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Team White's Owen Davis chases the puck down in his own zone during the Haliburton County Huskies Blue versus White game Sept. 11 in Minden. See more coverage on page 24. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

## Condo development proposed for Haliburton

**By Lisa Gervais**

Haliburton could have 88 new residential units off of Peninsula Road if the owner of a vacant 14.9 ha parcel of land gets planning approvals from Dysart and the County.

Paul Wilson owns the land on the west side of Grass Lake. It is bordered by Peninsula Road to the west and Haliburton County Road 21 to the north. The turn-off would be just west of the Lakeview Motel.

In addition to what would be condos, there is a plan to have a commercial component

along the highway.

Harburn Holdings Ltd., in a June 1, 2021 letter to residents from planner Anthony Usher, reads, "my client and I look forward to discussing any concerns you may have about the proposal and the application information. We are open to considering

changes to the application that might reasonably accommodate those concerns."

Usher said they are looking to develop "lifestyle residential" units and some commercial uses. He said they are talking about one or two multi-residential buildings, for a total of 88 units. Usher

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## Nearby residents share concerns

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added each lot would have its own entrance from Peninsula Road, and have municipal sewer and wells.

"Much like a condo corporation," he said.

They have submitted official plan and zoning bylaw amendment applications to Dysart and a severance request to the County. They have yet to come before council and no public meetings have been scheduled.

*The Highlander* has already received one letter of objection from residents, Jurgen and Angela Haedicke, over tree cutting, water quality on Grass Lake, and their belief the development does not fit in with its surroundings.

Usher said he had received a number of letters from Dysart et al planner Jeff Iles and was preparing a response.

Usher said they had done an environmental impact study and wetland site assessment as well as hydrogeological and archeological assessments. He said they would offer protection by only clearing 50 per cent of trees and leaving wetlands alone.

Usher said the report indicates "the proposed development would appropriately respond to the natural environmental sensitivities of this property, ensure excellent water quality protections for Grass Lake

and also be sensitive to surrounding shoreline properties and to others using the lake for recreation."

As for fitting in, his planning report noted the site is surrounded by predominately low-density development, such as Haliburton Veterinary Services, a six-unit residence, and the motel. He said the only high-density uses are the Tim Hortons and Whispering Pines.

However, he said the project would help with one of the municipality's key goals of providing much-needed housing including some affordable housing.

The Haedicke sent a letter to the editor Aug. 20, expressing their "strong opposition."

Residents of Grass Lake since 2004, they wrote, "This whole area is already heavily affected by the new Tim Hortons," including light pollution.

Further while the developers say they will only have one small dock and not allow power boats, Jurgen Haedicke said "that's misleading: who can forbid the use of a power boat on public lakes?"

He's worried about the health of Grass Lake, saying the number of weeds has increased substantially in the last few years.

He further queried if the sewage

treatment plant has capacity after other major developments in the town.

Iles told *The Highlander* there is sufficient sewer capacity for the proposal.

The Haedicke concluded their letter with "we hope that the council of this municipality is not only guided by the chance to increase the property tax base and the rule more and bigger is better, regardless of the negative consequences for the environment and people affected."

But in his planning report, Usher said "It is not expected that this proposal will cause significant public concern, beyond immediate neighbours and the Grass Lake community, if at all."

Usher said they would consider organizing an open house, virtual, if necessary, for interested neighbours and Lake Kashagawigamog Organization representatives "if at any point during the process it appears that it would be appropriate and productive for all concerned." He urged the public to liaise with the township and council.

Iles said the township is reviewing the submitted plans and background studies. Wilson declined an interview request. Usher said he did not have a timeline for the development, noting Wilson has owned the land since 2003.



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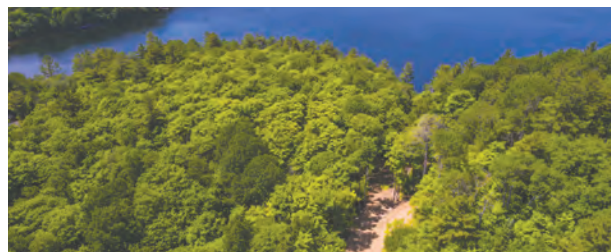
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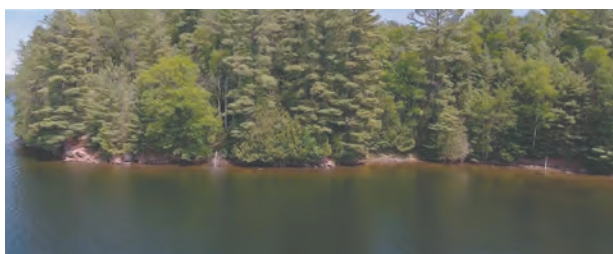
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The site of the proposed development on Wallings Road. Photo by Mike Baker.

## Another bump in the road for Wallings Road development

By Mike Baker

Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts says she and her council are still “very much committed” to moving ahead with a new affordable housing development on Wallings Road, but admitted this week that the planning process has been more difficult than anyone anticipated.

Municipal officials spent close to two hours on Tuesday (Sept. 14) discussing the proposed project during a closed session of council. Jeff Iles, Dysart’s director of planning and land information, presented an official draft letter of intent, which outlined the expectations of both the municipality and Places for People – the local non-profit that is partnering with the township on the development.

In that letter, it was revealed that the near 2.7 acre plot of land on Wallings Road, located directly beside the school bus terminal, would be transferred from Dysart to Places for People for a cost of \$2 once the site has been rezoned.

It was noted that the location, once complete, would consist of up to 48 affordable rental units for low and moderate income households.

Township staff and representatives from Places for People have been collaborating on the proposal since

November 2020. It was originally hoped that the land could be rezoned by Oct. 31 of this year – a deadline that Iles, on Tuesday, recommended that staff remove.

“Timelines associated with the zoning process depend on many factors, and I’m of the opinion that the [Oct. 31] timeline does not appear to be achievable,” Iles said. “The intent is certainly not to delay the process. However, before the process can proceed, certain items need to be addressed.”

While Iles did not disclose specific details surrounding those items, Ward 4 Coun. John Smith said he had a problem with some of the financial details outlined in the letter.

Places for People is requesting that Dysart waive \$374,000 in fees to help push the project over the line. Having agreed to donate the land in question, Smith feels that amount is excessive.

“They are not going to get the land and all of the other concessions we would normally make for an affordable housing development... It’s always been my own perspective that the land was a generous donation on our part. But to layer on top of that another [near] \$400,000 worth of waiving fees is, I feel, excessive,” Smith said.

Roberts agreed, highlighting a need for further discussions with Places for People before an official letter of intent can be signed. One sticking point she referenced was a request to waive the municipality’s sewer connection fee, which for this project is slated to be \$225,600.

“Sometimes these things take longer than one would hope, but that is the way the planning process goes. It’s not to delay anything whatsoever, or hold anybody up. We want to see this project go forward,” Roberts stated. “Not signing the letter of intent today does not mean [we won’t]. The intention is still to go forward with this project. We’re all wanting the same thing. It’s just not as easy to get there as we originally thought.”

Iles said he would confer with Places for People and the County of Haliburton over the coming weeks on some of the financials, as well as a plan to install a flashing light at the corner of County Road 21 and Wallings Road to help with traffic flow once the development is complete.

Iles said he would bring a revised letter back to council “as soon as possible,” but held off on committing to an actual date.

## COUNTY NEWS

### Shoreline town hall set for Sept. 29

Haven’t had a chance to speak up on the draft shoreline bylaw?

There’s another opportunity to do so this month.

County council will join J.L. Richards and Hutchinson Environmental to hear from the public at a second virtual town hall Sept. 29, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Since the consultants’ last public meeting in July, they’ve prepared a report detailing findings so far. Those include unanimous support for lake health, but split opinions on the proposed 30 metre setback.

JLR and HE scientists and planners also presented comparative analysis findings, showing the County’s proposed rules are fairly common in similar municipalities.

At the upcoming open house, participants can register to address planners and County council, as well as hear updates from JLR and HE representatives. The consultants are set to submit a draft bylaw to council in October.

To register to speak at the meeting or to learn more, visit [haliburtoncounty.ca/en/news/shoreline-preservation-bylaw-virtual-open-house-sep29.aspx](http://haliburtoncounty.ca/en/news/shoreline-preservation-bylaw-virtual-open-house-sep29.aspx)

### Unchanged response time plan

There will be no changes for Haliburton County’s Emergency Services 2021/2022 response time plan.

Tim Waite, director of the department of emergency services, said the service “slightly missed” responses to certain time targets last year. However, as of July 31, 2021, they were consistently back on track. That means the annual plan for response times will stay the same. Each year, paramedic services are required to submit goals for call response times, depending on the severity of the call. For example, they aim to arrive at the scene of a sudden cardiac arrest call within six minutes for 20 per cent of calls.

Emergency services continually monitor response times and can adjust the plan and response time targets throughout the year.

(County news compiled by Sam Gillett)

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## HIGHLANDS EAST NEWS



Highlands East council continues to meet on Zoom. *File.*

### Cardiff boil-water advisory lifted

A power outage and malfunction with a backup power supply in August prompted a cautionary boil-water advisory being issued on Aug. 27, Highlands East councillors were told at their Sept. 14 meeting.

Staff decided to issue the advisory due to pressure loss in the distribution system.

After collecting samples in the system, staff found no evidence of contamination.

Environmental supervisor Megan Lockwood also provided an update on an algae bloom at the Cardiff sewage lagoon. She said staff have noticed a decline in pH levels since taking action.

### New flag protocols

Highlands East has formalized when it will lower flags at municipal offices and properties, as well as when flags will be replaced and disposed of.

The rules apply to the eight municipal service buildings and community centres, as well as the fire department, where flags are located.

The rules determine that "flags are flown at the half-mast position as a sign of mourning or to commemorate a solemn occasion where a sense of loss is shared by

all citizens."

Based on council feedback to a draft document, CAO Shannon Hunter explained the new rules include "the ability to recognize significant community members," and not just notable national or international figures or events. The deaths of members of government at any level, police officers, firefighters or any municipal employees, will all call for half-masting. "We've also included past members of council," Hunter said of the revised guidelines. The CAO, mayor or clerk can direct staff to lower the flag.

