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Coco Love Alcorn belts out the final notes of a song during a Nov. 13 performance at the Haliburton Legion.  
*Photo by Sam Gillett.*

## Pledges into action: the Highlands' climate fight

By Sam Gillett

Haliburton County has released its roadmap for creating a community climate change action plan.

In broad terms, the initiative has three stages. The first is to develop a plan to reduce corporate emissions and next, adapt County and municipal operations for a warming world. The last stage, developing a community plan, is just getting underway.

Ads in local media encourage the public and stakeholders to sign up to join an advisory committee, focused on chatting about recommendations and next steps.

"This will focus both on reducing emissions from our broader community

as well as adapting," said Climate Change Coordinator Korey McKay. "This isn't the only group that will provide input, [but] this will give preliminary input into strategies, goals and actions."

Apart from advisory committee meetings, she guessed online surveys might be the main way to engage the wider community.

While COP26 saw global leaders discuss national climate agreements, The Highlands needs to brace for a warming world, say local groups like Environment Haliburton! and Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County

They organized a rally on Nov.5, where 15 people gathered to ask questions and raise

concerns about climate change on the front steps of the County's offices.

Warden Liz Daniels, Dysart Coun. John Smith, climate change coordinator Korey McKay and CAO Mike Rutter attended the rally.

"Local leaders play a vital role in turning pledges into action," Carolyn Coburn of EH! and CCHC said at the gathering.

Danielsen, addressing the crowd, said "we really are in a bad spot when it comes to climate. We need to make a change here in Haliburton."

The County has spent the past year and a half, with the help of McKay, educating municipal council's on how climate change

will impact the Highlands, and how the Highlands' emissions are contributing to the crisis.

### Assessing the damage

During Minden Hills' Nov. 11 council meeting, councillors listened as McKay explained the County's plan.

She has a lot of practice: attending Zoom meetings for all four municipalities, explaining the process of collecting greenhouse gas emissions information and outlining ways all four townships and the County could cut back.

Strategies for reducing the County's

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# Highlander news

## County budget sits at 3.53 per cent hike

By Lisa Gervais

County of Haliburton taxpayers are so far looking at a 3.53 per cent tax rate increase for 2022 after the first draft of the budget was tabled at a Nov. 10 committee of the whole meeting.

It represents a \$956,952 increase on 2021, for a total levy of \$20,878,587, up from \$19,921,635

Director of corporate services, Andrea Bull, said the hike is largely the result of increased service delivery along with wage and insurance jumps. Bull said the budget was being aided by a 1.01 per cent increase in assessment growth per MPAC

Some of the challenges include an estimated five per cent increase in employee benefits; a 15 per cent jump in insurance costs; contributions to the health unit going up by five per cent; a decrease in Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund grants and the high price of fuel.

There will be additional staff, including, in the service delivery review, such as the new director of economic development and tourism and a procurement coordinator.

There's more money to increase staffing at the Tory Hill ambulance station and purchase two new ambulances, a pay equity, market, job evaluation review and increased service levels at libraries. New chief librarian Chris Stephenson wants funding to hire a new staff, as well as to offer sick pay to part-timers.

The budget also includes wages for new staff if and when the County passes its draft shoreline preservation bylaw. The estimate is \$220,581 to take effect the second quarter of 2022. It would add three staff for permitting and in the field work. However, councillors suggested that since they are not meeting until Jan. 17, 2022 to look at the draft again, that budget line item could decrease.

Overall, County council said it was pleased with the first draft.

Warden Liz Danielsen said the budget was "a lot more reasonable as a starting point than I thought we would be looking at."

CAO Mike Rutter thanked staff for their hard work, saying the first draft was done during a time of employee transition, with a lot of new faces at the table, as well as new accounting software.

He said it reflected a changing community, including more investment in housing, affordable housing in particular, climate change, growth, additional staffing in EMS and economic development.

Bull said that with a goal of sustainability, the first draft would see a little over \$2.4 million transferred from reserves, leaving the County with about \$5.5 million at the end of 2022.

Director of public works, Robert Sutton, has estimated they will need to complete \$3,316,000 in roadworks to remain sustainable.

He added structure projects, or bridges and



Warden Liz Danielsen said she was pleased with the first draft. *File.*

culverts, would need \$5.1 million.

"A loan of approximately \$5.1 million is proposed in order to deliver priority projects as per the 2020 OSIM (Ontario Structure Inspection Manual). Securing a loan in 2022 would ensure taking advantage of current low interest rates," he said. He's also asking for \$618,000 to boost the municipal fleet.

At the end of the budget meeting,

Bull said, "We worked hard to achieve sustainability in most service areas. We are almost there, just a few left to go."

Coun. Brent Devolin said, "It felt like a second or third draft. It has a mature feel to it right out of the box. It may not take so many bounces to get to the final product."

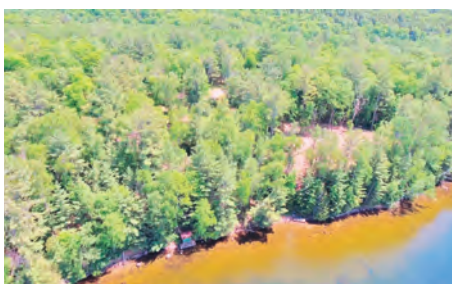
Updates will be provided to council at December and January meetings, with adoption expected in January or February.



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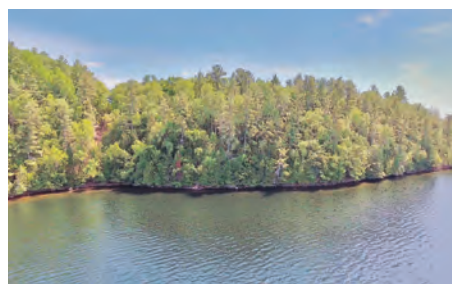
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Jodie Langemann has operated Medeba's Prosago program for several years. *Submitted.*

## Mentor faces road to recovery

By Lisa Gervais

Jodie Langemann has spent his career mentoring young adults but now it's his turn to receive a helping hand from Medeba, the village of West Guilford, Lakeside Church and the wider Haliburton County community.

Jodie suffered a significant stroke Oct. 19 and has been in hospital in Kingston ever since, with wife, Sarah, at his side. A GoFundMe has been established to help them with costs.

They are also accepting prayers, said Medeba executive director Steve Archibald, who has worked with Jodie for years.

From Alberta originally, Jodie "fell in love with the idea of camping as a tool to reach and train and develop young people and has spent most of his career working as a leader," Archibald said.

At Medeba, he is the director of a Christian development leadership program known as Prosago.

Archibald said the program averages about a dozen kids a year.

He said Jodie is a big guy who seems a bit gruff at first "but he really has an incredible heart for young people and to

see them develop."

It can be a tough program, identifying wonderful things about kids but also areas where they need to grow and change. However, graduates emerge with an affection for Jodie, "because he sticks with them through that over the course of that year," Archibald said.

"He's willing to work with anybody. He's got a heart that wants to see people reach their potential and is there to help them do that."

Megan Rapley, a former student at Prosago and colleague of Langemann's at Medeba, created the GoFundMe.

She said Jodie had been with Prosago since 2008. "In those 13 years, Jodie has impacted numerous lives, not only by his role on staff with this life-changing program, but also by making a personal investment into so many of the young people who go through Prosago and Medeba as summer staff. Before his current role as Prosago director, Jodie was involved with other programs and camps, where I am certain he had a great impact on the people that surrounded him there too."

A lover of sports, and a gifted athlete,

Jodie has a great group of friends he plays hockey and golf with, Archibald and Rapley said.

Archibald said the news came as a shock and there are a lot of unknowns about the future. Sarah declined an interview request but, via Archibald, said they welcome prayers.

"They are a family that are dependent on God for things, so they are praying and hoping for a miracle. We are looking to see what the Lord might do here, everyday giving that to God and prayer ... we'll see where that all goes for sure," Archibald said.

"I'm hoping that people will stick around for the long-term because this could go on for months or years and what will be their needs financially or otherwise? Hopefully we've got people that will see the immediate needs but also will walk alongside them."

See the GoFundMe page at [gofundme.com/f/loving-the-langemanns](https://gofundme.com/f/loving-the-langemanns)

For more information, there is a Facebook page called "Jodie Langemann's Journey Back."

## COUNTY NEWS

### Drag Lake dam update

Parks Canada is notifying the public of a change to the hours of work for the Drag Lake Dam South replacement project.

In a Nov. 5 press release, they said since construction began in August, the contractor was told to work between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday to Friday and Saturdays when needed.

However, they said recent high-water levels on the Trent Severn Waterway forced a work stoppage to accommodate the movement of water through the system.

They said work has resumed but the contractor will now work Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. effective Nov. 6 until the end of February in order to maintain project timelines.

"Work on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. can also be expected during this timeframe, on an as-needed basis. Construction noise and traffic can be expected," they said.

With the additional work hours, construction is expected to conclude in the summer of 2022.

The Drag Lake Dam South replacement project is part of the Government of Canada's Federal Infrastructure Investment program.

## HHHS welcomes new board chair

Dr. Jan Walker has been named the new chair of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

A former vice chair of the board, her appointment was announced Oct. 6, after former chair David Gray resigned his position.

Dr. Walker has been a member of the board since 2015, and previously served as chair of the quality committee.

A resident of Minden Hills, Dr. Walker has a PhD in Epidemiology and is a principal in Belcourt Partners Inc., an independent health care consulting firm.

"She brings extensive experience with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, LHINs and hospitals to the role," HHHS said in a news release.

Walker added, "We are very grateful to David Gray for his dedicated service to the board of directors and HHHS since 2016."

## Cultural Centre board announced

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation (MHCCF) has announced its board of directors for 2021-2022.

They are Susan Murray, David Rea, Sue Tiffin and Neil Briggs.

The board thanked retiring members Patricia Walshe and Jim Mitchell for their service. (News briefs compiled by Lisa Gervais).

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**Take Notice** that the Township of Minden Hills has received an application to amend the Township's Official Plan and Zoning By-law. The site specific amendments apply to property located at Part Lots 19 & 20, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden, municipally known as 1297 Kashagavigamog Lake Road (see Key Map Below).

**Purpose and Effect:** The subject property is presently zoned 'Shoreline Residential (SR)' and is located in the Waterfront designation of the Township's Official Plan. The proposed amendments would re-designate and rezone the property to allow a waterfront commercial use; and permit a 'General Commercial-Exception (C2-E) Zoning to recognize a tourist establishment use of the existing buildings.

**And Take Notice** that the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a **Public Meeting**, as required under the Planning Act, being an opportunity for Council to receive and consider comments related to the proposed amendments. Any member of the public may speak in favour of, or opposition to, the proposed amendment during the Public Meeting.



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

**Additional Information** regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street by appointment or at such time as the Township offices re-open and is available online at [www.minderhills.ca/newsroom](http://www.minderhills.ca/newsroom). For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at [admin@minderhills.ca](mailto:admin@minderhills.ca) or by phone at 705-286-1260 (ext.506).

**Any Person** may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments. If a Person or Public Body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the official plan amendment is adopted or the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

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For more information about this matter contact [admin@minderhills.ca](mailto:admin@minderhills.ca).

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Warden Liz Danielsen, CAO Mike Rutter, Coin. John Smith and Climate Change Coordinator Corey McKay address the crowd. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

## Local impact expected

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footprint hinge on McKay's community greenhouse gas inventory, the first of its kind to be conducted in the County.

A greenhouse gas inventory is an estimation of the emissions that Haliburton produces: 299,522 tonnes of carbon dioxide in 2019, out of Canada's total output of about 582 million.

Per capita emissions in the county is 7.6 tonnes a year per person; lower than the provincial average of 11.2.

Driving is the largest emitter in Haliburton, accounting for an estimated 199,851 tonnes of carbon dioxide, a figure obtained by calculating average road usage in areas around the county.

All lower-tier governments, as well as the County, are on board with a plan to reduce their corporate emissions below the 2018 baseline by 30 per cent by 2030.

"My work is really to investigate the impacts locally, and what we contribute locally.

Seeing those numbers really helps to localize the issue," said McKay.

