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Krystal Hewitt holds a Red-tailed Hawk named Will Scarlet as the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust hosted Speaking of Wildlife at the fish hatchery March 20.
Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Maple Lake retreat to open this summer

By Mike Baker

The owners of a new “destination retreat experience” on Maple Lake say they expect their facility to open by July 1.

Dimensions Algonquin Highlands will welcome people looking to reconnect their mind, body and spirit, according to the company’s CEO, Christopher Dawson. Speaking with *The Highlander*, Dawson said the retreat would be a first of its kind in Canada, bringing a wealth of specialized health and wellness services together to create a “unique, five-star experience” for guests.

“We’re really passionate about what we’re doing in Algonquin Highlands,” Dawson

said. “We would describe ourselves as a luxurious wellness retreat... The majority of our guests will be people looking for self-betterment, but we’re also trying to target different communities, some of whom might be diagnosable [with mental disorders].

“If you’re coming to Dimensions Algonquin Highlands, you’re there for a wellness experience, you’re there to reflect on things. You are looking to work on yourself, and looking to take some strides as a person,” he added.

Dawson clarified they will not be doing drug and alcohol rehabilitation. When news broke last summer that Dimensions had

taken ownership of the North Shore Road property, there was concern the site would be transformed into a rehab clinic.

An initial press release referred to them as a “psychedelic treatment company” that would be offering specific customized retreats designed for clinical benefit in a range of areas.

Prior to launching Dimensions in 2020, Dawson was CEO of the Edgewood Health Network, which specializes in offering addiction supports and treatments.

“That’s probably where the confusion came from, my history,” Dawson said. “We should have done a better job clarifying what we are and what we aren’t. For the

record, we absolutely are not and will never be a drug rehabilitation centre.”

The 40-acre site has 17 cabins and two multi-room communal lodges. Renovations on the main lodge are underway, to be complete by 2023. Dawson said his son, Eric, has taken lead on restoring approximately two kilometres of trails.

Guests will have the option of participating in activities such as yoga, meditation and both sound and light therapy. Dawson said there would be a lot of spa-like elements incorporated into the company’s programming.

Details surrounding stay packages and

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Total investment will eclipse \$20 million

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pricing will be finalized in the coming weeks. The facility is to be a four-season operation once open.

The company is working with the township of Algonquin Highlands on a rezoning application that Dawson hopes will allow Dimensions to incorporate a medical component to their services in future. This would open the door for the firm to expand into psychotherapy and, possibly down the road, psychedelics.

"There's a therapeutic reason for that... There is a real scientific movement behind understanding the role of the central nervous system in our overall physical and mental health. Many psychedelic substances have reset aspects to them as they connect to our brain... When you combine that with therapists walking you through that process, that can lead to really significant recoveries for people," Dawson said.

"These hallucinogenics are not re-emerging because people want to get high, they're re-emerging because neuroscience has demanded that they be brought to the table," he added.

He referenced the substance psilocybin, otherwise known as magic mushrooms, which are illegal in Canada. Dawson said there is a movement amongst the medical community to legalize the substance. A study examining the effects of microdoses of the drug in people with low-grade



A drawing outlining plans for the site at Dimensions Algonquin Highlands. Submitted.

anxiety and depression was approved by Health Canada in December, with results expected later this year.

Regardless, Dawson said he's committed to making Dimensions Algonquin Highlands one of the premiere getaway destinations in the country. Once

renovations are complete, Dawson estimates total investment in the site will eclipse \$20 million.

"We want to be here for the long haul. We want to be a big part of this community. This is our first location, and Haliburton County is perfect for what Dimensions is

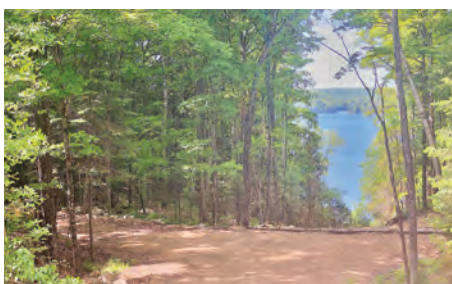
all about," Dawson said. "I have fantastic memories of coming here with my family on 12 Mile Lake, and we hope to give our guests the best experiences and memories possible. We're so excited."



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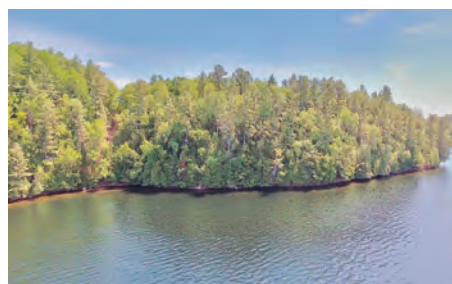
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Single-tier government working in CKL

HIGHLANDER INVESTIGATES

By Kirk Winter

Two decades after Harry Kitchen's decision to scrap Victoria County, many believe the single-tier system has served the City of Kawartha Lakes (CKL) well.

"I favour one tier of local government over a two-tier system as it's more efficient in coordinating city-wide priorities and local services," CKL chief administrative officer Ron Taylor said.

"Services are delivered more equitably and political and administrative perspectives are city-wide and not localized," Taylor added.

"As an amalgamated city, we can make better, larger, affordable investments to serve all the residents, whereas affordability for costly investments has been challenging in the past for lower tiers," Taylor said. "I don't see any problems created with amalgamation."

Taylor said the now 20-year-old model of government "greatly streamlines decision-making". He noted single-tier means one budget, and costly infrastructure, whether bridges, arenas or community centres, funded by more ratepayers.

For example, he said there were a number of community halls and administrative facilities in many of the former townships. However, no single facility was used to its maximum, yet all required city servicing. "These facilities can be improved and consolidated as we reduce the overall footprint of buildings but pool city-wide investment into fewer of them," Taylor added.

Asked for non-anecdotal, statistical proof of how amalgamation has worked, the CAO said it's difficult to assess performance of an amalgamated city versus 16 townships and one county. However, he said he had observed a number of efficiencies, including fewer levels of approvals in certain processes, more specialized staff delivering one program versus several and a stronger voice provincially.

"Strength in numbers, and a single voice representing the community."



CKL councillors at a recent council meeting. Submitted.

Long-time Lindsay councillor Pat Dunn said amalgamation has worked "surprisingly well."

"We did not see the reduction in taxes but I believe we are in a much better place both in services and the cost of providing them," he said.

"Initially, council seemed very territorial ... (but) most of those adjustment problems seem to have disappeared," Dunn added. "While looking out for their own wards, councillors see the bigger picture and work for the benefit of the entire city."

David Siegel is a retired professor of political science at Brock University. He agreed with Taylor that larger municipalities can hire more staff, and more qualified and expensive staff will develop a level of expertise that can rival the province.

"Dual-tiered governments feature blame shifting and conflict between levels far too commonly," Siegel added. "Mayors of a single-tier can speak with greater authority than the chair of an upper-tier or region. The larger the council, the greater the conflict will be at council," Siegel said.

