lucas, Harold Dean and goaltender Oswald (Ossie) Glidden. Together, that starting line-up were immortalized in the poem The Huskies, written by Burleigh Wallace.

From December 1933 to March 1934, the Huskies, under the management of George Woods and Grenville Dart, won prominent titles such as the Durant Cup, the Bert Porter Cup, the Hughes Cup, the Felt Cup, the Renfrew Trophy and the FJ Carew

Challenge Cup. While one of those trophies was won on home ice in Haliburton, the vast majority were claimed while on the road, oftentimes competing against teams from much larger communities.

Lindsay, in particular, was a favourite stomping ground of the Huskies. And, whenever they did travel south, they rarely did so alone.

"Back in that era, they had things they called 'special trains.' These were trains that what that team meant to the community," weren't usually scheduled that would be put Dart added.

on for the purpose of taking hockey fans down to games," Dart said. "There was one time, and this was quoted in *The Lindsay* Daily Post from March 1934, where there was a train that started in Haliburton and went all the way down to Lindsay, stopping along the way to pick up more and more people. There were more than 400 fans from Haliburton in the stands that day.

"I think that right there shows you just

### Linda Brandon encouraged athletes of all abilities

### By Sam Gillett

Without Linda Brandon, Haliburton's sporting community would be missing some of its most dedicated and enthusiastic

Brandon was key in bringing the Special Olympics to the area, which led to the creation of curling, golf, shuffleboard, and softball teams.

She's now inducted into the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame.

"Linda modeled ways to create inclusive communities with open hearts and minds," wrote the Hall of Fame committee. "She built a foundation of sport in Haliburton County for athletes of all abilities."

Brandon said it was "a lot to process" when she learned she would be recognized. "Expect the unexpected," Brandon

said. "[It] was an overwhelming honour and very humbling to be included in the 'builder' category.'

Brandon is known for her skill and passion for building community. Not only did she run weekly practices, organize tournaments, and partner with community groups, she nurtured her athletes with a practiced nand, earning level two national coaching certificates from Special Olympics Ontario. She started the Red Wolves five-pin bowling team in 1997 and was the club's manager, coach and treasurer until 2007. Brandon's team won gold at the 2004 provincial games and a player she coached, Carrie Crego, won bronze in Manitoba at the national level.

However, she said her greatest achievement wasn't medals or tournament

"It was the coming together of a great team who shared similar inclusive values. A team that collectively promoted and built upon how we saw our athletes."

"Focusing on athletes' abilities encouraged our athletes to strive to improve their personal best standing," she said.

Brandon said she's seen the community embrace athletes with disabilities over the

"Through the tremendous efforts of our local communities: businesses, organizations, service clubs, and many volunteers, collectively their efforts have encouraged inclusiveness in sport," she

As for her team and athletes, Brandon said she will always remember the way they came together to celebrate.

"Celebrations that not only honoured the achievements of our athletes, we also celebrated the dedicated contributions made by our coaches and significant others. Throughout the building of our Special Olympic Red Wolves team we took the time to have fun and enjoy the experience while engaged in a sport we loved."

Brandon's time with the Red Wolves will be commemorated at the Hall of Fame exhibit in the Haliburton Arena, opening in

"Whether in her role as an educational assistant, a Special Olympics coach, or a friend," wrote the committee, "Linda modeled ways to create inclusive communities with open hearts and minds. She built a foundation of sport in Haliburton County for athletes of all

## Highlander people

## Teen collecting pop tabs to buy wheelchair

#### By Mike Baker

Haliburton teen Kendra Korpela is working towards a goal of purchasing a wheelchair for someone in the community one pop tab at a time.

What started out as something of a hobby for the Grade 8 student has, in recent weeks, manifested into a full-fledged community movement.

"Kendra has been collecting these pop tabs since she was in Grade 4. Then, when she was in Grade 5, she decided she wanted to use them for something," said her mother, Jennifer Korpela. "Pretty quickly she decided on using whatever money she's able to raise through the pop tabs to buy a wheelchair."

The inspiration for that, Kendra said, came from her great grandmother, who was wheelchair bound.

Over the past five years, Kendra estimates she has collected around 400,000 pop tabs. Her goal, initially, was to have enough to purchase a wheelchair by the end of her Grade 8 year. With that time quickly approaching – and Kendra some way shy of the approximately one million pop tabs it would take to achieve her goal – Jennifer threw out something of a 'Hail Mary' to the community in the hopes of pushing her daughter over the line.