"In tandem with creating a plan is also having an educational piece; why climate change is an issue and what are the co-benefits that we can realize when we implement a climate change plan."

There's broad scientific consensus that warming temperatures will impact life in Haliburton.

As McKay's report states, annual precipitation will increase, along with the likelihood of flooding.

In 2013, floods in Minden caused an estimated \$571,000 in private residential damages.

Frequent winter storms could prove disastrous in a county with many hard-to-access roads and isolated communities with little or no cell phone reception. That's a future which many in the County fear.

"There were people stranded for weeks..." in parts of Ontario and Quebec, said Coburn, talking about an ice storm in 1998 that caused 34 deaths. "In situations like that, we're going to have to depend on people within walking distance, our

neighbours."

For Coburn, the issue of climate is local: if municipalities and counties don't step up, federal initiatives will flounder.

The Europe-based Climate Alliance, a network of cities fighting climate change, said municipal action can lay the foundation of change.

"Municipalities can engage their residents to contribute to the fight against climate change in their everyday lives, be it in terms of consumption patterns, lifestyle choices or ways of doing business," they write on their home page.

Municipalities can also chart development and urban expansion.

Near Haliburton, Grass Lake cottagers are rallying to protect a private stretch of wetlands that could be turned into condominiums.

"We want to protect this land and, ultimately, protect Grass Lake," organizer Carolyn Langdon said in a prior interview.

Wetlands such as the Dysart property play a vital role in fighting rising temperatures. The County is home to part of the Highlands Corridor of provincially significant wetlands, zones that act as carbon sinks and are also shown to help mitigate flooding.

While blanket wetland protections fall outside municipal jurisdiction, conservationists are taking action. Spearheaded by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT), there's a growing coalition of private property owners signing up to protect areas of wetlands on their properties.

"Natural solutions can help to mitigate impacts like flooding and drought, conserve biodiversity, protect ecosystem services, connect landscapes and capture and store carbon," said HHLT chair Shelley Hunt in September. "Canada has committed to protecting 30 per cent of our landscape by 2030. In Ontario, only 10.7 per cent of our landscape is currently protected."

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## Decision with 'an eye to climate'

"My question is: why the reluctance to declare a climate emergency?" EH! President Susan Hay asked Warden Liz Danielsen at the rally. In 2019 council voted against the declaration, with some councillors saying at the time it was premature given they had no road map for handling the issue.

"I really feel that the message that conveys to the community is not a good look," Hay said.

Danielsen replied: "I can't disagree with you, but I also cannot answer for the rest of County council. It's a group decision and it's not mine to make."

Haliburton's neighbour, Muskoka, recently declared a climate emergency in tandem with Gravenhurst and Huntsville. They also implemented a 50 per cent reduction goal by 2030. That's a steeper climate change goal than the Highlands.

"We set targets we know we can accomplish," said Danielsen. "I think we're on the right track."

Coburn said she sees the County taking the issue "more seriously than in the past."

However, she added, "I'd like to see more talk about it, I'd like to see them making decisions with an eye to a changing

climate."

That's what Lauren Phillips would like to see too. The Haliburton Farmers Market coordinator moved to the County in 2020.

She said climate action "starts from the ground up."

Despite forecasts of a difficult climate future, Phillips said she wants to be able to tell future generations "I tried my best. I did my best to have a voice and make it heard."

## A rotting issue

"It breaks my heart," Oliver Zielke said loudly, his voice ringing out over the crowd facing Danielsen, Rutter, McKay and Smith.

He was asking about composting. Or, specifically, why no municipality within the County offers composting services to commercial facilities, multi-residential buildings or individual residents.

While a waste audit, scheduled in Dysart and Minden Hills this year, will provide a clearer picture, a large amount of compostable waste ends up in landfills. In Dysart alone, a 2019 staff report estimated 667 to 1,111 metric tonnes of residential food waste ended up in the dump.

Townships have developed composting initiatives, like the FoodCycler indoor composting unit program that Dysart and Algonquin Highlands recently endorsed.

While landfills only account for about five per cent of Haliburton's emissions, Zielke pointed to the long distances Haliburton

waste travels after it's pitched.

For example, Dysart's garbage is sent to Orillia, then transferred to Watford, nearly 500 kilometers from Haliburton.

In an email, Dysart environmental coordinator John Watson said this is because the Dysart landfills don't have "environmental safeguards" in place to mitigate methane gases produced by waste.

## A path forward

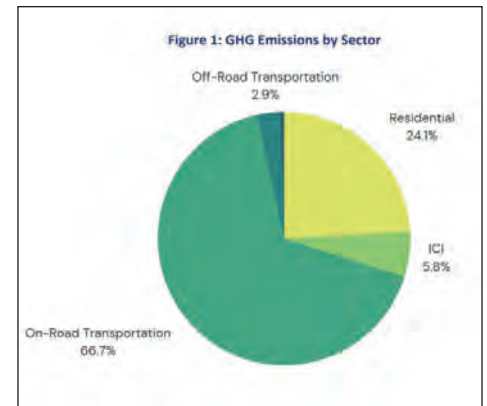
The majority of Canadians believe climate change is a present threat, according to a Research Co. poll.

The Highlands' recent shoreline preservation bylaw exposed fractures in how the community wants to deal with it.

For Leora Berman of The Land Between, the shoreline preservation draft process was a good first step in protecting lakes and wildlife habitats as temperatures rise: what's needed, she said, is more community involvement.

"The county has shown leadership recently with the shoreline bylaw," she said. "The issue is they haven't done the consultation and education necessary. If they do the consultation and education and consider the constituents partners with them, they'll do a great job."

While the County hosted two virtual openhouses on the shoreline bylaw, anger from the bylaw's opponents and misinformation spread primarily on Facebook has dismayed members of



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council.

"The divisiveness and infighting amongst friends and neighbours, I've never seen anything like it," Algonquin Highlands mayor Carol Moffatt said at an Oct. 27 meeting.

Warden Liz Danielsen and Terry Moore of EH! reported they've received threats and verbal abuse in relation to the bylaw.

Even throughout EH! And CCHC's other events throughout the year, Coburn said many in the County seem misinformed about climate issues or quick to dismiss activists.

"We're all regular people, there are some people who call us extremists," Coburn told the crowd. "We care about nature and the future of humanity."

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### Community Climate Action Plan Advisory Group

The County of Haliburton is seeking members for an advisory group that will provide support to staff on the development of a Community Climate Action Plan. The Community Climate Action Plan will aim to reduce local contributions to climate change through reducing greenhouse gas emissions and protecting and enhancing local carbon sinks, while increasing resilience to better adapt to a changing climate.

Preference will be given to candidates that have experience and expertise related to climate change mitigation and adaptation. To learn more and submit an application visit [wadein.haliburtoncounty.ca](http://wadein.haliburtoncounty.ca).

If you require assistance with the application process please contact Korey McKay, Climate Change Coordinator at 705-286-1333 ext. 242 or at [kmckay@haliburtoncounty.ca](mailto:kmckay@haliburtoncounty.ca).

The application process will close on December 10, 2021.



## HE fire awards

Highlands East fire department recognized those who've devoted their working lives to the force at an Oct. 25 ceremony. Six firefighters who've spent 25 years or more responding to fires, automotive accidents and a range of critical emergencies in the area were awarded medals and sheets thanking them for their service. On hand were Highlands East Mayor Dave Burton and Coun. Cam McKenzie, who also was recognized for his 35-year career in the force. (Sam Gillett)

Cardiff captain Barry Dickinson, district chief Wayne Galloway, retired district chief Bill Foote, Coun. Cam McKenzie, assistant district chief Dennis Mackey and Mayor Dave Burton. Photo by Sam Gillett.

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# Highlander news

## Roe dedicates award to COVID victims

By Mike Baker

Haliburton resident Bonnie Roe has been recognized for her ongoing work in support of seniors and advocating for change in Ontario's long-term care system.

On Nov. 16 she was presented with an award from the Toronto-based Institute for Change Leaders at the organization's fifth anniversary celebration held in the city. Roe was acknowledged for the pivotal role she has played in raising awareness over the myriad of issues senior residents have faced while living in long-term care homes throughout the pandemic.

Back in 2020, she, along with fellow local resident Mike Perry, formed the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes Long-Term Care Coalition after being left "appalled" by reports coming out of Pinecrest Nursing Home in Bobcaygeon, where 29 people died after contracting COVID-19. Together, they vowed to take action in hopes of inspiring change in the industry.

The coalition identified six core priorities it wanted the Ontario government to address to improve conditions in the sector. High on that list was advocating for the inclusion of long-term care to the Canada Health Act. The group also called for the reinstatement of annual resident quality inspections, exploration of new models of care, an increase to the number of hours of direct care residents would be entitled to each day, and a complete stop on any new for-profit long-term care or nursing homes being opened in Ontario.

Now, more than 18 months later, Roe said she's proud to say the Haliburton-based coalition has made real ground on many of

those files.

"We've come a long way," Roe told *The Highlander*. "We've worked hard on our goals, formulated a campaign and a timeline, and maintained a strong voice over the past 18 months to let our provincial representatives know that we won't just stand by while our seniors [are being neglected]."

Roe admits she was "completely blown away" when she learned she was to be honoured. She was told the Strategic Win for Change award she was set to receive was being presented in recognition of the work she had done in lobbying Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott for greater support for seniors over the past 12 months.

"The Coalition used their resources of pressure and access to media to meet with their local MPP, ultimately calling her out in the local press for not acting. Within weeks \$4 million in new funding to pay for more care in the local nursing homes was announced; great news for local seniors and workers, and a community win," said Olivia Chow of the Institute for Change Leaders, explaining why Roe was the perfect fit for this award.

While Roe said it was "quite an honour" to be recognized, she said the credit should be split equally among the Haliburton-Kawartha LTC Coalition.

"Many of the members of our group have been involved since our inception, and it's because of each and every one of them, who have the same passion and determination that I have to making a difference in long-term care, that we are



Bonnie Roe, right, was presented with an award from the Institute for Change Leaders Nov. 16. Also pictured, fellow Haliburton-Kawartha LTC Coalition member Mike Perry and Olivia Chow of Institute for Change Leaders. *Submitted.*

where we are," Roe said. "And believe me, we're still going strong. There's still a lot of work for us to do."

Top of her list is pushing back against a proposed revision of the province's Long-Term Care Act, which she says ignores calls to limit any new for-profit organizations from getting involved in long-term care. The new legislation recently received first and second reading at the Ontario Legislature.

As she reflects, again, on the award, Roe said she will use it to remember all of the seniors who have tragically passed away since the onset of the pandemic.

"I'm going to dedicate the award to all of the lives that were lost so unnecessarily due to neglect and COVID. And to all of the families who didn't get to spend the final days with their loved ones. That's why we're here, that's why we're fighting for this," Roe said. "Long-term care homes should be just that – a home. People should feel that the care they receive is above standards, not below. These facilities should feel like a home to our seniors. They should feel safe, and be able to live in dignity."

To learn more about the Haliburton-Kawartha LTC Coalition, visit [ltcneedsyou.ca](http://ltcneedsyou.ca).

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### Snowmobile Bridge

The Snowmobile Bridge located in downtown Minden, which spans the Gull River, has been installed in preparation for the upcoming winter season.

The Bridge is currently closed to all traffic, including pedestrians.

The public is reminded to use caution near the water, as the weather conditions can create unstable and potentially dangerous conditions.

### Waste Reduction Tip

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### Winter Parking

From Nov 1st to Apr 30th, overnight parking is prohibited between the hours of midnight and 8:00 AM on township roadways and parking lots. Vehicles parked in these areas that prohibit the removal of snow will be towed away and/or ticketed at the owner's expense.

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This is an open call for applications until membership is filled.

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Application Forms are available online at <https://mindenhills.ca/advisory-committees-2/>

### (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:

**November 25**  
Regular Council Meeting  
**December 9**  
Regular Council Meeting

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



# Highlander news

## Hart sentencing delayed, hearing set for December

By Mike Baker

Haliburton man Norman Hart will undergo a “professional assessment” before he is sentenced, after being found guilty of manslaughter in the July 17, 2019 death of his housemate Robert James Brown.

