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A skier takes flight at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride's terrain park March 15. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

Artists 'in limbo' after curator departure

By Sam Gillett

Members of the arts community say they're concerned over the departure of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery's curator and cancellation of spring and summer programming.

Haliburton artist Rose Pearson spent more than 12 months developing an exhibit that's now indefinitely postponed after it was confirmed curator Laurie Carmount was no longer employed by the municipality.

"It is so very awkward to communicate to people about this because there has been no real explanation for why the show cannot go on - other than I was told that there was no staff to make the show happen at this time," Pearson said in an email.

Mary Anne Barkhouse, whose solo exhibition was postponed because of COVID restrictions in 2021, said in an email to local media her show is "now in limbo due to Laurie's sudden departure."

She said even if the show can happen in the future, other exhibits and commitments mean she won't be able to reschedule until 2023.

She said Carmount put the Agnes Jamieson Gallery on the map, developing shows that were toured across Canada and nurturing the careers of developing artists. She also showcased a collection of more than 100 paintings by renowned artist Andre Lapine.

"Through her initiatives, Laurie was able to advance critical dialogue between

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Amalgamation: not about saving money

HIGHLANDER INVESTIGATES

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills mayor Brent Devolin is correct when he says amalgamation won't save money, just as warden Liz Danielsen is justified in questioning if it will.

The majority of studies on Canadian amalgamations have not found cost savings.

Zachary Spicer is an associate professor in the School of Public Policy and Administration at York University. He has extensively researched and written about amalgamations nationwide.

Speaking to *The Highlander*, Spicer said on the surface it appears cost saving arguments make sense. For example, "do

we need 32 councillors? Do we need four fire chiefs? Do we need five CAOs? And you may look at what some of these people make, especially the CAOs, and you say, 'well, that's a significant chunk. We can get rid of them'."

However, he said the challenge is these people don't necessarily go away.

"What you are creating is a larger government. You're still providing services to the same amount of people. You're just doing it from one centralized location. So, I think probably the likeliest outcome is that five CAOs become one CAO and four deputy CAOs because the fact of the matter is you can't run the County from a single-tier government on the workforce of just the County."

He added, "The County administration is probably quite lean because there are four counterparts for each position doing the heavy lifting at the local level. So, I would caution we don't normally see mass layoffs. You're not going to fire 200 people and expect that over time the workforce won't creep back up to where it is right now."

And while harmonization of services may be perceived as a good thing, Spicer said it can come at an added cost.

"Government would probably cost more under a single-tier model. And part of that is larger governments are called upon to do more things. With smaller governments there is a certain service standard that residents are used to. So, when you

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Concerns over future of Minden gallery

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local and national interests,” Barkhouse said.

Both artists said they were concerned that Minden Hills has not provided any public updates about the gallery or Carmount’s departure.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin declined to provide any information on Carmount’s departure from the gallery due to confidentiality protocol. “We never comment on HR, ever,” he said.

Director of community services Craig Belfry did not respond to requests for comment by deadline.

Carmount could not be reached for comment.

Arts community rallies

On March 12, multiple members of the arts community attended a rally at the gallery to voice concerns over the future of the space.

“We just wanted to make sure our support was known,” said Tammy Rea, director of Sticks and Stones, and Those Other Movies, both parts of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative.

The gathering emerged out of a planned artist talk from Alex Jack, who was exhibiting a collection at the gallery March 12. The talk was cancelled.

Fay Wilkinson, a registered expressive arts practitioner, said the crowd seemed “shocked” and “a bit disappointed,” by

the news of Carmount’s departure and the temporary closure of the gallery.

“Something pretty big has gone down here, and everyone is in the dark at this point,” Wilkinson said.

Devolin said, “the reality of what we are or are not doing [about gallery programming] probably will be part of the discussions on the 24th of March in the context of budget.”

When asked about the long-term future of the gallery’s in-person shows and programming, Devolin said, “Do I think they are going to necessarily be 100 per cent the same as they’ve been historically? Probably not. But there’s been some important well-supported parts of what goes on there that I don’t think anybody wishes to see go away.”

Jim Mitchell, cultural centre advisory committee member and past chairperson, said he is concerned as to whether there may or may not be a budget reduction to the centre this year when council discusses its budget March 24.

Mitchell received word Carmount was no longer employed by the municipality soon after a Feb. 22 committee meeting was cancelled.

“Everybody would like to know what’s gone on. Laurie has been around for a long time. She’s been the heart and soul of the cultural centre and is highly respected in the community,” Mitchell said.

Rea said the situation seems like a slight



The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is open during regular hours. Photo by Sam Gillett.

to a valuable part of the Highlands’ identity.

“I feel like they want to Zamboni over the art gallery to pay for that hockey arena. Whereas all things need to be supported in this township. We are not just hockey, we

are not just an art gallery,” Rea said.

She said she’d like to ask Minden Hills staff and council “what did happen, and what is going to happen?”

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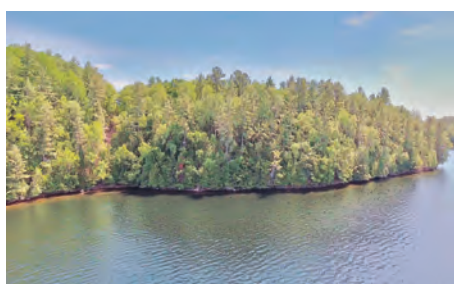


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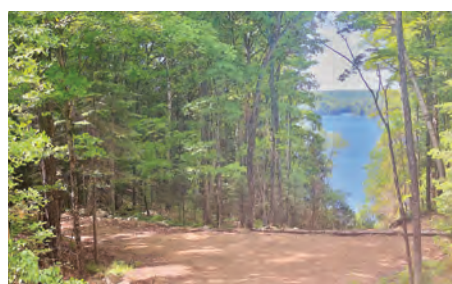
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Council leans towards 20 metre setbacks

By Lisa Gervais

A majority of County councillors indicated March 9 they would not support a 30-metre buffer zone if they pass a shoreline preservation bylaw.

Councillors Cecil Ryall, Carol Moffatt, Dave Burton, Andrea Roberts and Lisa Schell all expressed a preference for 20 metres.

Warden Liz Danielsen and Coun. Brent Devolin said they would like to stick to the recommended 30 metres. Coun. Patrick Kennedy went on record with 10 metres to a maximum of 15. However, for the sake of getting the bylaw passed, the three said they were open to compromise.

"It sounds like we're definitely agreed on 20 metres for now," Danielsen said.

The County committee of the whole held a special full afternoon meeting to discuss the latest draft of the bylaw that has been in the works for five years. A revised draft is expected to be tabled in April.

With regards to setbacks, consultants J.L Richards (JLR) and Hutchinson Environmental Services Ltd. (HESL) recommended 30 metres.

They said it would achieve "an effective range of ecological services." That includes removing up to 85 per cent of pollutants and sediment and 75 per cent of nitrogen. Further, it would provide 100 per cent of woody debris input, maintain water temperature and protect chemical, physical

and biological components of aquatic systems. Thirty metres conforms to the County's Official Plan, is consistent with provincial guidance, and is inline with the approach used in other comparable municipalities.