She created a post in a community group on Facebook that drew considerable attention. In the weeks since that post went live, the Korpelas have received thousands of pop tabs from area residents.

"The support we've received has been amazing. People have been dropping off pop tabs at Haliburton United Church, and we've received big donations too — a lady from Norland brought an old ice cream bucket full of them," Jennifer said.

Another substantial donation was set to arrive from Hamilton last week, only for the



Kendra Korpela shows off her extensive pop tab collection, which she hopes to one day trade in for a wheelchair. Photo by Mike Baker.

deliverer to be involved in a car collision en route. Jennifer said she is in the process of figuring out how to get those pop tabs to Haliburton.

When the Korpelas feel they have enough pop tabs, they plan to take them to an

aluminum depository in Barrie, and then donate the funds to a local organization that can in turn purchase a wheelchair, either for someone in need, or for use at an area facility.

"We're very proud of Kendra. She's a

good girl. She has always been someone who had a lot of compassion and a lot of empathy," Jennifer said. "To even think of doing something like this when she was in Grade 4 or Grade 5... we're just very proud."







## What's on

### Dame Beatrice and Penelope are on their way

#### By Lisa Gervais

Dame Beatrice will be making her return to the Highlands Nov. 27, this year en route from London, England and Ingersoll, Ontario.

Her alter ego, Mike Jaycock, said the Highlands Christmas Shindig is coming back in hybrid form for 2021.

The eighth annual festive offering will be staged from the Haliburton Legion this year.

While on many people's calendars for its comedic and musical line-up, Jaycock reminded fans, "This is an important fundraiser for Fuel for Warmth and to date the event has raised over \$100,000 in support of families and individuals in need of help during the winter months."

Dame Beatrice and Penelope (Victoria Bingham) will be back to host the show, and Jaycock said both are "quite anxious to get back to the Highlands. As Beatrice says, 'I miss my little chipmunks'."

The show will have a limited live audience of 100 people in the main hall of the Legion, plus a watch party of 50 in the Legion's Club Room downstairs.

The limited quantity of tickets go on sale Nov. 8 at 10 a.m. from tables at Up River Trading in Minden and the entrance lobby at Glecoff's Family Store in Haliburton.

Tickets are \$25 for the live show and \$15 for the watch party. Proof of second vaccination is required for each ticket at the time of purchase. This will also be the requirement the night of the Shindig for entry into the Legion.

The Dominion Hotel and Pub in Minden will also hold a watch party for people who book tables. Donations will be made to Fuel for Warmth.

Jaycock said the show will once again feature local talent: Jim Blake and Fay Wilkinson; Nick and Stan Russell; Slinky and The Boys; Tomorrow Never Knows;



Dame Beatrice at the Highlands Christmas Shindig in 2018. File.

The Moontones and the Kowalksi Sisters with Ragged Company.

Special guests this year are David Archibald and Robin Duke, who played Wendy Kurtz, owner of the Blouse Barn, in Schitt's Creek.

"Robin has a property in the Highlands and, on seeing Ron James' support last year, said she would be delighted to lend her support to this fundraising event," Jaycock

Duke teaches writing as a faculty member

at Humber College in Toronto and, over the last year, the majority of her classes were done online from her Highlands cottage.

The show will be available for home viewing through YouTube, the Highlands Christmas Shindig Facebook page and at Fuel for Warmth's website: fuelforwarmth. com. Donations can be made online through the website.

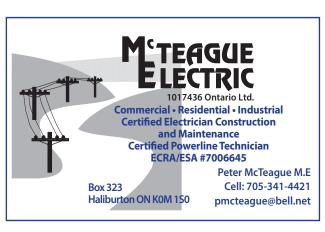
Jaycock added they will be using state-of-the-art technology.

"Three cameras will be employed to

capture the antics and entertainment and then to a mixer to send out a quality show. In behind the scenes, information regarding tech requirements for each act has been gathered and plans are underway for the three stages that will be required for the show. The entire undertaking will observe distancing and implementation of COVID protocols."

Showtime is 7.30pm.









## What's on

## A night of fright

#### By Mike Baker

With Halloween right around the corner, Abbey Gardens is looking to celebrate the holiday in style – transforming the Glen trail into a series of spooktastic scenes inspired by your favourite horror movies.

Running Oct. 29 and 30, the haunted wagon ride event will take participants on a 25-minute trek through the pitch-black woods on the Abbey site, serving up a healthy dose of scares along the way.

A little different from the majority of Abbey Gardens' events, which are typically geared towards children and young families, the wagon ride is more aimed towards adults.