### Lights at Gooderham tennis courts

The tennis courts in Gooderham will soon be brighter after dusk. Councillors voted to commit \$1,500 to the project, with the Gooderham Action Group contributing \$1,000. According to a staff report, improved lighting will allow the courts to be used farther into the fall and earlier in the spring. Demand for pickleball and tennis facilities has risen in recent months across the County. Currently, there's no estimate as to when the work would be completed.

(Highlands East news compiled by Sam Gillett)



# Highlander news

## Minden waives fees for housing project

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills council voted to formally waive fees associated with a proposed new affordable housing project at Highway 35 and County Road 21 in Minden.

It's part of a countywide initiative to provide incentives to prospective builders to achieve affordable housing targets under the County of Haliburton and City of Kawartha Lakes Housing and Homelessness Plan.

At its Sept. 9 meeting, CAO Trisha McKibbin said, "I know that council is very much aware that we do have within the County and Minden Hills a lack of purpose-built rental units and rental properties are few and far between and it is a challenge for ... residents to find housing."

It means the County and township waiving just under \$400,000 in application fees, site plan security and building permit.

She said the benefit is the KLH Housing Corporation is planning to build 36 new affordable housing rental units.

The County and its four lower-tier municipalities are inviting private developers, community housing providers, affordable housing providers, community agencies and residents to apply for the incentives.

Coun. Bob Carter commented, "For us, it's really a waiving of fees and a donation of a road allowance that we weren't using. The \$360,000, which is the majority of it, 90 per cent, that's part of the County program that



An early rendering of the proposed affordable housing project at 35 and 21. File.

really has nothing to do with us. I certainly would have no objection."

Coun. Pam Sayne said, "our downtown is screaming for people that can find affordable housing so that they can be employed in our downtown area so I think this is going to be a big boost for our

community and I'm looking forward to the shovels in the ground."

Coun. Ron Nesbitt asked about the project timeline.

Carter, who sits on the housing task force, said there is one outstanding item before the MTO and it is also in the hands of the

CMHC, so "we don't know."

Deputy mayor Lisa Schell said the ask was nothing new and council is supportive of the program.

A formal agreement and the passing of a bylaw will come to a future council meeting.



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## Protesters urge action on climate change

By Sam Gillett

People gathered to hold signs reading “climate change is real” and “there is no planet B” in Haliburton Sept. 8 to urge political action on climate change in the upcoming election.

Organized by Environment Haliburton! and Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County, the march drew more than 23 people to Head Lake Park before they walked to the side of Highland Street, passing cars and trucks honking their support.

It was part of 50 marches planned across Canada by 350, a U.S.-based non-profit dedicated to ending the reliance on fossil fuels and advocating for climate change action.

“When you look out west, when you look at Europe, Australia, those are ways you can tell the climate crisis is almost past a crisis. There has to be action now,” said Bonnie Roe, of Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County. “We believe our politicians need to start listening.”

Carolynn Coburn, a director with Environment Haliburton! said she’s been frustrated with a perceived lack of action from federal and provincial representatives in the County. “I don’t hear Jamie Schmale, I don’t hear Laurie Scott talking about climate and their party’s policies,” she said.

Schmale’s Conservative Party has proposed multiple climate change goals such as ensuring the country meets Paris climate accord emission targets, as well as making electric vehicles more affordable and introducing a low carbon savings account.

The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change predicts that unless urgent action is taken to keep temperature level increases below 1.5 degree Celsius, extreme weather events could have terrible consequences.

For many such as Coburn, that means



Carolynn Coburn of EH! and other protesters. Photo by Sam Gillett.

Canada should do everything possible to limit emissions, even if it means temporarily hurting parts of the economy such as the oil and gas sector.

“You can’t have an economy on a dead planet,” she said.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s climate record has attracted criticism, too. For example, in 2019, the first year of federal carbon pricing, emissions rose by 0.2 per cent. Many also regard Trudeau’s purchase of the Trans Mountain pipeline as a violation of climate action goals. “If we don’t deal with climate there’s nothing

else,” said Judi Forbes, Liberal candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. Forbes was the only candidate who attended the event. Schmale and other candidates had scheduling conflicts, said Susan Hay of Environment Haliburton!

Tom Regina and Andrea Percy, both members of the Green Party of Canada, attended the march to advocate for urgent action on the climate crisis.

“We’ve got to get started on doing something,” Percy said.

Regina noted that so far in the election race, demonstrations seem to have centred

on issues surrounding COVID-19 protocols.

“It’s important to show different kinds of protests,” Regina said. “The protests that have been given media attention in the last few days are quite different from what we’re here trying to draw attention to. By having these demonstrations, we can have our voice brought out just as much. There are people thinking about the environment and various progressive platforms.”

Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County and Environment Haliburton! is holding a Fridays for Futures Global Strike on Sept. 24 at noon in Minden.

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## Choose well

There's a good article in *Policy Options* from Sept. 9 titled 'Too many Canadians vote for a political party, leaving local candidates with little influence.'

The subhead is 'Rising party discipline puts the party brand first, hurting democracy in the process. Politicians need to push back and do more for their ridings.' We couldn't agree more.

Another local federal election campaign is nearing its end and the candidates have pretty much toed the party lines, spouting policy from HQ, leaving voters wondering about the puppets whose strings are being pulled.

The Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County asked questions and got federal party answers. The Haliburton CKL Long-Term Care Coalition got some pat responses, too.

When we came up with our questions, we wanted to delve a little more into the candidates as people and how they might resist becoming cogs in party wheels. Would they have opinions that differ from big brother? What were their personal policies on local issues?

We asked them to pick a party policy and provide a concrete example of how it would help people in the Highlands; if elected

and in a position to put forward a Private Members' Bill, what it would be? Finally, what issue from their party's platform would they vote against and why?

You can find the answers in today's *Highlander* and decide for yourself who are the puppets and who are the candidates more likely to break party ranks if it's something their constituents desire.

As far as I am concerned, none of them came across as people who'd rock the boat in Ottawa on behalf of the folks in Haliburton County. But I could be wrong.

Many people ask 'should I vote for the party or should I vote for the candidate?' Perhaps reading some of the responses will help you decide. Perhaps not.

What we do encourage voters to do is, number one - vote.

In HKLB, roughly two-thirds of voters cast a ballot in the last federal election. At 65.68 percent, the local result practically mirrored the national tally of 65.95 percent.

Both of those figures represent a slight decrease from 2015 when voter turnout was roughly 68 percent in the riding and across the country.

Don't vote without doing any homework, simply turning off your brain and following age-old voting patterns.



By Lisa Gervais

If you aren't one for reading election reporting, at the very least log into Vote Compass. It is an easy online tool to help you determine which party might best reflect your

interests. If you are a paper person, there is enough in responses to us, the long-term care coalition, and Citizens of Haliburton County to give you some insights.

Sadly, democracy is not what it once was. Just after Confederation, a candidate's residency or occupation was listed on the ballot, not their party. Some MPs even picked a party after the election. It was a time when Parliament had personalities and characters. They kept their party and leader on his or her toes. They represented their constituents first and their party second. There were more independents.

Please do your best to elect someone who will be willing to stand up for our riding and its residents. While they can't abandon their party completely, they may be able to influence policy within party ranks.

## A reporter at heart

Whenever you feel a little lost, it's always a good idea to get back to the basics.

After a difficult few months personally and professionally, that's exactly what I intend to do as I take on my new role with *The Highlander*.

Journalism has been a major part of my life for more than a decade. Whether it was as a student at Durham College in Oshawa, a reporter at a community newspaper in rural Alberta, or as a group editor with a chain of publications in the GTA ... my life, since 2010, has literally revolved around the news.

It was a strange feeling for me when, a few months ago, I felt myself not only falling out of love with an industry I have dedicated all of my adult life towards furthering, but really starting to resent it.

I knew I had to make a change, and a significant one.

That's essentially why I made the decision to transition from being an editor of one newspaper here in Haliburton County to a reporter at another.

I know ... generally speaking, a backwards step career-wise isn't seen as a positive when someone moves from one job to another. I feel like we have been

conditioned in today's society to measure success almost exclusively on one's ability to progress their career. Basically, to keep moving forward, and keep making more money.

I bought into that mentality for a lot of years. It was the primary reason I accepted positions that, upon deeper reflection, I didn't really want. The result is that the little kid inside of me, the boy that just loves telling stories, has taken a bit of a battering.

Writing, it has to be said, was my first true love. I still remember the first real thing I ever wrote. I was 11 years old. As part of a final assignment for a high school English class (yes, high school starts when you're 11 in the UK) my classmates and I were tasked with writing a fictional story about 'The Hellhound of Grismoor.' All we were given was that name, and instruction to write at least two hand-written pages.

When all was said and done, I had manifested a 16-page typed behemoth incorporating all sorts of side stories, including the fact the 'Hellhound' had mauled a newspaper reporter. As well as the fiction piece, I also wrote an investigative newspaper article highlighting some of the

attacks that took place in my story, shining a light on where the beast had come from.

While I didn't know it at the time, writing that story and accompanying newspaper article turned out to be a pivotal moment in my life. Remembering and reflecting upon that work was one of my primary reasons for pursuing journalism post-secondary.

I thought about that assignment again a few weeks ago, when I found myself at something of a crossroads. It reminded me of why I got into this line of work in the first place.

You see, I was never cut out to be an editor. I was born simply to write.

So, allow me to re-introduce myself, Haliburton County. I'm Mike Baker. The writer. The reporter. You can count on seeing me around the community a lot more now that the shackles have been removed.

Have a story to share? Please reach out to [mike@thehighlander.ca](mailto:mike@thehighlander.ca).



By Mike Baker

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# Editorial opinion

## LETTERS

### Economic security for all

Dear editor,

What would it mean for Haliburton County if everyone had enough income to meet his or her basic needs?

Money would be spent on food, gas and other goods and services, sustaining the local economy. With greater economic security, people would experience less stress and better health, which results in lowered healthcare costs.