During a brief court appearance Nov. 15, defence lawyer Rob Chartier asked Justice Michelle Fuerst if he could have a one month stay so that his client could be analyzed. It was not revealed to the court what type of assessment was to be carried out.

Fuerst agreed to accommodate the request, setting another hearing for 9 a.m. on Dec. 10, where she expects Chartier to provide a status update regarding the assessment.

“We need to move on [with this],” Fuerst said. “... The file is aging, and it’s to no one’s advantage that that happens.”

Hart was not present at this week’s hearing, which took place virtually over Zoom. It was noted that he would not be expected to appear on Dec. 10.

At a previous hearing, on Sept. 7, Fuerst

found Hart guilty of manslaughter after an incident at a rented house at 34 Highland Street. A dispute between Hart and Brown centred around a \$500 cheque Hart had received from the City of Kawartha Lakes Housing Corporation.

“Norman Hart and Robert Brown got into an argument over how the money from the cheque would be split. The argument turned physical and Norman Hart, while ... under the influence of alcohol and drugs, lost control and beat Robert Brown, causing multiple injuries, including serious head and chest injuries that led to his death,” said Rebecca Griffin, Crown prosecutor.

Following the beating Hart fled the scene, returning several hours later with Brown’s ex-girlfriend and another man. When they arrived, they found Brown lying on the floor in the hallway, “cold to the touch and obviously deceased.” Police were called and Hart was taken into custody.

In September, Hart pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder, but guilty to manslaughter. His case will be back in court on Dec. 10.

## MINDEN HILLS NEWS



Minden Hills is set to get two EV charging stations this fall. Photo by Sam Gillett.

### Provincial funding falls short of inflation rate

Minden Hills’ Municipal Partnership Fund allocation will get a \$5,700 bump in 2022, totalling \$1,857,500.

“It is an increase, not quite as much as the previous year,” said Lorrie Blanchard, Director of Finance, at a Minden Hills council meeting Nov. 11.

The .31 per cent increase is lower than the rate of inflation, currently at 3.15 per cent.

“It probably will not even cover off our excess gas bill for the price of fuel at this time,” said Coun. Bob Carter. “We’ve got a large shortfall local taxpayers have to make up.”

The Ontario Municipal Partnerships Fund is the Province’s main unrestricted grant to rural and northern municipalities.

The program’s provincial funding has increased by \$123,500 or 7.75 per cent, since 2017.

### Councillors urge fast climate action

County climate change coordinator Korey McKay explained the County’s plan for community and stakeholder consultation on an upcoming community climate action plan to Minden councillors and answered questions about the plan’s timeline.

“It’s a situation where we haven’t done enough over time. I would like to see us move on some of the things we know we have to do,” said Coun. Pam Sayne, after McKay’s presentation.

“We need to have more action. Committees don’t fix the problem, actions fix the problem,” she added.

“We are taking action now,” responded McKay, adding that a goal is to educate and involve the community in preparing

the plan to move forward. “A plan could be written in a couple months and brought to council, but it’s about buy-in,” she said.

### Roads to close for Santa’s visit

Minden Hills council approved road closures in preparation for the town’s Santa Claus parade.

The following roads will be closed Nov. 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- Parkside Street to the Arena parking lot to Bobcaygeon Road;
- Bobcaygeon Road from Parkside Street to Water Street;
- Newcastle Street to St. Germaine Street; and
- Milne Street from Newcastle Street to Prince Street.

“It’s very important to try and spread as much good cheer as possible,” said Coun. Jennifer Hughey. “We ask everyone to maintain all the COVID-19 precautions that need to be in place.”

### EV charge ports installed soon

Minden will install two electric vehicle charging stations in late November.

Located at 7 Milne St., council approved user fees of \$2.50 an hour.

The cost is calculated to account for annual electricity costs and annual fees. Annual revenue is expected to climb as use increases.

The ports could earn \$4,622 a year after accounting for electricity and servicing fees (Minden Hills news compiled by Sam Gillett).

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## At a crossroads

Winter is coming, and with it the threat of dozens, if not hundreds of Haliburton County residents quite literally being snowed in and stranded at their homes.

In last week's edition of the paper, I reported on one local's concern over the lack of snowplowing options available in the Highlands. Since then, I've heard from several more who have been told that their regular operator will not be returning to provide snow removal services this year.

The issue boils down to insurance. Ahead of this latest season, premiums for those in the snow removal business increased exponentially. One operator, who wished to remain anonymous, told me he would have to fork out in excess of \$65,000 if he wanted to get insurance for the upcoming season. That after paying around \$3,900 in 2020.

Essentially, this increase has priced pretty much every small-time operator out of the game. While this in itself raises many red flags, the real issue is that there's nobody there to pick up what's being left behind. Many of the large operators in the Highlands are already running at maximum capacity, and simply aren't able to take on new clients.

This is leaving many rural residents with a pretty significant problem.

There are a lot of roads sprinkled across Haliburton County that aren't maintained by local municipalities during the winter. These seasonal thoroughfares have traditionally been tended to by private contractors hired by homeowners to ensure they are able to get in and out of their properties.

Unless something is done between now and our first significant snowfall, many

of these residents are going to be trapped inside their homes. Aside from being pretty inconvenient, this also raises several safety concerns. What happens if, say, there's a fire at a home on one of these roads, but a fire truck can't get down there to put it out because there's two foot of snow on the road? What if one of these residents has a medical emergency and requires an ambulance?

It was rather disappointing last week when some members of Dysart council, after briefly discussing this issue, seemed to shrug their shoulders and absolve themselves of any responsibility over this issue. While the municipality may not have a legal obligation to step in and try to solve this problem, surely from a moral standpoint they have to do something. It's their job to deal with issues like this when they come up.

Coun. John Smith says there is currently around 30 kilometres of rural roads with residences on it that don't receive snow plowing privileges from the municipality. I'm sure there's at least that much again spread across Algonquin Highlands, Highlands East and Minden Hills. Dysart has requested a report on this issue be brought back to council for consideration at a future meeting, but it's unlikely that it will include any tangible solution.

It should be noted, that report is in relation to municipally-owned roads only. There's nothing at all being suggested or proposed for privately owned roads. Considering a significant part of our economy depends on people being able to access private roads to get to their properties over the winter, perhaps this is something council should

be looking into. Because if we take away the money that these people spend in our restaurants, in our local businesses and at recreational facilities such as ski hills, then many entrepreneurs – most of whom are only just getting back on their feet after closures brought on by the pandemic – will find themselves in a precarious position.

So we find ourselves at something of a crossroads. Yes, coming up with a plan to deal with this so late in the year will be complicated, and I'm sure the costs will be significant. There's likely no silver bullet solution, but there have been a few ideas raised that don't seem to be outside of the realm of possibility. Perhaps council(s) could look into taking some of these small-time operators on as seasonal contractors, perhaps they could offset some of the insurance costs. There is an opportunity to be creative here, to find a solution that suits all parties.

That, ultimately, should be the goal. It's a municipal council's job to tackle these kind of potential economy-crippling situations when they arise.

And, honestly, when the alternative option is simply leaving people in the lurch in such a way that endangers their safety, surely there's only one path forward. To me, it should be a clear one.



By Mike Baker

## Remembering why

The temperature rose gently into a November comfort zone last Thursday as people gathered across from the Cenotaph in Haliburton. As I walked up from the parking lot, the colour party and band were proudly marching down Highland Street to the annual community Remembrance Day ceremony.

A smaller than usual crowd was on hand to pay their respects, but, considering concerns about COVID-19, it was perhaps a better than could be expected turnout. As I glanced around I could see that most people were masked and making an effort to distance themselves from others not in their group. Before the formalities began, I noticed an unmasked man standing near the curb holding a tall piece of plywood on which he had scrawled a message. It was an anti-mask and vaccine passport screed that ruffled off the remembrance theme of the day.

Initially I was upset to see the protest board. I was angry because I disagreed

with the thrust of the message. Masks and vaccinations have saved hundreds of thousands of lives and made it safer for all citizens in our community and country. These are things we do for ourselves and our community's wellbeing. As I have stated before in this space, I believe in the science that provides the basis for these and other measures to keep us healthy.

Secondly, I thought: not here, not at this memorial for the community veterans who died for this country, in two world wars, and those who served and returned home. I always thought of the Remembrance Day ceremonies as having the solemnity worthy of the sacrifices by the men and women of our armed services. It is but a brief moment every year when we pause to reflect, offer thanks, to remember. The occasion deserves a moment, undisturbed. The presence of the sign was offensive to me. It reflected poor judgment and lack of respect for the day.

The ceremonies, including the reading of the names of those from Haliburton County

who died in the two great wars, *The Last Post* and the prayers, unfolded as it always does. Beyond propping up the sign, as far as I could see, the man made no other effort to inject his ill-informed message on those of us who had gathered last Thursday.

Driving home I reflected on the moment and wondered what our fallen soldiers might have made of the display. I am sure, they would have been dismayed and angered by this intrusion....that the ceremony was too important and personal for this type of intrusion. They would have trouble reconciling why they risked or lost their lives to allow the imprudent dissemination of information that could potentially result in even more casualties. I imagined them thinking, not here, not now.



By Jack Brezina

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# Editorial opinion

## LETTERS

### No more anti-vaxxer letters

*Dear editor,*

I was very disappointed to read two of the letters in the Nov. 11 issue, one by Darlene Buckingham and the other by Doug Smith.

Both are written by anti-vaxxers who clearly do not understand immunology or medical science or how to interpret medical studies.

Ms. Buckingham's letter in this issue and her prior letter in the Aug. 19 issue are full of dangerous falsehoods regarding COVID-19 and the vaccines.

While I understand that *The Highlander* values freedom of speech, I do not support the repeated publication of such letters without fact-checking and warning the reader when statements run counter to current medical evidence and best practices.

This omission by *The Highlander* carries the risk of having some of its readers believe the nonsense being spewed by anti-vaxxers.

**Robert D. Wagman, MD, FRCSC**  
**Toronto**

### Remember Blue Dot pledge

*Dear editor,*

What does Dysart et al have in common with the Suzuki Foundation?

There is a development proposal to amend the municipality's official plan and zoning bylaw to allow 88 condominiums on little Grass Lake in Haliburton.

Dysart et al joined the Suzuki Foundation and become a Blue Dot community in 2015. "Blue Dot is backed by the David Suzuki Foundation ... Together, we are building a movement of millions of ordinary people taking extraordinary action to protect our right to a healthy environment and inspire the next generation of environmental leaders."

The following are from the David Suzuki website. Here are some examples of what Dysart has signed up to do.

"People in Canada take pride in this country's natural landscapes, rich ecosystems and wildlife ... Municipalities across the country are recognizing and supporting their residents' right to a healthy environment.

"Green spaces contribute to population health directly ... Increasing green space may also help protect biodiversity.

"Maintaining and restoring urban biodiversity protects important ecosystem services ... no net loss of aquatic and terrestrial habitat ... types of policies needed to truly protect biodiversity. Municipalities may approach biodiversity management through specific measures to protect species at risk and sensitive ecosystems.

"Studies suggested that urban development was the primary pressure on wetland degradation."

Only humans can protect the wetlands,

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Michelle McCourt sent in this photo, taken Nov. 8, 2021 on Boshkung Lake.

and when it's gone where will the species live? Is Dysart keeping up with their Blue Dot pledge as a community of the Suzuki Foundation? Is Dysart keeping its promise to protect our environment? Are we considering the ramifications of the loss of wetlands when approximately 80 per cent of the land area would be covered when built upon?

I have serious concerns for Grass Lake, which is small and already over capacity. No condos on Grass Lake!

**Lynda Williams**  
**Grass Lake resident**

### Think before you vote

*Dear editor,*

Bravo to Barbara Doyle for standing as the NDP candidate for HKLB in the forthcoming Ontario provincial election.

In our riding, it is challenging to be a candidate for a progressive party (Liberal, NDP or Green) and have any chance of winning.

