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Crown land rules need updating: Moffatt

HIGHLANDER INVESTIGATES

By Sam Gillett

Algonquin Highlands mayor Carol Moffatt has heard multiple stories about Crown land across Haliburton County in the past couple of years.

Residents have contacted her about people shooting down trees, using assault-style weapons and leaving garbage and spent cartridges.

"These are serious and sharply-increasing concerns about public safety due to the amplified growth of incompatible uses of specific Crown land parcels in proximity

to private property," she wrote in a letter to County council in June 2021.

Some general use Crown land preserves that were once quiet camping spots next to lakes are seeing increased recreational vehicle traffic or people using firearms for prolonged target practice.

The rules governing them or enforcement protocols haven't changed.

Ontario's Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR), Greg Rickford, declined an interview. However, a ministry spokesperson said they receive complaints about Crown land use regularly, including from the Highlands.

The ministry did not directly respond to a question on whether a review of Crown land access would be feasible.

"Crown land is available to the public for many wide-ranging activities and this includes hunting so long as all laws are met. The (ministry) generally does not prescribe site-specific hunting or firearms restrictions on Crown land," an email stated.

When asked if Rickford believed current Crown land legislation adequately protects nearby landowners and other users, the spokesperson pointed to Canada's existing gun legislation.

In some cases, Crown land reserves have been closed due to unsafe conditions. The

MNRF closed an area near Burleigh Falls in Peterborough due to "complaints involving liquor consumption, parking violations, littering and COVID-19 and social distancing violations."

Judith Monteith-Farrell, NDP ministry critic, said the complaints seemed disturbing. "I'd encourage (Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Brock) MPP Laurie Scott to take an active role in problem-solving, to ensure this region is enjoyable for everyone," she said in an email.

Scott described the situation as a "balancing act," but did not directly address whether she would support a review of Crown land rules.

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‘What are they going to do about it?’

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She said, “Crown land is for use, and many uses are allowed on Crown land. With the pandemic, there are more people looking for outlets and more people that come up to the area that really isn’t used to... the neighbours that are by Crown land, the use of Crown land, and how it affects other people.”

Scott added, “going forward, as this persists, we’re going to have to look at what could possibly be done.”

She insisted the provincial government is taking the issue seriously.

‘Somebody may get shot’

Peter Franzen, a councillor from the Municipality of Trent Lakes, disagrees with Scott. In 2021, he tabled a motion calling on the province to review rules regarding target shooting on Crown land, which resulted in a letter being sent to the province demanding action.

In one area near Bobcaygeon, he said walkers are often spooked by close-by gunshots and spent cartridges littering the road. In another spot, a trapper showed Franzen bullet holes in trees lining a forested hill behind his house. Propane tanks and garbage were strewn across the nearby Crown land area.

He met with the MNRF and Scott to discuss Trent Lakes’ concerns in 2021.

“They didn’t take it seriously at all,” Franzen said. He said Scott told him the

complaints likely mean newcomers aren’t used to the way people use land in rural areas.

Franzen worries neglecting the issue could be dangerous, especially with a suspected increase in the use of Crown land due to rising migration to rural areas.

“Somebody may get shot,” he said. Since June 2021, Moffatt and Minden Hills

not necessarily keeping with the philosophy of the Lands Use Act when [the public land act] was created. Like everything, it probably needs to be updated,” Moffatt said.

She presented a delegation to the ministry at the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association’s annual conference in January. Moffatt said she asked deputy minister Monique Rolf von den Baumen-Clark four

questions: “Will the ministry commit to staff taking affirmative action on the identified problem areas? Will you commit to working alongside OPP to fill in the existing jurisdictional gaps so that someone

at the provincial level can and will take responsibility for what’s been going on out there? Will you commit to an ongoing rolling review of the general use definitions for the identified problem areas that we know of and will come to know in order to evaluate the suitability of what’s happening on them

and potentially stop those uses? Would the ministry consider updating the public lands act to better reflect and control what’s happening?”

She didn’t receive any answers but was assured other municipalities in Ontario are dealing with similar issues.

Moffatt insisted it’s not about limiting firearm use, ATV trail access or Crown land enjoyment.

“Our efforts to have some conversations with the province around Crown land use is not some idle complaint by people who don’t like their neighbours. We’re talking about egregious and potentially life-safety issues on certain parcels of land where incompatible uses are occurring.”

Moffatt secured a Zoom meeting with the MNRF in March 2022.

On the call, MNRF staff said the ministry, post-election, will raise the issue, but they didn’t give a timeline.

Moffatt is entering her last months as mayor, as is Devolin. Their official work on the file is likely coming to a close.

“There’s no question that the ministry hears these folks’ [complaints] loud and clear. The question is what are they going to do about it?” Moffatt asked.

She’s compiling a folder of Crown land correspondence for future councils, with the hope others take up the cause.

“You never want to start a new term and think you’re at day one,” she said.

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We’re talking about egregious and potentially life-safety issues on certain parcels of land where incompatible uses are occurring.
Mayor Carol Moffatt
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Mayor Brent Devolin have been attempting to get the issue in the provincial spotlight. County council assigned them the role of communicating Haliburton’s Crown land concerns with the province.

It’s been a difficult process. “The way Crown land is being used now is



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Manager Mary Sisson and employee Zee Weiss welcome the expansion of transportation to the youth hub. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

County to help youth hub with transportation

By Lisa Gervais

Youth hub employee Zee Weiss now has to rely on family or work colleagues to get to and from work in Haliburton.

Living on County Road 21 closer to Minden, it can be a juggling act and also restricts her from doing other things she would like to do while downtown.

Weiss is one of many looking forward to expanded transportation to and from the hub thanks to a \$20,000 commitment from the County of Haliburton to a Point in Time-led pilot project.

Weiss said she can't afford the cost of getting a license, vehicle and insurance and a cab ride would be \$50 one way. Most days her mom drives her over the lunch hour but sometimes things come up "and I can't get to work at all."

The option for extended transportation "will be super helpful," Weiss said.

Manager Mary Sisson said "it'll be huge ... for a ton of youth that don't have transportation" and will provide more flexibility. For example, students can schedule all of their appointments for a day they know they can get a late bus.

Point in Time executive director Marg Cox made the pitch to council at a May 25 meeting, saying the money will go towards wages and benefits for a driver.

She said there had been a "huge" uptake for services provided by the hub, where youth aged 12-25 can get psychiatric, nurse practitioner and peer support, as well as have fun, to better protect themselves from risk.

Cox said 656 youth have utilized the hub in 2021-22, up from 201 in 2020-21, an increase of about 220 per cent.

She said they'd been able to cope with the demand by using a variety of strategies. One is buying a small fleet of vehicles for transporting youth. They have also partnered with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) to run late buses from the high school and youth hub to take students home.

However, Cox said they are having human resource challenges and can no longer afford to have staff driving clients due to huge demands for their services.

She added the partnership with the school board "has been great but there are still a number of youth not on the late bus route

that require transportation." She noted one of the gaps is Highlands East and other areas that fall between late bus routes.

Now, the late bus only picks up at the hub on Tuesdays and Thursdays, dropping off in West Guilford, Carnarvon and Minden. They also have a late bus that picks up at the hub and takes youth to Wilberforce, Harcourt and Cardiff on Thursdays. Before COVID, about 45 caught the late bus from the hub with about 30 doing so now.