Individuals on low incomes often have to turn to local charities. While Haliburton is a compassionate community, the reality of stagnant wages and lack of affordable housing means that our help cannot address the gaps. Community organizations are valuable, but a basic income would guarantee economic security.

A basic income is “an unconditional cash transfer from government to individuals to enable everyone to meet their basic needs, participate in society and live with dignity, regardless of work status” (Basic Income Canada Network). It would encourage entrepreneurship providing stability until businesses are established. Haliburton attracts tourists and cottagers in part because we have a large contingent of artists and musicians in a beautiful setting. A basic income would support this sector that enriches our lives and contributes to our economic development.

A basic income would permit people to work at seasonal jobs or reduced hours while maintaining their standard of living.

Will people stop working? Keep in mind we work for many reasons, such as making a contribution, earning money for ‘extras’ and using our skills. The future is likely to bring increased automation and uncertainty. A basic income would encourage retraining and be designed with an incentive to work.

A Canadian basic income can be financed through tax reform, savings from current programs, and indirect savings from reducing poverty. It will spur increased spending, generate jobs and increase tax revenue.

Visit us at the Haliburton Market on Sept. 21 to join the conversation.

Judy Paul

Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County

### Honouring R.D. Lawrence

Dear editor,

R.D. Lawrence was a literary icon and a champion of environmental issues.

Sept. 12, 2021, marked the 100th year of his birth.

Lawrence was a field biologist, journalist, wildlife rehabilitator and a veteran of the Second World War. He was a superb storyteller and an award-winning author, published internationally.

The Lawrences owned a wilderness property in the Haliburton Highlands where they raised, rehabilitated and released injured and orphaned wildlife.

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Maddi and Luke Farwell help a small turtle cross South Lake Road.

To celebrate this centennial event, I challenge the public to perform “100 Acts of Green,” in 100 hours, 100 days, or 100 years. Add new “Acts of Green” to your daily routine. Try freecycle, thrift stores, vintage stores, clothes swaps, DIY up cycle, and reclaimed materials. Ditch disposables and plastic bags.

Most importantly, plant a tree somewhere. Organize a family or neighbourhood tree planting. Forests are the lungs of the world.

Visit the Minden Hills Library to view a display of Lawrence’s books, and pick up a complimentary copy of Paddy.

Sharon Lawrence  
Minden Hills

### Candidate responses on CCHC Facebook page

Dear editor,

Shortly after the 2021 election was called, Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County (CCHC) asked all six candidates questions about basic income, child care, climate change, electoral reform, long-term care and taxation policy.

CCHC has now received replies from candidates. These replies can be found at the CCHC Facebook page or by request to [info@concernedcitizens.ca](mailto:info@concernedcitizens.ca). The answers are worth exploring.

The week of Sept. 20 is Basic Income

Week. The Green and NDP candidates support a basic income while the Libertarian candidate is not convinced that a basic income is a viable solution. The Progressive Conservatives do not support a Basic Income but propose some alternative measures designed to increase affordability. You can find much more detail in our EleXion Files on our Facebook page.

Greg J. Roe

Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County

### Putting planet on the ballot

Dear editor,

The pandemic has resulted in delays in many important social and environmental justice areas including the climate crisis. There is no middle ground available for climate action anymore. That opportunity disappeared decades ago.

Even the darkest cloud may have a silver lining, if only we take the time to look beyond the surface. As physicist Neil Bohr stated, “Every great and deep difficulty bears in itself its own solution. It forces us to change our thinking in order to find it.”

The climate crisis requires us to let go of a wish to return to a past when weather was generally much less disruptive, destructive and more predictable. We must recognize that maintaining the status quo with minor

adjustments, tweaking the system, is not a viable option.

Continued individualism coupled with predatory capitalism must be recognized as a recipe for disaster, and a roadblock to any timely civilized response to global warming and climate change. Facing this crisis honestly, openly, and without fear will permit us the golden opportunity to work cooperatively towards a more equitable, caring, sustainable, and peaceful existence.

Successive Canadian governments have for decades announced carbon reduction targets, none of which have been met. It was all just ‘hot air’. Ever increasing subsidies to the oil and gas sector directly conflict with Ottawa’s carbon emission promise.

Big Oil hid their 1980s research which confirmed the direct causal relationship between atmospheric CO2 and global warming. Their propaganda campaigns effectively confused the issue and climate denial, delaying action. The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers continuously lobbies Ottawa in order to promote their greenwashing campaigns and discourage and delay meaningful climate action.

It’s our turn to speak on Sept. 20. Whatever the outcome when our votes are counted, it will be up to us to hold all politicians’ feet to the climate fire’.

John Gibb  
Minden



# The Highlands votes

Editor's note: *The Highlander* asked Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock candidates three questions. They were: • **Pick one of your party's issues. Give us a concrete example of how it will help people in Haliburton County.** • **If you were elected and in a position to put forward a Private Members' Bill, what it would be?** • **What issue from your party's platform would you vote against in an open/free vote and why?**

## NDP – ZAC MILLER



**A:** There are so many issues that affect Haliburton such as the environment, housing and economic recovery but I think the most urgent to address would be long-term care. Throughout the pandemic it is clear that private corporations have lost the right to run these facilities. Though Haliburton did not experience the tragedy that occurred in Bobcaygeon, or a large outbreak that occurred in Lindsay, every resident deserves to live with dignity and respect. I have organized the community to highlight the needs of removing profit from long-term care and implementing national standards. This means that whenever someone needs to move into a long-term

care home, their basic care is met and exceeded. This will benefit residents in Haliburton who have family in LTC or will need to use the health services.

**A:** In a minority government there is a higher likelihood that it would pass. I would introduce a bill that reworks the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation so that they once again transfer money to municipalities and counties in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock to build homes that meet each respective region's growth targets in the riding. Housing is a human right and governments on all levels need to work together to build 1.7 million homes and the NDP supports.

**A:** We've seen what happens in our communities when politicians don't keep promises. What's important is to vote for what I have platformed on and said I would do during this campaign. It's easy to talk platform ideologies during a campaign but it's so much more important to work every day to execute those promises, turning words into real legislation, real houses, real infrastructure, real improvements in healthcare. I'm a New Democrat and believe our platform is the most supportive for all Canadians. My only negative vote would be if we weren't trying to do everything we have committed to.

**A:** The environment, period. It is the reason I became Green. The GPC is the only party that acknowledges the climate catastrophe we are experiencing and has a science-based plan to address the problem. And no band-aid approach, no denial; rather a 60 per cent reduction in GHG emissions by 2030. This is what we must do for our planet, never mind our riding. We must have bipartisan politics on this issue, we need to work together on this now. Now, or never.

**A:** I would propose a federal regulation of shoreline and wetland areas that supports

responsible and sustainable development, and provides for effective enforcement against damaging practices that we see are on the rise in our local riding and across Canada. The pressure for development on our shorelines and wetlands is immense, and we need to make sure that future generations can thrive with healthy intact ecosystems to support their well-being and enjoyment of our natural areas. Why should Canadians continue to have such a confusing system of overlap between federal, provincial, and municipal regulations that fall short of offering the kind of protection we need?

**A:** Consensus politics must be the future. The goal must be to attain bipartisan support on issues to avoid gridlock and the resulting anger and misbehaviour by MPs and constituents. The GPC believes this and allows its MPs to vote with their conscience on issues. On this date, Sept 9, 2021, I would vote against the release of personal health information to anyone and everyone who asks for it. I think it sets a dangerous precedent and am yet to be convinced that the giving up of that freedom, for questionable security, is required.

## GREEN – ANGEL GODSOE



## CONSERVATIVE – JAMIE SCHMALE



**A:** The cost of everything is going up - grocery bills are up five per cent and gas prices have skyrocketed. With inflation at the highest level in 20 years and rising, families are struggling to make ends meet. If I had to pick a single party issue, it would be to secure affordable and reliable internet for the constituents of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. Through securing Infrastructure, Canada's Conservatives will take real action to reduce how much Canadians pay for this essential part of life by building digital infrastructure to connect all of Canada to high-speed

Internet by 2025; promoting investment in communications facilities by local and regional communities and businesses. While also fostering competition by bringing in new internet companies and upholding high levels of accountability.

**A:** At the beginning of every new Parliament (after an election) a draw is held to determine the order in which parliamentarians can submit PMBs. As such, many MPs can go an entire career without ever being able to submit a private member's bill. That is why most MPs

consult organizations and constituents in the riding before determining what their PMB will be. I would not want to predetermine what that issue might be.

**A:** Should I be elected as Member of Parliament I would have the duty to review all bills that are introduced in the House of Commons. I fully intend to adhere to that responsibility entrusted to me by the constituents of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. Additionally, as all platform proposals could be votes of confidence, we are not able to answer that question.

**A:** The main issue right now for me is the COVID passport and other health mandates being imposed right now. The government has been completely ignoring our rights and freedoms. All these mandates need to be stopped and freedom restored in Canada.

**A:** If elected, I would put forward a private members bill to limit the governments' authority to make arbitrary mandates that violate our constitution, our rights and freedoms, without parliamentary procedure.

**A:** There are no issues in the PPC platform that I am opposed to. If a vote did come up that I am against, I would be free to vote against it as we do not have a party whip and are free to vote for our constituents.

## PPC – ALISON DAVIDSON





# The Highlands votes

## LIBERTARIAN – GENE BALFOUR



**A:** This pandemic can end if only our Public Health establishment focusses on immunity and not just vaccines. Immunity can be determined by a simple blood test. My summary of Dr. Noorchashm's key advice: Test your antibody levels before taking the jab. If you already have high antibody levels from a prior COVID-19 infection or from a prior successful vaccination, you don't need the jab because you are already immune; test your antibody levels before accepting the jab to protect yourself from vaccine harm. If you take the jab while infected with SARS CoV-2, the jab can kill you; test your antibody levels after each jab to see if it worked. The mRNA molecule

is the most unstable molecule known to medical science.