For largely cultural reasons, and/or lack of critical thinking, the majority of voters in HKLB vote Conservative, often against their own best interests. Many voters elect the persona of the person rather than the policies of the party represented... "Her dad was a politician," or "he's a nice guy," etc.

Frequent photo-ops, attendance at community events, passport clinics etc., are the minimum table stakes of a politician's job – and our Conservative representatives are masters at taking credit for funding announcements they or their Party had little to do with.

Though our current provincial representative was demoted from Doug Ford's Cabinet in the last shuffle, a few "funding" bones will be thrown her way. Only a couple of weeks ago, she announced \$134,000 for new front doors at Haliburton hospital.

How will money for new doors at a hospital help constituents struggling to keep warm in winter and put good food on the table? Does it help parents afford fees for hockey or send their kids to camp? Does it help treat addictions. Does it provide seniors in LTC facilities with better care? Does it help retain much-needed health-care workers? Does it create safer schools?

No! Of course not!

So, before you go to vote next year, please remember that most COVID-19 benefits were directed from the federal Liberal government. Then please ask yourselves what the Ontario Conservative Party has done to make your life better in the last 4 years.

**Judi Forbes**  
**Former HKLB Liberal candidate**

### A true crisis

*Dear editor,*

*The following letter was addressed to Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott.*

I am sure you are aware of the issue facing so many of us in the riding. Many of your constituents, like me, live in places where no level of government will plow the small roads and right of ways that we live on. We must, by necessity, hire people to plow our roads and driveways.

Recent increases in insurance have astronomically increased the amount that contractors must pay for insurance. In response, many of these independent contractors have simply abandoned plowing. Those that remain must charge higher and higher rates. We lost the person who plowed our road as he simply couldn't pay the new insurance amount. Nor could he find anyone willing to take over his business.

This is a true crisis. Without plowing, homes will be inaccessible. These are not

cottages, these are full-time homes. Plowing is not an "option" - it is a necessity.

And as you may be aware, many of your constituents are on low or fixed incomes. But even those with the means to pay may not be able to find anyone to plow.

This is something that only the provincial government can solve. What is the government doing about this crisis?

**Jim Love**  
**Minden**

### Housing a big issue

*Dear editor,*

Thank you for your editorial regarding lack of affordable housing and homelessness in Haliburton County. The more attention that is brought to this dire situation, the better.

We continue to hear of people living in tents, outbuildings and houses that are not fit for human habitation, because there are no places to rent at affordable rates. Mike Baker's story about Places for People's "Sleeping in Cars" fundraiser (actually being held on Nov. 19) goes a long way to help educate the public about the needs of others and draws attention to the fact that much needs to be done, and soon!

We also appreciate Mike Baker's recent coverage of Places for People's ongoing setbacks with our proposed affordable housing development in Haliburton that fronts on both Wallings Road and Halbiem Road. I wish to clarify that Places for People is not specifically requesting access via Wallings Road, we would be happy to access the property via Halbiem (which would not require approval of the County), or in any other way that would allow the project to move forward in a timely way.

Thank you for your continued interest in our efforts.

**Jody Curry**  
**Places for People**



# Active living



Protect yourself from flu this winter. *Freepik.com.*

## Fighting the flu

By Lisa Gervais

While COVID-19 may be top of mind for many, area residents are being encouraged to get vaccinated against another seasonal illness that will soon be here.

Influenza season is on the horizon, and to better protect yourself against the flu this fall and winter, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is encouraging people to get their free flu vaccine.

Locally, there are many different ways to get the flu vaccine; including pharmacies in Haliburton County, which can provide flu vaccine to anyone two years of age and older.

High-dose flu vaccines for people 65 years of age and older are also available at pharmacies.

A complete list of local pharmacy locations providing flu vaccines is available at [hkpr.on.ca](http://hkpr.on.ca).

Local health care providers can also provide the flu vaccine. People should contact their primary care provider to see about getting one.

The Health Unit is providing flu vaccine clinics for children under the age of five who do not have a family doctor. Clinics are appointment only, so to schedule a time, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507.

“The flu vaccine is safe, effective and your best defence against influenza,” said Dr. Natalie Bocking, Medical Officer of Health with the HKPR District Health Unit. “Getting the flu vaccine will also help prevent unnecessary hospital visits and reduce the strain on our health care system, which continues to deal with the impact of COVID-19.”

For those worried that getting the flu shot will affect their ability to get a COVID-19 shot, don’t fear. “It is safe to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and the flu shot at the same time, so if you’re receiving your flu shot and still have yet to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, now is the time to get them,” Dr. Bocking added.

Flu vaccine is recommended for anyone six months and older. This is especially true for those most at risk of getting sick from flu, including: babies, young children, seniors, pregnant women, and people with compromised immune systems.

To further stop the spread of flu, and

COVID-19, the Health Unit recommends that people wash their hands thoroughly and often, sneeze and cough into their sleeves, and stay home from work and school if they are sick. Eating well, getting sufficient sleep and being physically active on a regular basis also helps keep the body’s immune system strong.

### COVID boosters and pneumonia vaccines

County doctor, Nell Thomas, said people should be reminded about not only flu shots, but COVID-19 boosters and pneumonia vaccines as well.

She said there’s an average of 13,895 confirmed influenza cases annually in Ontario. Each year, flu vaccines are tweaked to capture the circulating strains. These are identified during the flu season in Australia, which happens ahead of North America’s.

She noted that as of 2019, the vaccines no longer use eggs and therefore an egg allergy is not a reason to avoid a flu vaccine.

“You can track on the Government of Canada website a weekly flu report watch summary. Flu season starts mid-November and ends mid to late March. Getting a vaccine reduces risk of contracting the virus, spreading the virus, and reduces the severity of this respiratory illness,” Dr. Thomas said.

She added eligibility for third booster shots for COVID-19 continues to increase, now including health care workers and adults 70 years and older with six months since their last shot. She said research shows immunity to the virus wanes considerably a few months after vaccination, and COVID vaccine antibodies may disappear in seven months, so that as the virus continues to circulate our chances of contracting increases again, as does our risk of transmitting to others or having a more serious illness. “By keeping our immunity high with booster shots, and getting the majority of people vaccinated, the transmission of this virus will be diminished and eventually stopped,” she said.

Dr. Thomas added that anyone over 65, and anyone from 19-64 with immune compromising illness is recommended to get the pneumonia vaccine.

## Mobile vaccination clinic rolling into Wilberforce

HKPR District Health Unit and Ontario government are bringing the GO-VAXX bus to Wilberforce Sunday, Nov. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre (2249 Loop Road).

The GO-VAXX bus is a retrofitted GO bus that serves as a mobile COVID-19 vaccination clinic.

The pop-up clinic is open to anyone wanting their first and second doses of a COVID-19 vaccine. People eligible to receive a third dose can also attend.

“We’re very pleased to see the vaccination clinic on wheels roll into Haliburton County to provide vaccine and encourage anyone still needing their first, second or third dose to get on board and receive a shot,” said Doreen Boville, HKPR health promoter.

According to Boville, the mobile clinic might be back in Haliburton County in late November or early December.

Here’s what you need to know before you go:

- Bring your health card. If you do not have a health card or your health card is expired, bring another form of government photo ID such as a driver’s licence,

passport, Status card, or birth certificate.

- Ensure you are eligible if you are wanting to receive a third dose. Currently, people with moderately to severely compromised immune systems can get a third dose. Booster doses are also available for people 70+ (born in 1951 or earlier), Indigenous adults and adult non-Indigenous household members, health care workers or essential care providers, and individuals who received a full series of AstraZeneca or Johnson & Johnson vaccines at least six months (168 days) after their second dose of vaccine. Click here for full eligibility information.

- Eat and drink something before you arrive to prevent feeling faint or dizzy while being vaccinated.

- Dress for the weather in case there is a line-up. Be sure to wear clothing that allows for easy access to the upper arm such as a loose-fitting top or T-shirt.

- Wear a mask that covers your nose, mouth, and chin.

- Do not visit the GO-VAXX bus if you have symptoms of COVID-19.

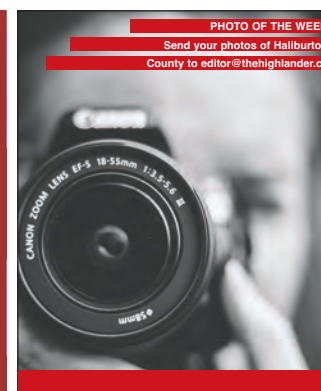
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# Active living

## 100 Women: 'We give and we care'

By Mike Baker

Local group 100 Women Who Care Haliburton County is continuing its mission of supporting some of the Highlands' most in-demand services.

Since the club's foundation in 2016, members have donated more than \$80,000 to various charitable organizations across the County. The Minden Community Food Centre is the latest beneficiary, receiving a cheque for \$6,800 Oct. 27.

That money was raised in a single hour by the group, who met in-person for the first time since the onset of the pandemic Oct. 20 at the Dominion Hotel.

"A pretty special group, who get together three times a year to raise money and give back to the community," said club executive, Sandra Slauenwhite-Box. "The original concept was centred around fundraising, easy fundraising in a short period of time to support a charity that does great work here, and really helps people."

Prior to each meeting, members nominate an organization for consideration. All names are then put into a box, with three selected at random. Those charities are then invited to present at the next meeting, with a chance to win that night's pot. Once presentations are over, those in attendance vote on who they would like to see receive the money.

Each member in attendance on the night donates \$100, or if they've registered as a team of two they give \$50 each.

Other regular fixtures at the events include the Haliburton Hospital



Pictured, from left, are Pat Bradley, Tina Palmer and Sandra Slauenwhite-Box and food centre manager Joanne Barnes. Photo by Mike Baker.

Auxiliary, Fuel for Warmth, Volunteer Dental Outreach, Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace (HERS), and the Abbey Retreat Centre.

Pat Bradley and Tina Palmer were inaugural members when the local organization got going five years ago. Starting out with 34 members, they've since grown to 78.

"I never realized it would blossom into what it has. I thought it was a fabulous idea at the start, and now, looking at the money we've been able to raise, I think it's even more fabulous," Palmer said.

Since taking charge of the group last year, Slauenwhite-Box said she's made it her mission to grow the organization so that it truly reflects its name.

"I would love to see us get to 100 women. I think we're getting there – we've seen steady growth since launching five years ago, and we're still seeing new members come on board, even now [during the pandemic]," she said.

There's no annual registration fee to join. Anyone interested in becoming a member can learn more by visiting 100wwchaliburton.wixsite.com.

## Community champions awarded

The Minden Rotary Club and Haliburton Highlands Land Trust have won Ontario Highlands Tourism Association Community Champions awards.

Each organization will get \$3,000. "We are thrilled to be able to recognize and reward these worthy organizations for their valuable and much-appreciated contributions to the community," said Julie Mulligan,

OHTO Marketing Manager. "It is organizations such as these who have come to the forefront during the COVID-19 pandemic to support their community and make a difference in the lives of the people who live there."

The tourism association received 30 nominations from across Ontario's Highlands region.

The HHLT plans to use the funds to

maintain trails at their Barnum Creek Nature Reserve, and the Minden Rotary club will use the funds for the County-wide Fuel for Warmth program.

The Grind, a Pembroke-based organization serving marginalized and low-to-no-income community members in Renfrew County, was also named a community champion. (Sam Gillett).

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## Notice of a Public Meeting CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Meeting pursuant to Section 35 of the Planning Act, on:

**DATE:** Thursday, December 9, 2021

**TIME:** 9:00 AM

**LOCATION:** Due to the physical distancing requirements imposed as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by way of a virtual meeting.

**To Watch:**

Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting can do so by joining the **Meeting Live Stream Link:** <https://youtu.be/6gHwCi4mwzc>

**To Participate:**

Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Meetings must:

- pre-register by emailing [admin@mindenhills.ca](mailto:admin@mindenhills.ca) by **Wednesday December 8th** before 4:00 PM
- or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 8:30 AM

**Participants registering after 8:30 AM will not be permitted into the public meeting.**

Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the meeting as permitted by the Chair.

To attend the Zoom virtual meeting via Web, type <https://zoom.us/join> in to your browser or attend by dialing the number below:

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**Please Note:**

We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. **Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting the township website at:** <https://www.mindenhills.ca/council/>.