Their draft added 20 metres would achieve 85 per cent removal of sediment.

Ryall said in all of the reports presented to council "there is really not a great amount of difference between 20 and 30 metres." He added when the County surveyed the public, 63 per cent of respondents wanted 20 metres or less.

Similar to Ryall, Moffatt said her understanding of consultant and outside advice is that "at something like 20 metres, there's still a good level of protection." She added there are external factors beyond the County's control that are affecting lake health. They include things such as wakes made by boats, invasive species, damage from geese, cormorants, and climate change. Yet, she said, they were asking property owners "to bear the burden of their half of the lake health when there's nothing we can do" about other factors.

Burton, Roberts and Schell did not elaborate on their reasons for 20 metres.

Devolin commented, "the only way to really know is to do it and whether we have success or not. If we choose a lesser (zone) and our water quality degrades, we'll know we made a bad decision ... it's (30 metres)



A lake shoreline in winter. Carlos A. Lopez/flickr

a number we've historically picked and I haven't had good cause to deviate from that."

Danielsen said 30 metres was her preference for consistency as well as the recommendations of the consultants.

"I really feel strongly about the importance of protecting our lakes. And we've all agreed that we want to implement this document in a form that's acceptable

to us all, so I'm open to 20 metres if that is what everybody is agreeing to. And if we find that we've made an error, in the future, we have an opportunity to change it. We may find that it works just fine," the warden said.

For information on other revisions, the meeting was recorded and can be accessed via the County of Haliburton website. The agenda documents are also available there.

COUNTY NEWS

Council awards bridge contracts

The County of Haliburton, at its March 9 committee of the whole meeting, recommended council award contracts worth more than \$3 million for work on the Dark Lake, York River and Drag River bridges.

Director of public works Robert Sutton said they bundled the Dark Lake and York River bridge projects as they were similar and got a good price (\$1,420,063 plus taxes).

The winning bid was from McPherson-Andrews Contracting Ltd.

The Dark Lake Bridge on County Road 648 and the York River Bridge on County Road 10 are both high priority projects that were identified in the 2020 biennial structure inspection report and recommended to be rehabilitated in 2022, Sutton said. They've been approved in the 2022 budget.

The Dark Lake rehabilitation will include concrete repairs, waterproof and paving, replacement of barrier wall, expansion joints and guiderail. The York River rehabilitation will include a concrete deck overlay, concrete repairs, replacement of barrier wall, expansion joints, and guiderail.

The committee also awarded the Drag River Bridge project - also on the list - to

UrbanLink Civil Ltd. for \$1,585,968 plus taxes.

The Drag River Bridge is on County Road 1. The rehabilitation will include a concrete deck overlay, concrete repairs, waterproof and paving, replacement of barrier wall, expansion joints and guiderail.

Roads damaged by snowmobiles

Coun. Andrea Roberts raised the issue of a large pothole on Highway 121 in front of the high school presumably caused by snowmobiles crossing at that spot.

She said when the issue was reported to the County, they quickly responded

with day and night signage. However, she wanted to know what the plan was moving forward, not just for that crossing but others, such as where the rail trail crosses Country Road 21.

She said council had discussed the issue of snowmobiles damaging roads as far back as June 2019 but to her knowledge there had been no follow-up.

CAO Mike Rutter said that was because the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) was looking into it. OGRA chair, Dave Burton, said a study had been done and a report completed and he urged Sutton to get in touch with OGRA about its findings. (County news compiled by Lisa Gervais)

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Highlanders react to dropping of mask rules

By Sam Gillett

Highlands businesses are looking to the March 21 provincial lifting of mask mandates and figuring out what they are going to do.

Businesses, schools and indoor public spaces will no longer enforce mask wearing as of next Monday. And all remaining COVID-19 health measures will be dropped by the end of April.

Wilberforce Legion president John Glassey said, "I think everybody is pretty happy with it." He anticipates some members will continue to wear masks into the legion for weekly darts games and other social events.

There is still choice as to whether or not to enforce masking.

Dave Camelon of the Minden Legion said members haven't decided how to proceed but the veterans' organization previously voted to continue requiring attendees to be vaccinated.

Masking rules will still be in effect for health care, such as the area's two hospitals, congregate living settings, public transit, long-term care homes, shelters and jails.

Dr. Aerin Greidanus of Highlands Chiropractic & Wellness Centre said she anticipates confusion at her clinic if people are uninformed as to which spaces will still require masking.

She said at her clinic, "masks will still be required, along with active screening for COVID symptoms and increased cleaning and sanitizing practices."

The Highlands' top doctor Natalie Bocking said masks are still key in preventing the spread of the virus.



Masks won't be necessary in many settings after March 21. *File.*

"We know that masks are an effective and easy way to slow transmission of COVID-19," said Dr. Bocking, Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge's chief medical officer of health at a media information session March 9.

"What is key is we continue to be aware COVID-19 is still in the community, there are still people who will get COVID-19," she said.

Bocking said "time will tell" whether the decision to remove masking rules comes too soon.

"It does place the onus on individuals to assess risk for themselves, and the impact

on other people," she said.

Bocking added that businesses and other settings have the ability to maintain masking rules, acknowledging the possibility the decision might prove contentious.

"The pandemic has been a long pandemic and certainly has the potential to continue on. It's very unfortunate in some settings [masks have] become divisive," she said.

Isolation rules change

If you're over 18 with a booster dose or considered fully isolated, you won't need

to isolate if someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19. The isolation period for vaccinated people remains five days. For unvaccinated people who have COVID-19, as well as unvaccinated close contacts, the isolation period remains 10 days.

As of March 11, the province also will change how it reports COVID-19 deaths. It will specify whether COVID-19 caused a death, contributed to a death or if the cause of death is unknown.

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March 24 – Special Council Meeting

March 31 – Regular Council Meeting

April 14 – Regular Council Meeting

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

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HE votes against support of Centre Lake lots

By Sam Gillett

Highlands East council voted against supporting an application for lot creation on a portion of Crown land abutting Centre Lake.

In a recorded vote, all but Coun. Cecil Ryall voted in favour of declining the application for lot creation adjacent to the lake. The application includes plans to build 28 cottages, a 60-suite commercial resort and spa and wellness retreat accessed via an unopened road allowance.

The County of Haliburton, which can still vote to approve the project, will host a virtual public meeting on the application April 27.

The MNRF previously requested township feedback on the disposition of land. Council voted against supporting the disposition of a 200-foot Crown land reserve.

In a draft response to the County, which asked for Highlands East’s input, planner Chris Jones outlined multiple concerns including lack of shoreline ownership to the water’s edge; the scale of use and servicing of the resort hotel; construction of undetermined buildings or structures or communal docking facilities on or over

the lake; recreational carrying capacity of Centre Lake; and designation of the area as wetlands.

“The municipality questions the merit of a development application which is predicated on access over an unopened municipal road allowance that is neither owned or authorized for the proposed use by the applicant,” reads the draft.

Jones said, “I don’t see how council is in a position to support the application in an upcoming public meeting.”

Steven Megganety, representing the Granite Shores development said “we are disappointed with the Township’s decision to not support the Crown reserve disposition request. We are preparing for the statutory public engagement process this spring related to the draft plan of vacant land condominium application with the County of Haliburton. We are also concerned that a further delay of the approval process will simply end up in the tribunal system for a decision. We remain open to discuss the concerns of all the parties engaged in the approval process.”