"There are still gaps that we see, that limit the amount of youth using these supports. The late bus only drops off at three locations, so most youth still need someone to pick them up from that location and they may not have transportation to do that. Many youth have expressed that they would access services and activities at the hub more or at different times and days if they had transportation. For example, on the Saturday that we are open or on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, when the late bus is not available," she said.

"We are also aware that during the summer break there will be no opportunity to utilize the late buses," Cox said. She said this will

require the hiring of a dedicated driver, that in addition to providing youth hub rides and shuttles, could also help transport children and families to Point in Time's offices in Minden and Haliburton as needed, as well as providing outreach.

Staff travel as far as Kinmount, Dorset and Cardiff and all over Haliburton County to provide outreach, she said, including food security, toiletries, and in-home appointments. She said staff often do the driving but there are limits as to what they can do.

"This would help provide transportation and also allow the County and ourselves to start collecting data critical to addressing the larger transportation issue in the County," Cox said.

County CAO Mike Rutter said this pilot project tied in nicely with a project recently approved for SIRCH to transport its trainees.

"The ridership/demand data gathered from this initiative will be useful in the future as County council reviews options with respect to transit service delivery," he said. "This is another model which can be evaluated should County council provide that direction."



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Destruction of beaver dam ‘shocks’ landowner

By Sam Gillett

A beaver dam, draining a wetland in Highlands East, has been damaged, sparking concern for nearby endangered species habitats.

Landowners near Legacy Road first reported the damage May 8. The dam is on Crown land, though much of the adjacent wetland is on private land.

Photos captured by a nearby landowner, provided to *The Highlander*, show a person who appears to be extracting sticks from the top of the dam in late May. As of May 12, large piles of sticks appeared to have been removed and stacked on either side of the dam.

“I’m in shock,” said Robert Hood, a landowner on nearby Dillman Trail, when he first saw the damage. He and others suspect it’s a deliberate effort to lower water levels in the wetland to reconnect Legacy Road and Dillman Trail. “I didn’t think the damage was this bad. This has all the hallmarks of being done by a concerted group of individuals who have very little respect for wildlife in general,” Hood said.

The area above the dam is a Blandings’ turtle habitat, an endangered species, which means the damage falls partly under the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP).

Ministry spokesperson Lindsay Davidson said “exactly what the person is doing cannot be determined from the photos,” but cautioned that intentional destruction of the

dam could be a violation of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act (FWCA)

Previously, the MECP said “the ministry will follow up and gather information about the circumstances that led to the breach and determine whether the Endangered Species Act (ESA) applies. We are also working to determine who owns the property, so we can reach out to the property owner to obtain more details.”

It’s an offense under the Endangered Species Act to destroy the habitat of a threatened species, with penalties ranging from fines up to \$250,000 or up to one year in jail. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation act is legislation falling under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Brian Alexander, an MNRF conservation officer, said he was unable to comment at this time.

Hood said he’s worried the lowered water levels clear the way for ATV traffic through the wetland. Fallen trees blocking the wetland have been sawed and cleared off the trail.

“Everything is fine except ATVs. They damage the environment. It’s a small group, but unfortunately, the bad apples ruin it for everybody,” Hood said.

The Haliburton ATV Association said it’s not aware of the situation. Previously, the association told *The Highlander* it was not pursuing trails in the area.

The Highlands East Trails Committee voted to request Highlands East approach the MECP for a report on the wetlands to see if



Robert Hood said he was “shocked” by the damage to the dam. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

the trail could be routed through the area.

“We will enquire about what, if any, provisions could be made for creating a multi-purpose trail from South Wilberforce Road to Legacy Road. With that information, we can proceed with planning to create walking trails, or more, as permitted,” reads the committee’s May 18 minutes. The next Highlands East council meeting is June 14.

Chair of the Trails and Outdoor Tourism Committee, Coun. Cam McKenzie, said it would be important to get an MECP evaluation of the area before pursuing trail options. “We’d follow that direction. It



doesn’t mean we’d go ahead with a multi-use trail. We might go ahead with a walking trail only,” he said. The trail was previously considered in 2016, but put on hold due to concerns over protected species in the area, such as Blandings’ turtles in 2019.

A May 23 social media post from the Township’s official account read “preserve wetlands, protect turtles... wetlands purify the water that drains into our lakes, sequester carbon, provide habitat for many species, and mitigate floods. ATVs don’t belong in wetlands.”

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New provincial legislation may speed up developments such as one planned for Hwy. 35 in Minden. *Submitted.*

Provincial housing plan 'complicates' Minden Hills building process

By Sam Gillett

Minden Hills building officials and councillors say provincial legislation aimed at fast-tracking residential construction will complicate the township's application approval process.

Implemented in April 2022, Bill 109, the More Homes for Everyone Act, aims to clear red tape blocking housing developments. Steve Clark, minister of municipal affairs and housing, said in a March 30 media release, it's meant to "help more Ontarians realize the dream of homeownership."

The bill received royal assent April 14, though the province was initially set to solicit municipal feedback until April 29.

It penalizes townships such as Minden Hills for late decisions on zoning bylaw amendments.

"I believe the majority of the planning profession is quite concerned with the fallout of this legislation," said Darryl Tighe, a planning consultant for the township, at a May 26 council meeting.

"The planning process needs public consultation and input. That, combined with technical studies and even a public meeting, makes meeting the timeline tricky."

If Minden Hills building officials don't provide a final decision on a file within 30 days, three times as fast as previous legislation required, the applicant will receive 50 per cent of the application fee back. The penalties increase based on the time needed to reach a decision.

Bill 109 also allows the Ontario Land

Tribunal to intervene in local official plan amendment decisions at a municipal level, such as the approval of an apartment building.

A March 30 press release states that it's an effort to address the "politicization" development projects can prompt.

"It can lead to delays in getting housing built, which holds back supply and drives up home prices," stated the province.

It contains multiple other changes to the planning act, which governs how municipalities and counties monitor building and handle re-zoning applications.

Mayor Brent Devolin said the plan was, "noble in intent but it's going to create a bigger challenge than we've already had."

Coun. Pam Sayne added, "part of this was proposed as a solution to our housing crisis. It's outrageous that it's being taken punitively out on municipalities. There's a lack of understanding of how municipal governments work."

In order to comply with the regulation, Tighe proposed council strengthen requirements for building applications. All reports and required materials must be submitted prior to the application being considered complete, which he said will enhance staff's ability to process the applications quickly.

Devolin said the other lower-tier municipalities and Haliburton County, which has jurisdiction over subdivision planning, will also be impacted.

"We're not done hearing about this in the least," he said.



26th Annual General Meeting of Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation Thursday, June 23, 2022

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Elections officer calls on locals to vote

By Mike Baker

The returning officer for the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock electorate district is reminding eligible voters to head out and cast their ballot in today's provincial election.

Kirk Williams noted there are 82 voting locations open June 2 in the riding, including 11 in Haliburton County. Stations will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Locations in Dysart include the West Guilford Recreation Centre, Eagle Lake Community Church and the Royal Canadian Legion on Mountain Street. There will also be three stations open in Highlands East: the Robert McCausland Memorial Centre, Lloyd Watson Memorial Community Centre and the Cardiff Community Centre.

Voters in Minden will be able to cast their ballot at the Minden Community Centre and Royal Canadian Legion on Hwy. 35, while Algonquin Highlands will have three voting stations – the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre, Knox United Church and Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall.

"Our electoral district is one of the largest in Ontario, as well it's the second largest in terms of elector count... So, it was important to us that we provided several locations that made it easy and convenient for [our residents] to vote," Williams said.