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

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider zoning by-law amendment applications **PLZBA202075** and **PLZBA2021075**; together with an amendment being generally housekeeping in nature pursuant to Section 35 of the Planning Act. The zoning by-law amendment applications for Public Meeting are listed below:

**PLMV2020075** – Part Lot 5, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, being Parts 5 & 6 of Plan 19R-9887, municipally known as 1613 Hunter Creek Road; and being on Gull River (see Key Map).



**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** The subject property is currently zoned 'Shoreline Residential (SR)' and is located primarily within the Waterfront designation of the Township's Official Plan. The application is requesting that the property be rezoned in order to allow the conversion of the existing motel units (6) into dwelling units for long term occupancy.

**PLMV2021075** – Part Lot 21, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, municipally known as 1053 Buds Lane; located on Gull Lake (see Key Map).



**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** The subject property is currently zoned 'Shoreline Residential (SR)' and is located within the Waterfront designation of the Township's Official Plan. The application is requesting that the property be rezoned in order to permit the conversion of the existing cottage to a sleeping cabin, having a total ground floor area of 55.8 square metres and being located closer to the front lot line than the principal dwelling; together with recognizing reduced front and side yard setbacks for an existing sauna.

**Housekeeping Amendment** – Part Lot 3, Concession 13 in the Geographic Township of Snowdown, municipally known as 1336, 1344, 1350, 1360, 1366, 1367, 1361 and 1363 Hamilton Road; and being on South Lake (see Key Map).



**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning on the properties from 'Recreational Commercial (C3)' to 'Shoreline Residential (SR)' on Schedule 15 to Zoning By-law No. 06-10. The amendment will serve to correct the existing zoning, applied in error. The 'Recreational Commercial (C3)' zone no longer applies to the subject properties.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street by appointment or at such time as the Township offices re-open and is available online at [www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom](http://www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom). For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at [admin@mindenhills.ca](mailto:admin@mindenhills.ca) or by phone at 705-286-1260 (ext.506).

**ANY PERSON** may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendments.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

**IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED** of the decision of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to a proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must submit a written request to the Township of Minden Hills. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at [admin@mindenhills.ca](mailto:admin@mindenhills.ca).

**ACCESSIBILITY:** The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.

**PRIVACY DISCLOSURE:** As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

For more information about this matter contact [admin@mindenhills.ca](mailto:admin@mindenhills.ca).

Trisha McKibbin

Chief Administrative Officer & Clerk

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# Highlander news

## ■ OPP NEWS



OPP to carry out RIDE checks over the festive period. *File.*

### OPP launches seasonal RIDE program

With the holiday season fast approaching, Haliburton and Minden OPP urge drivers to stay off the road if they consume alcohol.

The service's festive RIDE campaign is focused on apprehending people driving under the influence and will run until Jan. 3.

A press release reports police across the province have responded to nearly 2000 alcohol-related collisions in 2021 alone, causing 29 deaths.

### Police search for break and enter suspect

Police are investigating a Nov. 12 break and enter in Algonquin Highlands Township.

At approximately 12:21 a.m., Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to a report of a male entering a window of a residence on Harvest Moon Lane.

The man left before police arrived, and the occupant of the residence was unharmed.

The OPP Emergency Response Team and Canine Unit attended the scene, but were unable to locate the suspect.

The suspect is described as a male,

approximately 6 feet tall with a medium build, wearing dark clothing.

Police report this investigation is ongoing.

A press release asks locals to "be vigilant, and lock all doors and windows. Residents are also asked to check security cameras and report anything suspicious to police."

Anyone with information to call Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

### HE trailer theft

Police are investigating after a fifth wheel camper trail was stolen from a Loop Road residence on Nov. 11, 2021.

Bancroft OPP officers received the report of a theft from a property on Loop Road in the Municipality of Highlands East. In a press release, Officers reported the trailer was stolen between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Police request anyone with information about the theft should contact the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000 (*OPP news compiled by Sam Gillett*).



### Committee of Adjustment Is Looking for a Member

The Municipality of Highlands East is currently seeking one (1) community - minded resident to represent the municipality on the Committee of Adjustment.

#### Duties

The Committee of Adjustment considers applications for minor variances from the Municipal Zoning Bylaw as set out in the Planning Act. A minor variance may allow property owners to use their land in a way which does not comply exactly with the requirements of the Zoning Bylaw.

#### Composition

The Committee of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial body made up of citizen representatives appointed by Council. The Committee of Adjustment shall be comprised of three (3) citizens from Highlands East. The Committee of Adjustment holds meetings on an as needed base.

#### Qualifications

In order to contribute effectively to the accomplishment of the Committee's objectives, qualifications for members should include skills, knowledge, experience and interest in community planning and sustainable development including:

- An ability to represent a broad range of perspectives that reflect the diversity of the communities;
- An ability to set-aside personal interests for the benefit of the entire communities;
- An ability to contribute to meeting discussions in a positive, fair and unbiased manner;
- Good knowledge and understanding of community planning and development policies, guidelines, standards and approaches;
- Good knowledge of the communities and its social, economic, and environmental drivers;
- Current involvement, academic credentials or past experience in service provision or policy and/or program development in the fields of community planning, architecture, engineering, and/or landscape/urban design.

Members of the Committee of Adjustment shall be appointed for a four (4) year term that corresponds with the term of Council, expiring on November 30 of the year in which a municipal election is held, unless provided otherwise by a resolution of Council. This appointment would be for the duration of the 2019-2022 term. Successful applicants will be provided with orientation and are eligible for learning opportunities.

#### Submission of Application

Interested individuals are encouraged to apply by submitting a copy of their resume and a cover letter to:

Shannon Hunter, CAO/Treasurer  
Municipality of Highlands East  
P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road  
Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0

Or E-mail: [shunter@highlandseast.ca](mailto:shunter@highlandseast.ca)

Deadline for submission:

Please submit your resume and cover letter by Friday, November 26, 2021 at 4 PM.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for candidate selection purposes only. For questions please direct to Shannon Hunter at the above contact information.

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## Left for Dead revived, Minden man's punk history remembered

By Sam Gillett

Matthew Wesley is a building inspector living amid rolling hills of trees and thick bush near Minden. On his organic farm, he and his partner and their kids tend to goats, a few chickens, a new litter of puppies, trees tapped for spring maple syrup.

In his basement, there might be a computer hard drive. On it, guesses Wesley, might be a musical ghost.

The phantom in question is a collection of digital music files. They represent the culmination of his former life as a singer in the fast-paced world of punk rock, shredding stages from Newfoundland to Florida, sharing festival lineups with Blink-182 and working with some of the biggest names in music, poised for a leap into stardom. The 10 songs make up the final unreleased album from The Getaway, called *Left for Dead*.

For 15 years, it was.

Now, Wesley and his bandmates are living out a punk rock resurrection. He received word the album is being picked up by a Quebec-based record label that released it Sept. 17 across streaming platforms.

"I hadn't listened to it in a long time," said Wesley. He said he now dials up the tunes while driving. "I'm proud to say it really holds up!"

### The Getaway arrives

Wesley was The Getaway's lead singer, joining in 2001 when Punk was spreading like spikey-haired wildfire, connecting with a generation that felt unheard, and often let down, by the political class of the United States and Canada.

Out of Toronto, the band's day-to-day was grinding for what could come next.

"Every moment you're like 'how do we get to the next level. How do we book this show, who's going to put out our next album?'" he said.

Level by level, they moved up.

Channeling wild energy on the stage (Wesley was known for lighting firecrackers mid-show) the band toured Canada. They were one of the first of

the genre to travel to Newfoundland, and shook the walls of high school cafeterias in Heartland, New Brunswick, parkside clubs in Halifax and downtown bars in Montreal.

The fanbase was building, their music was connecting with more and more people.

They even played the Haliburton Arena, though punk rock didn't have a huge following in Wesley's homeland.

It felt like a breakthrough was coming.

"Everyone had their own idea of how we were going to break through and make it," said Wesley. "When you're in a band that's pretty much your number one, friends, family, relationships. Those all take a



Matthew Wesley holds up The Getaway's first two CDs on his Minden-area farm.  
Photo by Sam Gillett.

backseat to it. Not everyone is going to be okay with you doing that."

Sailing through cities across the States, coming into contact with the "broken and those who'd fallen through the cracks" of the American dream, influenced Wesley's songwriting. With a snarling guitar, muted strumming complemented by the thumping drums, he wrote about heartbreak, growing up and coming face-to-face with injustice.

The band connected with Joe Escalante, a producer with worldwide acclaim who worked with the biggest punk bands alive, including Blink-182 which many critics, including *The New York Times*, claim is the most influential band in punk history.

He connected them with Ocean Studio in Burbank, California, where they recorded songs and melodies.

"We really thought we were going to have

an opportunity there," he said.

The producer was one of the best in the business, going on to work with the Lumineers and The Cold War Kids.

"We'd seen some pretty big

disappointments," Wesley said. "It seemed that this was the next plateau and this would be a jumping-off point."

It wasn't.

Their record label, caught in industry drama surrounding another band, folded. But The Getaway's record was legally bound to the label and stuck in limbo.

"Everyone remembers it differently," said Wesley. "For everyone, it was a bit of a traumatic experience."

Wesley and his bandmates moved on. Some stayed in music, Wesley went back to school and soon embarked on a successful career in planning.

"It all stopped," Wesley said. "There was no more gas in the tank."

### Seven hundred clicks from Minden

Anthony Grenier co-owns People of Punk Rock Records. He launched the label to support punk rock in Canada, transitioning from a Facebook page where he shared band videos and photos.

Early in 2021, Adrian Mottram, a member of the band, bought a record from People of Punk Rock's online store. He sent a message to Grenier and asked if he wanted to have a listen to their long-lost album.

"I'm no musician," Grenier said. "When I listen to an album it's like I either like it or I don't."

He listened to *Left for Dead* 10 times in one day.

"What we like to do is release really cool stuff. It was a good opportunity to release something which makes people go 'wow, this is something really cool that was supposed to be released 15 years ago, but it's out in 2021.'"

Wesley said he's still in disbelief.

"That just never happens. We worked really hard to get record labels to notice us. For a label out of the blue to say they really like it, they want to put it out - that's huge. It felt like it was something that was unfinished and it was always going to stay that way," Wesley added.

Wesley said there's been some chatter between bandmates. Should The Getaway play some shows? Revive some of the early 2000s punk rock? He won't rule it out, but the thought of heading on the road in a bus seems a lot less tempting when he has a family and a full-time job.

The future of the band might not be the main point, he said.

"When I thought the only ones who remembered us were us; it's really special."

*"For a label out of the blue to say they really like it, they want to put it out: that's huge"*  
~ Matthew Wesley



# HOME OF THE HIGHLAND STORM

## Highlands Storm fall just short in entertaining tilt with Stars

On Nov. 11 the Highland Storm U13 Rep team took on the Newcastle Stars at home. The Stars got the early jump on the Storm with two quick goals early in the game. Goaltender Landyn Simms settled in and the Storm fought back with solid defensive play led by Jack Tomlinson and Matthew Scheffee. With under five minutes to go in the first, goals by Vanek Logan and Evan Perrott tied it up. The teams battled and chances were seen at both ends of the rink. Both teams' goalies came up big and kept the game tight, ending the second with the Storm down by one.

The third period was fast and furious with both teams lighting the lamp. Deagan Davison got himself two goals, one being a stellar penalty shot. Matt Scheffee and Henry Neilson both added to the scoreboard with one a piece. In the dying minutes of the game, Storm pulled their goalie and applied the pressure. Unfortunately, the clock ran out and the Storm took the 7-6 loss in a hard-fought game. The U13 REP Storm team is really starting to click as a team, demonstrating they are ready to take on any opponent and put some points on the board. Go Storm Go!

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### REP STARS



Vanek Logan stepped up his game this week and was a real force out on the ice. Vanek found the back of the net for 3 goals and had 1 Assist.