A website produced by Granite Shore to solicit community feedback is no longer active.



A diagram of the Crown Land at Centre Lake, which the province is considering opening up for sale through a policy amendment. Photo via Granite Shores

Members of the public have voiced concerns over the development’s use of Crown Land, and disruption of the currently undeveloped lake ecosystem.

Michael Thomas, president of the nearby Paudash Lake Conservation Association, said in an email, “I was pleased with Highlands East’s decision yesterday which has them, by recorded vote, being against

the Crown reserve being released to the developers and also against the application made by Granite Shores to [the] County.”

The MNRF said public consultation on the disposition of the land closed on June 25, 2021. Its final decision on the matter, regional manager Pauline Capell said, will be made after receiving township and County feedback.

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DYSART ET AL NEWS

Towns agree on hazardous waste

Residents with landfill cards can now attend household hazardous waste events in any township, regardless of where they live.

An inter-municipal agreement has gone to councils this week and last week.

There will be 14 events in 2022.

Watson said it will enhance drop-off options for residents. He said it was a direct result of the service delivery review.

Roberts said, "this is great news ... this is the whole point of the service delivery review at the County and how to work better with our local municipalities. This is a prime example of a benefit of that, of the communication there."

She noted it will be especially good for residents who live along township borders. She added she hoped it would reduce line-ups.

Smith said it would increase service levels and be more efficient for taxpayers as there was a joint RFP for a provider.

Snowmobile crossing signs deferred

Council denied a Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) request for a snowmobile crossing sign at Haliburton Lake Road and Ross Lake Road. However, Mayor Andrea Roberts said it was not a "hard no."

She said council was looking for a more fulsome report about snowmobile crossings in general on municipal roads.

Director of public works Rob Camelon said the request came from the HCSA following an internal audit.

He suggested the bigger picture look to ensure consistency going forward. Ultimately, he added, it's about the safety of the travelling public.

Coun. Larry Clarke agreed they need a policy, an overview of what other local townships are doing, and some accountability to taxpayers as to who will pay for it. Coun. Nancy Wood-Roberts queried a cost-sharing arrangement with the HCSA. Coun. Pat Kennedy added since the request came from a HCSA audit, the club may have guidelines of thresholds. Coun. Walt McKechnie said it will be important to put signage up as the popularity of the sport continues to increase locally.

Interest in FoodCycler high

Director of environment services, John Watson, said while they need 100 participants in the FoodCycler pilot project, they've had 218 applicants as of March 8. He said while about 20 are from outside of Dysart, there are still about 200 and he anticipates more.

As a result, he said they will go to a lottery system after the registration period closes March 31. They'll pick the

successful 100 on April 1 and be in contact with them. They will pay \$150 to take part in the pilot.

Coun. John Smith said it was "tremendous" and queried what might happen for those who miss out on the lottery. Watson said council could purchase additional units and sell them at a cost recovery of \$250.

He said it was a great contribution to reducing the amount of garbage Dysart et al has.

Plans ready for new ski garage

Council approved putting out to tender a new garage for the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trail and Ski Club Association in Glebe Park. CAO Tamara Wilbee tabled a staff report with plans.

She said it came about because of the proposed location of new student housing at Haliburton School of Art and Design. The garage and trails around it have to be moved to make room for the college build.

She noted the mayor and staff had met with the association on design and planning.

Wilbee said the next steps are to develop a tender document and put it out for bidding. She said staff will return to council once they have the results and will then recommend funding options, timing and awarding of the contract. (*Dysart et al news compiled by Lisa Gervais*).



The townships are sharing household hazardous waste days. flickr.

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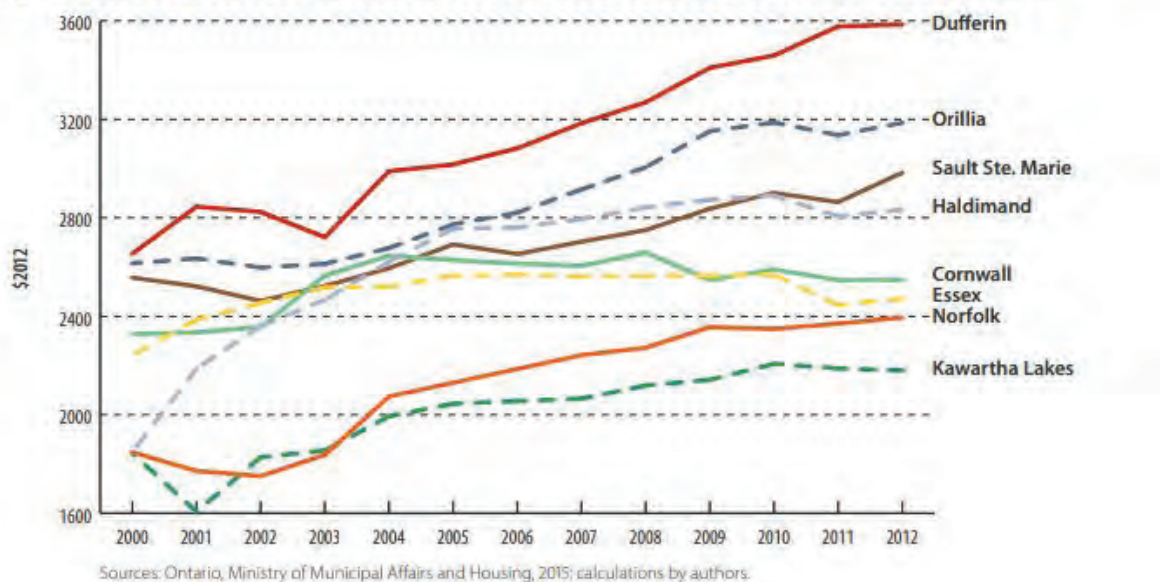
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Experts found property taxes increased in amalgamated municipalities. Source: *Municipal Amalgamation in Ontario* by Lydia Miljan and Zachary Spicer, May 2015, *Fraser institute.org*

Expert says sharing is the answer

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amalgamate you create one large government that has more capacity to do things. The service precedent in terms of residents seem to adjust accordingly and so you would likely see an increase in service costs as things go up.”

He added that smaller governments allow the tailoring of services to tax ratio better. “With larger government, some of that is lost because it has to be consistent standard across.”

Politicians not big cost item

Some in the County might argue that reducing the number of politicians to eight positions from 32 would produce substantial savings, but findings to date say it’s minimal.

In their study of Chatham-Kent, Kingston and Central Elgin, Joseph

Kushner and David Siegel said while those areas went from 158 to 42 elected officials, councillors’ wages and benefits represented less than one per cent of total municipal expenditures, so the budget impact of fewer elected officials was “miniscule.” Siegel also prepared a policy brief for the Niagara Community Observatory that argued that not only is little money saved, but reducing the number of councillors has the detrimental effect of reducing access to councillors.

Spicer agreed that by eliminating politicians, you also eliminate representation.

Choice does not have to be binary

Spicer said the choice in Haliburton County does not have to be binary, “between either doing exactly what we’re doing now or doing something radically different, which is consolidate lower-tier governments or create a single government.”