Coun. Tracy Richardson said she has a good understanding of amalgamation as a resident for more than 50 years.

"I clearly see how The City of Kawartha Lakes is merging into one of the strongest municipalities in Ontario," she said.

Councillor and businessperson Kathleen

Seymour-Fagan said while the province forced the amalgamation, she believes the city is moving in the right direction.

"People still are (very protective of their communities) now as every village and hamlet has its own identity and pride. We still have our challenges, although we are well on our way to working efficiently as a single-tier municipality," she said.

A mixed bag

Coun. Doug Elmslie supports single-tier but says idealized memories of the previous system have coloured some people's views.

"Amalgamation for our citizens has been a mixed bag," Elmslie said, "While things like emergency services, roads, parks and recreation and engineering are probably more efficient and provide a more even and economical service, the advertised cost savings never occurred."

"For our citizens who lived here (pre-amalgamation) they felt a sense of loss of what they knew and the charm of living in a small community that operated on a phone call and a handshake," Elmslie added.

"Because we are now a larger and more complex organization it takes longer to get things done and this results in frustrations for some folks."

Former Verulam, Bobcaygeon and CKL

coun. Pat Warren also supports single-tier with qualifications.

"Communities were upset they would lose their identities," Warren said, "Twenty years on, many communities have retained their identities and, in some cases, improved their sense of place through volunteerism."

"A positive part of a single-tier structure is the ability to make broad policy changes like environmental, accessibility, planning and other initiatives more easily," Warren said. "You don't need to go through so many layers to effect change."

On the other hand, she doesn't think the city gets the same in provincial grant money as the previous 17 lower-tier municipalities did.

She also thinks they have lost the ease of bringing issues to council.

"In Verulam Township, a farmer would come to council and be invited to sit around a table to voice their issue ... some would say that wasn't very sophisticated but it worked and people felt they were listened to." That said, Warren added, "I believe the recent change to the committee of the whole structure allows people to bring their issues to council in a more relaxed format now."

(With files from Lisa Gervais).

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New bike share program coming to Haliburton

By Mike Baker

There will be a pair of welcome additions to Head Lake Park this summer after Dysart council gave the green light to two community initiatives designed to promote public health, wellness and activity.

In a delegation to council March 22, representatives from Haliburton Rotary laid out plans to invest in an automated bike-share system that would allow individuals aged 18 and older to rent a bicycle free of charge to use in the community.

Inspired by similar programs in Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon, the venture is intended to encourage free outdoor activity and enhance Haliburton's reputation as a premiere tourist destination, said Rotarian Irv Handler.

Bikes will be located outside the Haliburton Welcome Centre. People will have to use a smart phone to sign a waiver and input credit card details to unlock the bikes. Cards will only be charged in the event a bike is damaged or stolen, Handler noted. The bikes are intended for daytime use only, and individuals will be able to use the bikes for up to three hours.

Handler estimates the initiative will cost approximately \$13,000 to set up. That will include the purchase of six bikes, three double-bike heavy-duty docking racks, Bluetooth solar-powered locks, and the software people will use to access the bikes.

Earlier in the meeting, Craig Bowker of Adventure Haliburton Group unveiled a proposal to install a "fun" four by eight foot billboard with facial cut-outs in the park, to inspire people to take selfies and



Haliburton Rotary is looking to run an automated bike-share program at Head Lake Park. *Metro Creative.*

share images online showcasing Haliburton. Council liked the idea, saying it would be an inexpensive asset to Head Lake Park.

Bowker said the billboard will be situated close to the current shoreline entrance at the park, near the snowmobile parking area. It will be installed later this year.

Places for People agreement

Sixteen months after making an informal commitment to donate land along Wallings Road to support a new affordable housing development in the community, Dysart council has finalized a draft letter of intent

to follow through with the project.

In the deal, Dysart is donating a 2.7 acre plot of land to local non-profit Places for People [P4P]. The two sides have been locked in negotiations for over a year but have found a middle ground to move forward with a first phase of the project. An initial proposal from P4P, which would see the build front onto Wallings Road with access to County Road 21, was rejected by the County, who had concerns over the ability of that intersection to handle increased traffic. A compromise was made in January allowing P4P to front the first part of the build onto Halbiem Crescent.

In addressing council, Jeff Iles, Dysart's

director of planning and land information, said P4P had outlined five conditions in the letter, asking the municipality to enter into an exclusivity period with the non-profit over the land, and agree to reimbursing them for costs already paid, approximately \$45,703, should future phases of the project not proceed.

Council agreed to enter into an exclusivity period up to Dec. 31 of this year, retaining an option to extend, and to refund a portion of the costs if a planned second phase, fronting onto Wallings, does not proceed.

The letter will be sent back to P4P for their approval before coming back to council for official adoption next month.

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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:

March 24 – Special Council Meeting
March 31 – Regular Council Meeting
April 14 – Regular Council Meeting

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Highlander news

Storm requests tournament rental reduction

By Sam Gillett

Minden Hills council has requested staff report back on a fee reduction request from the Highland Storm.

A letter to council from tournament director Craig Smith said his organization will struggle to afford the \$350 per day cost of renting the upstairs room of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. The Storm previously paid \$100 per day for the space, which is used by away teams and families.

“Our small town of Minden needs these tournaments to help get [through] the winter months. We are soon going to be booking our next year tournaments and obviously, we will have to move more of them to Haliburton as we can’t afford \$700 [for two days] to rent the upstairs,” Smith said.

Director of community services Craig Belfry said township regulations call for a maximum of \$700 fee deductions per organization per year.

He also raised concerns over revenue flow if multiple community groups are given fee breaks.

“We have had concerns about fees coming in before,” he said.

Deputy mayor Lisa Schell said, “my concern is what’s going to happen then is

Highland Storm will take all their business to Dysart,” since Dysart’s rental fees are substantially lower.

Belfry said if that happened, other ice users would still need to use ice space during tournament weekends. He predicted that wouldn’t result in a decrease in revenue.

Coun. Pam Sayne said further fee waiving could hurt taxpayers, considering the “tremendous undertaking” of funding the \$13.3 million arena.

Coun. Jean Neville said if the upstairs room in question “is not being used during those weekends, would that make a difference? It’s a shame if the room is sitting there empty.”

Schell added that Minden has made lots of concessions for the Huskies team to use its facility. “I don’t see why we can’t make the concession for them as well.”

In Smith’s letter, he outlines how tournaments in Minden bring dozens of out-of-town families to the area who inject the economy with tourism dollars.

“Many of the teams travel a far distance and fill our local resorts and hotels for the entire weekend,” he said.

A staff report on the matter will be discussed during 2022 budget deliberations.



Highland Storm players skate in the Minden Arena during a 2022 season game. *File.*

ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS

Algonquin Highlands reinstates in-person council meetings

Algonquin Highlands council will meet in-person for the first time in more than two years next month as the township presses forward with a plan to return to usual operations.