Matt Scheffee with his strong defensive play and his natural puck moving ability was a key factor to his team strong efforts on the penalty kill as well on the power play. Matt also tallied 1 goal and 1 assist this week.



Evan Perrott has been a strong team player in the dressing room and on the ice. His positive attitude gets his teammates going each and every game. Evan also tallied 2 goals and 1 assists.



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Top left: Huskies forward Bryce Richardson puts pressure on the Muskies' defenseman. Top right: Haliburton's Joe Boice narrowly avoids making contact with the puck after a nice play from Sam Solarino. Bottom: Forward Nicholas Athanasakos pivots behind the net. Photos by Mike Baker.

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# The Huskies



## Huskies move to 2nd in OJHL East Division

By Mike Baker

A depleted Haliburton County Huskies battled through a rare three-game weekend last time out, adding a win and two losses to their seasonal record and moving into second place in the OJHL's East Division.

The first of the team's triple header saw them make the hour-long trip south on Hwy. 35 to take on the Lindsay Muskies. In what was a tense, hard-hitting game Nov. 12, the Huskies dug deep and at times rode their luck as they battled to a 2-1 regulation win over their nearest rivals.

It's a game that will be remembered for its unique stat line, with the two teams going a collective 0-6 on the powerplay but each registering a short-handed goal.

After an insipid opening period in which neither team made much of an impression in the offensive zone, it was the Muskies that got things going early on in the second – very much against the run of play. Shortly after Isiah Parris was issued a two-minute minor for interference, Muskies forward Duncan Scullion cut off a loose pass in the defensive zone and raced down the ice unchallenged, firing the puck past Christian Cicigoi at 4:59 in the period.

The lead wouldn't last though, and it was a familiar face that came back to haunt the Muskies. Defenseman Will Gourgouvelis fired a hopeful shot from near the boards at 15:54, beating Muskies' goaltender Ethan Fraser high over his glove. It was Gourgouvelis' second goal of the season – the other coming way back on opening night Oct. 1, when the Huskies defeated the Muskies 3-2 at the same venue.

Heading into the final frame, the Huskies picked up the pace as they searched for a winner. Top scorer Oliver Tarr saw plenty of ice time as the team leaned on their top line for large periods. In the end, the game-winning goal came from an unlikely source

in fortuitous circumstances. Just 20 seconds after hometown boy Joe Boice went to the box for slashing, Sam Solarino went on the forecheck, chasing down a puck behind the Muskies' goal. That effort paid off, with Solarino catching Fraser in no man's land, stealing the puck and careening around the goal to fire in the winner.

"It was pretty hard to miss," Solarino said with a smile after the game. "The goalie came out behind the net and coughed up a pretty bad one. I just followed it up and put it in."

Head coach and general manager Ryan Ramsay was delighted with his team's performance in what he called a "character win."

"I think that performance really says a lot about the guys we have in our locker room, and the culture we're trying to create here. We're down a few players right now, and are running basically three lines, so to see those guys leave it all out on the ice, battle the way they did and come away with a huge two points ... it was great to see," Ramsay said.

Things didn't quite go to plan on Saturday however, when the Huskies welcomed the table-topping Trenton Golden Hawks to town. Lucas Stevenson got the hometown team off to a perfect start, firing one in after just 1:44 in the opening period after being set up by Tarr.

The Huskies would then give up five straight as the Golden Hawks took charge of the game. Captain Nathan Porter notched a consolation tally late on in the third, before Trenton rubbed salt into the wounds, adding a sixth goal just minutes later. The final score at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena was 6-2.

On Sunday, the Huskies made a trip down to the city to take on the North York Rangers. The team had fond memories of playing at the Herbert Carnegie Centre,



Christian Stevens, recently made one of the team's assistant captains, prepares for a faceoff. Photo by Mike Baker.

recording a 3-1 win at the venue on Oct. 10.

It looked like being another happy visit for the Huskies, who raced out to a 3-0 lead courtesy of goals from Nicholas Athanasakos and Tarr. But the Rangers fired back, netting two goals late in the second and another early in the third, before ending things in overtime.

The point gained from the overtime loss lifted the Huskies into second place in their division, just narrowly ahead of the

Muskies and the Wellington Dukes. The hometown team now boasts an overall record of 10-6-1.

They play the Caledon Admirals on the road tonight (Nov. 18), before traveling to the city to face the Toronto Patriots on Saturday. The Huskies will next play on home ice on Nov. 26, against the Cobourg Cougars. That game is slated for a later-than-usual start in Minden, with puck drop set for 7:30 p.m.



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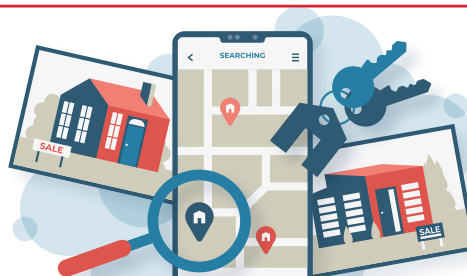
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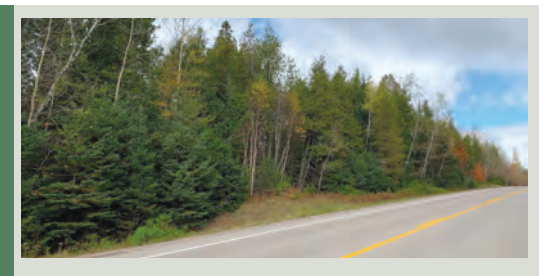
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# Highlander environment



Left: Excavating roadside fill along Glamorgan Road. Right: Berman, right, and Kristyn Bennett. Photos by Sam Gillett.

## Making county roads safer for turtles

By Sam Gillett

One of the biggest risks an animal can take in Haliburton County is crossing a road. On Nov. 15, The Land Between and Scales Nature Park worked together to make the journey for turtles a safer one. Using an excavator donated by Minden Rental, the two conservation groups dug out roadside fill and installed recycled metal barricades, welded from metal barrels. It's

all part of a system guiding turtles towards buried culverts, where they can cross under a road safely. "It's a turtle tunnel, basically," said Leora Berman, The Land Between founder. "The shape can be backfilled and the road becomes permeable: any wildlife on the road can get off." They're testing the system on a stretch of wetland-adjacent to Glamorgan Road, to see

how the interlocking barriers handle winter frost. "The issue with one large piece is it can shift, and that creates major maintenance issues," said Berman. There are 96 spots in the County that The Land Between and the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust have identified as needing turtle crossings. Some, Berman said, don't currently have

culverts linking areas of wetlands, which poses an increased risk to the area's turtle population. "It's really important that we have culverts so turtles can reach all parts of their territories," Berman said. All of Ontario's turtle species are at risk. In the last 20 years, turtle populations have declined by more than 50 per cent; with drivers behind the vast majority of deaths.



### 2022 Municipal Election

#### Joint Compliance Audit Committee Members

The Corporations of the Township of Algonquin Highlands, the Township of Minden Hills, the Municipality of Dysart et al and the Municipality of Highlands East, are currently seeking interested applicants from professionals who are required to adhere to codes of standards of their profession, and other individuals with in depth knowledge of the campaign financing rules of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* for appointment to a **Joint Compliance Audit Committee**.

The Joint Compliance Audit Committee has full delegation of the authority in the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, to address applications requesting an audit of a candidate's election campaign finances. This authority includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Review applications and grant or reject audit requests
- Where an audit is granted, appoint an auditor and review the audit report
- Where indicated, decide whether legal proceedings shall be commenced.

The Joint Compliance Audit Committee will consist of members appointed by each Council. Committee members must have the ability to understand and apply the election campaign finance provisions of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* and should be considered impartial with respect to their ability to fulfill their responsibilities. Preference shall be given to candidates that have applicable experience in accounting, law, law enforcement and academics from related fields.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- (a) Accounting and audit – accountants or auditors with experience in preparing or auditing the financial statements of municipal candidates;
- (b) Academic – college or university professors with expertise in political science or local government administration;
- (c) Legal; and
- (d) Other individuals with knowledge of the campaign financing rules of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*.

Members of the public interested in serving on this Committee are asked to submit a resume, and covering letter, marked "Confidential" no later than Noon on November 30, 2021 to:

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For further information, please contact Robyn Rogers, Clerk by email at [rogers@highlandseast.ca](mailto:rogers@highlandseast.ca)

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COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE  
THIS MEETING WILL BE HEARD AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING BY WAY OF A VIRTUAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:  
DATE: MONDAY, November 29, 2021  
TIME: 10:30 AM  
LOCATION: Due to the physical distancing requirements imposed as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by way of a virtual meeting.

To participate:  
Join the meeting by telephone by dialing either: 1-647-374-4685 OR 1-647-558-0588  
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Members of the public are welcome to watch the Committee of Adjustment meeting by joining YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/pf3cy75cr-k>

Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Hearing must pre-register by emailing [dsisson@mindenhills.ca](mailto:dsisson@mindenhills.ca) by Friday November 26th before 4:00 PM or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 10:00 AM. Participants registering after 10:00 AM will not be permitted into the public hearing.  
Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the hearing as permitted by the Chair. Please note the live-stream link provided for each hearing will only be activated while Committee of Adjustment is in session.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider minor variance applications PLMV2021076, PLMV2021081, PLMV2021082 and PLMV2021083 and the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications for Public Hearing are listed below:

PLMV2021076 – Part Lot 9, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1721 Davis Lake Road; and located on Davis Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit construction of a new 348 square foot waterfront deck within 15 metres (49.3 feet) of the high water mark and being attached to a permitted replacement non-complying dwelling, whereas Section 4.8.4 of the Zoning By-law does not permit an increase in the size of a structure located within 15 metres (49.3 feet) of the high water mark. The new attached waterfront deck would be setback 12.1 metres (40 feet) from the high water mark and front lot line, whereas Section 5.2 requires a minimum front and water yard setback of 23 metres (75 feet).



PLMV2021081 – Part Lot 28, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 11143 Hwy 35; and located on Gull Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a detached garage being 9 metres (30 feet) from an existing watercourse, whereas Section 4.34 of the Zoning By-law requires a setback of 15 metres (49.3 feet) to a watercourse.



PLMV2021082 – Part Lot 26, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1345 Martin's Lane; and located on Black Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit construction of a 336 square foot dwelling encroaching an additional 2.1 metres (6.9 feet) into the water yard, resulting in a setback of 14.66 metres (48.1 feet) from the high water mark, and to permit construction of an attached 258 square foot waterfront deck encroaching an additional 4.4 metres (14.3 feet) into the water yard, resulting in a setback of 12.41 metres (40.7 feet) from the high water mark, where the existing setback to the high water mark is 16.75 metres (55 feet).



PLMV2021083 – Part Lot 32, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1099 Elstone Trail; and located on Kashagawigamog Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a two (2) new additions to an existing dwelling having a total building area increase of 41.8%, whereas otherwise a maximum increase of 25% is permitted; together with the northerly addition and a new porch encroaching an additional 2.51 metres (8.23 feet) into the water yard, resulting in a setback of 17.6 metres (57.7 feet) from the high water mark, whereas otherwise a setback of 23 metres (75 feet) is required. The application is further requesting to expand the existing attached waterfront deck encroaching an additional 0.1 metres (0.3 feet) into the water yard, resulting in a setback of 15.7 metres (51.5 feet) from the high water mark.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding these applications are available online at [www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom](http://www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom). Copies of the complete applications will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.  
HAVE YOUR SAY: Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS: To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail [adougherty@mindenhills.ca](mailto:adougherty@mindenhills.ca).

ANY PERSON OR AGENCY WHO IS OF THE OPINION THAT HOLDING THE HEARING AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING IS LIKELY TO CAUSE THEM SIGNIFICANT PREJUDICE, may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing.

ACCESSIBILITY: The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.

PRIVACY DISCLOSURE: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

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# Highlander community

## COUNTY NEWS

### No in-person meetings

County council isn't expected to meet in-person until at least January.

Coun. Lisa Schell was concerned about a lingering requirement to wear masks, which she feels will make it difficult for members of the public to hear councillors. Rutter said he had checked in with the health unit, who advised masking remains mandatory for all in-person County meetings.