**A:** Federal government employees must join a union as a non-negotiable condition of employment. Existing labour legislation empowered union executives to increase the cost of government services to taxpayers unfairly. Proposal: collective bargaining must coexist with collective voting. Union representatives can negotiate a labour contract for all members. Empower them to also issue a single election vote on behalf of all members. No individual voting allowed federal elections. If collective voting is rejected, then union memberships become voluntary, all union-organized work actions

become illegal, and unions must submit to annual audits reported to the public.

**A:** All political parties represent a spectrum of ideas about the appropriate extent of government powers. The LPoC is no different. Some "anarchocapitalist" Libertarians want no government at all. I prefer 'minarchy' (aka Libertarian-Conservatism) which restricts the role of government to "defend and protect individual persons (their mind, body and efforts) and their property from intentional and unwanted harm imposed by others including the state or any "collective" that acts to game public policy for self-serving special interests at the cost to others."

**A:** Housing; a challenging housing market and high rental prices have made housing a major concern locally and nation-wide. When elected I will work to help everyone in our community realize their goals and dreams of home ownership. Our plan is to: build and/or repair 1.4 million homes; improve access to housing via programs for rent to own, reduced closing costs, and temporary ban on foreign ownership and increase the accessibility tax credit to help seniors stay in their homes longer.

**A:** Provide a Universal Basic Income (UBI) to all Canadians. The pandemic has helped bring this issue to the front burner for me, and I will work to push this forward. The independent Parliamentary Budget Officer indicates such a program would boost the average disposable income of Canada's lowest earners by just over \$4,500, reducing poverty across the country. The impact on high earners of such a program would be modest. I would work to couple this with other initiatives such as pharma care, sick-leave and other flexible work policies.

**A:** I fully support all elements of our platform and when elected I will work to ensure its successful passage and implementation. I would vote against anything that reduces our commitment to provide economic security for all Canadians. We must continue our work on many fronts: recovering from COVID-19, climate change, and indigenous relations and I will work to ensure this continues and oppose any legislation that impedes this work.

## LIBERAL – JUDI FORBES



# Candidates share the stage in Lindsay forum

By Sam Gillett

While less fiery than the party leaders' debate, local federal election candidates shared their visions for Canada at a candidates' meeting Sept. 9.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Conservative, Green, Liberal, Libertarian, NDP and PPC hopefuls met as a group for the first time; masked and spaced six feet apart in front of a small crowd in Lindsay.

The event was not a debate, and there was no interaction between candidates from the lecterns as they answered eight questions submitted by people across the riding.

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, which hosted a virtual viewing party, received 25 questions from members and the public which they submitted to the Lindsay organizers.

Asked about new home builds, candidate Judi Forbes said the Liberals plan to "build more homes, help renters by introducing rent-to-own programs, and aiding Canadians to save for their first home."

Conservative incumbent Jamie Schmale outlined how "the issue here is on the supply side in a lot of places." He highlighted his party plans to sell "37,000 buildings in the government portfolio,"

with 15 per cent converted to housing.

The NDP's Zac Miller said they plan to create 1.7 million homes, 500,000 would be classed as affordable.

He'd rework the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation "so that funds can be given to municipalities so they can build homes to meet population targets."

For Libertarian Gene Balfour, "the reason we have problems with affordability is we don't have enough disposable income after tax." His party proposes decreasing taxes, which they suggest will lower the cost of living.

That's an approach PPC candidate Alison Davidson supports. "We have to stop this creeping inflation that is making our money worth less and less all the time," she said.

Angel Godsoe of the Green Party said "safe affordable housing is a human right."

She proposes increasing funding and ensuring all housing in indigenous communities follows UN standards.

## Homelessness, mental health, opioids

Miller advocated to decriminalize the

possession of illicit drugs and increase funding to municipalities.

Godsoe agreed, saying "the best way to address the problem is to treat it as a social problem and not a criminal one."

Balfour and Davidson said the pandemic and COVID-19 lockdowns are to blame for a wide range of social issues including drug use, homelessness and an uptick in people struggling with their mental health.

"They're all interrelated in my mind," Balfour said. "They've lost their social relationships."

Schmale mentioned his party's plan to create 1,000 residential drug treatment beds and build 50 recovery centres across the county, "so that they can provide the services people need," Schmale said.

## Pandemic response

Forbes defended Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), adopted with bi-partisan support in the spring of 2020. She suggested the issue isn't people relying on the Canadian Recovery Benefit (CERB's replacement), but people discovering new career paths and "dreams" through the pandemic.

Schmale said his party would "provide a different set of incentives to get people back to work," including paying 25 per cent of a salary for new hires.

Miller said the NDP's plan would "continue to give ... businesses a wage subsidy as well as a rent subsidy."

He agreed with Forbes: "I resent when people call workers lazy when we don't have a labour shortage, we have a wage shortage."

Godsoe mentioned the Green Party's plan to invest in green transportation and pedestrian infrastructure to allow for "human environmental health and well-being," as well as a guaranteed basic income that the NDP party also supports.

Balfour said "CERB was quite helpful in the beginning," however he said lockdowns are the cause of labour shortages. He advocates for herd immunity, which he said would allow people to get back to work without restriction. Davidson agreed: for her, the root cause is lockdowns which make it impossible for businesses to function normally.

"We need to just move on and open up," she said.





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# Highlander news

## DYSART NEWS

### Tennis courts to receive temporary makeover

Pickleball players across Haliburton will soon have a dedicated space in which to play their sport.

Dysart et al council determined Sept. 14 that the tennis courts at Head Lake Park would be configured so they could also be used by pickleball players. This is being viewed as a short-term fix in lieu of township staff investigating possible sites for new tennis and pickleball facilities.

Andrea Mueller, Dysart's events and recreation coordinator, proposed the temporary agreement following discussions with local tennis and pickleball groups. While she admitted that nobody was particularly happy about the agreement, it would ensure that both groups have a space in town to play.

The township will put up approximately \$1,500 to repair some of the cracked asphalt at the site, as well as to paint pickleball court lines. The courts will be reserved for use for tennis players on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon, and will be reserved for pickleball players on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, also from 8 a.m. to noon. All other days and times, Mueller noted, the courts would operate on a first come first served basis.

Council also directed Mueller to retain an architect to help come up with a long-term

fix in town.

"Everyone agrees the tennis courts are beyond any major rehabilitation and need to be replaced... Given the topography and space that's there [at Head Lake Park], the current location is not suitable for expansion or long-term use," Mueller said. "The [tennis and pickleball] task force would like to see Dysart explore alternate locations and come up with a long-term plan for the creation of new tennis courts and pickleball courts, as well as other outdoor sports fields."

While council approved the temporary work at Tuesday's committee of the whole meeting, it will need to be officially ratified at the municipality's upcoming regular council meeting on Sept. 28 before it can begin.

### Speed a problem

Ward 4 Coun. John Smith expressed concern over the results of Dysart's 2021 speed radar sign initiative, noting that speeding was "definitely" a problem on at least two local roads.

Smith highlighted Green Lake Road and Sir Sams Road as problem spots, with around 15 per cent of traffic observed travelling on those roads posting speeds of 10 kph or more above the speed limit.

Rob Camelon, Dysart's director of public works, set up the speed radar at

1240 Green Lake Road, monitoring traffic travelling east, and at 1428 Sir Sams Road, monitoring traffic travelling west, back in June. On Green Lake Road, there was a vehicle count of 2,324, with 15 per cent of those vehicles caught travelling at a speed of at least 51 kph in a 40 kph zone. On Sir Sams Road there was a vehicle count of 5,514, with 15 per cent of those vehicles caught travelling at a speed of at least 60 kph in a 50 kph zone.

"Green Lake Road is probably the source of more complaints from property owners about speed than any other road in the community," Smith said.

Council directed Camelon to share statistics collected through the speed radar sign initiative with Haliburton Highlands OPP.

### Going through garbage

Waste from around 100 different homes across the community will be studied this fall as part of a waste audit to help the municipality better understand what type of materials are appearing inside of residential garbage and recycling.

John Watson, Dysart's environmental manager, said the data would be used to determine what kind of waste diversion programs could be implemented to increase waste diversion in our community.

The cost to complete the study will be



Jeff Papiez talks to members of the tennis club. Photo by Mike Baker.

between \$10,000 and \$15,000, and will be paid for through money the municipality has left over in its municipal modernization fund. Watson said consultants would take garbage and recycling dropped off at the Haliburton landfill and study it. The materials will be sorted into approximately 90 different categories.

Information generated through the study, Watson says, would be used to educate the community over what is considered acceptable garbage, and what should and can be recycled.

He hopes to be able to carry out further audits in 2022, provided the municipality receives the appropriate provincial funding. (Dysart news compiled by Mike Baker)

# Fines issued for Illegal moose hunting in Forest

By Lisa Gervais

Three County residents have been fined for illegal moose hunting in Haliburton Forest during the 2019 moose hunt.

According to Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry, five men - the other two from out of the County - have been fined a total of \$17,900 for illegal moose hunting activities involving a bull and a cow moose in the Forest in October of 2019.

The case was heard on June 15, 2021 and a press release issued Aug. 20.

In the press release, the ministry said "The Ontario government wants to remind hunters that when party hunting to follow all requirements and not make false statements to conservation officers."

Patrick Morrison of Haliburton pleaded guilty to unlawfully hunting a bull moose without a licence and unlawfully hunting a

cow moose without a licence and was fined \$6,000.

Steven Forrest of Bobcaygeon pleaded guilty to unlawfully hunting a bull moose without a licence and unlawfully hunting a cow moose without a licence and was fined \$5,750.

Robert Robinson of Ashburn pleaded guilty and was fined \$1,950 for making a false statement to a conservation officer and \$1,750 for unlawfully enabling someone else to use a licence or component of a licence issued to oneself.

Colin Morrison of Haliburton pleaded guilty and was fined \$1,750 for unlawfully using a licence, or component of a licence issued to someone else.

Craig Stamp of West Guilford pleaded guilty and was fined \$700 for unlawfully transporting wildlife that was unlawfully killed.

The court heard that on Wednesday,

October 23, 2019, a conservation officer conducted an inspection of a hunt camp in the Forest and found a dead cow and calf moose that had been shot. The cow moose had a cow tag attached that was issued to Robinson and notched for that morning at 8 a.m. The officer spoke with Robinson over the phone who claimed he had been there and left at lunch that day.