Elections Ontario reported May 30 that more than one million people cast their ballot during advance polls. While he didn't have any official numbers, Williams intimated that advanced polls at the Minden Curling Club, Dysart Legion, Keith Tallman Memorial

Arena and Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall had been popular.

Mail-in ballots were also available for local voters, although the deadline to register for that method passed at 6 p.m. May 27.

There are seven candidates listed on the ballot: incumbent Laurie Scott, representing the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario; NDP Barbara Doyle, Liberal Don McBay; Green Party rep Tom Regina; Libertarian Gene Balfour; Kerstin Kelly of the Ontario Party; and New Blue Ben Prentice.

The 2018 election saw Scott record a comprehensive victory, securing 56.71 per cent of the local vote. A total of 57,143 valid votes were cast in 2018 out of an eligible total of 92,570, putting voter turnout at around 61.7 per cent.

Williams estimated, unofficially, the number of eligible voters in the riding has since climbed to around 100,000. He encouraged everyone to exercise their democratic right and get out and vote.

"As a voter myself, it's the number one way that I can help influence the outcome of the future of my country... This is the one chance that citizens can directly influence the outcome of the leadership [of our province]," Williams said. "It's much easier to complain about leadership if you participated in the vote... If I vote and my person wins and things don't go my way, I can make a stink. If I don't participate and just complain about what's going on, then I'm losing my one ability to really do something about it."



Riding residents took advantage of advanced polls. Photo by Mike Baker.

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A 'reset' for Minden Hills Cultural Centre

By Sam Gillett

Minden Hills is set to partner with the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation (MHCCF) on some aspects of the cultural centre's (MHCC) operations.

At a May 26 meeting, council voted to transfer the running of the centre's gift shop and membership program to the MHCCF.

After the departure of Agnes Jamieson Art Gallery curator Laurie Carmount in March, the MHCCF suggested on April 28 it take control of the centre or have increased involvement.

Director of community services Craig Belfry presented a 32-page report on the MHCCF proposal.

He said he and CAO Trisha McKibbin have experience with independently-operated cultural centres, a model which would see the art gallery, Nature's Place and the Heritage Village run separately with funding from the municipality and province.

He said that often means constant struggles for funding and staffing, and is a relatively rare practice in comparable galleries.

Since the MHCCF was dormant for years before being revived in 2019, Belfry said he was hesitant to recommend transferring governance to it while in the process of raising funds and membership.

Belfry also referred to a 2020 report from Lord Cultural Services in which "it was not recommended... that the [MHCCF] take on a governance role, but more to re-establish itself and work as an arms-length partner with the municipality to strengthen the centre."

The report said Minden Hills' financial support of the centre is one of its strengths, with an operating budget of \$360,000, which Belfry said is extremely high.

Belfry also concluded changing governance could be a timely and costly process.

Belfry said the centre "operated in a silo" for multiple years, and the township is aiming to create new avenues to relay information about the centre as well as strengthen its advisory committee.

For example, Belfry said there is room on the advisory committee for more members, and the committee is set to discuss its function at an upcoming meeting.

He said the goal should be "to work together with the foundation to strengthen it, strengthen the advisory committee,



The Minden Hills Cultural Centre Advisory Committee, pictured at its May 10 meeting, will likely be expanded. *File.*

strengthen the programming and strengthen each other and move this centre to a new phase and new development this community can be very proud of."

Changes needed

MHCCF president Neil Briggs said he is "cautiously optimistic" about the centre's future after council's decision.

He and Belfry met in May and he's confident Belfry recognizes the areas the township's administration of the centre could improve.

Briggs said the MHCCF membership program will help boost engagement with the community, and help get new volunteers.

Belfry said the membership transference is "a win-win for both the foundation and the municipality. The foundation, to

become strong, needs a good membership. Strengthening the foundation, which strengthens the cultural centre, is very important," he said.

Briggs said running the shop allows the foundation to help support local artists and increase revenue.

Currently, Belfry said the centre's admissions and program revenue is around three per cent of its revenue while the usual target is 20 per cent.

"This is extremely low... this is something the foundation can help with," Belfry said.

Coun. Bob Carter implored continued discussions with the MHCCF, but encouraged residents to take the usage of the entire facility into account, not just the art gallery.

"We, right now, have very little attendance, a lot less usage of this facility than at the

level we are supporting it," he said.

Mayor Brent Devolin described the partnership as "the great reset" of the cultural centre. "Although it started with a bumpy re-engagement with them, I think there's sincere interest on both sides to move this forward," he said.

Briggs said the foundation and others in the arts community consider the upcoming appointment of an MHCC manager of cultural services, and cultural programming position a milestone. Both positions are expected to be filled this summer.

The MHCCF also advocates for the restructuring of the advisory committee to ensure its input is valued and represents the wider community's stake in the centre.

"It's very, very critical that gets restructured," said Briggs.

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Take the brakes off public transit

The County of Haliburton has recently committed \$40,000 towards transportation pilot projects.

As a story in today's *Highlander* details, they are giving Point in Time \$20,000 to help it get more youth to and from the Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub in Haliburton.

Point in Time executive director Marg Cox made the ask at a May 25 County council meeting.

They have a fleet so the money will go towards wages and benefits for a driver.

This follows a decision from an April 13 meeting, in which SIRCH made a similar ask for \$20,000 for a pilot project involving it, City of Kawartha Lakes (CKL) Human Services and Fleming CREW.

The money will help people get to and from SIRCH for training programs, and people on Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Programs to meetings and appointments. The partners have already leased an eight-passenger van and hired a driver. Again, the money is for wages and benefits for a driver.

First off, we applaud Point in Time and SIRCH and its partners for coming up with a creative solution to an identified problem.

In the case of the youth hub, while the local school board has been generous with a late bus a couple of nights a week, it isn't enough. So, they've gone out and purchased vehicles to transport their clients. Same with SIRCH.

A lack of public transportation is a huge barrier to employment in Haliburton County. This is particularly true at a time when gas prices are averaging about \$2 a litre. Further, people on low income in this County can't afford to live in town centres so are on back roads many miles from town. Many can't afford a vehicle, certainly not a taxi with fares in the \$2.50 per kilometre range, and certainly not gas.

The lack of public transportation was identified in the County's recently-completed community safety and well-being plan.

County CAO Mike Rutter has been very supportive of both pilot projects.

He noted the County has about \$200,000 in a transportation reserve as past councils had identified public transportation as a challenge, and need, but had been waiting for a model that would work in the County. He said they are continuing to investigate that.

Other money could come from provincial Safe ReStart funds. First-year projects are not eligible for provincial gas tax funding but they are in second and subsequent years.

It's too bad it takes organizations such as SIRCH and Point in Time to come up with out-of-the-box solutions to our County's public transportation woes.

Coun. Brent Devolin lamented that two terms of council have been unable to deliver some form of public transportation.

He's right and Rutter hopes the County is finally heading in the right direction by at

least doing something.

He mentioned that he and director of economic development, Scott Ovell, met with a group piloting on-demand transit services based on sophisticated algorithms and technology that predict routes and demand. He thinks there's potential to see a real evolution of transit in the County using all of this as a springboard.

We can only hope so.

It was only in 2019 that the County decided to wait and hope rather than do anything substantial on transportation.

After the end of the transportation task force and the hiatus of the volunteer Rural Transportation Options, the County's anticipated decision on transportation was to not make a decision. It opted to keep its \$50,000 in budgeted funding parked. After years of consultations, meetings, efforts by volunteers and spending more than \$46,000 on an implementation plan, the decision was lacklustre.