It was noted, however, that the City of Kawartha Lakes council is currently meeting in-person without masks.

Councillors agreed they had no appetite for returning to in-person meetings if they have to be masked.

They agreed to revisit the discussion in December to see what provincial government and public health unit rules and regulations might have changed by then.

### New director of economic development and tourism

The County's new director of economic development and tourism is Scott Ovell.

He was introduced to councillors at a Nov. 10 committee of the whole meeting, in what was his fifth day of work.

Ovell was most recently the economic development director for Huntsville.

CAO Mike Rutter said he's been a great addition and he's excited about what Ovell is going to bring to the community. He said Ovell will take time over the next few weeks getting to know staff, councillors

and their expectations, as well as the community.

Warden Liz Danielsen formally welcomed him on behalf of council and said they were happy to have him onboard.

Ovell said he was looking forward to touching base with Danielsen and council and to "start the process and journey together with the County and the team here."

Danielsen replied, "We're looking for some really exciting changes."

The position was recommended in the services delivery review to "support coordination and increased service levels." The County is still recruiting for a manager of tourism.

### Affordable housing 'juggernaut'

Coun. Andrea Roberts asked council to revisit a consultants' report about the future of Country Road 21 and Wallings Road. Her request came in light of Places for People struggling to get municipal planning approvals for a new 48-unit affordable housing complex on the Dysart road.

As reported in the Nov. 11 *Highlander*, the crux of the issue is a disagreement between Dysart and the County over the ability of Wallings Road to handle the increased traffic that would come with the development. Since Wallings Road enters County Road 21, any development would need to be approved by the County.

"We're in a little bit of a juggernaut and



County council hasn't decided when to resume in-person meetings. *File.*

staff are too," Roberts told the meeting.

AECOM has recommended full closure of the intersection with all traffic diverted onto Halbiem Cres. or partial closure with the exception of buses and access to three residential properties.

Roberts asked if there could be a further study, or request to AECOM, about the possibility of the road being one-way in only; no left turn except for buses; or a full set of traffic lights with a left-turn triggered signal.

At the Dysart council meeting Nov. 9, Places for People called on council to step up and apply some pressure on the County.


Roberts pushed for, and received, a council recommendation that staff look into ways to find other options and report back.

### Stolen radar speed signs

Director of public works, Robert Sutton, said a radar speed sign was stolen and later recovered by Highlands East staff in the bush. He said it had been damaged but still appears to work.

"We've had, over the years, some issues with people and theft. We've had at least two [signs] stolen completely and not returned, so we're down to just having the one."

He said staff had been investigating getting a second radar speed sign, "because they do, in short-term bursts, help in certain areas as we move them around the County." (County news compiled by Lisa Gervais).



# Christmas

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# Highlander community



## Haliburton remembers

Dozens of residents gathered along Highland Street in Haliburton on Nov. 11 to pay their respects during the community's Remembrance Day ceremony. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Haliburton organized a parade, with participants marching from the Legion building on Mountain Street to the downtown cenotaph. (Mike Baker).

Top left: Bagpipers led the march back to the local legion building following the Remembrance Day ceremony. Top right: A member of the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers marches in the Haliburton parade. Bottom: Harold Rowden, a veteran of the Second World War, played a pivotal part in Haliburton's Remembrance Day ceremony. Photos by Mike Baker.



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This year's guest speaker is a Conservation Officer from the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR). Current topics as they relate to Hunting, Angling and interactions with CO's will be presented as well as a Q & A session will be included in the guest speaker session.

A summary of the HHOA's activities for the past year will be shared as well as the last fiscal year's financial report. The opportunity for invitations of prospective HHOA Board directors will take place as well. This commitment leads to becoming involved in the workings of the HHOA and assisting in maintaining Haliburton County as a premier Outdoor Activity destination in the Province of Ontario and beyond.

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# Highlander community



A Legion colour party stood guard at the Wilberforce cenotaph in Highlands East.  
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## Wilberforce gathers at cenotaph

Wilberforce Legion branch 624 led Highland East's ceremony at the cenotaph next to the town's municipal buildings. Barb Munroe sang hymns and *God Save The Queen* before Legion President John Glassey addressed the crowd of around 50 people.  
(Sam Gillett).



Lori Reddering plays *The Last Post* with James Donaldson and Jim Ross.  
(Photo by Lisa Gervais).

## Minden remembers

The Royal Canadian Legion Mabel Brannigan Branch 636 held its Services of Remembrance Nov. 11. This year, wreathes were placed before the service at the Haliburton County Cairn in The Village Green. Fraser MacDonald played *Maple Leaf Forever* while Lori Reddering bugled *The Last Post*. In addition to branch president, Jim Ross, and Sergeant-at-Arms, Richard Schell, James Donaldson read the honour role. The colour party was in attendance as was local MP Jamie Schmale and Padre Joan Cavanaugh. (Lisa Gervais).

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# Highlander community

## HCSA wins top snowmobile honours

By Sam Gillett

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) has won Ontario's top annual snowmobile honour.

The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs named the association "club of the year" at its annual awards ceremony in Barrie, Nov. 9.

Association president John Enright thanked the Haliburton community, which he said made the award possible.

"It's about the landowners and it's about 49 years of previous hard work and dedication from the volunteers of the HCSA who got us into this place so we could win," he said.

The club boasts more than 2,500 members and a reputation that draws riders from across Ontario.

"We're in a very fortunate geographic position. We're two and a half hours out from the most populated area in Canada," Enright said.

The Highlands offer spectacular winter terrain to explore, he added.

"Where else in a day can you ride an historic trail bed, see a whitewater reserve at the Gull River, cross a floating bridge, run an abandoned hydro corridor and then ride tight, forested trails."

The association is responsible for grooming and maintaining the area's 370

kilometres of trails that stretch across the west and central parts of the County.

Maintaining those trails takes a lot of hard work.

The association's fleet of five groomers is staffed by 20 employees, who tackle grooming the trails each year.

Before the snow hits, volunteers install many kilometres of trail markers and safety signs along the trails.

The club, on Oct. 22, also won regional club of the year.

In the past year, HCSA encouraged downtown Haliburton businesses to post 'welcome snowmobilers' signs in their windows, installed a webcam showing snow conditions in real time, and also hosted a fundraiser that donated \$1 per hour groomed on its busiest trail to The Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Foundation, raising \$500.

In other HCSA news, the association took delivery of a new Pisten Bully Model PB100 trail grooming machine Nov. 12. It's been supplied by Mohawk Industrial Werks of Queensbury, New York with a branch in Midhurst, Ontario. Enright said the new groomer replaces one that has been retired. The new Pisten Bully will be staged in Minden and used on Minden area trails for the coming season.



HCSA President John Enright, stands in front of one of the association's trail groomers. Photo by Sam Gillett.



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# Highlander community



Tom Oliver chatted about the inspiration for his tunes during his opening set. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

## Rhythm and soul from Alcorn and Oliver

Whether with improvised songs about traversing Haliburton's back roads to foot-stopping heart-sung choir classics, Coco Love Alcorn knew how to make a Haliburton Audience smile and sing.

Armed with a ukelele and sound looping machine, Alcorn's Nov. 13 concert was one of the County's first live indoor musical performances since March 2020.

It was one of Alcorn's first in-person performances as well and before the second song finished she had the Legion's community hall echoing with audience members singing and humming along to bright, soulful tunes.

Haliburton songwriter Tom Oliver opened the show, with introspective acoustic tunes about, experiencing

division, love and change. The guitarist operates Haliburton Music Exchange, a program that equips kids with refurbished guitars, which he told the audience about during the show. To learn more, visit [haliburtonmusicexchange.com](http://haliburtonmusicexchange.com). *(Sam Gillett).*



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January 14, 2022 and February 11, 2022

**These meetings will be hosted virtually. You can view the proceedings by visiting the Dysart YouTube page:** <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVWZxsvf8VCyDf04uwjCJ6g>

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# Highlander community



Fleming vice-president Sandra Dupret said the Haliburton community is central to HSAD's continued success. *File.*

## Community 'key' in student housing need

By Sam Gillett

Fleming College's Haliburton School of Art + Design (HSAD) is nestled in the woods, drawing students from across Canada and beyond for its integrated arts program, metalsmithing course and array of summer classes.

It's difficult to learn, however, if you don't have a place to live.

That's why Fleming is putting out a call for Haliburton households to open up to students.

"We're in desperate need of accommodation options for students, especially within walking distance," said Sandra Dupret, vice president of Fleming responsible for student experience.

The demand is heightened due to an influx of students starting in January.

Dupret said it can be a chance to earn extra income, or for those who live alone, a chance to have a friend around.

"Some really appreciate that companionship," Dupret said. "We have found that people are very adaptable to what students' needs are."

This year, Dupret said a few students are finding it difficult to find places to live, especially within driving distance.

"Frankly that's a challenge we're seeing with the growth here. We can't grow the enrolment in campus without having places for students to stay, so we're really dependent at this point, on the support of the community," Dupret said.

Until a planned residence building, to be located beside the college, HSAD will continue to build community partnerships.

"They're a key player in helping this campus to thrive," Dupret said.

West Guilford resident Pat Bain said she wishes she signed on to host students sooner. "All the students I've had have been wonderful people," she said. "To have them in the house, that's just a comfort to me, to know there's someone else here."

Bain has been invited to students' weddings, even to a student's family home in France. It's a lot more than just extra income.

"I always tell them, as well as getting a place to stay, they're getting a second mother," she said.

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# Highlander education

## School board amends head lice policy

By Mike Baker

Trillium Lakelands District School Board has rescinded a decades-old policy that previously required any student suffering from a head lice or nit infestation to stay home until the outbreak has cleared up.

"In line with the Canadian Paediatric Society's position, TLDSB recognizes that pediculosis is not a disease or health issue, and there's no medical rationale that students should be sent home from school due to the presence of live head lice or nits," said Jennifer Johnston, TLDSB superintendent of learning. "There's no requirement for school boards to maintain a policy on pediculosis management, therefore it is our recommendation that we rescind this policy."

Johnston said that board staff would be issuing a memo to all schools clarifying new processes they must follow when head lice outbreaks are reported or identified.

In their consideration of this recommendation, Johnston said staff felt it was important that students maintain a presence inside the classroom wherever possible.

"As a learning organization we know that regular school attendance is important to move forward student achievement," she said "From an equity lens, we need to strive to avoid unnecessary absenteeism for students. The resulting risk to student achievement far outweighs the nuisance caused by the presence of head lice or nits."

### School improvement and equity planning

Superintendent Jay MacJanet informed trustees Nov. 9 that the board was making great progress with its school improvement equity plans.

"These will map out the direction for each school within our system [and establishes] board-approved goals for literacy, numeracy and equity," MacJanet said.

To be developed by the administrative leadership team at each of TLDSB's schools, the new plans are being driven by data compiled from provincial assessments through the Ministry of Education and school-based assessments gathered from teachers over the past year.

MacJanet says the new plans, when established, would be a game-changer for student development.

"This will develop teacher capacity in our schools and, with support of consultants, instructional coaches and special education departments, create equitable results for all students and, ultimately, improve student achievement," he said.

### Staff and student census

Johnston noted that TLDSB had recently launched a board-wide demographic census for staff so as to "build a greater understanding of who we are," and reflect on the "many unique voices and diversities

and perspectives that make us who we are."

She said the census was well received, with a large majority of staff participating. Data compiled is currently being sorted and analyzed by Turner Consulting Group, and will be shared in the future to help drive a series of TLDSB action plans, Johnston said.

Work is also underway on a new student census. Johnson noted surveys will be sent home with students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 to be completed by parents, while secondary-level students from Grade 9 to 12 will be given the opportunity to complete the census in class.

It's expected this board-wide initiative will begin in January.

### Menstrual equity project

The board last week launched a new initiative that will ensure menstrual products are freely available at all schools within the TLDSB system.

"We know menstrual products are expensive, and our goal is to make sure all people who need these products have them readily available," Johnston said.

Trustees signed off on the program earlier this year. Johnston noted it has already garnered further support from the provincial government, who, in October, announced a "sizeable" donation of products and dispensers that would be distributed to TLDSB. Johnston said those products and dispensers would be installed in female, universal and gender-neutral washrooms at schools over the next six weeks.

