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Eleven-year-old Addison Kulas throws a punch at the pads at the K.O. Martial Arts booth, manned by Dakota Desousa (right) and Kelly Outram (centre) at the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show June 3-5. See more coverage on page 19. Photo by Mike Baker.

## Highlander journeys to top of the world

By Mike Baker

It was third time a charm for Highlands resident Liliya Ianovskaia, who last month made history by becoming the oldest Canadian to conquer Mount Everest.

The 62-year-old mother of three took several weeks to scale the mountain, the highest point on earth, completing a lifelong dream to reach Everest's summit. Her adventure was notable too in that she shared it with one of her daughters, Dasha, the pair becoming only the second mother-daughter duo to make a successful climb.

Now back in Canada, Ianovskaia said it was the experience of a lifetime.

"The peak of Everest is very special. While on final approach, it really dawned on me that there was nothing taller in the world. I felt it with every fibre of my being," Ianovskaia said.

That final approach was years in the making. Ianovskaia dreamed of tackling the beast as far back as 2010, when she first took up mountaineering. Having had experience rock climbing and ice climbing around the Highlands – with her favourite spots being around Kushog, Raven, Sherbourne and Oxtongue lakes – Ianovskaia found herself yearning for more.

After a few months training, she set out to climb her first mountain, Kilimanjaro

in Tanzania. Africa's highest mountain, its peak sat 5,895 metres above sea level. A challenge, for sure, Ianovskaia reflects, but that only fueled her desire to chase bigger, more demanding summits.

Over the next few years, she would successfully manoeuvre almost a dozen peaks in Europe, North America and South America, including the Matterhorn in Switzerland (4,478 metres), Pico de Arizaba, Mexico (5,636 metres), and Illimani, Bolivia (6,438 metres).

Having mastered the Andes and Alps mountain ranges, Ianovskaia turned her attention to the granddaddy of them all – the Himalayas. In 2018, she and Dasha climbed

Ama Dablam in Nepal (6,812 metres), and then, the following year, tackled their first "eight-thousander", Cho Oyu (8,201 metres), the world's sixth largest mountain.

It was during that Cho Oyu climb that Ianovskaia realized she could conquer Everest.

After returning home, she immediately went about planning her excursion. She was to leave in March 2020, but days before her departure the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic and the trip was cancelled. She spent more than a year training, pushing her body to new limits in the hopes that, when she finally made it to

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# Athletes set for Sports Hall of Fame debut

By Mike Baker

Eleven athletes, three community builders and three historic teams will soon have their names and accomplishments emblazoned among bright lights at A.J. LaRue Arena, as the Haliburton Highlands Sports Hall of Fame gets ready for its grand unveiling.

More than four years in the making, the Sports Hall of Fame will open June 18. A special celebration has been planned to mark the occasion, with all living members of the inaugural class set to be in attendance.

As one of the driving forces behind the initiative, Roger Trull said he’s looking forward to what he believes will be a momentous day honouring some of the Highlands’ most renowned and accomplished sporting stars.

“I think it’s easy for us to forget how many amazing people contributed to sporting life in the Highlands, and so to have this opportunity to recognize these folks is really special,” Trull said. “This is a meaningful moment for the inductees and their families. They all have proud memories of their time in Haliburton, and to be recognized in this way is a real thrill for them.”

The inaugural class is headlined by a host of individuals that made it to the very top of their profession. Among them are hockey stars Cody Hodgson, Ron Stackhouse, Bernie Nicholls, Donald Beverley ‘Joe’ Iles, Glen Dart and Marla MacNaull, former pro-footballers Michael Bradley and Taly Williams, Olympic runner Lesley Tashlin,

curler Jake Walker and university track star Anna Tomlinson.

Those honoured in the builders’ category, supporting culture in the area, include Linda Brandon, Albert John ‘Ab’ LaRue and Lenny Salvatori.