Let's hope these recent partnerships with SIRCH and Point in Time as well as staff talks with other transportation providers finally delivers a real solution to this County's public transportation woes and that new councils sworn in in the fall finally take their feet off the brakes.



By Lisa Gervais

Please go out and vote

As Ontario prepares to head to the polls today for its 43rd provincial election, I'm already bracing myself for tomorrow's headlines. No, not the ones recounting the juicy details from the eventual winner's afterparty, I'm talking about those awkward, hard-to-read toppers focusing on a pretty serious problem in this country: voter turnout. Or, more appropriately, lack thereof.

It's no secret that voting day here in Canada, whether it be for a federal, provincial or municipal election, struggles to capture the imagination of a sizeable segment of the population. For one reason or another, every time one of these things rolls around, millions of eligible voters decide that heading out to cast their ballot just isn't worth their time.

Fifty-six, 51, and 48. Those are the official percentage points representing voter turnout in the last three Ontario elections, held in 2018, 2014 and 2011.

In a world where thousands, if not millions, die on an annual basis in several ongoing battles in the name of democracy, where people want to have their voice heard, to have the right to decide who will govern them, around half of the people in our province have shown, over the past decade, they couldn't care less.

I'm expecting more of the same this time around.

Things have been a little better than the provincial average here in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes, Brock. Voter turnout has been a few points above the provincial total locally for at least the last five elections. Yet, despite that, the highest total recorded was in 2018, when 61.7 per cent of voters turned up. I'm sorry, but that's still a brutally disappointing number.

Perhaps things will turn around. Lord knows enough people have been through the ringer the past two-and-a-half years thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic. There's an awful lot of discontent out there with how Premier Doug Ford handled the provincial response to the virus. Enough to spark a revolution at the polls? I'm not so sure.

So, the question has to be asked. If something as serious as COVID-19, and its implications isn't enough to convince people to get out and vote, what exactly would do the trick?

Compulsory voting has been instituted to varying degrees of success in more than 20 countries around the world. It is not a new concept. Belgium was the first to adopt a mandatory voting system in 1892. That system still stands today. Voter turnout during their 2019 federal election was 88 per cent. The 2019 federal election in Australia, another country with compulsory voting, garnered a 91 per cent voter turnout. The

system, it would appear, works.

Other countries to adopt mandatory voting include Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Greece, Singapore and Turkey.

Punishments for not voting vary from state to state, with examples ranging from a fine, community service, inability to apply for jobs in the public sector and, oddly enough, disqualification from voting in future elections.

Perhaps we should strive to come up with a special made-in-Canada solution. Say, for example, before you were allowed to purchase your morning coffee from Tim's, you had to show a card confirming your participation in the most recent election. I bet voter turnout would climb quickly.

Voting is more a responsibility than a right. It's the type of freedom that our ancestors have fought to protect for generations. Taking a few hours every few years to read up on candidates and make an informed vote is the least that should be done to honour their sacrifice.

So please, if you do nothing else today, do a little research and go out and vote.



By Mike Baker

In the May 26 edition of *The Highlander*, in the story 'Gardens of Haliburton all set to grow', we quoted one of the owners of the building as being Bill Mardinae, instead of the correct name Bill Mardimae. It was also noted that Bill owned the facility alongside his brother, Phil. In fact, Phil is Bill's son. *The Highlander* regrets this error.

LETTERS

Shooting on Crown land

Dear editor,

I read with interest your front-page article about how scary it is for those walking through Crown land with shooting going on.

Try hiking through a provincial park during hunting season. According to Ontario Provincial Parks, it is quite legal for hunting within a provincial park.

Some of us own properties that back onto provincial parks. It is very unnerving when our children and grandchildren are playing outside during hunting seasons.

There are responsible hunters and irresponsible hunters. It only takes one irresponsible hunter to cause a tragedy.

I understand our Native people hunt to survive and it has always been their way of life. Their way of life is not sport. Perhaps this should be addressed.

Deborah Watson
Moore Falls

Lack of protection for endangered species

Dear editor,

Another draft for the shoreline preservation bylaw? The first one was voted down. How long will this one take? Another three years? This is not going to help with wetlands we are concerned about.

We do not need to piggyback on a County bylaw to save taxpayers money. Dysart et al township can make their own bylaws.

Our endangered species in EP (Environmental Protection) zones are worth it. Everyone knows it. Dysart can put forth the right bylaws on its own.

We have a fire in the County of Haliburton. The fire consists of neglecting significant areas that have endangered species.

I feel like I am getting pushed around and not getting answers.

Dysart council is avoiding making the big decisions that are needed to protect those areas, that without the needed bylaws, will be filled by greedy landowners that don't care about the species at risk they kill.

The existing official plan has frontend planning that recognizes wetlands but no back-end protection. In other words, you can put a no trespassing sign on your property but when someone trespasses, there is nothing you can do to penalize them.

Dysart recognizes the EP zones in site plans and building permits but has no method to enforce it.

The shoreline bylaw protects new areas but we need to protect the areas already recognized.

There is everything wrong with this picture and yet again we are playing the waiting game.

When is this council going to make a difference in the County of Haliburton and Dysart et al?

R. Griffiths
Haliburton

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Ashlee Gross, a Grade 11 student who has a cottage in Haliburton, sent this photo she took during the Victoria Day long weekend.

A thank you

Dear editor,

Thursday afternoon (May 26) while walking along Head Lake with our two dogs, our puppy was attacked and injured by a large dog that was released from its leash by the owner.

It was very scary for all of us because my husband was knocked down while trying to save Lucy the pup from this huge dog that just wanted to kill her.

I couldn't do anything because I was holding our senior dog. It all happened so fast, but while we were calling the vet, people that witnessed the attack came down the hills to see if we were okay and we greatly appreciated that.

There was also another gentleman that drove down into the parking lot, while I was carrying Lucy and asked if we were okay as well and needed help.

I do not know their names. I just wanted to put something in the paper to let these people know that we greatly appreciated their acts of kindness.

Susanne Reesor
Haliburton

Heavy vehicle surcharge

Dear editor,

Recently, we've heard the federal government plans to put a surcharge of up to \$4,000 on all heavy vehicles. And, yes, since, they've refuted this statement. But rest assured it will be put on the vehicles.

If it's put on, it won't help pollution in the least, it will only help to make the governments' coffers swell a little more. Why should a one-ton diesel dual tiered crew cab drive around empty like a car.

Years ago, with much cheaper fuel, a one-ton only went out with a load of hay, a team of horses or a load of wood on it. To deal with pollution, we ration the fuel or we tell the companies to make lighter vehicles and raise the mileage 50 per cent as this is 2022.

With more and more vehicles and the mileage very poor, it means drive clean will return.

Why should we vote for government leaders when they do everything to help the big companies?

We pay their salaries. Let them work for us.

Winston E, Ralph
Bancroft

Editor's note: a new 271-page report from the Ministry of the Environment posted on the Government of Canada website March 31, 2022 discusses a surcharge.



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Chris Near is in the driver's seat at Carnarvon Family Golf. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Quest to perfect the game of golf 'keeps driving all of us'

By Lisa Gervais

Chris Near was 13 when he played his first round of golf. It was at Blue Springs Golf Club in his hometown of Acton and he was smitten from the first swing of the club.

Soon after, he played a round at Muskoka's Rocky Crest.

The challenge of the game combined with the picturesque surroundings of that course captured his imagination, "and immediately I was like 'I have to find a way to work up there'."