The investigation revealed that three moose - a bull, a cow, and a calf - were all harvested on Oct. 23, 2019 by Forrest. There were no individuals with a bull moose tag or cow moose tag actively participating in the hunt when the moose were shot. Robinson had left his cow moose tag behind with Colin Morrison who notched and affixed the tag. Stamp had assisted in transporting the moose out of the bush. Patrick Morrison had informed the hunting group that they had more moose tags than they did. The bull moose was left

in the bush but then later brought out and identified to officers so it wouldn't spoil.

Justice of the Peace Ronald Prestage heard the case remotely in the Ontario Court of Justice.

The release said "conservation officers continue to patrol and protect our natural resources during the current COVID-19 pandemic and would like to remind everyone that by respecting seasons, sanctuaries, bag and possession limits, we all help ensure our natural resources stay healthy."

To report a natural resource violation or provide information about an unsolved case, members of the public can call the ministry TIPS line toll free at 1-877-847-7667. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS. For more information about unsolved cases, visit [ontario.ca/mnrftips](http://ontario.ca/mnrftips).

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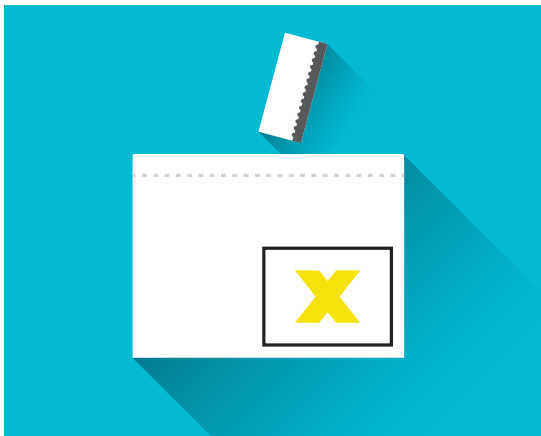
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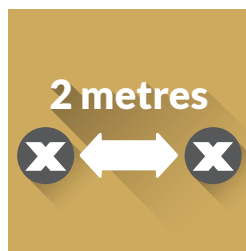
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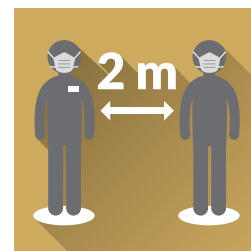
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# Highlander news

## AH middle of the road for council pay

By Lisa Gervais

Algonquin Highlands taxpayers have gotten some insight into how much they are spending on council as compared to similar-sized townships.

Gallagher Benefit Services (Canada) Group Inc. presented an elected officials' remuneration review final report to council during a Sept. 2 meeting.

The firm's Jane Mizanski said the report was aimed at assessing the competitiveness of compensation. It also informs the township about attracting municipal candidates and whether their compensation reflects the responsibilities, time commitment and accountability of the positions.

The consultants looked at base pay, per diems, eligible expenses and other things such as benefits and pensions.

A comparison was made to North Frontenac, Perry, North Kawartha, Lake of Bays, Highlands East, Hastings Highlands, Trent Lakes, Minden Hills and Bracebridge.

They found the mayor's remuneration is competitive to the market average, while the deputy mayor and councillors are a bit above.

They noted at .45 per kilometre, the township falls short of most others which compensate mileage at .55 per kilometre. It noted the council gets health and dental benefits. As for technology, the mayor and deputy mayor get cell phones.

The report concluded, "Overall the Township practices for benefits and other expenses is aligned to most of the market comparators, with the exception of per kilometre rates and technology supports where the Township is below the comparator group offerings. In terms of base remuneration for each of the three positions [mayor, deputy mayor and councillors] the Township is competitive with the market median."

It suggested annual pay adjustments equal to staff positions; increasing mileage reimbursement to .55 per kilometre for the first 5,000 km then .45; and exploring cost effective options to provide all elected officials with technology support either through direct purchase (and return of laptop or buy out at end of term) or a once per term stipend for newly-elected members (returning members receive the stipend only once).

Mayor Carol Moffatt noted that with the pandemic, councillors are not driving a lot and some are using landlines, but the suggestions are good going forward.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux said she was "delighted" to see Algonquin Highlands was "right smack in the middle. It's a good space to be in and provides confidence for us." She said she would prefer a stipend to put towards technology, such as internet and software costs since how council business is being conducted has changed.

Deputy mayor Liz Danielsen agreed it



Algonquin Highlands council continues to meet on Zoom. *File photo.*

was good to see that the council was in the middle of what people are paying. She agreed with taking a look at mileage reimbursement and stipends for technology.

Coun. Julia Shortreed said members of the

committee of adjustment are doing a lot of driving and supported examining a mileage increase.

A staff report will come back to a future council meeting.

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# Highlander health

## COVID vaccine focus shifts to mobile clinics

By Lisa Gervais and Sam Gillett

The local health unit and the Ontario government are teaming up to have the GO-VAXX bus come to the County Sept. 19.

A pair of GO buses have been temporarily retrofitted to serve as mobile COVID-19 vaccine clinics as part of the province's efforts to target those who have yet to receive a first or second dose.

Since hitting the road in August, the buses have visited Canada's Wonderland, Rogers Centre, BMO Field, select shopping malls, various universities and colleges, farmers markets, festivals and more to provide COVID-19 vaccines.

Now, the GO-VAXX bus is coming to the Highlands to provide COVID-19 vaccines on Sunday, Sept. 19, from 1-4 p.m. at Abbey Gardens (1012 Garden Gate Dr.) in Haliburton County. The site is located 10 minutes from Haliburton Village, towards Carnarvon, just off Highway 118.

"We're pleased to be working with the province and Metrolinx to bring the GO-VAXX bus to our communities," said Doreen Boville, a health promoter with the HKPR District Health Unit.

"We encourage anyone who still needs COVID-19 vaccine to get aboard the bus and get a first or second dose so they are fully protected against COVID-19, especially as we head into a fourth wave."

Anyone wishing to take advantage of the GO-VAXX bus to receive a vaccine is



The GO-VAXX is coming to the County. Submitted.

reminded to:

- Bring your health card. If you do not have a health card or your health card is expired, bring another form of government-issued photo identification such as a driver's license, passport, Status card, or birth certificate.
  - 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.
  - 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.
- The mobile clinics have come about after

all mass vaccination clinics in the health unit area, such as the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden, have closed.

As of Sept. 3, mobile pop-up clinics are being scheduled around the County for those who haven't received two shots of a COVID-19 vaccine.

"While we did see large numbers of people come through our mass immunization clinics, we know that there are some areas of our region in which the vaccination rates are still lower," said Dr. Natalie Bocking, HKPR medical officer of health in a press release.

"Mobile clinics are now being offered in some of our smaller communities making it easier for people to get vaccinated without having to worry about transportation issues or taking time off work to travel to a clinic," she added.

Currently, mobile clinics will also visit the South Algonquin Country Store in Harcourt on Sept. 18 from noon until 3 p.m.

Appointments aren't required for mobile clinics.

The health unit also had clinics at the high school on Sept. 14 and 15.

The health unit reports 71 per cent of COVID-19 cases in the region since June were among unvaccinated people while 10.8 per cent were fully vaccinated.

"These numbers demonstrate to me that at a community level the vaccine is making a difference," said Bocking.

As of Sept. 13, 83.3 per cent of the region has received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and 78.3 per cent have received two doses.

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# Highlander business

## Algonquin Outfitters paddles to new milestone

By Sam Gillett

In 1961, 40 cedar canoes arrived at Algonquin Highlands' Oxtongue Lake.

Shipped all the way from New Brunswick, they kickstarted Bill Swift Sr and forester Dave Wainman's first Algonquin Outfitters location on the edge of Algonquin Park.

Now, 60 years later, the outdoor company has 12 locations spread out over Haliburton and Muskoka, serving backwoods campers, wakeboarders, cyclists, paddlers, climbers and just about anyone who enjoys the outdoors.

Rich, Bill's son, and his partner Sue run the company now. Swift said the store still honours his dad's original vision.

"I think my dad would be proud to see us maintain our traditional roots in what we offer," Swift said.

"We do it right, we do it properly, with respect to nature. And we try and teach that to customers who are coming up," said Swift.

They don't only do that through conversations at the cash register. Algonquin Outfitters has a storied history of overnight canoe trips, a paddling school at the Gull River or even at their cafe and grill nestled in Algonquin Park.

That expansion started in 1980, largely prompted by Rich Swift and his brother Bill Swift Jr.

Now, Bill Jr. runs Swift Canoe and Kayak, which produces high-quality Canadian-made boats.

Throughout the store's 60-year, multi-generation history, many have worked at the company for decades.

"It's family," said Randy Mitson, marketing director.

"We see that a lot, we see people who are with the company for 10 years and then they get the bug to go do something else, and they're like 'I miss the family'."

Mitson himself left the company but quickly came back, working his way up the ranks. Now, he oversees marketing the company to an ever-expanding range of customers eager to explore Ontario in new ways.

"I always say we're ambassadors to people's leisure time," Mitson said. "And that leisure time is getting shorter and shorter and shorter."

Each store offers something slightly different, ensuring each branch has a different "flavour."

"People tend to gravitate towards stores that they find serve them," he said. If for example, you're an avid paddler, AO Boatwerks could be the place to go while mountain bikers might voyage to Huntsville for an expanded selection. Though, adds Mitson, the Haliburton store services bikes.

Along the way, Algonquin Outfitters has developed a special relationship with artists through its yearly paddle contest. In 2019, 182 paddles were auctioned off, raising \$32,575 for local charities. This year artist Jerry Lantaigne painted seven canoes for



Rich and Sue Swift, right, run Algonquin Outfitters. Son, Tanner and daughter, Jessica, have both worked at the company too. Photo submitted.

the auction as well, in celebration of the Group of Seven's 100th anniversary. This year's paddles will be auctioned off online from Sept. 13-27.

Mitson also said the store wants to showcase its history and future. They're hosting a quiz on the store's history (spoiler alert: all the answers are on their website), with the winner getting \$1,000 to spend at the store.