Elected officials will gather inside council chambers April 7 for its bi-weekly meeting.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, meetings have been live streamed on YouTube and saved to the municipality’s page for area residents to access.

“Restrictions are being lifted, life is sort of getting back to normal,” said mayor Carol Moffatt, who was the first to voice her support for the return of in-person meetings.

After lifting capacity limits at restaurants, sporting venues and entertainment establishments last month, the Ontario government decided to scrap vaccine passports March 1. Mandatory masking

mandates were lifted in most public places, including schools and retail settings, on March 21.

While Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking informed media last week that the COVID-19 pandemic was far from over, Coun. Julia Shortreed feels the timing is right to reinstate in-person meetings.

“We’re going to see COVID around for a long time. Basing [our decision to return] around that is irrelevant, because it’s going

to keep popping its ugly head up here and there,” Shortreed said.

CAO Angie Bird said screening will not be implemented, while deciding whether or not to wear a mask will be left up to personal choice.

It was decided that most committees would be temporarily dissolved and reinstated following October’s municipal election. *(Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Mike Baker).*

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MINDEN HILLS NEWS

Minden flying Ukrainian Flag

The Ukrainian flag is flying high at Minden town hall. At a March 10 meeting, council received two requests for acknowledgement.

Jennifer Mykolishyn, a Ukrainian Canadian, said in a letter, "this is a very scary time and many people do not realize the significance of what is happening, and of course, we are in the age of misinformation. Standing with Ukraine is standing with humanity and peace."

Another letter was from David McGill, a resident who suggested flying the flag could be a powerful way to show support for the country currently under attack.

"A simple act - the raising of the Ukraine flag at the municipal building - adds our voice to the growing legions worldwide who oppose the actions of Russia," wrote McGill.

Council eyes water increase

The Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) recommends Minden raise water rates by two per cent and wastewater rates by three per cent annually.

OCWA analyst Nick Larson said the town's water system is in good condition and the fee rise is conservative compared to other municipalities.

Minden's water reserve balance is estimated at \$1.35 million, and wastewater reserves sit at about \$930,000. Those reserves are funded by Minden residents who are hooked up to the town's water and wastewater systems; 576 customers in Minden Hills and 29 customers in Lutterworth. Minden's wastewater system services 570 customers in Minden Hills.

Despite increased population growth, Larson said the town's water systems are good for the foreseeable future.

"If the growth accelerates, that's the time to look again at the capacity," he



The Ukrainian flag flies outside Minden's township offices. Photo by Sam Gillett.

said. Larson added population growth is financially lucrative for a town's water systems. More people using water and wastewater systems means less cost per residence serviced.

Minden's relatively strong water reserve balance and no debt mean it's in a strong position to fund future infrastructure projects from either its reserve balance or through borrowing. OCWA suggests a prolonged period of high inflation is the greatest risk to the water infrastructure.

Cattle grate replaced

Minden will begin work replacing a cattle grate on Wessel Road.

In December, staff uncovered a 1979 agreement between the township and

landowners that bound Minden Hills to maintain the grate "in perpetuity."

Council approved JSW Ltd. build a grate for \$45,194.35.

The base of the grate is estimated to cost \$225,000 however council has not decided whether to proceed with its construction.

Councilors respond to climate report

Climate change coordinator Korey McKay presented a new plan to the council detailing the ways increased temperatures and variable weather patterns call for infrastructure planning and preparation.

Coun. Jean Neville said she hears from residents about the lack of composting facilities at Minden landfills and the

absence of a home-based composting program.

"The County [could offer] to buy this equipment for people who wanted to use it in their homes. It could be subsidized quite well. Why don't I see any of that here?" she said.

McKay responded that specific mitigation plans are laid out in another document.

Coun. Pam Sayne said "our governance is very slow on this, thank goodness we have residents moving much faster than our governments and policies being put in place."

She said work on decreasing Haliburton County's climate impact should be moving quicker, and thanked McKay for her work on the file. (Minden Hills news compiled by Sam Gillett).



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COUNTY NEWS



The Tory Hill ambulance base will be staffed 24 hours per day with two paramedics. *File.*

Tory Hill ambulance base staffed 24/7

Department of emergency services head Tim Waite told the meeting it was a “very exciting” morning to report on permanent, 24-hour staffing at the Tory Hill ambulance base.

As already discussed at council, and during budget talks, he formally asked the committee recommend to council that the base be permanently staffed 24 hours per day with two paramedics.

By way of background, he said the base was staffed 12 hours per day (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) 365 days a year with two paramedics. He added they have been incrementally increasing staffing to 24 hours per day annually, presently budgeted for all-day coverage with two paramedics from the May long weekend until Thanksgiving weekend.

Waite said since the fall of 2020, they have maintained 24-hour coverage year-

round utilizing safe restart funding.

Included in this year’s budget is an additional \$110,400 to maintain 24-hour staffing from Thanksgiving weekend until year-end. Safe restart funding is now being used to maintain 24-hour staffing from Jan. 1, 2022 until the May long weekend.

In 2023, Waite said an additional \$200,500 will be required to be included in the budget to maintain 24-hour staffing from Jan. 1, 2023 to the May long weekend. He said the cost will be offset by approximately \$55,000 from 50 per cent funding from the province due to the additional \$110,400 increase for 2022.

“This will then have Tory Hill staffed 24 hours per day 365 days per year permanently.”

Training tourism staff

County manager of tourism Tracie Bertrand wants to offer visitor experience and destination training.

In a report to a March 9 meeting, Bertrand

said she is looking for the green light to develop and deliver training to staff at visitor information centres in the County.

She said with more domestic travellers seeking out places such as the Highlands due to COVID-19, “there is a tremendous opportunity for Haliburton County to assist the visitor, make excellent first impressions, and encourage exploration into parts of the region not known to others - but considered unique by residents, to promote local businesses, accommodations and adventures in order to increase spending, length of stay and overnight stays.”

She said it would also lead to consistent service.

Coun. Andrea Roberts welcomed it, saying how important first impressions are. She added it would be nice to extend the training to places such as grocery stores and coffee shops.

Bertrand said the goal is to provide training to any business that has visitors. *(County news compiled by Lisa Gervais).*



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Revolving door must stop



By Lisa Gervais

I've always abhorred how municipalities can avoid transparency when it comes to human resource matters.

The departure of Laurie Carmount from the Agnes Jamieson Gallery is just the most recent example in Minden Hills, which seems to have a much faster revolving door than other townships when it comes to senior staff leaving.

I understand the need for privacy in some instances. For example, if I had to take a leave of absence from work because I was ill, I wouldn't want it splashed across the paper. But, then again, I work for a private company. The ratepayers of Haliburton County are not paying my salary.

We have no idea why Ms. Carmount has left. Sadly, that has led to speculation. The arts community would have us believe it's because the township is more focused on its new Minden arena - and paying off that \$13-million debt - and less on culture and the arts.