### The quadmester quandary

Student trustee Alexia Evans-Turnbull informed the board that many students are asking about the long-term future of the quadmester system, introduced in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I've heard concerns that, if COVID improves, this quadmester system will change back to the regular semester system. Some students have said they prefer quadmasters," Evans-Turnbull said.

Under the quadmester system, the school year is essentially divided into four semesters. Students take two courses at a time for a period of roughly nine weeks.

TLDSB Director of Education Wes Hahn said any decision over the future of the quadmester system would rest with the Ministry of Education.

"When we went through with the octomester schedule last year, there were a lot of questions about it. As people moved through it, they tended to find the good things about it and [figure out] what worked for them. The same thing happened with the quadmester," Hahn said.

He added that, on the flip side, he has also heard from many students who would like to return back to the regular semester system. A full examination will be conducted at a later date, but, for the time being, the current quadmester system will remain in place, he said.



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# Highlander business



Shannon Brown opened Till Death BBQ in Fort Irwin Nov. 5. Photo by Sam Gillett.

## BBQ artist brings the smoke to Fort Irwin

By Sam Gillett

Chef Shannon Brown's passion for barbecue is a life-or-death affair.

When packing up for a catering gig in October, right before the planned opening of his new location in Fort Irwin, a transport truck blew a tire beside his Peterborough home, sending a piece of debris into his chest.

The owner of Till Death BBQ nearly lived up to its name and the injury meant he had to delay opening his Haliburton restaurant.

But after four blood transfusions, he's back in action, serving up smoked meats, homemade fries and handcrafted sauces in Till Death BBQ's first permanent location right next to the Fort Irwin Marina.

He opened the doors Nov. 5.

"The way I do the food is so different than what others do," Brown said. He uses a live smoking method, which means the fire is right in the smoker, making for higher temperatures and quicker cook times.

In the rich tradition of Texas-style barbecue, it was unorthodox. Most smokers run at around 250 degrees, Brown's is usually more than 600.

"People that had been (smoking meat) their whole lives, they were laughing at us, until we started bringing the trophies," Brown said.

A lifelong cook, a board behind the restaurant's till is plastered with Diamond Awards from Peterborough: top chef, top restaurant, top caterer and more.

"I've been doing it my whole life, but it wasn't until 2017 I thought I could do it well enough, to start making money off it."

He said he keeps it simple: relying on

different rubs for each meat and lots of sweetness to combine with the smokey inferno, which he is constantly monitoring outside behind the main kitchen.

At Till Death BBQ, Brown said brisket's been a top seller so far, shifting more than 40 pounds on the restaurant's opening day.

"The amount of people that have never had brisket before was absolutely crazy," said Brown

Nearly everything on the menu, from pork to fries is from Ontario producers. Brown said he doesn't use frozen or premade ingredients.

"It's scratch-made from start to finish, and we try to go as local as possible."

Brown found out the Fort Irwin location would be vacant, with the previous restaurant closing.

Peterborough, said Brown "is oversaturated when it comes to food places."

He and his partner, Joy, who often helps out serving, plan to move to the County full-time.

Brown said creating a positive workplace has been a goal. Catering positions pay \$30 per hour, and workers in the restaurant make between \$20-25 dollars per hour depending on the shift.

"We pay way above the average for restaurants," Brown said. "It's a job that you do because you're passionate about it, not because you're going to make a lot of money: there's no reason it has to be like that."

For Brown, that's been a winning strategy.

"We've been almost six years in the business and all we've done is expand," Shannon said.



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# What's on

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## Singer releases anthem of mortality

By Sam Gillett

If the cold months of fall ever needed a soundtrack, Fenelon Falls-based singer-songwriter Shannon Roszell said her new single might fit the bill.

*Day of the Dead* released Oct. 29; just before Halloween.

It was a fitting ballad for spooky season, said Roszell. Inspired by indie rockers such as The National and Arcade Fire, Roszell's voice echoes over top of menacing guitar riffs that build and drive the song along.

It's a song about death, and legacy, she said. "I swear I've written more music about death than love."

It was prompted by the passing of one of Roszell's musical Icons, Lou Reed, reflecting on his legacy and, in turn, hers.

It's also a symphonic exploration of mortality itself.

"It's a perfect soundtrack to this time of the year when the veil between the living and dead is at its thinnest," she said.

Roszell, who guest anchored and debuted the song on CanoeFM Oct. 29, has been slowly releasing singles ahead of a debut album drop, scheduled for the fall of 2022.

She's been making music for more than a decade, but only recently partnered with award-winning producer Frank Gryner (Def Leppard, Rod Zombie) while preparing newer tunes.

For around 18 months, she recorded, wrote, and produced the album *Track by*



Shannon Roszell said she's developed a way to perform her music alongside a dynamic prerecorded tape: for future shows, it will be just her on stage. *Photo submitted.*

*Track.*

Now the wait is on: Roszell is expecting a child in the spring of 2022. While all the songs are complete, she said it's important to her they come out as a package.

"I had this body of work I wanted to honour," she said. "They all have a sonic palette that's pretty unified."

Many of her songs are similarly complex

as *Day of the Dead*.

She gave the example of *Lullaby's For the Lost and Living Dead*, a song released late this year. "It is about that anxiety, mental health, and depression, waiting for mental health medication to kick in."

The 39-year-old said she was a little self-conscious to release music at first: "It makes me think you're 39, you're putting

out new music: you've 'missed the boat'."

But she's excited about the future, and encouragement from friends, family and her producer have helped shift her mindset. "There is no boat, I'm trying to be patient, wait it out, see how things go."

Roszell's music can be found on all streaming services and her website: [shannonroszell.com](http://shannonroszell.com)



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**Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1-2 p.m.**

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Nick and Benton perform for fundraiser guests. Photo submitted by Rhubarb.

## Heat Bank nets \$29k

The Haliburton County Heat Bank's annual fundraiser in partnership with Carnarvon's Rhubarb restaurant raised \$29,183. The Nov. 14 evening was the most successful to date, said Tina Jackson, heat bank coordinator.

"Haliburton County has one of the highest rates of energy poverty in all of Canada," said Jackson. "The Heat Bank's working really hard to help folks overcome struggles related to heating and hydro, and this is our largest fundraiser of the year."

Jackson said Rhubarb, and owner Terri Matthews-Carl, have been instrumental in

helping the event succeed.

The restaurant was closed to the public and staff volunteered their time to serve a gourmet dinner while attendees had the chance to bid on donated items from various local businesses.

Musicians Nick and Benton sang and Ted Brandon hosted the evening as MC.

The Heat Bank, founded in 2013, aims to provide emergency access to heat and firewood for vulnerable Highlanders.

Their annual fundraiser at Rhubarb has raised over \$124,000 since it began. (Sam Gillett).

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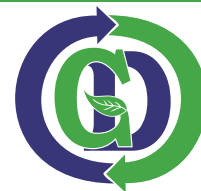


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From the Family of the late Douglas James Scheffee  
We would like to acknowledge and thank Dr. Norm Bottum and the nursing staff at the Haliburton Hospital for their wonderful care.

The family would also like to thank the staff at Hyland Wood for his care during his short time in that facility.

Also, a sincere thank you to the PSW's from the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Community Support Services. Doug appreciated your assistance and your extra personal touches did not go unnoticed. A special thanks to Kirsten, Barry and the staff at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home for their kind and professional services during this difficult time. Thank you again to everyone for their great care.

Lorna and family

OBITUARIES




*In Loving Memory of*  
**Jean Ruddell (nee Freeborn)**  
November 9, 2021  
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday morning, November 9, 2021 in her 95th year. Beloved wife of the late Donald Ruddell. Loving mother of Margie, Janet (Larry) and Jim (Cindy). Loving grandmother of Kevin, Julie (Bob), Jamie (Marisa), Jake, and great grandmother to Paige, Nolan and Reid. Jean was an integral part of the Wilberforce community. She volunteered for years at the school helping children with reading.

**Graveside Celebration of Life**

Friends are invited to attend at the South Wilberforce Cemetery for a Graveside Celebration of Life on Saturday November 20, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.. Arrangements have been entrusted to **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209. As expressions of sympathy, donations to The Alzheimer's Society or The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family.



*Thank you!*

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My family, my wonderful husband, and my friends "Thank You". Myself, the Doctor in Peterborough and my family have named you my "Guardian Angel"


So, to you my "Guardian Angel" Thank You! Thank You!  
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*In Loving Memory of*  
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Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy #118 Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Sunday afternoon, November 21, 2021, from 4 until 6 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel on Monday morning, November 22, 2021, at 11 o'clock (Visitation one hour prior). Interment later at Evergreen Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donation to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation - Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services would be appreciated by the family. Family and friends are required to RSVP to this service as attendance is limited. Proof of your second COVID vaccine and photo ID is required to attend this event. Masks must be worn.





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## OBITUARIES




*In Loving Memory of*  
**Beryl Gorin**  
 (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Saturday November 13, 2021 in her 91st year. Beloved wife of the late Jack. Pre-deceased by her parents Eugene & Adeline Woods (nee Greenfield), and her brother Norman. Loving sister to Carol Sidsworth. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, and close family friends.

Beryl was a gifted athlete, talented golfer, and beautiful singer. Her and Jack wintered in Florida and made many close friends during their time there. She loved her time spent at her cottage on Kennisis Lake. Beryl valued her independence greatly and lived on her own in her own home until her passing.

### Private Graveside Service

A Private Graveside interment will take place at a later date at Evergreen Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Haliburton or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy #118 Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209. 

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Across

1 Amorous skunk Pepe

6 Hallucinogenic drugs, briefly

10 Daniel \_\_\_ Kim of "Lost"

13 \_\_\_-ground missile

14 Snore blocking inserts

16 One "in need," in a saying

18 Ears, nose and throat, e.g.

19 Marsh

20 Power up

22 Toddler's train, when doubled

23 Puts the squeeze on, in a way

25 Fire station bosses

27 Won all the awards, with "up"

29 Carnivore's buys

30 Stir, as suspicion

31 Facebook blurb

32 Time to grow: Abbr.

35 Lenient, as on crime

36 Light festival city in France

38 Prefix meaning "vision"

39 Rock blaster

40 Late quizmaster Trebek

41 Like some last words

43 It may be picked up, then kicked

45 Alley on "Cheers"

46 Leave in the lurch, slangily

48 Salmon fishing inlet off Vancouver Island

49 Opposite of "sans"

50 Reacts to a bad pun

52 \_\_\_ Maria

55 Had a coup

57 \_\_\_ rod (golden flower)

59 Gretzky's moniker, with "the"

60 Be deceptive with

61 UFO pilots

62 Dr.'s hosp. checks

63 Yellowhead town west of Edmonton

Down

1 "\_\_\_-a-Lympics" (Hanna-Barbera cartoon)

2 Ireland, poetically

3 Costner's "Robin Hood" subtitle

4 Season in "le soleil"

5 Chinese soup dumplings

6 Gofers and grunts

7 Dear, to Domingo

8 Cameron Diaz's "Shrek" role

9 Coppertone bottle letters

10 Puréed spuds baked golden brown

11 "The \_\_\_ Aquarius"

12 PetroCan rivals

15 Legally legit

17 Nobly nicknamed jazz legend

21 Like Manhattan clam chowder

24 High, to Henri

26 Aid on a bad hair day

27 \_\_\_ iron skillet

28 Scientology founder \_\_\_ Hubbard

29 Back-to-the-grind day: Abbr.

31 Word with chicken or small

33 Spitting sound, in comics

34 Prepared to sing "O Canada"

37 "Nonetheless, ..."

38 Russian port city

40 Blood-typing letters

42 Gallery clearance event

44 Maker of Reynolds Wrap

45 Tenter's stopover in the U.S.

46 Intrude rudely, with "in"

47 Turn away, as one's eyes

48 Bumps on a log

51 Rip to bits

53 Big on

54 Chacun \_\_\_ goût (each to his own)

56 One of 191 in this puzzle: Abbr.

58 Free from, with "of"

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