### Haliburton store expanded

Algonquin Outfitters' Haliburton location got a refresh this spring.

"It's got a lot more variety than what we had available in the old space," said Mitson.

The store moved from the corner of Maple Avenue and Highland Street to the former Source for Sports location.

"We wanted to showcase more of the products we offer at some of our larger locations - it was an opportunity to do that," Mitson said.

It's a lineup of products that are in hot demand. Biking, camping, canoeing: all activities which have exploded in popularity during the COVID-19 pandemic. "Because of COVID we've seen this huge boom in tourism," Mitson said.

It's a boom all 12 locations are ready for as they cater to a wide array of outdoor enthusiasts in a way that Mitson said is "quintessentially Canadian."

"We've always embraced that but now we have a need to get away from the Zoom calls and chats and get outdoors."



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# Highlander arts



## A forest in motion

Dancers have taken over the Haliburton Sculpture Forest from Sept. 13-18, as a part of the Dance Happens Here event. This year, the theme is “Re-emergence and Re-engagement.” Participants choreographed routines inspired by the surrounding landscape and sculptures, with the public invited to stop by during their afternoon sessions throughout the week, with a community forum with the dancers planned for Sept. 17 at 5 p.m. in Glebe Park. *(Sam Gillett)*

Top: The Throwdown Collective’s Brodie Stevenson and Mairéad Filgate, along with Irvin Chow, at a lakeside dock in the forest. Left: Multi-disciplinary artist Brian Solomon spent time observing the space and creative energies of the sculpture forest and surrounding area. Right: Noriko Yamamoto practicing a dance on a leafy hillside. *Photos by Sam Gillett.*

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The County of Haliburton has retained Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Ltd (HESL) and J.L. Richards & Associates Ltd. (JLR) to provide independent professional recommendations on a new Shoreline Preservation By-law for the County. This includes a review of the scientific literature related to shoreline preservation, an environmental scan of other municipalities and consultation to gauge residents and stakeholders opinion and feedback.

As part of the public consultation process, HESL and JLR are hosting a Virtual Open House to seek feedback on scientific literature review and options for the shoreline preservation by-law.

Due to the present COVID-19 pandemic, a traditional "Open House" cannot be hosted at the Town Hall. The "Virtual" Open House will offer the same sort of viewing and commenting experience remotely.

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021

**PLACE:** via Zoom

**TIME:** 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

#### HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE:

1. If you wish to speak at the open house, please register by contacting Stephen Stone, Director of Planning, County of Haliburton at [ssone@haliburtoncounty.ca](mailto:ssone@haliburtoncounty.ca)
2. If you do not wish to speak at the open house, you can still view the live stream on the County of Haliburton YouTube Channel: [https://youtu.be/80s\\_ETW9JCA](https://youtu.be/80s_ETW9JCA)
3. If you are not able to attend the meeting, you can watch a recording of the meeting on the County's YouTube Channel and submit your comments to the contacts listed below.

#### For more information on the matter, please contact:

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Additional information can be found at <https://www.haliburtoncounty.ca/en/living-here/shoreline-preservation.aspx>

It is advised that this Open House will be video recorded and posted on the County's YouTube Channel. Personal information from those that make either an oral or written submission is collected under the authority of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M. 56, and will become part of the public record.



### PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. **File No. PLSRA2019074:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Vacant Land having Roll Number 4616-051-000-82110 on Cub Trail Road located within Lot 16, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
2. **File No. PLSRA2020001:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Beaver Lake, lying in front of 1021 Inside Trail located within Lot 21, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
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4. **File No. PLSRA2020032:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Moore Lake, lying in front of 1270 Tundra Trail located within Lot 25, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
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6. **File No. PLSRA2020055:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Minden Lake, lying in front of 1047 Tilley Trail located within Lot 6, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden
7. **File No. PLSRA2020072:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Black Lake, lying in front of 10533 Black Lake (Water Access Only) located within Lot 27, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Lutterworth

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned or by visiting [www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom](http://www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom).

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** if deemed advisable, By-laws giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills at its regular meeting on **Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 9:00 AM**, to be held by electronic meeting. Any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience.

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# Highlander environment

## Landowners urged to support Highlands Corridor

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is reaching out to landowners in hopes of enticing them to join the Trust in protecting an important wildlife corridor.

The Highlands Corridor in southern Haliburton County has been identified as important and a few private landowners live within the corridor.

The Trust has received a grant of more than \$60,000 from Environment and Climate Change Canada’s Habitat Stewardship Program and about \$7,500 has been allotted to produce land management plans for a few of the landowners, said Shelley Hunt, chair of the Trust.

“Private landowners are an important piece of the puzzle, and we hope that offering a few free management plans (that will go towards enrolment in MFTIP - managed forest tax incentive program - and property tax savings) will reward and encourage good stewardship as well as raise awareness of the Highlands Corridor,” Hunt said.

She added the rest of the grant is for activities that will help them to understand more about the habitats within the corridor, for example, more wetland mapping and evaluation, and to raise the profile of the corridor as an area that needs good stewardship and protection.

The Trust doesn’t yet know the identities of the landowners who will receive the plans. They have sent letters to landowners whose properties have been identified through mapping as high-priority, asking if they would be interested in the offer.

“In return, we are asking to be able to visit the property and do an on-the-ground assessment of its ecosystems and habitats. This helps us gather more information about the corridor, as well as going towards

the development of the management plans,” she said.

She said they hope to do the work this fall and the grant will help efforts to build climate change resilience and improve habitat connectivity for wildlife.

The Highlands Corridor is a broad swath of land that connects three provincial parks: Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands; Kawartha Highlands; and Silent Lake.

The area is rich in natural forests, rock barrens, wetlands and lakes, and home to a diverse community of wildlife including species-at-risk such as Blanding’s Turtle and Whip-poor-will. “Wildlife needs to be able to move safely across the landscape in order to thrive, and so it’s critical not only to protect these habitats, but also to maintain their connectivity,” Hunt said.

She added that climate change adaptation also relies on nature-based solutions such as protecting forests, wetlands, large natural areas and natural corridors. She said it helps to build the resilience that is an important part of Canada’s climate plan.

“Natural solutions can help to mitigate impacts like flooding and drought, conserve biodiversity, protect ecosystem services, connect landscapes and capture and store carbon. 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.”

HHLT and partners such as Ontario Nature have been working to study and document the ecological values of the corridor. This has included the evaluation of 3,300 ha of wetland, mapping and classifying wetlands in the townships of Snowdon, Lutterworth and Glamorgan, modeling wildlife movement between the provincial parks, and building a database of species-at-risk observations.



Deer are just some of the animals in the corridor. *Photo submitted by Tammy Nash.*

Much of the land within the corridor is unceded Crown land that is in need of greater protection, but private landowners have an important role to play through good stewardship of their own land, Hunt said.

The MFTIP program reduces property tax rates in exchange for managing private, forested land with the environment in mind. This can include sustainable harvesting, or managing for wildlife or recreation, or a combination of land uses.

HHLT can offer up to five management plans to eligible landowners. “If you are contacted by HHLT, be sure to respond quickly if interested,” Hunt said.

For more information contact Hunt at [chair@haliburtonlandtrust.ca](mailto:chair@haliburtonlandtrust.ca) or Christel Furniss, office administrator at [admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca](mailto:admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca) or 705-457-3700.

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### Call for Committee Members

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The Township of Minden Hills is looking for individuals and/or companies for the clean-up of properties as per Property Standards By-law 11-61 for more information please visit our website at <https://mindenhills.ca/newsroom/> or email [admin@mindenhills.ca](mailto:admin@mindenhills.ca).

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TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills is selling land by Public Tender. Deadline for submission is Friday, October 1st, 2021 on or before 3:00 PM. For more information visit [www.mindenills.ca/tenders/](http://www.mindenills.ca/tenders/), contact the Tax Collector at 705-286-1260 ext. 501.

### Notice of Virtual Regular Council Meeting – September 30, 2021 9:30 AM

TAKE NOTICE that the Thursday, September 30, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council will be held virtually, via web conference, at 9:30 AM in the Council Office, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

### (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:

**September 30**  
Regular Council Meeting **9:30 AM**

**October 14**  
Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at [www.mindenills.ca/council/](http://www.mindenills.ca/council/) or by using the direct link provided in the notice. 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 our website at [www.mindenills.ca/council/](http://www.mindenills.ca/council/).

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







# Sports hall of fame

## 'Pandemonium' when Haliburton won OHA Cup

By Lisa Gervais

Derrell Stamp can hardly believe it's been 50 years since his Haliburton Junior D Huskies team hoisted the OHA Cup in front of a huge crowd at the Haliburton Community Centre.

The forward was only 16 years old for what was the highlight of his athletic career.

The team, under the leadership of owner, A.J. LaRue, coach, George Nicholls, manager Scotty LaRue, and trainers Bob Nichol and Curry "Pork" Whittaker, came back from a stunning playoff defeat the year before to beat a team from the much bigger community of Exeter to raise that cup on that fateful night - and go down in sporting lore in the Highlands.

The first Junior Huskies team was forged in 1965. According to the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame committee, they were a "scrappy bunch." However, thanks to a new hockey barn with artificial ice that extended practice time, and visiting National Hockey League players from Hockey Haven, the team evolved.

Stamp joined the squad as a 15-year-old for the 1969-70 season.

They made it to the OHA Cup finals.

He recalled that heartbreaking series in which the team was up three games to none against Norwich. They were leading 4-1 in what should have been the series-clinching game.

"Our goalie took a stick to the nose. It broke his nose. Our second stringer came



The Haliburton Junior D Huskies 70-71 OHA Cup winning team. Photo submitted.

in but he was not as good and we lost that game. Then, Norwich beat us the next three straight."

It was a devastating loss for the team, but as often happens in sports, it brought a resiliency they would take to the 1970-71 playoffs.

"We had the makings of a group of good players, young players from a Bantam championship team mixed with the older guys, who were also very good."

He said the team was fairly confident it would go back to the finals.