There does not appear to be any evidence of that in the township's third draft of its budget, so perhaps that is not the case at all but we have no way of knowing.

Carmount's departure speaks to a larger

issue at Minden Hills.

In recent years, Ivan Ingram, the former environmental and property operations manager, left under a cloud of secrecy.

More recently, planner Ian Clendenning departed the fold and is now with the City of Kingston. Again, his departure remains somewhat of a mystery.

Others have come and gone and we can speculate as to why. For example, former director of community services Mark Coleman was not thrilled with council's handling of the arena project at the time of his departure for another township. He was also heading up a department that could not find staff.

Travis Wilson, the former director of public works, accepted a post with an engineering firm.

And, most recently, former director of finance, Lorrie Blanchard, has left the township. We're told she's retired.

A consultant, Oscar Poloni of KPMG in Sudbury, delivered the latest draft of the budget along with clerk and CAO Trisha McKibbin at a March 23 meeting.

One can't help but wonder if at least some of this doesn't speak to the workplace

culture in Minden Hills. Out of all of the townships, we probably hear the most public complaints about, and from, Minden Hills ratepayers.

Perhaps little of this can be put on McKibbin. She's inherited problems from her predecessors. Some of it can be placed on council, especially those into their second terms and beyond.

With council elections this fall, Minden Hills has an opportunity of electing people it thinks can help to improve the workplace culture at the township, beginning with its own council ranks. They can set the tone that can in turn filter to senior staff and throughout the ranks.

We know recruiting and retaining staff at municipalities is an uphill battle across the province and County, however, there are ways of making the workplace more conducive to people sticking around or at least staying longer.

It's time to end the revolving door.

EleXion files

Concerned Citizens of Haliburton County (CCHC) is offering a series of articles entitled, EleXion files until mid-May, 2022. Articles will focus on non-partisan information that we hope will be 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.

Food security

This spring feels different. Scanning the climate news, the Antarctic is 70°F above normal, and the scientists are "flabbergasted". Today, Georgia is colder than Alaska. There is severe drought in Chile, and closer to home, the *New York Times* reports that drought in U.S. is expected to persist, and spread, through the spring. Record floods, wild fires, and heat waves are impacting areas that are regular sources of food that Canada imports. COVID has also had a destructive effect on agriculture production and supply chains.

Worldwide, fertilizer is in short supply and made, largely, from natural gas. The global disruptions resulting from sanctions on Russia as a major gas and energy producer will drive up the cost of agricultural production everywhere. If the sanctions are long-term, the global production and

movement of agricultural products will be hard hit.

The watershed flowing into Lake Ontario was turned into some of the best farmland in the country. Where is that farmland now? Too much of it has been stripped of its topsoil, and gobbled up by urban/suburban sprawl. Food that could be grown here has increasingly come from elsewhere. As traditional agricultural areas around the planet become unable to sustain reliable yields, good local farmland is a resource that has been treasured.

There is a demonstrable need to protect the remaining good arable land in Ontario and to support farming practices that improve that land. Global food issues are imminent and now is the time to take action to keep what farmland is left.

Where do the Ontario political parties stand on the issues of food security and protecting farmland? The NDP election platform specifically includes "expanding the Greenbelt and working with farmers and municipal leaders to protect Ontario's farmland from encroachment by land speculators". They also plan to develop a Provincial Food Strategy to promote access to healthy food and strengthen the resilience of Ontario's food systems. The Green Party has a clear commitment to protecting the planet with a specific mention of farmland.

The PCs and Liberals make no mention of either food security or protecting farmland on their websites.

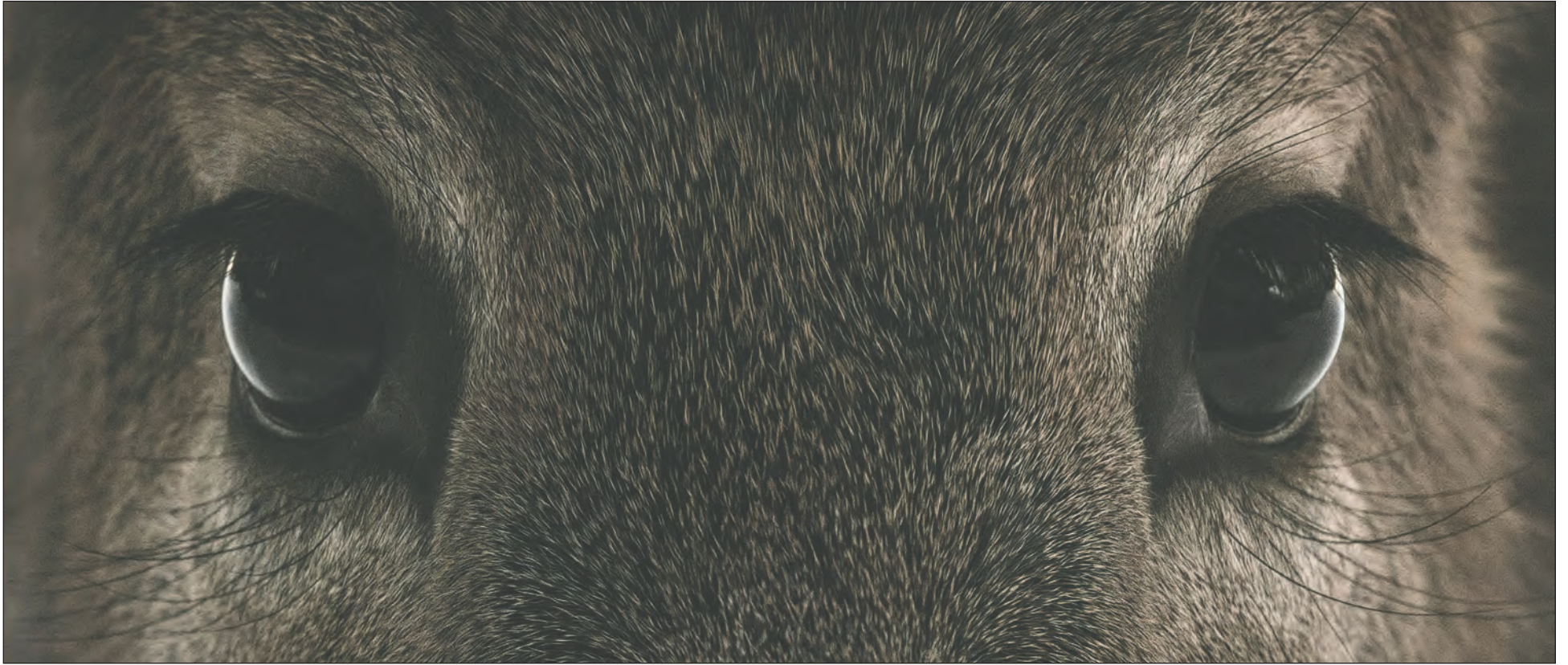
The current government is determined to build two new highways: the Bradford Bypass through the Holland Marsh area and Hwy. 413 running through the Green Belt from Hwy. 400 to Hwy. 401. The 413 was shelved by the Liberals amid growing concerns about the environmental impact of urban sprawl. If built, the highway construction itself is estimated to destroy 2,000 acres of farmland, cut across 85 waterways and disrupt 220 wetlands. Land records show that developers own 39 properties along the proposed route, covering an additional 3,300 acres. A significant amount is agricultural. The value of those lands would rise dramatically if the highway is built and residential, commercial and industrial development is allowed to spread along the route. There is widespread opposition to the project from residents and municipal governments.