"Because of the scare level we have, and some of the jump scares we've incorporated and the props we're going to be using, we're recommending this event only for people who are 16 years of age and older," said Ashley McAllister, director of operations at Abbey Gardens. "We really wanted to put something together for the older crowd. There really isn't a lot of stuff going on for teenagers and adults, and those are the people that want to get out and do stuff, especially around Halloween and especially after the year we've had."

There will be a few scenes set up at distinct points throughout the ride, with a team of approximately 20 volunteers on hand to create a spooky atmosphere and inflict the odd sudden scare.

All of the work for the event has been done in-house, led by the creative mind of Chris Anderson. A staffer at Abbey Gardens by day, Anderson said he spends many a night thinking up innovative and elaborate to scare people for his favourite holiday.

"I just love Halloween. I've always hosted Halloween parties in the past that I've put a lot of work into, but given that we just moved to Haliburton and don't really know a lot of people yet, I couldn't do that this year," Anderson said. "So, when I heard we were thinking of putting on an event at Abbey Gardens, I got pretty excited and started offering up all sorts of ideas.'

Before long, he was offered the lead role in helping to organize the event.

Leery of giving too much away before hand, Anderson said people should expect "a little bit of close contact" during the ride, and try to be focused at all times. He did, however, offer up a helpful tip.

"We're definitely going to be focusing on mind games. If you think you're being distracted one way, there's probably a good reason for that," he said.

Participants will be asked to wear a mask at all times during the ride, while McAllister said, because this is an outdoor event, it will be open to those who haven't been vaccinated. Each wagon will carry a maximum of 16 people.

The event will run from 6 to 10 p.m. See abbeygardens.ca.



### As of Monday October 18th

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In Loving Memory of

### JOSEPH PEACOCK

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Joseph Peacock on Sunday, October 2nd, 2021, at Peterborough Regional Hospital.

He is survived by his son Kim and Family and siblings Dorothy Everson, Debbie Casey and Rob, Faye McLean, (predeceased), and families.

Cremation has taken place. There will be a graveside service at Gelert Cemetary on October 30th at 1:00 pm.

Covid rules apply.

Special thanks to Jim Burke for being there for him.

### THANK YOU

## Thank You

To the family and friends of the late Jim Harrison, we would like to thank you for the support and kindness extended to us in so many ways. We are truly grateful for the donations to the HHHSF, flowers, food, visits, phone calls and cards. The family would also like to acknowledge and thank the doctors and nurses at the Haliburton Hospital, as well as Paramea staff for

the palliative care provided. A sincere thank you to Dr. Suke, Dr. Stephenson and nurses Jacqlyn, Liz and Beth for their care and compassion. Special thanks to Kirsten, Barry and the staff at the Gord Monk Funeral Home for their professional services during this difficult time.

Elinor, Michele, Wanita and Families

### **OBITUARIES**

In Loving Memory of

### Christine Mardus (neeParyz) October 19, 2021 (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend passed away peacefully in Haliburton on October

19th with family by her side, in her seventy-third year. Christine is survived by her husband of fiftytwo years, Peter, their children Katherine (Veit), Paul (Meghan) and Matthew (Sarah) as well as seven energetic grandchildren. Christine devoted her life to making others happy. Whether through her work as a primary teacher for nearly fifty years, her famous cooking, or spoiling her grandchildren with presents at any opportunity, Christine lived to make others smile. She was also remarkably strong in the face of adversity. Christine brought love and joy to countless friends, family, students, and colleagues throughout her life, and leaves a beautiful legacy.

#### **Private Visitation & Celebration of Life**

A private Celebration of Life took place on Tuesday October 26, 2021. Interment at St. Peter's Maple Lake Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy #118 Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the ALS Society of Canada would be appreciated by Christine's family.



### IN MEMORIAM

### IN LOVING MEMORY

### Mary I. Whitney

In loving memory of my mother who passed away October 19, 1995.

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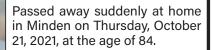
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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, ON K0M 2K0 on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 from 6:00 until 8:00 pm and on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. The Funeral Service to celebrate Allan's life will follow at 1:30 pm. Interment at the Maple Lake United Church Cemetery.

Please Note # Due to COVID-19 Restrictions, a limited amount of visitors will be allowed in the Funeral Home for the visitation. The maximum of number of attendees for the service is 75 people with social distancing, face coverings, lists for the names and phone numbers of attendees are required for contact tracing.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation -Community Support Services (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.