He said there is a middle ground “and that is a robust program of service sharing, “which can certainly happen right now.

“So, with the service delivery review, I suspect that there has been some of that where there has been some analysis of where they can share services. There is a possibility to keep walking down that road. You can also share regulations. You can share CAOs. You can share staff. You can harmonize committees. There’s a number of different things to do in the middle between amalgamation and non-amalgamation.

“I think the big thing about amalgamation is to what end? To what end are we really doing this? What can we accomplish through amalgamation that we can’t accomplish in some other way? It is very tough to go back once you’ve done it. De-amalgamation is a very, very tough process and very rare.”

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Don't defer shoreline bylaw

County Coun. Andrea Roberts - during the latest shoreline preservation bylaw meeting - wondered aloud if the contentious document should be left to the next council since nominations are opening May 2 for this fall's municipal elections.

Her comment was not met with enthusiasm by the majority of councillors so it would appear the bylaw is not going to be shelved pending a new County council, which would not really come into effect until December 2022.

I can understand where Roberts is coming from. This bylaw has been five years in the making and it is probably the hardest one councillors have been involved with. They have dealt with the wrath of some members of the community. There have been threats they won't be re-elected if it is passed. They have read literally hundreds of pages of reports on the file.

However, watching the process unfold - in particular the committee of the whole meetings in January and again on March 9 - progress is being made.

Councillors are raising very good questions on behalf of their constituents and it appears they are trying to find a middle ground so that they can actually pass the bylaw - and in so doing, do a better job of

protecting our precious lakes.

The discussion around setbacks was telling in this regard. Councillors had been offered three choices. They could go with 30 metres, 20 metres or 10 metres. With a majority of councillors indicating a leaning towards 20 metres it showed they are listening to the people who will be impacted by the bylaw. And those who wanted more, 30 metres, or less, 10 metres, said they would be willing to compromise to get the bylaw passed.

There will be some environmentalists in our community who will be outraged if a 20 metre buffer is passed. There will be others who will be maddened if it isn't 10 or 15 or zero. However, the middle ground seems to be the only way this bylaw will get over the line.

There were numerous other examples of councillors having done their homework. They pressed for clear delineation between major and minor works. They pointed out there is a huge difference between a small subdivision on the water versus a couple wanting to move their fire pit. They ensured a clearer definition of minor landscaping to allay the fears of those wanting to do small works at their cottage. They also ensured that someone can still bring a hand

drawing of their plans to planning and building departments, not having to hire a surveyor for these minor, small works.

They are working to clarify what this bylaw is all about - namely ensuring larger developments do not negatively impact our lakes.

They also spent a great deal of time talking about how the bylaw would be implemented since they are acutely aware that the paper is only as good as its follow-through, including policing.

So, while I get what Roberts is saying, I would encourage the council to stay the course. This bylaw has been five years in the making and they are nearing the finish line. Will all members of the community like the completed bylaw? No. However, like all bylaws, it is not set in stone. The council, as has been discussed, can revisit it in a year after passing it to see if it is working or not and make changes then.

Don't give up now. You are almost there.



By Lisa Gervais

EleXion files

Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County (CCHC) is offering a series of articles entitled, EleXion Files, Feb. 24 to mid-May. Articles will focus on non-partisan information we hope is of interest to readers in helping to cast their vote in the provincial election June 2. Voting is a right, a privilege and an obligation that every citizen should exercise.

Erosion of universal health care

Medicare is our country's publicly-funded health care system. Tommy Douglas, the father of Medicare, and premier of Saskatchewan from 1944-1961, was considered a radical for championing the social justice issue. We are fortunate to have a health care system admired around the world. Medicare is administered by the provinces and in Ontario called the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP).

Canadians need to safeguard our invaluable public health care system. Ontario's minister of health Christine Elliott announced on Feb. 1 her government will bring in "independent health facilities" to operate private hospitals. Elliott and MPP Laurie Scott have said that it is to catch

up with the backlog. The proposed list of privatized services also includes private clinics, the remaining public parts of home care and 18,000 long-term care for-profit beds over the next 30 years. In the past few months, COVID-19 testing has been privatized while severely limiting public access to COVID tests. Private COVID testing clinics are charging patients up to \$400 per test.

There are many reasons citizens should object to a two-tier health care system. Private hospitals violate the Canada Health Act by charging fees. Profits are a priority over patients' health. It is proven that they cost five times more than public health care. They create health inequity allowing the rich to jump the queue, worsen outcomes for vulnerable populations, draw staff from public hospitals and provide poorer quality of care.

After several years of hospitals and long-term care homes being overwhelmed by COVID-19 and nurses burning out and leaving the profession, one would hope our government would be investing in and building services not cutting them. We are at an all-time crisis in staffing, which is why advocates province-wide are standing in solidarity and demanding the repeal of Bill 124. This bill limits the increase of

wages to one percent for three years at a time when we should be expressing our appreciation with a fair wage. Nurses are demoralized by the \$5,000 retention bonus after their high level of dedication and sacrifice. The \$1 billion in revenue that will be lost, by the recent announcement of the \$120 annual vehicle sticker fee being eliminated, has been estimated to be able to pay the salaries of 12,000 nurses.

Randy Robinson, the Ontario director for Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives states, "Ontario's economic foundation is strong and yet, we continue to spend far less on public services than other provinces do. As a province, on a per capita basis, Ontario has the lowest health care funding. Ontario also has the lowest hospital funding, fewest hospital beds and fewest nurses. When it comes to program spending, Ontario spends \$2,000 less per person per year than the average of the other provinces. With 15 million people living in Ontario, that means our government would need to spend an additional \$30 billion each year just to be average."

Bonnie Roe, CCHC, retired registered nurse.

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Editorial opinion

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Val Roylance of Lochlin sent in this photo of a Junco at her bird feeder.

■ LETTERS

Not happy with council decision

Dear editor,

At last Thursday's council meeting (March 10) the Minden Hills councillors voted 6-1 against reinstating the Bob Lake public boat launch.

By not exhausting all avenues available to them, they have created a private lake with no access.

I am a property owner (since 1972) and full-time resident on Bob Lake. One of the conditions of purchasing the property was public lake accessibility since my property is inappropriate for a private launch. The lake was registered as having a public launch until 2016 when the townships' error was uncovered and the property deemed private.

I am in complete disbelief that the Minden Hills councillors have voted against reinstating a public launch, based primarily on a vastly inflated engineering cost. I am astounded that with the exception of Coun. Sayne, they would not entertain the thought of reviewing the cost in light of two local contractors' estimates. In addition, the lack of interest in even considering alternative ways of paying for the launch construction

is culpable.

Our councillors have the obligation to represent their constituents fairly.

As a taxpayer and constituent, I believe that at the very least, it behooves the councillors to revisit the only impediment in this circumstance, that being the cost and alternative ways for the funding of the launch.

Trina Wood
Minden

'Shocked' at cultural centre change

Dear editor,

I was shocked to learn of the end of the employment of Laurie Carmount as the curator at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

I am well aware that personnel matters are beyond council's purview for public comment. I am also aware that over the years, Ms. Carmount struggled hard to create a gallery that our community is proud of, a facility that attracts visitors from far beyond Minden Hills and fulfilled the dream of its namesake, Dr. Agnes Jamieson.