He became the operations manager at Oak Bay Golf & Country Club in Port Severn in 2014 and was then hired as the head professional at Rocky Crest before becoming director of operations at The Lake Joseph Club and then moving on to the Port Carling Golf and Country Club.

He was doing some research on the PGA of Canada website one day, when he noticed an ad for Carnarvon Family Golf.

"That looks pretty cool," he recalls thinking.

He chatted with wife, Kelsey, and the two drove from Orillia to have a look at the business that had been run by the Kent family for 14 years. They decided to take the plunge.

"I've got a bit of entrepreneurial spirit so when you can tie business and passion into a package, that really triggered the curiosity,"

Near said. "I'm not afraid to try things, take chances, introduce new things and if they latch on, amazing, and if they flop, no worries, we'll just trudge on to the next thing."

It's a big change from his previous job when it was not unusual to field 250 emails a day from members of one of the most prestigious clubs in Canada. Near's new domain includes a small pro shop, driving range, 18-hole mini-putt and nine-hole, par-three golf course.

The change from head pro at Port Carling to proprietor of Carnarvon is not lost on the longstanding Class A member of the PGA of Canada for 20 years. "Am I crazy?" he asks. "You leave the security of a nice job at one of the finest clubs in the country to take a leap of faith where you have to make it yourself and you have to do some cool stuff to put money in the bank."

There it is again, that "cool" word. Coming from a corporate entity and perspective to sole ownership of a truly private club has been an interesting journey. Near said he is taking what he has learned from those larger clubs - such as exemplary customer service - to his family's new enterprise. He is also looking forward to less of the operations and more of the hands-on side of the business, such as teaching.

"I thrive on being able to have

conversations with people and there is nothing more gratifying than seeing a young junior latch on and love the game and have fun. Golf is such a good game to bring some strong core values in life and leverage those forever."

Near said they are not planning to make major changes but are removing the batting cages and looking to reinvent that space.

They were surprised how popular the mini putt is, so have plans to freshen it up. They are planning to fix up the tees and add new bunker sand on the short course.

The pro shop has had a facelift and Near is selling golf products. They're hosting their first private club fitting experience with TaylorMade June 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

They are also hoping to introduce glow in the dark night golf on the par three course.

For now, they are also listening to what the clientele is telling them, "as to what they might like to see."

But so far, Near said, it's "amazing. I did not expect to see the traffic and traction this early in the year.

"Golf is a game that you'll never, ever perfect and the quest to get there is what keeps driving all of us."

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Emergency departments get summer reprieve

By Mike Baker

Emergency departments at the Haliburton and Minden hospitals will remain open throughout the summer, according to HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer, with the organization preparing to keep up with increased demand brought on by seasonal residents.

During her report to the board May 26, Plummer said it was “critical” that the local health service maintain its two emergency departments throughout the summer.

“We’ll continue to use nursing agency staff to support [our emergency departments]... We recognize with the increased volume that this community sees over the summer, that we see every summer, that there’s merit in keeping them open. It’s critical, in fact, for us to do that, given that we don’t have any other alternatives in place,” Plummer said.

It was first reported in November 2021 that the hospital was struggling to staff both emergency departments. In a new update, Plummer noted HHHS continues to experience a 40 per cent shortage in coverage for all emergency department and hospital nursing shifts, and a 25 per cent shortfall in coverage for emergency department physician shifts.

Positions are being filled temporarily by non-local nursing agency staff and HealthForce Ontario emergency department locum program physicians. While this is putting additional strain on the hospital’s finances, Plummer said it’s a tough pill the organization is having to swallow to maintain its current service levels.

Previously, Plummer told *The Highlander* that HHHS is relying on eight full-time nurse equivalents (40-hour weeks) staffed through third-party bureaus across its two hospitals. This is costing the organization around \$20,000 more a month than if they had an additional eight full-time staffers of their own.

It was noted that the hospital may be forced into temporarily closing one of the departments in the event of a last-minute shift cancellation or emergency situation.

Back in black

Finance committee chair David O’Brien delivered some “much needed” good news to the board, saying the organization finished its 2021/22 fiscal year with a surplus.

“I usually come to this point in the agenda somewhat depressed because I’m reporting a deficit, but I have some exciting news for everyone today. We have finished our year with a \$71,013 surplus,” O’Brien said. “I would be remiss to say that we’re not out of the woods yet, but this is certainly encouraging.”

This marks the first time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic that HHHS has ended its fiscal year in a positive financial position.

Golf classic returns

Golf enthusiasts will have the opportunity to hit the links for a good cause once again this summer after the HHHS foundation



There was news at a recent HHHS board meeting after organization CAO Carolyn Plummer announced emergency departments at the Haliburton and Minden hospitals would remain open throughout the summer. *File.*

announced the return of the Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic.

The event will take place July 22 at the Blairhampton Golf Club.

“We’re very pleased that our Matt Duchene classic will be returning after a two-year hiatus due to COVID... Things will be a little bit different for us in terms of the day of the week and the location, but we’re so excited to bring this popular event back to the community,” said HHHS Foundation executive director Lisa Tompkins.

Tompkins noted the foundation was in the process of finalizing its funding commitments for the 2022/23 fiscal year. The organization has already given the green light to purchasing new IV pumps for both hospitals’ acute care and emergency departments.

The foundation donated just over \$413,000 to fund equipment and program upgrades during the previous fiscal year.

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'Outstanding' carpentry grads nail jobs

Sam Gillett

One hundred per cent focus, and 100 per cent employment. That's the result of SIRCH's Basics of Carpentry pilot program.

All graduates of the 12-week course are employed, nearly all using the skills they picked up under the guidance of instructor Doug Norris.

Dan Jenkins got a job in carpentry before the program finished.

"Coming out here, getting involved in the community, it seems carpentry is really in demand," Jenkins said at a May 19 graduation celebration.

He said the program was a chance to "polish up" his skills, securing him full-time work this spring.

He wants to build his own home one day, with the carpentry skills helping him know how to navigate the process.

Diane Woodcock, SIRCH Community Services' training coordinator, said she was excited by how the participants embraced the skills.

"The group we appealed to has been just outstanding."

She added it shows there's a need for more training like this.

"The problem in Haliburton is that getting this training is very difficult, you have to go very far away. We've touched on something that suggests how, as a community, can we satisfy the need for this kind of training?" she said.

Norris said he's found teaching the program rewarding too.

"Just as a group, just as a community of people I'm really going to miss them. I'd work on a job site with any of them anytime," he said.

"I can look at a number of them, and remember what skills I saw 12 weeks ago, and remember what I've seen in the past few days and it's really gratifying."