### **HELP WANTED**



#### The Corporation of the County of Haliburton Requires a **Full-time Finance Assistant**

The successful applicant must have progressive municipal and accounting experience, knowledge of standard accounting practices and be highly proficient with computer software including Microsoft Office applications.

Accounts payable & receivable are the core duties of this position. Please visit our website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca/ careers for a detailed posting and job description.

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We thank all who apply for this position; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The County of Haliburton is an equal employer. Accommodation can be provided in all steps of the hiring process, please contact Human Resources for further details.

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## Highlander classifieds



### **Job Posting**

### Family Support / Attendance Centre Worker (Full Time)

We are currently offering a full-time, 1-year contract (with opportunity to lead into a full-time permanent contract position) for a Family Support / Attendance Centre Worker. Under the direction of the Family Support and Youth Justice Team Leads, the worker is responsible for assessing and providing services for children, youth, and parents in Haliburton County to address social, emotional, and behavioural needs. Additionally, the Attendance Centre Worker will facilitate and implement evidence-based programming for youth on probation and who have received sanctions.

The ideal candidate will have a solid background in social service work, and a keen interest in the issues currently impacting the children, youth, and parents in our community.

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(FULL-TIME)

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Interested applicants may submit their resume and cover letter to Laura Casey at lcasey@dysartetal.ca, and indicate Finance Assistant as the subject. Applications must be submitted via email and may be accepted until 4:30 pm on Wednesday November 3, 2021.

We thank all of those who apply, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Accommodations for applicants with disabilities will be provided upon request. The Municipality of Dysart et al is an equal opportunity employer. Personal information is collected in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for employment purposes.



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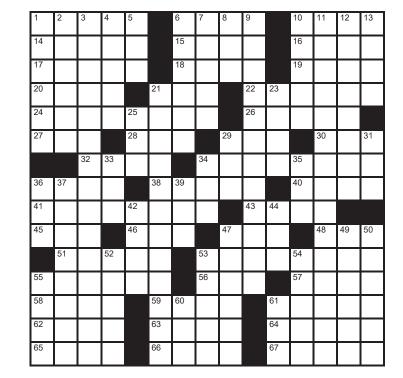
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### Puzzle With a Punch

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- 21 Miami's state: Abbr.
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- **45** "Follow me?"
- **46** Gravy maker's cube
- **47** Pit stop additive
- 48 Oilers' city: Abbr.
- **51** Many Clearasil buyers
- **53** 1995 referendum voter
- 55 Hardly a hard-nose
- **56** Funeral parlour vessel
- **57** Nessie's swimming hole
- **58** Yours, to Yvette
- **59** Turn off suddenly
- 61 Just by chance62 R. & B.'s cousin
- **63** Olympian's sword
- **64** Plied with pinot

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- 65 "Come, Cujo"
- 66 Nada, to a poet
- **67** "Raison \_\_\_"

### Down

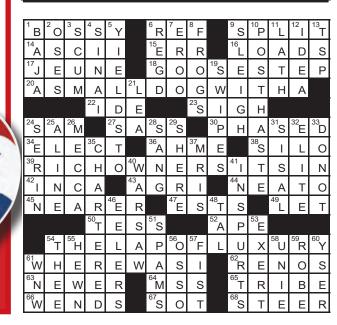
- **1** Be a member of the Snowbirds, e.g.
- 2 Like a motley crew
- **3** Start of a sequence
- 4 Group of maids a-milking
- **5** "Do \_\_\_ favour, ..."
- 6 Iconic novelist Mowat
- **7** "Are you calling me \_\_\_?" (reply to a doubter)
- **8** Ask to clean out one's desk, maybe
- **9** Part 3 of the sequence
- **10** Conceder's comment
- **11** Knocked to the canvas ... and this puzzle's theme
- 12 Lickety-split
- 13 General idea
- 21 Part 2 of the sequence

- **23** "Two owls and \_\_\_, ..." (limerick line)
- 25 See-through part of a blouse?
- 29 TSX debut
- **31** Deflating sound
- 33 Japanese cabbage?
- **34** Speaker's space fillers
- **35** Rainbow, e.g.
- **36** Words of understanding
- **37** How slugging boxers stand
- 39 Tweeter's "Here's what I think"
- **42** Rice-A-\_\_
- **44** Perp alert to all cops
- 47 Simon Fraser University's city
- 49 Hit maker?
- **50** Bad half of a Stevenson tale?
- **52** One of twelve, in Scrabble
- **53** Part of LGBTQ
- **54** J.R.'s mom on "Dallas"
- **55** Miss Universe accessory
- **60** Air care org., in the U.S.
- 61 Pass on, as an email: Abbr.