The extensive Andre Lapine holdings are the envy of small community galleries

across this country and beyond. Many of those paintings are community treasures inspired by the very landscapes that surround us right here in Minden Hills.

Under Ms. Carmount's guidance our community was exposed to visiting exhibits that broadened everyone's appreciation of art and offered opportunities to meet artists who would likely never pass this way. At the same time, she created time and space for local artists to showcase their work and helped them gain recognition for their talents.

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery, The Minden Hills Museum and Nature's Place were all inspired by personal commitments and visions that emerged from our community. The buildings, but more importantly the ideas and effort they embody, represent tangible evidence that our fellow citizens cared enough to make this corner a touchstone of our community. My fear is that Ms. Carmount's departure is but a first step in dismantling this legacy.

The council needs to offer the citizens of Minden Hills assurances that the cultural centre is not about to be abandoned and in fact every effort should be made to enhance and improve the facility. A public acknowledgement of Ms. Carmount's contribution to the centre's growth and

success over her many years of service would also be in order.

Jack Brezina
Minden

Protecting ecosystems

Dear editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the story 'Stewards want more municipal protection' *The Highlander*; March 3, 2022.

The landscape in Haliburton County has been greatly altered in the last 200 years. Assuming this trend will continue, we need to identify rare and endangered ecosystems and protect them as best we can. This is the reason I wrote a letter to the Highlands East Council urging them to act now for the common good and future generations.

To shed more light on the subject and to learn more about minerals in our area, I would suggest visiting our website at greenmantlemineralstours.ca.

Mark Bramham
Highlands East

Highlander news

Minden closes book on Bob Lake launch

By Sam Gillett

Minden Hills council voted against funding a new Bob Lake boat launch due to estimated project costs and location constraints.

A report from Tatham Engineering estimated a new boat launch at the lake would cost the municipality \$180,000.

A previous municipally-maintained boat launch was closed in 2016 after it was discovered to be located partially on private property.

Deputy mayor Lisa Schell, councillors Jennifer Hughey, Jean Neville, Bob Carter and mayor Brent Devolin voted to accept staff's recommendation to not pursue the long-standing matter any further. Coun. Pam Sayne voted against the motion.

CAO Trisha McKibbin said she discussed the price estimate, which the Bob Lake Association (BLA) has contested, with staff members who said it appeared to be accurate. Tatham Engineering is an Ontario-wide engineering service.

Included in Tatham's report is a description of location-related factors contributing to the estimate, including tree removal, topsoil stripping, granular subbase and base placement, ditch drainage improvements, earth excavation and grading, and dredging parts of the lake bottom.

Tatham estimates \$150,000 in further fees not included in construction costs, including blasting fees, legal consultations and topographical surveys.

The BLA, which funded 50 per cent of the engineering report, said the estimate is "severely inflated."

In a letter to councillors and staff, the BLA included quotes based on Tatham Engineering's design but from local contractors, quoting lower prices. Hawk River Construction estimated the project would cost \$98,243 and Tom Prentice and Sons estimated \$75,403, "clearly indicating that the launch can be constructed for less

than \$100,000," wrote the BLA.

The BLA points to material estimates they've received that show concrete estimates from alternative companies could bring the price down by \$33,000, and gravel costs by \$12,000.

Sayne said she'd like to see staff meet with the BLA to discuss the report and the project estimate.

"We've taken a lake, and we've turned it into a private lake where there's no public access," she said. "How do we then take away access people have had for a long time? I wouldn't want to see this as a trend."

Hughey said by commissioning the report council has "fulfilled our responsibilities to these individuals." She said the financial impact of building this launch would hamper the fixing of others. "As the CAO said, boat launches are in dire straits."

The report said "it is staff's recommendation that repair and maintenance occur to existing infrastructure before new infrastructure is constructed. Otherwise, the existing boat launches will fall in further disrepair and either have to be decommissioned or fully rebuilt."

Carter said, "we on council try to truly represent all our constituents. That's our constituents who want this boat ramp and the constituents on this lake who've written to us that don't want a boat ramp."

Devolin said Minden Hills has "exhausted every opportunity and it's unfortunate. The scale of it financially for me has made my decision."

BLA urges 'due diligence'

Robert Roszell, BLA vice-chairperson, said the organization will attempt to continue the conversation with council.

He said council's discussion did not include mention of alternative funding methods for the launch, such as cost-sharing with Bob Lake residents or using reserves.

"It was very evident it wasn't discussed,



The contentious Bob Lake boat launch. *File.*

and other funding for this wasn't discussed," he said.

The BLA said local realtors say lack of public lake access lowers property values, which in turn will decrease the tax base in the area. The lack of a launch, said Roszell, turns Bob Lake into a "private lake."

BLA board member Ross Gladwell added that the environmental impact of numerous private boat launches constructed around

the lake will likely be worse than that of a professionally-built launch with plans for re-vegetation.

Roszell said council should discuss these factors, as well as the alternative cost estimates, "as a matter of due diligence."

He said the BLA will continue advocacy on the issue.

"Our group is very tenacious, we're going after this thing and it's not going away," he said.

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Greens announce provincial candidate for HKLB

By Lisa Gervais

The Green Party of Ontario has announced that Tom Regina has been nominated as its candidate for Haliburton–Kawartha Lakes–Brock ahead of the 2022 provincial election.

“Tom is a long-time resident and member of the region and understands the key challenges facing the area,” said Ontario Greens Leader Mike Schreiner in a news release.

“He gets it. He’s a strong community builder and will be an authentic and real voice for his neighbours at Queen’s Park.”

A resident of Haliburton for more than 30 years, Regina taught music and was the head of arts at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

As a teacher in a rural community, the party said he has seen the challenges faced by many families regarding equitable access to housing, transportation and jobs.

“I’m concerned about the divisive political

culture that stands in the way of putting forward real solutions to improve people’s lives, green solutions like affordable housing, accessible transit and good, green jobs,” Regina said.

“We need to start collaborating more in politics and focus on building a greener, more caring and equitable Ontario.”

Regina said he is a strong advocate for arts education and community building through arts participation.

He is a founding member of two community choirs, a local music festival for students of all ages, and the Highlands Summer Festival, which provides theatre experience for community members in a semi-professional setting.

He is joined so far in the race by Conservative candidate and incumbent Laurie Scott and NDP candidate Barbara Doyle. Regina was one of the founding members of the HKLB Green Association which launched in 2021.



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Left: Captain Nathan Porter tries to jam the puck in late in the third period. Right: Winger Christian Stevens battles for the puck behind the net. *Photos by Mike Baker.*

Huskies set franchise record in big win

By Mike Baker

It was a perfect weekend for the Haliburton County Huskies, recording two hugely impressive victories over divisional rivals to secure their spot in the OJHL playoffs.

In front of a packed house March 12, the Dogs put the Lindsay Muskies to the sword, romping to an 8-3 win in what was a dominant display against their bitter rivals. A night earlier, the blue and white came from three goals down to defeat the league-leading Trenton Golden Hawks 4-3 in what head coach Ryan Ramsay called an incredible display of grit and determination.