The group's final project was a finished bunkie, which is now up for auction on shopclosebuy.ca



Students, such as Michael Woods had the chance to repair broken furniture. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

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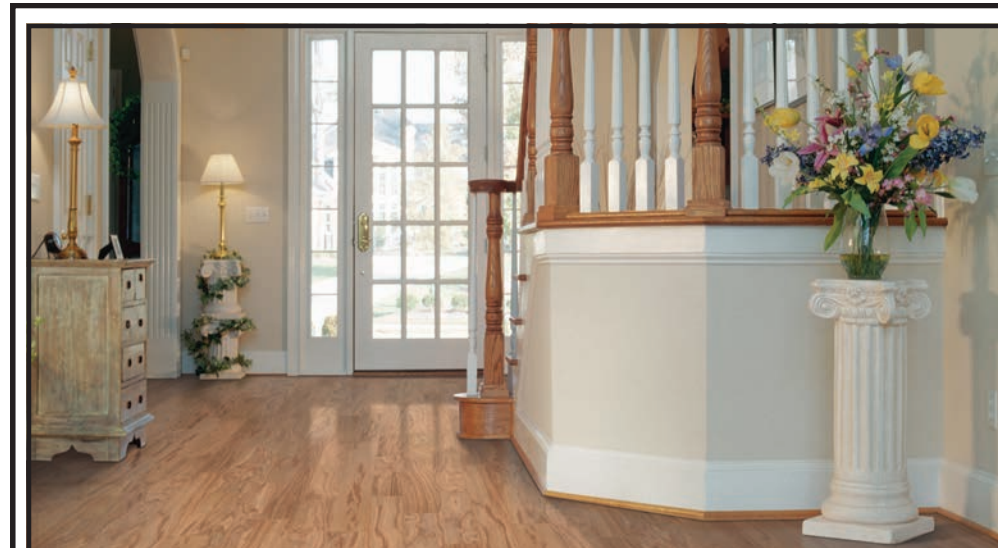
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Bringing people face-to-face with contractors

By Mike Baker

Property owners looking for a capable contractor to handle their latest reno project, or an interior designer with a keen sense of style to assist with a home makeover, should block off their weekend and plan to attend the Haliburton Home and Cottage show, said organizer Dave Taylor.

Running June 3-5, the show will be taking place at the Haliburton Curling Club and A.J. LaRue Arena.

There will be more than 130 vendors featured over the course of the three days, with more than a dozen of those from the building and reno segment.

“Because our contractors are so busy, I’ve had so many that usually attend the show tell me they can’t make it... But we do still have some good representation,” Taylor said. “We have some good, established companies and then some smaller ones too. There’s a nice mix there.”

All of those in attendance are willing to discuss, provide quotes and possibly even take on projects, which should be music to the ears of local homeowners given how backed up many local contractors are this season. Many are already booking into 2023 and beyond.

A.J. LaRue Arena will host Log & Wood Colour Restoration, Minden’s Country Contracting, and Cottage Revisited, a décor company that specializes in rustic designs.

There will be a slew of contracting and home decor vendors on show at the curling

club, with Emmerson Lumber, Northern HVAC, NZH Contracting Inc., Gliding Shelf Solutions, Brock Pascoe Construction and Landscape, Highland Technical, The Dock Spot, Wood Restorations, Leaf Filter Gutter Protection, Home Hardware and Bradstone Stonerex registered.

Nortech Home Improvements, Floe Docks and Golden Lake Rustics will have stations outside in the parking lot.

“People are desperately looking for professionals to do jobs, there’s no doubt about that... That’s one of the great things about hosting a home show like this, it brings our local people face-to-face with the businesses that can help them,” Taylor said.

The Haliburton Home and Cottage Show has been a community staple since 1977. The event has typically drawn between 2,500 and 3,000 visitors in years past, though Taylor expects to blow that number out of the water this weekend given the recent influx of new residents to the Highlands.

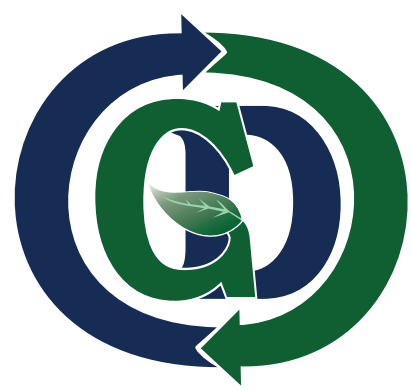
“We’re just excited to be putting on a show again... We strive to make sure this show has variety, that there’s lots of different things for people to check out and I think we’ve been successful in doing that again this year,” Taylor said. “Having something like this to look forward to again is really nice.

Show hours are 4-9 p.m. June 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 4 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 5. Admission is \$3 for adults, while kids can get in for free.

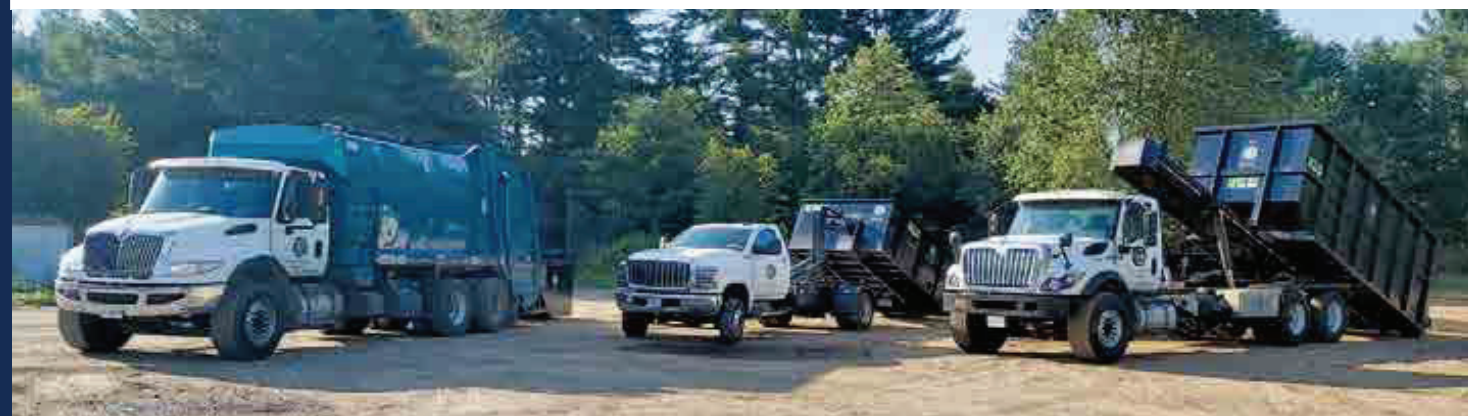


People are looking forward to returning to the Home and Cottage Show after a two year COVID break. *File.*

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A tree for Jane

Beloved community member Jane van Nood can now be remembered at Head Lake Park. The Haliburton and District Lions Club, along with van Nood's family, celebrated a tree planted in her honour May 30 near the park's band shell. She died of cancer in November 2021. "Jane was an amazing human," said incoming Lions president Tina Hadley. "She was involved in so many things. She brought creativity, she was fun. Her family was a priority, but she loved everybody, she was just that kind of person. We miss her a lot." (Sam Gillett).

Haliburton and District Lions Club members and members of Jane van Nood's family. Photo by Sam Gillett.



Association groomed to put food on the table

Jean Munroe, Minden Community Food Centre manager, accepts a cheque for \$500 from the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association's Elmo Lymburner May 30 in Minden. Pictured with them are HCSA and food centre members. HCSA president John Enright said every year the association donates \$1 per hour groomed to a local charitable not-for-profit. They do this by logging 500 grooming hours on the Haliburton County Rail Trail, something that started in celebration of the HCSA's 50th season. It's the second year for the initiative. The HCSA selects a different charity every year. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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Grade 11 student Sophie Longo says the HHSS Interact club is hoping to raise around \$5,000 through its puzzle fundraiser. Photo by Mike Baker.

Puzzle fundraiser to benefit school in India

By Mike Baker

A group of local high schoolers are sending love from Hal High all the way across the world.

The HHSS Interact club is working on its annual international fundraising campaign, collecting money for the Mahatma Gandhi Sishu Siksha Sadan School in northern India. The Highlands group has fostered a partnership with the institution for several years, providing money to support the infrastructure of the school and purchase much-needed supplies.