"We went to seven games the next year. It was terrific hockey as I recall. And the fan support from the community was great. They followed us in buses and cars and

stayed in the same hotels when we were on the road."

He said supporters came from as far away as Bobcaygeon, Fenelon Falls and Bancroft, culminating in game seven in Haliburton with an estimated crowd of 1,600.

According to the committee, the players were household names. Captain Bob Woodcock, assistant captains, Craig Stamp and Gerry McElwain, and a team with depth and stamina to first become Central Ontario League champs, then playoff Junior D champs and Eastern Ontario Junior D champs.

In that fateful OHA Cup series, Haliburton and the Exeter Hawks were evenly-matched. It was three-all going into the

game seven decider. The Huskies held on for a 6-5 win.

Stamp said he has never experienced anything like the aftermath.

"It felt like most of the people in the stands came out on the ice. Everybody was so exuberant and happy. Parents, friends, girlfriends. It was pandemonium."

Speaking on behalf of the team, Stamp said he's pleased with the Hall of Fame induction.

"It's an honour to go in. Most people don't remember 50 years ago but at the time it was a very big deal for the town and the community."


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The view from Team White's bench. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

## Huskies and Tigers to clash in first test for Haliburton County

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton County Huskies will get some insight into club readiness for the upcoming OJHL season when they clash with the Aurora Tigers Sept. 18 in their first exhibition game at the Minden arena.

The Tigers won both of their preseason weekend games against the Stouffville Spirit while the Huskies played their blue versus white intersquad game.

Speaking about the 4:30 p.m. Saturday matchup at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, head coach and general manager, Ryan Ramsay said, "it will be a good test to evaluate where we are at as a team."

Since moving from Whitby, where they were the Fury last season, the team has had about a 50 per cent turnover in players. It's meant it will take some time to gauge the chemistry between players and finalize lines.

However, 22 of the 23 players that will lace up to start the season have been selected.

Team white beat team blue 5-3 in the Sept. 11 tilt.

"It was a good, close game," the coach said. He added for the most part the players executed on what they'd been working on all week with the coaching staff. However, he said intersquad games can be tough as players are going up against friends and can let up.

"I'm really excited to get the exhibition schedule underway this weekend."

The Huskies made a trade Sept. 9 with Cobourg to bring Brad Ditillo on board. He scored two goals in the Blue versus White game. They also bought Jacob Dupuis from the Lindsay Muskies. Two locals, Joe Boice and Ryan Hall, have made the main club. Quinn Meek made the team at rookie camp and also scored a beauty goal. The coach said Bryce Richardson, Patrick Saini and Oliver Tarr also stood out this past Saturday.

The squad has also named Nathan Porter as captain and Tarr and Issac Sooklal assistant captains.


An estimated crowd of 160 watched the game. Ramsay said it was a great turnout with capacity at 195 right now. He said fans were excited and had a good time.

He said the ice is improving and spectators need to know that the arena area is cold. The club is continuing to work on its headquarters inside the facility with mainly cosmetics to be finalized. They're also waiting for the township to finish the gym and canteen areas.


Ramsay said they'd sold 210 season tickets to date and are preparing for Sept. 22 when the vaccine passport will be officially launched. They will split fans between the stands and warm areas. He said observers will be advised of protocols as they become available.

The Huskies play Collingwood Sept. 25 before opening the regular season with a game in Lindsay against the Muskies Oct. 1. The team's home opener is slated for Saturday, Oct. 2 in Minden against the Muskies.

See more at huskieshockey.ca.



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# What's on



## Folk Society goes live

The Haliburton County Folk Society held its September open stage under the big white tent at Haliburton Highlands Brewing Sept. 11. The free live music event featured local and guest musicians. This Saturday, Sept. 18 sees Kobo Town come to the Abbey Gardens venue for an evening performance with opening performer, Holler. It is a pay-what-you-can event with a recommended fee of \$10-\$25. Ticket available at [store6976190.ecwid.com/Kobotown-Saturday-Sept-18](https://store6976190.ecwid.com/Kobotown-Saturday-Sept-18). (Lisa Gervais)

Top: Love, Loney, Love take to the stage. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

## WHAT'S ON

**Sept. 19, 2 p.m.** Head Lake Park - free concert presented in collaboration with The Rotary Club of Haliburton. Celebrate the harvest moon with Lauren Margison, vocals, River Guard, vocals/guitar, and Stephane Mayer, keyboard, for a concert of folk, musical theatre, and some opera. Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets. Donations gratefully accepted either at the event or online through [highlandsoperastudio.com](https://highlandsoperastudio.com) (tax receipts provided for online donations of \$25 or more). Reserve tickets: [highlandsoperastudio.com](https://highlandsoperastudio.com). Tickets must be reserved online for COVID tracing. masks must be worn at event until seated.

**Wilberforce Legion** September: Friday night dinners, 5-8 p.m. Wing night Sept. 17. Fish and chips/chicken fingers & fries Sept. 24.

**W.O.W** (Women of the Word), an inter-denominational women's bible study. Wednesday mornings 9:15 to 11:45 a.m. Beginning Oct 6 at Lakeside Church, Haliburton. Three options of study available. Cost \$30 administration fee plus book cost. Financial assistance is available. Free child care provided. For more information or to register; [mylakeside.ca](https://mylakeside.ca) or call church office 705-457-2851

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# Active living

## County hoping to rock 2021-22 curling season

By Lisa Gervais

Members of the Haliburton Curling Club are planning to hit the ice Monday, Oct. 4 with Minden and Wilberforce shortly behind.

The Haliburton club was the only one to get on the ice during the 2020-21 curling season, offering some play during a COVID-19 impacted season.

This year, club president Kent Milford said they hope to stage as normal a season as possible with COVID protocols in place: the same ones that will be in force in Minden, Wilberforce, Bancroft and Bobcaygeon.

Even before the province announced its vaccine passport, the Haliburton club's board of directors voted to make the building a vaccine-only zone.

Milford said it wasn't an easy decision, weighing protection of rights versus health. However, he said the bottom line is, "people in the club need to know the person next to them is as safe and protected as they can be so they're as safe and protected as they can be."

When signing up online or in-person Sept. 8 and 9, people had to provide proof of vaccination. In addition, there will be health unit requirements for mask wearing and social distancing.

However, Milford said curlers will not have to wear masks on the ice.

He said it was "brutal" playing with masks with players abandoning their eyeglasses to the sidelines because they kept fogging up.

When it comes to other club space, it will be treated like any other inside venue.

The decision means curlers under 12 will not be playing with the club this year.

And while the board has not made a decision, Milford said it is unlikely there will be bonspiels this year.

He anticipates they'll have more curlers than they did last year but fewer than pre-COVID as curlers have gotten older or their

circumstances have changed.

"We'll do okay. We have a healthy and strong club."

The plan is to operate regular leagues. They will also be offering a mixed social curling night on Fridays in conjunction with the Minden Curling Club. Membership in either club entitles play in the league and it will have flexible attendance similar to Wednesday afternoon pick-up curling. As an added feature this league will have in-person musical entertainment twice per month, once at each location.

See [haliburtoncurlingclub.com](http://haliburtoncurlingclub.com); or contact [clubcurling@bellnet.ca](mailto:clubcurling@bellnet.ca).

### Minden Curling Club

Minden Curling Club president Robert Peacock said they did a membership poll and 130 members have indicated they want to curl this season.

That means that barring any provincial government lockdowns, they hope to start Oct. 12 with league play the following week.

They'll require proof of vaccination to keep their members, who are mostly older, safe, he said.

The club is holding an in-person registration on Sept. 16 from 4-7 p.m. and an open house on Sept. 25 from 2-5 p.m.

"We're looking very optimistic," Peacock said. "To me, it looks very good. It can only grow."

For more information, go to their website, [mindencurlingclub.com](http://mindencurlingclub.com) or email [info@mindencurlingclub.com](mailto:info@mindencurlingclub.com).

### Wilberforce looking for members

Wilberforce Curling Club president, Gord Fitch, said they'll start their season at the end of October if they can get enough



Haliburton executive board members ready to register new and returning curlers on Sept. 9. Left to right: Mary Hillaby, past president, Kent Milford president, Sue Mason, director. Photo by Sam Gillett

members. He said they have a state-of-the-art facility and all of their COVID protocols in place. They just need people to commit to playing.

He said the small club would like between 45-55 members to get underway.

He's optimistic, saying "Honestly, there's enthusiasm. We'll see if turns into commitment. We're hoping to get it going."

If interested go to [wilberforcecurlingclub.com](http://wilberforcecurlingclub.com) or contact [wilberforcecurling@gmail.com](mailto:wilberforcecurling@gmail.com).



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# Active living



Victoria Fenninger started FR Bike E-Bike Tours after trying out a RBSM pedal assist bike. Photo by Sam Gillett.

## Powered peddling around the County

By Sam Gillett

Victoria Fenninger sets up three bicycles in the Sir Sam's Ski and Bike parking lot; one for her, two for a couple she's taking on a tour of Eagle Lake and beyond.

They aren't the bikes most people grew up peddling. They're e-bikes, battery powered cycles which mean anyone, regardless of skill level, can follow Fenninger on guided tours of Haliburton County through her company FR Bike E-Bike Tours.

"I found out there was a somewhat local supplier that was doing e-bikes out of Burlington and they were looking for someone in the area to represent them," said Fenninger.

She's been a mountain biker for years, as well as running the ski cross racing program out of Sir Sam's in the winter.

With RBSM Sports supplying her with bikes, Fenninger said she's guided locals and tourists, showcasing how e-bikes "level the playing field"

of cycling. Her bikes are pedalled like normal, however there are five power settings which determine how much the battery assists in pedalling.

"The e-bike is a great equalizer, where you can ride at different speeds and ride at different levels," she said.

But it can be a thrill for experienced riders too.

"You can go on wild climbs you'd never be able to do on your own."

Fenninger has also developed FR Bike tours to showcase other industries, tourism hotspots and local events within the County. She leads tours through custom tour company Yours Outdoors, combines bike rides with yoga sessions at Head Lake Park and often stops by Abbey Gardens.