Fans inside S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena Saturday were treated to an offensive spectacle as the Huskies set new franchise records for goals scored in a single game and biggest win. Bryce Richardson got things started 4:28 into the opening period, slotting home after being set up by linemate Lucas Stevenson.

The Dogs made it two just 20 seconds later, Sam Solarino bundling home on the breakaway after a mistake from Muskies defenseman Logan Maunder. Payton Schaly added a third at 8:53, with Patrick Saini

notching a short-handed marker near the end of the period.

"We started well, probably better than any game this season," Ramsay said. "We had time to work on some things in practice during the week, and credit to the boys for going out there and putting it all together during that first period. They came out strong, got a couple goals and didn't give [the Muskies] an inch."

It was largely one-way traffic again in the second, with Solarino scoring his second of the game, Isaac Sooklal grabbing his first goal of the season, and Oliver Tarr firing in his team-leading 27th tally of the campaign. The Muskies got on the board through centreman Duncan Scullion.

Richardson made it an 8-1 game early in the third period. A late flurry from the Muskies, scoring through Boyd Stahlbaum and Nate Burelle, made the scoreline look a little more respectable.

"We were just flying out there. Playing with complete confidence," said Solarino, who was named first star of the game. "I feel like we're starting to click really well and get into a groove. We're looking to go on a big run here as we head into the stretch

and gain some momentum heading into playoffs."

Comeback against Trenton

Friday's encounter on the road in Trenton looked like being a rough night for the blue and white. After a bad opening 30 minutes, the worst of the season according to Ramsay, the Huskies found themselves in a 3-0 hole.

In desperate need of a spark, Ramsay turned to his "Mr. Dependable" Patrick Saini. He dragged his team back from the brink with a remarkable hat-trick, turning the tide of the game. Just 30 seconds after Saini's game-tying tally, fellow forward Cameron Kosurko grabbed the game-winner, sending the Huskies bench into a frenzy.

"It really doesn't get much better than that. We didn't do ourselves justice early in the game, but we really bought into the system during the third period and took the game to them. On our day, we know we have the quality to beat anyone in this league, but to

come back the way we did gives everyone such a confidence boost," said captain Nathan Porter.

With nine games of the regular season to play, Ramsay said he's focusing on getting as many wins as possible to try and secure top spot in the East Division. The Huskies currently sit in third, five points behind the first-place Golden Hawks.

"There's not a small game the rest of the year. We can't afford to take a single night off. We still play Trenton and Wellington (Dukes, second place in East Division) another couple of times, and that can make a big difference in where we finish, and who we play in that opening round," Ramsay said. "We need to keep the guys sharp on systems and what they need to do, because when we're rolling and playing our game... we're as good as anyone in this league."

The Huskies have a triple homestand this weekend, playing Friday against the Mississauga Chargers (7:30 p.m. puck drop), Saturday against the Golden Hawks (4:30 p.m. puck drop) and Sunday against the Caledon Admirals (3:30 p.m. puck drop).



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The Huskies



Schaly continuing family legacy in OJHL

By Mike Baker

With just nine guaranteed games left in his OJHL career, Payton Schaly says he's going to savour every second he spends out on the ice.

The Huskies forward has enjoyed a fruitful three years of junior hockey. Despite the pandemic robbing him of his 2020/21 season, Schaly has skated in 119 games while representing the Aurora Tigers, Collingwood Colts, Wellington Dukes and the Huskies. He's scored 37 goals and tallied 32 assists since entering the league in 2018.

"It's been an awesome ride," Schaly said of his experience playing in the OJHL. "It's a great league with high-level skill, fast pace. I've met some great people during my years playing. I've never had anything to complain about. I honestly wouldn't change a thing."

Growing up in Barrie and later moving to Orillia, the Dogs' number 20 knows all about living in small-town rural Ontario. He's taken to his new surroundings in the Highlands with ease this season. Billeting with Don and Julie Pernerowski on Horseshoe Lake, he feels he's gotten the full, authentic experience of life in Haliburton County.

A popular figure with his teammates, Schaly has also caught the eye of head coach Ryan Ramsay during his stint with

the hometown club. He's been trusted to drive play on the team's second line and is a regular on the man advantage. The forward has registered 18 points in 25 games with the blue and white.

Most noticeable has been Schaly's improved play at the other end of the ice.

"I needed some work defensively, and Ryan has done a really good job at developing my play in the defensive zone and away from the puck," Schaly said. "I think I've developed way more this year than I ever have."

Schaly said the ultimate goal this season is to win the OJHL and go on to represent Ontario at the national championships, being held in Saskatchewan in May.

Beyond that, he's hoping to catch the eye of NCAA scouts and follow in the footsteps of fellow Huskies forward Oliver Tarr in playing Division 1 hockey stateside next season. He wants to study physical education at university and hopes to, one day, become a gym teacher.

While the book is closing on his junior career, Schaly said he has some special memories he'll cherish for the rest of his life.

"Getting drafted by the Barrie Colts in 2017 was pretty crazy and something I didn't expect. I had the chance to play hockey in the U.S. earlier this year while the OJHL was shut down," Schaly said. "My uncle, Dan Schaly, played junior too."



Huskies forward Payton Schaly has set his sights on securing an NCAA scholarship for next season. Photo by Ed McPherson, OJHL.

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Top: Kipton Cunningham celebrates scoring a goal. Bottom: The Initiation II team, coached by Ryan Ramsay, enjoyed themselves over the weekend tournament. *Photos by Mike Baker.*



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Storm Initiation II team showcases skills at jamboree

The Highland Storm Initiation II Team has had a busy second half to their season.

Last month, they travelled to Huntsville for their first ever exhibition game. Not quite knowing what to expect, the anticipation of game day grew and grew. When the time finally came, the kids were beyond excited and pumped up, ready to go. After the first couple of shifts they settled into a rhythm, with lots of scoring opportunities and some great defensive moves to stop the play from returning back into their own end zone. All the scrimmages played at the end of almost every practice was finally paying off.

Two weeks later, the Huntsville team came to play against us in our new S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden. Thanks to the Initiation II head coach Ryan Ramsay, who also happens to be coach of our Haliburton County Huskies, the kids had an extra-special game day by getting to use the Huskies exclusive dressing room to get ready for their next showdown. Their energy on the ice was electric and they sure gave their family and friends in the stands a great hour of entertainment.

After the excitement of some exhibition game play, the Initiation II team had some fun by participating in a first intermission

scrimmage during a Huskies home game. The kids got to watch them warm up sitting on their home bench, fist pump the towering hockey players coming onto the ice for their game, and a few players were even lucky enough to be selected to stand on the ice for O'Canada with the Huskies starting lineup.

Most recently this past weekend, the Initiation II Team also participated in the 66th annual Glen Dart Jamboree at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The team played in five games over the course of the two-day tournament.

Our local Initiation I team helped to

get the jamboree started bright and early Saturday morning, in addition to the 14 other teams that came to the arena for a great weekend of hockey. The kids showcased all the skills that they've learned and been working so hard on improving this season.

The Initiation II team has come so far in the past few months, thanks in part to their great coaches. The kids are looking forward to a couple more weeks on the ice after our March Break hiatus, before having to hang up their skates for another season. (Submitted).