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### NEW LISTING REPRESENTANT





### Kennisis <u>I</u>ake

Luxurious four season 4-bedroom waterfront home or cottage situated on Haliburton's popular Kennisis Lake. 642+ feet of waterfront and 6.27 acres Enjoy your morning coffee or evening cocktail down at the water on your large lakeside sitting deck which is finished with glass railings. All this is surrounded by stunning rock face Canadian shield. Bright open concept main level living area features a custom-built kitchen with large island, high-end finishing's, slate and wood flooring and a gorgeous granite fireplace. Spend your rainy days, bug season and evenings in the enclosed screened porch. All four bedrooms are completed with high ceilings and are all located on the second floor. Spacious master bedroom with walk-in closet and 3 pc ensuite. Fully finished walk-out lower level with spacious rec room, an excellent space for family gatherings This exceptionally well-maintained property is move in ready. \$2,495,000

### **NEW LISTING**

### Fortesque Lake Road



Private & serene 11+ac. Fantastic custom-built year-round 4 bdrm. 2 bath home. Enjoy your morning coffee in the covered year-round portoh while watching the autumn leaves fall. This home features an open concept living space & oak flooring throughout. The stunning recently renovated kitchen has granite countertops & stainless-steel appliances. Fully finished lower level features a spacious rec room with 9-foot ceilings & walkout to the side yard. This quality-built home is very energy efficient, low maintenance. & shows pride of ownership. Nature lovers will love hiking, snowmobiling, ATVing inde of ownership. Nature lovers will over hiking, snowmobiling, ATVing, shing, & boating all close by. You'll stantly feel "right at home". \$750,000

### Mountain Street



Fantastic home, situated on a year-round road in a lovely private neighbourhood just a short drive or walk to Haliburton village. This lovingly owned & maintained home features 3 bdrms & full bath on the main level. Enjoy tons of natural lighting in the bright, spacious living room, dining area & kitchen. Step out to the sunroom & feel immersed in nature-overlooking the beautiful flowing creek & forest. Finished lower level with den/bdrm, renovated 3pc bath & large recroom. Great sized lot, with prepared vegetable garden site, shed, & large double carport. This family home offers endless possibilities. \$539,000

### Glamorgan Road



his 100+ ac off-grid Hunt Camp s abound with wildlife & beautiful there's a little something here for everyone! Scenic walking rails, marshes & ponds. With Cro Land all around, this property is a gateway to thousands of acres of vildlife & a beautiful large pond on the abutting Crown acreage. Rustic et comfortable amenities including a cistern, outhouse, grey water pit and is wired for a generator. This secluded and private property is a are find \$509.000

### SOLD

### Harburn Road



Stop your search! Here it is! The perfect property, close to Haliburton & on a year-round road, located on a beautifully freed 2-acre property with extensive gardens & trails throughout. New double car garage with carport & a craft/orfice room attached. Upgrades to this beautiful, open concept home too numerous to list! Among these improvements are an updated ensuite. Completely renovated main area bath as well! New countertops in kitchen along with new dishwasher & stove that has an air fryer feature. Perfect spot for enjoying nature & having great privacy yet only minutes to the town of Haliburton. Enjoy the outdoors, sitting on your deck with gazebo for dining outdoors Don't miss this opportunity to embrace life in the Haliburton Highlands! \$499,000

### Kawagama <u>L</u>ake



Stunning south views across the ake. This property has a fantastic shoreline of mixed sand/gravel gradual entry to the water. Hydro is at the lot line and there is good cell ervice. This is easily accessible rom either marina on the lake. Enjo this affordable lot in the summer vhile you make your plans for your new cottage. Great fishing year round and fantastic snowmobiling in he winter. \$279,000

### Stills Road



This beautiful 1.2-acre building ot is located in the heart of Eagle Lake, Driveway installed & building site is cleared & ready for your ear-round home or getaway Many apple trees throughout the property. Stunning park-like setting. Surrounded by mature trees in a quie neighbourhood. Paved year-round municipal road. Walking distance to Eagle Lake Country market, Eagle Lake public beach, & boat launch. Stop dreaming and start building yo Iream home or cottage. \$149,000

### **NEW PRICE**

### Minden Hills



This stunning 99+ acre parcel is surrounded by mature trees and provides excellent privacy. This secluded property is the perfect location for the avid hunter and an excellent spot to ATV. Enjoy the great outdoors while camping off grid. Access by ATV only through Crownland. \$119,900