Many tours are geared to those who want to dip a toe into the world of e-bikes, with lessons ranging from drop-in one-hour sessions to four hour tours that combine biking with scenic views for snapping instagram shots.

Fenninger was instrumental in developing Abbey Gardens' new

disc golf course, and one hybrid tour includes a stop to send frisbees soaring towards far off targets around the Gardens' grounds.

She's even partnered up with Hike Haliburton to offer an "e-bike and hike" tour of the Haliburton County Rail Trail.

Bikes are in famously short supply this year. Staff from Sir Sam's, Algonquin Outfitters and Fenninger herself said there's been increased interest in cycling, likely driven by the pandemic.

"I think a big part of it comes down to the pandemic," Fenninger said. "A lot of things have been closed but nothing stops you from getting on a bike and riding on your local roads or trails."

She's sold multiple e-bikes to customers around Haliburton, and said interest in her tours continues to grow. She'll be leading e-bike tours until the snow begins this fall.

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**TAKE NOTICE** that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on Thursday, September 23 at 9:00 a.m. conducted electronically via web conference.

The purpose of the meeting will be for Council to undertake a strategic priorities discussion regarding the Stanhope Municipal Airport.

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link. The live-stream link can be found in the Council Meeting Notice posted on the Township's website under the News and Notices at [www.algonquinhighlands.ca](http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca)

Dated this 15th day of September, 2021.

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## OBITUARIES

### Robert Thomas Sully

It is with sad and heavy hearts that the family announces the passing of **Bob Sully** at Ross Memorial Hospital on September 12, 2021

He will be dearly missed by his loving wife **Laura Trach** of Minden, his mother **June Sully** (father, the late **Thomas Sully** (2006)), his son **Dan**, his grandson **Dalton**, his daughter **Laura (Rob)** and by his sister **Debbie Kozak**.

For Bob's many, many friends, hunting buddies, acquaintances and customers... please raise a glass in Bob's memory. He made a mark on so very many lives.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date.



In Loving Memory of

### Joseph Frederick Jennings Kegel

Passed peacefully into the presence of his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ on Monday, September 6, 2021 at his home, Shalom by the Lake on Halls Lake.

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Beloved husband of Suzie for 64 years. Dear father of Karen (John) Guyatt, Chris (Yailin) Kegel, Darlene (Chris) Lawson, Andrew Kegel, Joe (Bobbi) Kegel, Jonathan (Beckie) Kegel, Tim (Laura) Kegel, Druve (Nancy) Sookram. Loving grandpa of 23 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. Dear brother of Lillian and Connie (deceased).

The Lord led Joe & Suzie to Halls Lake 32 years ago and with the help of family, friends and neighbours, began the creation of Shalom by the Lake.

Joe will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

A Celebration of Joe's Life will take place at a later date

Memorial Donations to Child Evangelism Fellowship of Ontario (STEM Club) or to Ride Nature (the Latin America Mission Base)(cheques only) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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Please forward a cover letter and resumé to the address below:  
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**Attention: Kim Robinson, Executive Director**

Deadline for applications is September 24, 2021. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



The Haliburton Family Medical Centre is seeking two (2) temporary part-time Registered Practical Nurses for the Haliburton County COVID-19 Assessment Centre for a five (5) month contract dependent on the continuation of Assessment Centre funding across the province. Start date will be October 12, 2021. The minimum required hours per week are twenty-four (24) to a maximum of forty (40). The successful candidate will be responsible for swabbing patients for COVID-19, managing a safe and clean environment for testing, documenting encounters in the EMR (PS Suite), taking vitals as required, patient assessment/triage, and other nursing duties as directed.

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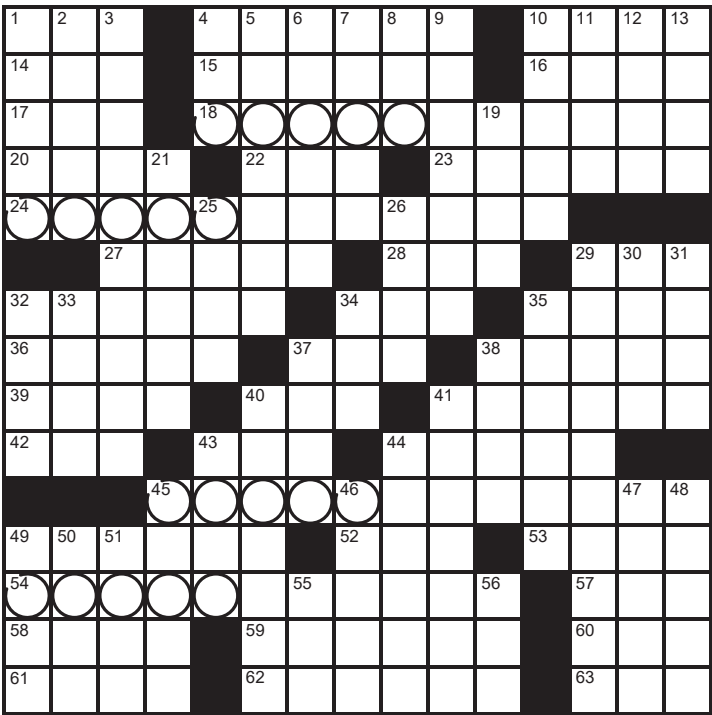
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© ClassiCanadian Crosswords

Across

- 1 "... and the like": Abbr.
- 4 Molten materials
- 10 "The Cat Came Back" singer Penner
- 14 The / of km/h
- 15 Hit home?
- 16 Sing the praises of, with "about"
- 17 "Disco" guy on "The Simpsons"
- 18 Cheap and easy to come by
- 20 Black and white pod member
- 22 Size for a broad foot
- 23 Bacon-frying sound
- 24 Ship's first sailing
- 27 It might come between neighbours
- 28 They, to Thierry
- 29 Feathered neckwear
- 32 "It was me"
- 34 With 34-Down, decline to join
- 35 Young blokes
- 36 With 38-Across, multi-material artwork ... or a hint to this puzzle's circled letters
- 37 "So \_\_\_ me"
- 38 See 36-Across
- 39 Middle keys, on pianos
- 40 "Gilligan's Island" abode
- 41 Fixed, as an election
- 42 Sound of 23-Across
- 43 Trashy writing
- 44 "The Great One" before "The Trade"
- 45 Like French's Ketchup or Dare Maple Leaf Creme Cookies
- 49 7-Up, in old ads, with "the"
- 52 \_\_\_ Na Na
- 53 Key with two sharps: Abbr.
- 54 Devil-child of "The Omen" films
- 57 My, in Milano
- 58 "No ifs, \_\_\_ or buts"
- 59 Tristan's love, in a Wagner opera
- 60 Be a poser?
- 61 Dome-shaped Asian home
- 62 Family member named Spot, say
- 63 Canadian Club whiskey, e.g.

Down

- 1 \_\_\_ salts (bath additive)
- 2 Aquarium fish
- 3 They ward off vampires, supposedly
- 4 Goat's gripe
- 5 Fervent passion
- 6 Weep at a wake
- 7 Old copy machine, for short
- 8 St. crosser
- 9 "Healthy" potato chip sprinkling
- 10 Stopped dead in one's tracks
- 11 Give a hard time to
- 12 Knievel, who holds the record for surviving the most bones broken in a lifetime
- 13 First Nation of Canada's north
- 19 Ribbing insults
- 21 "Skyfall" singer and others
- 25 Recorded in a ledger: Abbr.
- 26 "Crikey!"
- 29 This are an examples
- 30 "Garfield" drooler
- 31 "Take \_\_\_ song and make it better"
- 32 Dodge rivals
- 33 Driver's turns that are "pulled"
- 34 See 34-Across
- 35 "The \_\_\_ of Sleepy Hollow"
- 37 Slangy building boss
- 38 Mrs. Mulroney
- 40 Swigged from the flask
- 41 Actor Montalbán of "Fantasy Island"
- 43 Visibly ill, in a way
- 44 Waiting, after hearing "Your call is important to us"
- 45 Like a towelette
- 46 "\_\_\_ the Sheriff"
- 47 Petal puller's flower
- 48 "It's not \_\_\_" ("I'm serious")
- 49 Son of Saddam
- 50 Half of Mork's sign-off
- 51 Capt.'s colleague
- 55 Deadly fly, when doubled
- 56 - on a battery: Abbr.



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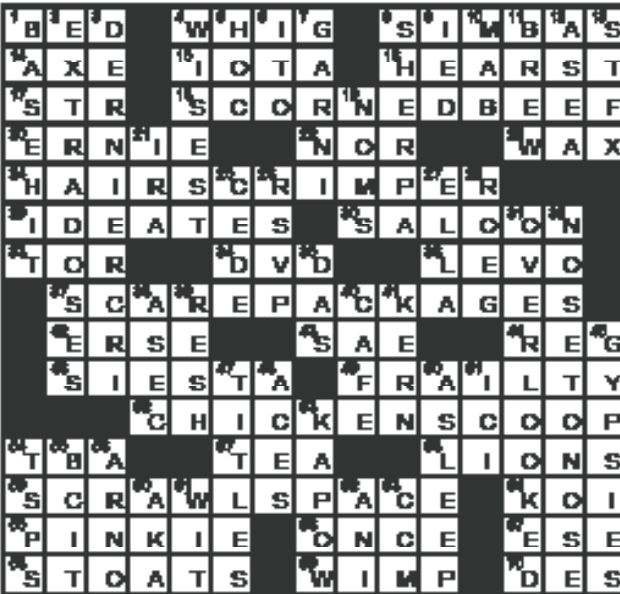
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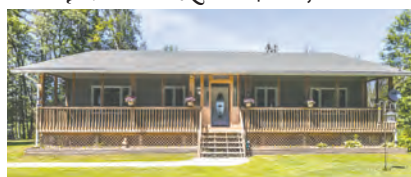
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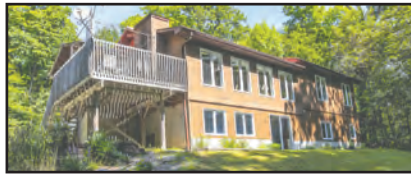
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