INITIATION II STARS



Kipton Cunningham – Kipton's abundance of positive energy helped to keep his team motivated throughout the jamboree. His drive to gain possession of the puck and ability to get shots on goal proved him a force to be reckoned with.



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Active Living

Disc golf exploding in popularity

By Mike Baker

Darrell Bankes has big plans for disc golf in Haliburton County in 2022.

After helping design and construct an 18-hole course at Abbey Gardens last summer, Bankes, one of Canada's leading disc golf professionals, has developed a full program of events and activities for this year. The first will be taking place March 19, and has been appropriately named the 2022 Ice Bowl.

"It's definitely been a long winter. We've tried to keep the course accessible, but with the amount of snow we get up in Haliburton, winter disc golf is still a bit of a challenge. Still, we're excited to put on our first event of the new year," Bankes told *The Highlander*. "The Ice Bowl is going to be a formal tournament. It has been sanctioned by the Professional Disc Golf Association [PDGA], and so is very appealing to both amateur and professional players to come out, have some fun and help improve their rankings."

Donations will be taken on the day in support of Central Food Network. Bankes is hoping to raise \$1,000 for the organization's heat bank program, while non-perishable food items will also be collected.

"The main focus of an Ice Bowl is to support food-based charities. They mainly happen during this time of the year because of the lull many organizations see between Christmas and Easter, when they're getting less donations and contributions from the community," Bankes noted.

Participants will be travelling from as far away as Kitchener, Waterloo and Ottawa to play, bringing dozens of visitors to the area.

Bankes said the tourism aspect of disc golf has been a major benefit to



Darrell Bankes helped design the new disc golf course at Abbey Gardens. Submitted.

the Highlands since Abbey Gardens opened its course last July.

"We've been pleasantly surprised by the response. We've had thousands of rounds played since opening and have hosted a couple of big events. The thing we've heard time and again is how beautiful and unique our course is," Bankes said. "Our trail is probably two miles long, but it traverses a large portion of Abbey Gardens. It's an incredible hike that hits all the main features of the property."

Looking beyond the Ice Bowl, Bankes said Abbey Gardens will be hosting a national amateur tournament May 14, which is already sold out. The winner of that event may qualify for a finals tournament to be held in Austin, Texas over the summer.

Bankes is also setting up a weekly league for local residents to enjoy. He hopes to launch in April.

Disc golf exploded in popularity during the pandemic, offering people the chance to get active and have fun while still being able to socially distance. Bankes, through his company Tin Lid Disc Golf, has helped to design several courses all over North America, including in Hawaii and Fort McMurray. He has another four courses he'll be working on this year.

"Disc golf is the fastest growing activity in North America right now. Anyone can play," Bankes said. "People are predicting that within five years, there will be more disc golf courses in Canada and the U.S. than regular golf courses. It's a fun activity, it only takes about 90 minutes to play a full 18-holes, and it's cheap. All you need is a disc, and a good pair of walking shoes."

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APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE
PLMV2021020**

THIS APPLICATION WILL BE HEARD AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING BY WAY OF A VIRTUAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Meeting on:

DATE: Monday, March 28, 2022

TIME: 10:30 AM

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

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Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Hearing must pre-register by emailing dsisson@mindenhills.ca by **Friday March 25th before 4:00 PM** or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting **before 10:00 AM**. Participants registering after 10:00 AM will not be permitted into the public hearing.

Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the hearing as permitted by the Chair. Please note the live-stream link provided for each hearing will only be activated while Committee of Adjustment is in session.

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider proposed Minor Variance Application No. **PLMV2021020** to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act.

Location of the Subject Lands: Part of Lot 24, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1052 Beverley Lane; and located on Gull Lake (see Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the replacement of the existing 44.6 sq. m (480 sq. ft.) dwelling measuring 3.7 m (12 ft.) in height and is situated 16.41 m (53.8 ft.) from the High Water Mark (HWM) with a new larger and taller dwelling measuring 117.17 sq. m (1261.2 sq. ft.) and 4.0 m (13.1 ft.) in height and to project to a distance of 12.3 m (40.35 ft.) from the HWM; together with the replacement of the existing 36.7 sq. m (395 sq. ft.) sleeping cabin with a new 44.6 sq. m (480 sq. ft.) garage which is proposed to maintain the existing HWM setback of 6.0 m (19.7 ft.).

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David Charles Jones (Dave Jones)

Passed away on March 2, 2022, in his 90th year. He is survived by his loving and gentle wife of 64 years, Joanne (nee Vine) and four children: Stephen (Janice Black) of Burlington, Stewart (Jackie) of Pompano Beach, Florida, Susan (Steven Wright) of Houston, BC, and Sandra Milligan (Ben Pickering) of Campbell River, BC. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and his sister, Kathleen Langlois of Dundas. Dave was particularly proud of the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren. He was always involved in their lives as much as he could and would travel annually to visit them all.

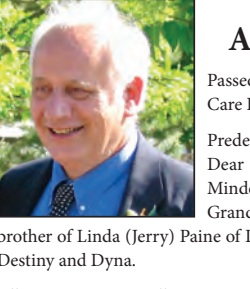
Dave was a long-time cottager in Haliburton, having owned the cottage with Joanne on Kushog Lake for 62 years. After their retirement Joanne and Dave devoted their summers to the cottage, which became a meeting place for their children and grandchildren.

Dave was a member of St. Peter's Anglican Church in Haliburton, St. David's Anglican Church in Welland, and St. John's Episcopal Church in Ellicottville, New York.

Dave got into marathons in his 50s and participated in the annual Highland Yard run in Minden. Through this run he started fundraising for Places for People in Haliburton, and in recent years raised over \$5,000 each year toward this worthwhile cause. When Dave could no longer run the race he would compete enthusiastically using his walker, last in the race but a leader of the cause.

Cremation has taken place. A private family funeral service will be held at St. David's Anglican Church in Welland and will be broadcast on their YouTube channel on Friday March 18, 2022, at 2 p.m. and will be available for viewing immediately thereafter. A Celebration of Life will be held Friday June 17, 2022, 2-5 p.m. at Peninsula Lakes Golf Club. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in memory of Dave Jones may be made to Places for People Haliburton Highlands Inc. (www.placesforpeople.ca) or to the Jones Family Endowment Fund of St. David's Anglican Church in Welland.

Online condolences available at www.cudneyfuneralhome.com



In Loving Memory of

Allan Robert Campbell

Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Long Term Care Home in Minden on Tuesday March 8, 2022.

Predeceased by his beloved wife Sandra (Loucks). Dear father of Rob (Roxanne) of Barrie, Greg of Minden, and Cheryl (Geoff) of Toronto. Loving Grandpa to Emily, Noah, and Audrey. Much loved brother of Linda (Jerry) Paine of Leamington. Remembered fondly by his dogs Destiny and Dyna.