Under the cover of COVID, the government has enacted extraordinary measures to get approvals on this project and the Auditor General has criticized the government for the general lack of transparency in spite of its claims of concern for environmental impact. *Eric Lilius, CCHC*

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Editorial opinion

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Tammy Nash sent in this photo of a deer in her Algonquin Highlands yard.

LETTERS

Maintaining Haliburton history

Dear editor,

There currently is a proposal to erase the history of one of our first settlers by changing the name of Brown Island in Soyers Lake.

Haliburton Genealogy confirms George Brown and his wife Annie Heard homesteaded on the shores of Soyers Lake with the island out front named after them in 1881. The island has been called Brown Island ever since.

In 1921, George Brown obtained a Crown Patent for Brown Island. George died in 1939 and Annie died in 1960. They are buried in Haliburton's Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Novak has applied to the Ontario government to change the name of Brown Island to the name of his contractor friend. This process should not be about crediting a contractor friend but about maintaining Haliburton history.

Haliburton has several other very good contractors. Mr. Novak should look at other ways to honor Lee Blair without destroying Haliburton history. Mr. Novak states in the newspapers "confusion about the island's name" and gives other names.

In my family's connection to the lake since 1956 that is not correct. All pertinent maps refer to the island as Brown Island including Canadian Topographical, Ontario Lakes, Google, Backroad Mapbook, Soyers Lake News Letters, and Haliburton County 911 Address Book (released 2005).

There currently is an Ontario government survey (ontario.ca/page/geographic-names) requesting opinions regarding the name change from Brown Island to Lee Blair Island.

To provide your opinion regarding this please fill out the survey, which must be submitted by March 31, 2022 to have your opinion considered.

Destroying the honour bestowed upon our original settlers, the Brown family, our history and heritage should not be allowed.

Ron May
Minden Hills

Amalgamation will decrease councillor contact

Dear editor,

I really like the investigation that you are running on amalgamation.

Although I do not consider myself to be a political junkie, I do follow politics fairly close (particularly at the national and provincial levels). I firmly believe that the only true form of effective politics is at the municipal level. This is even more true in small municipalities like those in Haliburton County. In those situations, voters know their politicians. They often meet them on the street or at a restaurant and can then discuss an issue, the weather or just smile and say hi. This is not possible for provincial or federal matters even if one tries to go to Queen's Park, Parliament Hill or Toronto City Hall.

If you amalgamate and move the council chamber to another area (say Minden) then the chances of meeting a politician are greatly reduced. Your voice will not be heard, unless you make a special effort to attend a session of council or trap your representative at their home (not the way to win friends). Even an email or letter does

not have the same impact as an impromptu face-to-face meeting.

I'm also sure that your well thought out editorials (like the latest one on the shoreline bylaw and the 20 metre setback) have an impact - which might not be the case with amalgamation.

Haliburton has a great system right now. I hope that it doesn't change.

Keep up the great work.

The new EleXion segment is also a winner. Too bad that it will only make a small difference to the voters in this riding who are staunch Tory no matter what. That tribal mentality is a hard nut to crack.

Dennis Choptiany
Koshlong Lake

Awesome opportunity to do something great

Dear editor,

I've often looked across the street at the lonely empty door of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and thought about how many possible activities that building and its neighbour Nature's Place could provide for this community if utilized differently.

I understand that there are vocal fans of the gallery as it currently sits, however in my eight years here the visitors from "far and wide" have been few and far between to which I'm sure the guest book and revenues would attest.

The departure of the gallery curator Ms. Carmount affords this community an open window of opportunity to decide the future of these buildings. Wouldn't it be incredible to see art and other classes, local sales and showcases, maybe space for local groups, card and bingo events for all the seniors

living close by?

The options are endless in this perfect, central location. I for one would hope to see an earnest opportunity for the community to comment on what they would like to see their tax dollars spent on in the future as it pertains to these buildings. I'm pretty sure it won't be a pool but I do know we can make these buildings alive with community activities as they're meant to be. We can do better!

Cindy Thistle
Minden Hills

Is it the best health system in world?

Dear editor,

Re: EleXion Files March 17.

Ms. Roe states that "We are fortunate to have a health care system admired around the world." I don't think that is at all true. Canadians seem to believe that there are only two alternatives, the Canadian system and the American. The American system is not only the most expensive, not only absolutely, but also as a percentage of GNP, but yields, at best, very mediocre results. I am told that the American health care system results in the highest number of personal bankruptcies in the world.

However, there are many different systems throughout the world, many of which are both cheaper and more efficient than Canada's. Rather than extoll the system we have, why not look at how health care in other places works and find the best system available.

Jim Bertram
Minden

Highlander people

Ron Gambell was a community sage

By Lisa Gervais

On the Friday before he died, Ron Gambell spent nearly a full day downstairs in the antique store and restaurant he shared with wife Suwan Khamduang.

It was unusual as his illness often kept him in the couple's upstairs living space.

However, on March 4, he sat in a chair near the fireplace most of the afternoon and early evening and continued to try and sell antiques online while waving at people outside coming for takeout.

"That day, he sold about four pieces. He never stopped selling," Suwan said with a chuckle, reminiscing on her partner of 22 years.

Suwan said Gambell didn't care about the money at that stage. The selling was simply in his blood and he enjoyed it.

Gambell died March 6 at home. The businessman, former municipal politician, Rotarian and booster of all things Minden was 89.

He started his career as a salesman with General Motors before opening Gambell Motors and then Gambell Antiques and Tea Room in Minden, now Suwan's Thai Restaurant.

Suwan said she chose well when she and Ron became business and life partners in 2000. She said he taught her a lot about the business world as well as Canadian culture. Suwan had come to Canada in 1994. She is planning to stay in the community and continue running the restaurant while scaling back the antiques side of the operation.

"I told Ron I'm going to stay here. This is my home. I feel love in this town," she said.

She said the other gift Ron gave her was allowing her to be herself. He never wanted to change her. He also shared a love of her Thai culture. They visited together last in 2017. He wanted to go back but age and illness did not allow it.

"I miss him because we spent time together so much and I miss cooking for him. He enjoyed that."