In 2021, through sales of its *From the Heart of Haliburton* cook book, the Interact club sent approximately \$3,500 to the school, located 200 kilometres north of New Delhi. This year, they're hoping to go one step further.

Interact has developed a pair of puzzles, which they're selling to the community for \$35 each. One is a depiction of a mural located at the school, titled 'With Love, Hal High', while the other is a picture of a lake in Haliburton County appropriately named 'Morning Reflections'.

After selling 50 puzzles already, the club has put in a second order to receive another 100. The fundraiser will run throughout the summer, with a goal of raising in excess of \$5,000.

"Every year we do something a little

different, but we've found that it's worked well making things that we can then sell to the community," said Sophie Longo, a Grade 11 student at HHSS and Interact club member. "We're really happy with how this fundraiser has started. We just want to send as much money as we can to school, because they really need it."

Built in 2003, the Indian school has grown from having 65 students in its first year to more than 500 today. As well as academics, students are taught yoga, while they also receive a daily meal.

Longo said it's initiatives like this that sparked her interest in joining Interact.

"Just wanting to do a little good, give back to the world where I can," Longo said. "We have supported so many great causes [in the two years I've been involved] ... It can be hard planning sometimes, but once you see things unfold, how our members interact with one another and the community, it's really nice to know that the work pays off."

The club has completed several projects during this school year. Over the holidays they ran a shoebox drive, providing gifts to underprivileged teens for Christmas. Recently, they held a week-long fundraiser for Ukraine, raising \$3,000.

Anyone interested in purchasing a puzzle is asked to send a direct message to the HHSS Interact page on Instagram, or contact the school at 705-457-2950.

Table was set for Duchene to succeed

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton native Matt Duchene said he’s still feeling the sting of being the first team ousted in this year’s NHL playoffs. His Nashville Predators fell in four straight games to the Colorado Avalanche. Duchene had a strong playoff, with three goals and one assist, however the Avalanche were too much for the Preds.

“I wouldn’t say (the sting) is gone, that’s for sure,” Duchene told *The Highlander*.

“I think as long as teams are still playing, it’s hard to put in the rear view. At the end of the day, we didn’t have Saros, who’s one of the best goalies in the league, and against a high-octane offence like Colorado has, you need your starting goalie.

“I think that we were exposed in some other areas that needed to be exposed for us to take the next step so I think that long-term, the loss can benefit us,” Duchene added.

Goalie Juuse Saros was sidelined with a lower body injury, forcing backup David Rittich into the series. The loss of Saros, who won 38 games and had a .264 goals against average and .918 save percentage, cost the Preds against a team Duchene skated with for nine seasons.

Despite the playoff loss, Nashville finished the 2021-22 regular season with a record of 45 wins, 30 losses and seven overtime losses for 97 points to finish fifth in the NHL Central division.

While he does not like the term “bounce back season,” Duchene had a strong year, with 43 goals and 43 assists for 86 points. By contrast, he only scored six goals and seven assists in a COVID-shortened 2020-2021. It was a big jump on 2019-2020 as well, when he had 13 goals and 29 assists for 42 points.

“Just being put in the right places to succeed,” Duchene said of the turn-around. “I felt that since I got here, there were some exterior things holding me back and this year, between my minutes, linemates and



Matt Duchene has just finished his third season with the Nashville Predators. *Submitted.*

how great our powerplay was, the table was set for me to succeed as long as I brought my best. Some conversations were had in the off season between myself and our coach and myself and our GM and I think those were pivotal in my success this year.”

Duchene said he is already excited about next season.

“I think we were exposed in the first round and I think that really showed our management, our coaches and us, as players, where we need to improve to get to the next level. Our style of game can change

in some ways to make us more dangerous offensively throughout the lineup and I think management sees some roster changes that could help us going forward. Losing exposes weaknesses, which, if looked at the right way, can ultimately lead to winning and that’s what excites me going forward.”

Duchene said he is also looking forward to getting back to Haliburton County this summer. He plans to be home mid-June.

“Really excited for lots of time at the lake, on the golf course and with family. Obviously, I’m still training and skating

throughout the week but it’s always nice to come home to my hometown.”

He will also be back for the Matt Duchene charity golf classic, a major fundraiser for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation that has been grounded by COVID-19. It is scheduled for July 22.

“The golf tourney is always a highlight and it’s an honour and a privilege to be able to raise money for such an awesome cause to make the town that I love so much a better place.”



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The amendments being proposed are:

- a) Planning Fees – fee changes for various planning applications. The changes are a result of recommendations from the County of Haliburton Services Delivery Review process.
- b) Cemetery Fees – inclusion of fees for the purchase of columbarium niches and engraving fees.
- c) Fire Services – inclusion of additional fees for fire department services.

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The Neil Darby team (left to right, skip Darby, vice Stephen Orr, lead Carol Krieger and second Barry Hughes) won the bonspiel. *Submitted.*



The second-place team, left to right, lead Scott Childs, second Nancy Hughes, vice Garth Krieger and skip Don Hillaby. *Submitted.*

Haliburton Curling Club rocks 2021-2022 season

Sixteen teams of 64 curlers took part in a two-week bonspiel to celebrate the end of a successful year at the Haliburton Curling Club April 30. It was an opportunity for night and day curlers to meet and play together. The team of Neil Darby, Stephen Orr, Barry Hughes and Carol Krieger took first place.

The Best Ever bonspiel was organized by Wanda Stephen, Kent Milford, Mary Hillaby, Sue Mason, Jackie Bradbury, Brenda Eastmure and Ferne Taylor. The curling club was able to have three sessions during the COVID-impacted season and extended its schedule into the later part of April. The club thanked members, John Watson and his ice team and the community for its support. The club is planning to have a celebration Sept. 10 with their annual pig roast, music and registration for the fall. They'll also have a booth at the home show at the A.J. LaRue arena and curling club June 2-4. (*Lisa Gervais*).



Municipality of Dysart et al *In the Heart of the Haliburton Highlands*

FORM 6
SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
Municipal Act, 2001
Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

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Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on June 15, 2022, at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton.

Submitted tenders will be opened virtually by Zoom. Register in advance for this meeting using the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/ztEgdeGoqTouHtHU04iVBto0WudCOBPuF8VI> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Description of Lands:

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Minimum tender amount: \$5,997.24

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Minimum tender amount: \$5,809.93

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Minimum tender amount: \$5,929.72

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

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The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.


A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale contact:

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Minden farmers market back downtown

The Minden farmers market is back downtown after its COVID move to the fairgrounds the past couple of years. A sunny May 28 saw a good turnout for the Saturday event. Doug MacDonell is pictured at his eclectic booth. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*



Green thumbs galore

Julie Charboneau, Rita Baird and Nancy Barnes buy plants at the Minden and District Horticultural Society's plant sale in the village green May 28. The society's Bonnie Ehmann and Nancy Garbutt were at the sales table. The Master Gardeners also held their annual plant sale in Head Lake Park in Haliburton. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*



Lions honour business supporters

The Haliburton and District Lions Club recently gave gifts to four local businesses to show their appreciation for years of partnership and support. Each received a Dog Guides Fellowship award. The Lions have raised \$1,000 for the program, which funds seeing-eye dogs for people who are visually impaired. Club members visited Haliburton Foodland, Glecoff's Family Store, Todd's Your Independent Grocer and the West Guilford Shopping Centre to deliver the awards. *(Sam Gillett).* Lions Club members pose with Clay and Amy Glecoff. *Submitted.*

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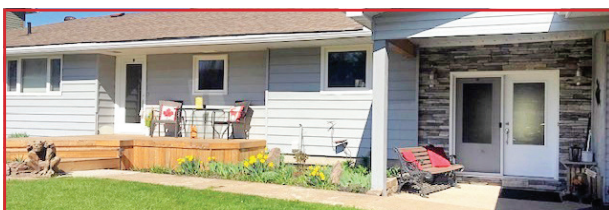


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Textile art hangs from branches, emerges from behind trees. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

Artists drape Wild Woods in textiles

By Sam Gillett

A rickety chair reclaimed by the forest sits amid the spring growth along the Wild Woods walk at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife preserve.