Allan grew up in Walkerton, Ontario, the son of Robert Campbell and Jessie (Marie) Fiddis. After his parents divorced, most of the work of raising Allan was taken on by Marie and another strong woman: her mother (and Allan's grandmother), Gertie (Pinkerton). An enthusiastic and talented athlete, Allan was a captain of his high school football team, as well as an officer in the school's cadet corps. He met future wife Sandra who was also a student at the school, and the couple married in 1965. They eventually moved to Waterloo where they spent much of their life together and raised their children, before finally moving to Minden. Professionally Allan held a number of positions, starting with the bank as a young man and moving on to work as a maintenance planner, as well as starting his own dog walking business. He attended the University of Waterloo as a part-time mature student while also working full-time over a decade, eventually earning his Bachelor of Arts in 1990 (his major was Anthropology with a focus on Indigenous Studies). He graduated one day before his son Rob. At the same time, he jumped into action to support Sandra's decision to return to school, taking on childcare duties and finding himself suddenly learning to cook many meals for his family: including his infamous creamed eggs. Sandra and Allan raised their children to be socially conscious, regularly having political discussions at the dinner table. Allan had a special interest in environmental issues and a life-long love for animals.


In Allan's later years he was confronted by many challenges including the loss of his vision, the loss of his life partner Sandra and the onset of dementia. Through it all Allan never lost the love of the things that were most important to him. He would spend months picking the perfect gift for someone and it is the time with family that Allan truly cherished. Allan lived independently, and with support, at home until only five months ago which is a testament to the resilience he had shown throughout his lifetime.

We are grateful for the support that he received from the CNIB, CELA Audiobook Library, the Haliburton Highlands Health Service (especially the GAIN program and home care) and Hyland Crest staff who offered exemplary care in his last days.

All friends and family are invited to a Celebration of Allan's life and barbecue at 1930 Bat Lake Road in Minden Hills on June 4 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Guests are asked to please bring a lawn chair if possible.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Humane Society of Kawartha Lakes would be appreciated and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., Minden, Ontario.






[Welp, I'm dead. It's been fun! The end.] Dad, you can't just...please, let us do this.

Timothy Robert McGahey (72) passed away peacefully on March 4, 2022 in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. He was surrounded by his loving family. Tim was born in Detroit to his father Robert and mother Estelle (Rouen), and adoringly raised by his mother Beatrice (Yager) after the tragic death of Estelle. A fierce protection of family began with his siblings Mike (Marilyn), Margaret, Brian (Sharon), Tom (Nancy), and Mary Kay (Larry) Davignon, and many cousins that either joined in the fun or assisted with the cover-up. [Tell Den I'm still king of the raft.] Tim was loved by his many aunts and uncles, as well as extended family.

He attended St. Clare of Montefalco and graduated from Bishop Gallagher High School in 1968 before joining the Army. [You should put something in here about how handsome and charming I was]. Tim earned a Purple Heart for significant injuries during combat in the Vietnam War. In 1971, he married the love of his life Sandra (Rogers) and spent the next 50 years building a life of laughter without regrets. He was the brother that brother-in-law Larry (Sue) Rogers never had. He was the best friend Vince Finn and Doug Rohlman always had.

He raised one amazing and three "meh" children - Ellen McGahey (Aaron Powers), Susan (Aryn) Pongratz, Timothy (Pamela Bierzynski) McGahey, and Meghan (Austin) Price. He was a proud Master Electrician with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW Local 58) but retired to dedicate the rest of his life to his two greatest passions... the family cottage on Farquhar Lake and teaching his grandchildren the art of mischief. His loving students are Sydney (Kyle) Weatherbee, Tyler Malek, Ashton Pongratz, Abigail Pongratz, Ciara Pongratz, Keegan Price, Gavin Price, Jameson McGahey, and Finley McGahey. He taught us to use our hands to fix things; our words to be honest, compassionate, and forgiving; our minds to not fall for that; and our humor to take life less seriously. He leaves a massive hole in our hearts but promises to haunt us regularly.

Funeral services were held at St. Clare of Montefalco (1401 Whittier Road, Grosse Pointe Park, MI) on Thursday, March 10th. [Nice job, kids. That will do.]



In Loving Memory of


Len Colpitts

Passed away suddenly at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto on Sunday, March 13, 2022, in his 91st year.


Beloved husband of the late Ruth (nee Coulson). Dear father of Laura and her husband the late Steve Good, Dave and his wife Pat Colpitts, and the late Dan Colpitts. Loving Poppa of Dawn (Deon Cabot), Kristina (deceased) (Cory Van Damme), and great grandchildren Tyler, Tori, Braydan, Maykayla, Ryley, Mateus, Sarah, Damien, Dante, Morgan, Raven and Kimberley. Fondly remembered by his family and friends.

A private family gathering to Celebrate Len's Life will take place at a later date. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society 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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Pieces of Music

by Barbara Olson

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Across

- 1 Like an expired coupon
8 "Big Raven" painter Emily
12 Castanet clacker's cry
15 Sweet shaved-ice treat
16 Start to -syncratic
17 Slyly shy
18 Bell or Rogers
19 Right to vote
21 Literary no-name: Abbr.
23 Is a member of, with "to"
24 Sticking point for King Arthur?
29 Scott of "Joanie Loves Chachi"
30 Bottom out, in business
31 Specifics, slangily
35 "No CPR" request
36 Jupiter and Mars, but not Earth
37 Spying tactic using seduction
39 ___ good example
42 Exhaust pedestrians, maybe?
43 Relating to boxing
48 ___'acte (theatre break)
52 Benefit of a vacay
53 "... have to ___ to believe ..."
54 Canal skated on in Ottawa
56 Words sung before "can you see"
58 Savagely fierce
60 Impersonated
64 Feed thing that's viral
65 Zika or coronavirus, e.g.
67 Creepily gruesome
72 Article in "El Mundo"?
73 Bailiwick
74 Having a girls' night out, maybe
75 Summer hrs. in most of B.C.
76 With 77-Across, musical with the "singing parts" circled in this puzzle
77 See 76-Across

Down

- 1 "Believer in" suffix
2 U-turn from SSW
3 Decibel level: Abbr.
4 First in a solitaire pile

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- 5 Pub or diner regulars, likely
6 Privy to the plot
7 Discharge from the army
8 Not trans, genderwise
9 Rub-___
10 Crawling (with)
11 Texter's "too funny!"
12 Air of the True North?
13 Major industry in B.C.
14 Rundown shack, from a neighbour's viewpoint
20 Hold up
22 Unthreaded?
24 Say "Do it, do it!", with "on"
25 Letters from a Valentine
26 Marijuana compound sans THC
27 Too, in Toulouse
28 "Oedipus ___"
32 Modern "Marvellous!"
33 Thrice daily, on an Rx
34 Sonora sun
37 RSVP encl.
38 "___ say more?"
40 Golfer Ernie dubbed "The Big Easy"
41 Match in a match
43 Helps support
44 Wobbly, as logic
45 Try to take hold of
46 Cousin of .png and .bmp
47 Agenda listing
49 Prefix meaning "new"
50 Alphabet symbol for torque
51 Putin's place: Abbr.
54 Parmesan alternative
55 It's on top of the world
57 "___-haw!"
59 Tend to another wet spill
61 Wee bit of whiskey
62 Syllables with cadabra
63 Prosecution lawyer's client
66 Like apparel in a carol
68 Org. for Murray and Federer
69 OutKast rapper Big ___
70 Canadian singer Sexsmith
71 French connections?



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