A political force

Former municipal councillor Jeanne Anthon met Gambell after moving to the County in 1991 and running for office. She said the former reeve of Lutterworth Township and Haliburton County warden reached out to her early in her campaign to find out what kind of politician she might be. It was the beginning of a long relationship, "I believe of mutual respect. I certainly appreciated his history in the area and he had an excellent memory so that was a real plus.

"He really wanted to put you on the



Ron Gambell and Suwan Khamduang at the time of opening the restaurant and antique store in Minden. *File.*

right path with the best knowledge of the community and what the issues might be, so I consider him a kind of a sage for the community. I certainly respected his opinions and felt that he always had the best interest of the community at heart."

Anthon said she admired his attitude about competition.

"He considered competition a grounding to make Minden a destination. In other words, he loved to have other antique shops in the area because Minden was the destination for antique shops and that would only help his business. I appreciated the wisdom of that."

Anthon added the antiques store was Ron's office, and "you knew you could get some answers when you went into the antiques store. Ron was there with his

resident wisdom."

He was also instrumental in getting the first women to join the Minden Rotary Club when he invited Anthon and Shirley Kuni to join the male-dominated ranks.

"There was resistance and he fought the resistance," Anthon said. Later she said members commented it was the best thing that ever happened to Rotary.

"Ron saw potential and went with it. He respected women and he knew that given an opportunity we could provide strength and opportunity in communities.

"The more dynamic the community, the bigger the smile on Ron's face. He really liked to see events and activities that demonstrated the strength and livelihood of a community. He was a very positive person. In spite of any challenges, he

seemed to find the positive."

Jim McMahon was another reeve of Lutterworth, and proprietor of what is now the feed store in Minden.

"As soon as I arrived, Ron came over, welcomed me, and we hit it off, just bang. He was a great guy, supported new businesses."

McMahon said he was also "quite the character." He recalled how Gambell was first reluctant for Suwan to establish a Thai restaurant in the County, thinking the cuisine would not fly. But he came around to the idea and it has been a huge success.

"He was a real champion for Minden and promoted Haliburton County."

A Celebration of life will be held in the fall at Suwan's.

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Highlander health

Eating disorders a systemic problem

By Mike Baker

Preliminary results from a new research project focusing on supports for eating disorders in rural communities has found that at-risk individuals are often left waiting for at least a year before being matched up with a specialist that can diagnose and help treat a problem.

U-Links Centre for Community Based Research has partnered with student Sarah Moret and professor Dr. Naomi Nichols, both of Trent University, on the project.

Daniela Pagliaro, U-Links' logistics coordinator, said this assignment had been on the organization's radar for more than two years. The idea was brought forward by local resident Sandra Woods, a long-time volunteer with the National Initiative for Eating Disorders.

"She reached out to us and asked how individuals and families access information and support around eating disorders in rural Ontario, and we thought that was a very good question. We worked with her on a proposal back in 2019, and then tried to find a good match to take this on," Pagliaro said. "We're glad we waited, because Sarah and Dr. Nichols have been a tremendous fit."

Moret, who is studying sociology with a specialization in health studies, opted to take the project on as her honours thesis. She has spent the past couple of months researching the issue, interviewing service

providers and people who have experience living with eating disorders, and compiling her final report.

"The early things that have come up during her research is there's a need for more specialized staff and programs for this sector; more education for all involved, so not just the person going through it, but their family, their supporters, and even the medical community. Those who specialize in eating disorders understand it, but many GPs don't have that specialized training," Pagliaro said. "Often, they either don't understand the problem, or they just miss it completely."

"The other problem identified was lack of access to consultation services. There's a major barrier in terms of response. When you live in a community like Haliburton County, you need to be referred to a specialist outside the community ... there can be long delays of a year or more before any contact is made between the individual and services," Pagliaro added.

Over the past 12 months, SickKids hospital in Toronto says it has seen a 35 per cent increase in admissions to its eating disorder program. Pagliaro said she's seen reports that suggests the total number of cases Canada-wide has gone up by as much as 150 per cent.

Undiagnosed and untreated, many eating disorders can be fatal. Of all mental health disorders, Pagliaro said those centred around eating and body image have the



U-Links has partnered with a student and professor from Trent University on a new project focusing on supports for eating disorders in rural communities. *Submitted.*

highest mortality rate, at 20 per cent.

Moret will be presenting her findings at U-Links' upcoming celebration of research event, being held virtually March 26. Pagliaro says there will be several recommendations brought forward on how to best address some of the issues being reported locally.

"This is something we need to fix. Right now, we don't know if this issue is being identified in the systems we have in place. We had a chat with someone at [Haliburton Highlands] Health Services two years ago

when we started the project, and we were told they don't collect this specific info, so they couldn't tell us how many people in this area have been referred to some kind of eating disorder service," Pagliaro said.

"If you don't have the information, how can we move forward? We need answers to these questions before we can decide what we're going to do," Pagliaro added. "This is a systemic problem, and the pandemic has just highlighted it even more. We know the rates are high for the general population, and it's going to be true for here too."



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Staniland pursuing his dreams in Haliburton

By Mike Baker

With just two weeks left in the OJHL regular season, Jack Staniland is giving everything he's got to help the Huskies head into playoffs with some momentum.

The 19-year-old defenceman has been a key contributor down the stretch as the Dogs have rallied off seven straight wins, including dominant displays this past weekend against the Mississauga Chargers and Caledon Admirals.

Learning from captain Nathan Porter and recent acquisition Simon Rose, Staniland has seen his game reach new heights in his debut OJHL season. In 44 appearances with the blue and white, he's put up three goals and nine assists. Often leaned on to help transition the puck up the ice, Staniland has stood out as one of the league's top up and coming offensive defencemen.

He showed as much during a game with the Lindsay Muskies in December. With the scores level and the timer ticking down, Staniland picked up the puck at the point, danced past three Lindsay players and fired the puck home with a backhand shot to complete a phenomenal individual effort.

Born and raised in Port Perry, Staniland spent the bulk of his minor hockey career playing in his home community before making the jump to AAA with the Central Ontario Wolves when he was 14. There he met fellow Husky Joe Boice.

After finishing his U18 year with the Wolves, Staniland made a single appearance

with the Markham Royals during the 2019/20 OJHL season and signed on to play with the Whitby Fury the next year, only for the pandemic to cancel the season.

When he learned the Fury would be moving north to Haliburton, Boice was his first call as he debated whether or not to follow.

"He told me all about what a great spot Haliburton County is. Then I talked to Ryan [Ramsay, Huskies head coach] and it was the same kind of thing. They were describing this amazing place to me, so I made the decision to come up here," Staniland said. Billeting with Boice, Staniland has grown accustomed to life in the Highlands, spending his off days out hiking and golfing during the warm weather, and ice fishing in winter.

Now that spring has sprung, Staniland is excited about what that means for the sport he loves: playoffs.

"It's just a different feel. Things get more physical, everyone is playing extra hard because they know it's pretty much do or die. Even playing AAA was incredible, I can't wait to experience that with the boys here in Haliburton," Staniland said.