Nearby, yellow sundresses adorned with flowers gently sway on a clothesline.

Both works of textile are part of Art in the Forest, an art installation along the Forest's Wild Woods interpretive nature trail. The exhibition was organized by Connections Fibre Artists, an Ontario-wide collective.

Group member Wendy O'Brien, who has a cottage nearby, came up with the idea.

"I was looking for a project for the rest of the members to be sort of a challenge," she said.

"Each person was left up to their own devices."

They have been creating work for the exhibit for the past two years since the show was delayed multiple times due to COVID-19.

O'Brien's three-dimensional wool art blends into the forest landscape. Her chair is covered in fungi and a crow perches on the top.

"It's nature taking over," O'Brien said, "We all return to nature at the end of the day."

Helen Hughes, a textile artist who has exhibited internationally, said she didn't feel engaged with the show until arriving at the Forest. "There are a number of [collective members] located in southern Ontario. We couldn't visualize it, we couldn't imagine it," she said.

She also hadn't seen the other artists' pieces. "I just couldn't believe how awesome they looked," she said.

Once she and other Connections members arrived to hang the work in mid-May, she was impressed with the variety and natural landscape they had to work with.

"We had a riot," she said.

Hughes often works on large projects, her energetic use of colour and shape combined in two-dimensional sewed cloth scenes.

This was the first time Connections artists had pursued a fully outdoors show, with their work set to endure rain, snow and sun.

"It will probably disintegrate. There is something quite assuring knowing we are giving back to the environment," said Hughes.

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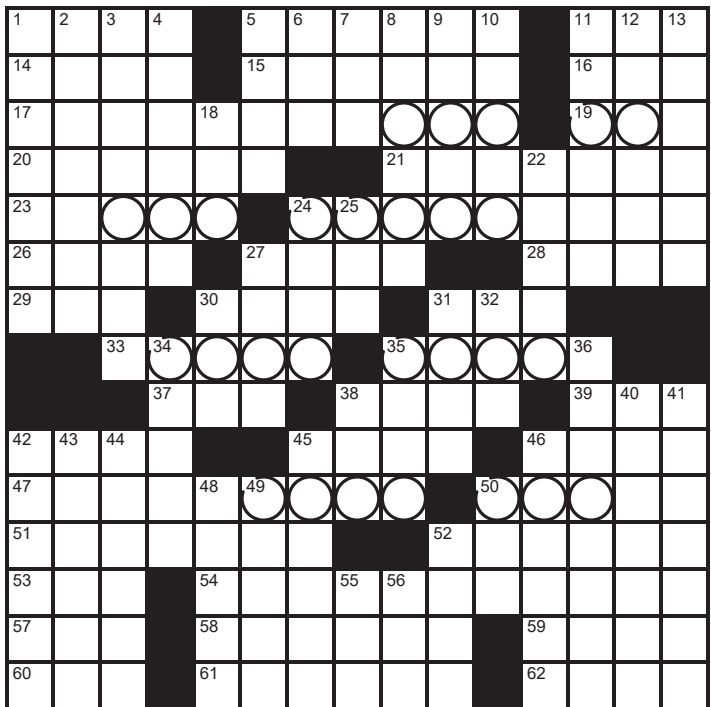
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11 N.Y.C. airport
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15 B.C. strait off Haida Gwaii
16 Geller of psychokinesis
17 Setting dial
19 Was being followed, say
20 Pull the plug
21 Licorice-tasting digestive aid
23 Philosopher Kierkegaard
24 Came clean about
26 Lake name meaning "long tail" in Iroquoian
27 It might come to a head
28 Those: Sp.
29 Speed Wagon maker
30 Here's-what-I-think piece
31 Earth Day seas.
33 Opera's Ben Heppner, e.g.
35 You might click with it
37 Margaret's addressee in a Blume book
38 Ground hit, in golf lingo
39 Bigger-than-big sizes
42 Do in, Shakespeare-style
45 Calgary trade sch.
46 Jointly-owned enterprise
47 Painting medium akin to crayons
50 Fly, before it can fly
51 He played Robin Hood and Eliot Ness
52 Fred or Ginger
53 What you might get for effort
54 Continental wall formed by the Rockies ... or the black square separating each set of circled letters
57 I.T. giant in Tokyo
58 Caesar's "yada yada"
59 "___ sure you are aware, ..."
60 ___ de Montréal
61 In a pathetic way



Down

- 62 Canal city of southern France
1 Finger-pointer
2 Pre-smelted material
3 Rampages wildly
4 Love seat lookalike
5 Flapjack flipper's workplace
6 "___ blu, dipinto di..." ("Volare" lyrics)
7 "Argh!", to Cathy in the comics
8 Bicycle seat style
9 Do a makeup job?
10 Try again on eBay
11 Minty cocktails
12 ___ Be Serene (Lululemon bra)
13 Daycare denizens, casually
18 Anchorman Burgundy in a Ferrell flick
22 Court battle instigators
24 Shared Polish/German river
25 Peak of the week: Abbr.
27 Almost-obsolete music player
30 Lennon's second wife
31 Like the first G in gigolo
32 Buf-___ (facial sponge)
34 Setting for "The Mummy"
35 Go postal?
36 Strip of possessions?
38 Modern main squeeze
40 Concise "two thumbs up"
41 "I don't need the gory details"
42 Equalizing boast
43 Richie who sang "Hello"
44 ___-Lorraine (French region)
45 Steady flow
46 Surface for Ali or Dali
48 Word before cake or dust
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100 FT.
FRONTAGE

GRAND DESIGN ON GOODERHAM LAKE \$1,850,000



Get ready to lose yourself in this gorgeous lakefront home with an incredible 43'x 20' workshop. Architecturally designed, and expanded over the years, this house feels as much like an executive home as it does a family ranch. With a beautiful lake just steps from your door and Gooderham town just a short walk away, you're close to the best of both worlds.



4 X BED



4 X BATH



4,000+ SQ.FT



204+ FT.
FRONTAGE

RELAX ON IRONDALE RIVER \$399,000



Enjoy the peace and tranquility of the Irondale River on this well treed, secluded waterfront 3-season cottage. There is plenty of room to play on the vast landscaped lawn or enjoying the river, perfect for swimming and kayaking for hours on end.



3 X BED



2 X BATH



165 FT.
FRONTAGE

KAWAGAMA LAKE LOT \$279,000



Beautifully treed lot, this is not an island, but it is water access only (WAO). Stunning south views across the lake. Great fishing year-round and fantastic snowmobiling in the winter. Enjoy the lake this summer while you make plans for your new cottage!



WATER ACCESS
ONLY (WAO)



1.590 ACRES



SOUTH
VIEWS

BUILD YOUR BUSINESS \$99,000



Over one acre of vacant land located in the prime, commercial area of Industrial Park! A great opportunity for anyone who is looking to build in an easily accessible, high-traffic area in the quickly growing town of Haliburton.



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