"This community has really rallied behind us, and we want to do all we can to give them something to cheer for. I think we've got a great shot... especially with the crowd for our home games. They're always so loud, and that will really help [to spur us on] during playoffs."



Huskies defenceman Jack Staniland already has one eye on the playoffs, where the Dogs will face either the Trenton Golden Hawks, Wellington Dukes or Cobourg Cougars in the first round. Photo by Ray MacAloney, OJHL.

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Left: Jack Staniland celebrates a first-period goal against the Admirals. Right: Oliver Tarr celebrates his fourth goal of the weekend. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

Huskies make it a six-point weekend

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton County Huskies finished off an impressive weekend of OJHL hockey March 20 when they easily handled the struggling Caledon Admirals 7-1 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

It capped off a three-day home stand in which the Dogs mauled the Mississauga Chargers 9-3 March 18 and squeaked past division rivals, the Trenton Golden Hawks, 2-1 on March 19.

The wins gave the Huskies a record of 27-14-1-4 on the season, putting them just one point behind Trenton and four points behind East Division leaders, the Wellington Dukes.

“It’s great,” coach Ryan Ramsay said of the wins and a seven-game victory streak. “Our boys are playing really well.”

He added, “We’re pretty dialled in with the systems that we’re doing which is what you want this late in the season with the playoffs right around the corner. They are wanting to win and adjusting well.”

The points against Mississauga and Caledon were expected but Ramsay was most pleased with the Trenton match. He said his boys played a sound 60 minutes and didn’t give the Golden Hawks much.

He also praised the play of goalie Christian Linton.

Linton got the weekend starts as Christian Cicigoi was out with a lower body injury and the coaching staff wanted to give him the time to be fully recovered heading into the playoffs. Having a duo going into the post-season is a bonus for the Dogs. Not all teams have that one-two punch.

The coach was also happy to see players get their names on the scoresheet with the 18-goal weekend.

“Everyone’s getting chances, which is nice. We went through a tough stretch where we didn’t score too many and guys were holding their stick a little tighter, thinking ‘what should I do here, what should I do there’ and I said ‘just do the same thing you’ve always done. You’re here for a reason. Do what got you here. Don’t change it because you’re not scoring. You’re getting chances’.” Ramsay said his players have got their confidence back.

After a scoreless first period against the Golden Hawks, the Dogs got on the board when Sam Solarino scored at 6:17, assisted by Cameron Kosurko. Then, it was Christian Stevens’ turn, bulging the twine at 13:20 with helpers from Schaly and Nick Athanasakos. Trenton fought back for one

in the third, with Aiden MacIntosh firing the puck home at 6:16, but the Dogs held on for the all-important win.

Huskies 9 Chargers 3

On Friday night, the Huskies came out strong against the Chargers. They scored nine goals in the first two periods with Oliver Tarr recording a hat-trick.

The Dogs scored five unanswered goals to start the first period, beginning with Tarr at just the 24-second mark. Other first-period goal scorers were Bryce Richardson, on the powerplay, Joe Boice, Jonah Cochrane, Tarr again and Isaac Sooklal. The Chargers got one back but the period ended 6-1 Huskies.

The Huskies scored another three in the second frame: Payton Schaly, Tarr on the power play to secure the hattrick and Sam Solarino. The Chargers managed to get two past Linton and the third was scoreless.

Huskies 7 Caledon 1

Against Caledon Sunday, the Huskies made it a six-point weekend with an easy 7-1 victory.

Jack Staniland opened the scoring at 5:10, then Tarr got his fourth goal of the weekend at 16:38.

The Dogs stormed out in the second period. Lucas Stevenson scored just 58 seconds in then Stevens potted one at 1:12.

Caledon made it 4-1 on a powerplay but the Huskies were far from done. Stevens scored his second of the period and Lucas Marshall also joined the goal parade. Rose scored in the third.

In a rare afternoon game March 23, the Huskies defeated the Chargers 4-0 to extend their winning run to eight games. Payton Schaly recorded a hat-trick in the road game, while Oliver Tarr notched his 32nd goal of the season.

This coming weekend could be the Dogs’ biggest test of the season as they host Wellington March 26 and Trenton March 27.

Ramsay said the Dogs are having more success with Trenton than Wellington at the moment.

However, he said they’ll have to play both to get out of their division come playoff time. He said it’s a good test, really good games and exciting hockey.

“It’s exciting. We had great crowds all weekend. People are really supporting us and having fun at the games. It’s great to see.”


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What's on

New film 'a love letter' to Highlands artists

By Mike Baker

A new 15-minute film shining a light on some of the County's brightest up and coming artists will debut at the Haliburton Highlands Museum March 25 and 26.

Greg Sadlier and Darian Maddock of local art group Camexicanus have been working on the project for close to a year. Titled *Creative by Nature*, they delve into the lives of seven artists across various modes who each got their start in the Highlands.

"The idea was to go out into our community and tell a story about art and the people that make it," Sadlier said.

Maddock added, "For me, it was about putting a spotlight on youth art, because there's a lot going on here in Haliburton County. With the pandemic, a lot of this stuff has been put on the backburner. People haven't been able to get out, see things and be exposed to art. So, we wanted to do that, get out there and show people that there is good, local, young artists and talent in this community."

Among those featured in the movie is acrylic painter Sophie Creelman, performing artist Brooklyn Sidsworth, film director Kate Campbell, multi-disciplinary artist Scott Walling and aspiring cinematographer Rowan Tofflemire.

Several of the artists will be in attendance at the museum on back-to-back nights this weekend as Camexicanus hosts its first event in more than two years. There will be live music, dance, visual art, films and the announcement of the group's 2022 season program. The event begins at 7 p.m. and admission is by donation.

"This will be a great family event. It's something that people of all ages can enjoy," Sadlier said. "We're very proud of the movie. It'll be a bit of a love letter, like a letter of gratitude to the arts and the artist community in Haliburton for getting through these past couple of years, because it has been really tough."

Camexicanus has been going strong in Haliburton County since relocating to the community in 2019. The brainchild of Sadlier and his partner, Hannah, the non-profit was intended to introduce music into the lives of impoverished youth in Mexico. Over the years, it has evolved and today offers programming for hundreds of kids across the continent.

A second home base has been established in Wawa, a rural community located approximately 530 kilometres west of Sudbury. Sadlier and Maddock produced a second film, also titled *Creative by Nature*, featuring several Wawa-based artists. The pair visited the community earlier this month to air the movie.

Looking ahead to the summer, Sadlier said he's excited to bring back day camps and Camexicanus' popular music program. He's also hoping to kickstart the organization's summer exchange program, bringing in several students from Mexico.

"We've really grown in Haliburton over the past few years. We were able to do a lot of really cool things when we moved things up here, and it's going to be great to get things going again," Sadlier said. "This is such a passion project. Seeing the difference our programming has made, it's been a great experience so far."



Darian Maddock has been working with Camexicanus for several months on a new short film series *Creative by Nature*. Submitted.



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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

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DATE: Thursday, April 14, 2022

TIME: 9:00 AM

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

To Watch:

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To Participate:

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- pre-register by emailing admin@mindenhills.ca by Wednesday April 13th before 4:00 PM
- or attend and register the morning of the meeting **before 8:30 AM**

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

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

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider zoning by-law amendment application **PLZBA2021090** pursuant to Section 35 of the Planning Act. The zoning by-law amendment application for Public Meeting is listed below:

PLZBA2021090 – Part Lot 16, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden, municipally known as 1544 Reynolds Road (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The subject property is currently zoned 'Rural Residential (RR)' and is located within the Rural designation of the Township's Official Plan. The applicant is requesting that the property be rezoned in order to permit a sleeping cabin to be located on the property.



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

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Reporting to the Director of Public Works, the successful applicant will have sound knowledge of the methods, materials and equipment required for the production of engineered drawings, data collection and layout of municipal public work projects.

Primary duties will include, but are not limited to topographic survey data collection using robotic total station, creating base plans and civil designs using AutoCAD Civil 3D, collecting/updating municipal asset information for use in long term asset management and contract administration.

Self-motivated applicants must be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions with minimal supervision. A valid Ontario Class 'G' licence is required along with an acceptable abstract.

Interested individuals are invited to email a detailed resume and cover letter in confidence to:

Laura Casey, Manager of Payroll and HR
hr@dysartet.al.ca

No Later Than 12:00 pm Friday, April 8th, 2022

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



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Recreation Coordinator
Township of Algonquin Highlands
recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca
705-766-9968

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Highlander puzzles

Two Out of Three Ain't Bad

by Barbara Olson
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Across

- 1 Unfortunate event
- 7 Worksite trailer company
- 11 Video file extension
- 14 Warrior called the "Scourge of God"
- 15 Over yonder way
- 16 Be off
- 17 Mantra of a slightly restrained carouser, maybe
- 19 Word in an Abba musical
- 20 Deflating sound
- 21 Words before "dull moment"
- 22 Farm building with layers
- 23 Gifts of The Two Wise Men?
- 25 They're passed in relays
- 28 "Do as __, not as ..."
- 29 Words that come back on you
- 30 Cocoon occupants
- 33 Fluff a slapshot
- 36 Hunky, but not THAT hunky
- 40 __-Agathe-des-Monts, Québec
- 41 Be braggadocian
- 42 Wolf or fox den
- 43 Caught in __ of lies
- 45 Severely injured
- 47 There's more to the story than this
- 52 Oceanfront drawbacks?
- 53 Auto gear system, informally
- 54 Fed. riding reps
- 57 "Bubble" drink
- 58 Forget part of the fire drill, maybe
- 60 Opposite of 'neath
- 61 Short-term hiree
- 62 More like pie, in a way
- 63 Mine find
- 64 "Eat, __, Love"
- 65 Spiral-horned antelopes

Down

- 1 Gaping yaps
- 2 Medical dictionary suffix
- 3 Dots on a T.T.C. map
- 4 Book it, old-style
- 5 Offshoot of a 12-step program
- 6 Groups of experts
- 7 Between coasts
- 8 What Androcles extracted from the lion
- 9 Nationality of .5% of the world
- 10 Nonprofit assn.
- 11 Impressionable stuff?
- 12 Previous
- 13 Chart showing a trend
- 18 Rental at Blockbuster
- 22 Texter's "ciao"
- 23 Goopy gunk
- 24 Teacher's advanced deg.
- 25 What a hotel maid makes
- 26 Room to swing __
- 27 Very well-worn, as a rug
- 30 "Get a room!" elicitor, for short
- 31 Thinker's sounds
- 32 One way to stand

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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UPGRADED AND IN TOWN \$399,000



This well-appointed home has been professionally designed and renovated. The main floor features an open concept kitchen, living and dining area. Brand new custom designer kitchen with Cambria quartz counters. This turn-key interior has been completely upgraded from the inside and out. A fantastic location, within walking distance to downtown Haliburton, there are too many great aspects to list - a wonderful place to call home!

KAWAGAMA LAKE \$279,000



Stunning south views across the lake. This property has a fantastic shoreline of mixed sand/gravel gradual entry to the water. Hydro is at the lot line and there is good cell service. This is easily accessible from either marina on the lake. Enjoy this affordable lot in the summer while you make your plans for your new cottage. Great fishing year-round and fantastic snowmobiling in the winter.

BIG LAKE VIEWS ON HALIBURTON LAKE \$1,499,999



Year-round waterfront home or cottage located on one of the most desirable lakes in Haliburton County. The bungalow features 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, and single floor living. Including primary bedroom with walk-in closet and 3 piece ensuite bathroom. Great for all ages. Enjoy the big lake views through the large picture windows in the living room, or curl up with a book in the 3 season sunroom while surrounded by the relaxing sounds of nature. Situated on a level 1.37 acre lot with a beautiful long sand beach that the whole family will love. If you didn't think this spot could get much better, there is also a double detached garage!



Don't wait – life is better by the lake.

NEW LISTING

SUNNY ON SOYERS LAKE \$1,199,900



Nestled on the shores of prestigious Soyers Lake with four season home/cottage. Prime level exceedingly private parcel. The "sunny" south facing matured treed lot offers 1.26 acres with 300 ft of frontage on a golden sand rippled beach abutting a creek with an abundance of wildlife. Superb year round municipal road access and ample parking. Cottage offers 4 generous sized bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, main floor laundry, nice kitchen and formal dining area, large 4-season sunroom/family room with wood stove and walkout to deck area. Enjoy outdoor dining or entertaining on the spacious walkout deck with panoramic lake and creek views. If you're looking to get onto this 5 lake chain, this one is a must to see!



NEW LISTING

LOVE THE ACREAGE ON LOOP RD \$649,000



How do you spend your time when everything in your home has been upgraded? Exploring a 9+ acre forest, watching wildlife run through your creek while listening to the sound of water flowing through two small waterfalls in complete privacy that's how. Beautifully designed with 3 bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms, this home has so many updates from the new roof to a new well. When combined with interior upgrades including a new kitchen and a complete basement renovation along with high-speed internet, your biggest decision will be whether to spend your days enjoying the beauty inside or the outside. Fully winterized, peaceful, and private this home is truly an oasis in the woods.



NEW LISTING

SUNSETS OVER MISKWABI \$945,000



Wonderfully private, south-west facing and ready for seasons of family fun. The level and grassy lot has fantastic swimming off the dock and sandy beach. 2 bdrm, 2 bath with large open concept kitchen, living room, and dining room. Take things outside and enjoy bug-free meals in the screened-in room, and finish off with sunset sips on the new west-facing porch. Unlike the incredible memories you'll make here, this much sought-after property won't last long.



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