Of the many successful hockey outfits to have represented the Highlands, three of the very best stand above the rest as part of this first class, including the 1934 Haliburton Huskies, 1956-58 Minden Monarchs and the 1971 Haliburton Jr. D Huskies.

“We’ve got 19 members of the ’71 Huskies team coming out... Haliburton has a long and rich history of great athletes, volunteers and teams. Everyone is excited to have this opportunity to celebrate them,” Trull said.

Festivities will kick-off at the arena shortly after 1:30 p.m. There will be presentations made to each of the inductees, while videos highlighting some of their greatest moments will be played to the crowd. Trull said there would be some local youth speaking at the event too. He expects there to be at least 250 people in attendance, saying anyone from the Highlands community and beyond is welcome to attend.

## Tashlin and Williams join the wall

The day takes on an even bigger meaning for two inductees, siblings Tashlin and Williams, who will have their likeness added to the athlete mural wall on the side of the building.



Track star Anna Tomlinson is among the athlete to be inducted into the new Haliburton Sports Hall of Fame. Submitted.

The duo are being recognized after a group of Grade 7/8 students at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School last year lobbied for their inclusion. Williams was the Highlands’ first pro-footballer, having played two seasons in the CFL during the mid 1990s, while Tashlin represented Canada at the 1996 Summer Olympics, participating in the women’s 4x100 metre relay.

They will be the first people of colour to be featured on the wall, which also showcases

Bradley, Nicholls, Stackhouse, Hodgson and current NHLer Matt Duchene.

“This has demonstrated what young people are capable of doing when they want to push for actions and changes that reflect the world they live in,” the students’ teacher Marina Thomazo told *The Highlander*.

“This heartwarming, feel-good journey has made us all question ourselves on what our present and future world should look like... I couldn’t be any prouder of my students.”



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# Scott promises investment after sixth win

By Mike Baker

Re-elected MPP Laurie Scott has promised further investments in housing, health care, skilled trades and rural broadband after securing a sixth term in office representing the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock (HKL) riding.

Amidst a backdrop of record-low voter turnout province-wide June 2, Scott recorded another sweeping victory in HKLB, garnering 52.8 per cent of the local vote (25,656 total votes). The riding was one of the first to be declared blue following the closing of polls at 9 p.m., with the result taking just 11 minutes to come through.

Scott said she was delighted to be given the opportunity to represent the community at Queen's Park again. She will do so as a member of Doug Ford's second Progressive Conservative majority government.

"I think it's a pretty solid signal that [people] want us to continue moving forward in the direction that we have been going, particularly with all the investments," Scott said. "It's a big approval of how we handled the pandemic."

Barbara Doyle, representing the NDP, finished a distant second, with 15.8 per cent (7,677 votes). Liberal Don McBey came third with 13.6 per cent (6,606 votes), while Dr. Kerstin Kelly, running for the Ontario Party, came fourth with 7.9 per cent (3,863

votes). Retired Haliburton school teacher Tom Regina led the Greens to a fifth-place finish, with 7.1 per cent (3,452). Ben Prentice of the New Blue Party took home 1.8 per cent of the vote (866 votes), with Libertarian Gene Balfour securing 1.1 per cent (516 votes).

In total, 48,636 ballots were cast in HKLB – down from 57,143 in 2018. While numbers are yet to be confirmed, that would suggest a voter turnout of less than 50 per cent for the first time in more than 25 years.

Despite that, Scott maintained that she was well received on the campaign trail.

"I heard at the doors that people liked what we've been doing... Over the past four years, we have made record investments in infrastructure, broadband, highways, transit, long-term care, hospitals, new schools. There's been a lot of investments and those will continue on for many, many years," Scott said.

In Haliburton County, Scott said the province would be working with senior administration at Haliburton Highlands Health Services to ensure the hospitals' needs are met, while confirming that more money will be spent to bring even the region's most remote areas online with high-speed broadband by 2025.

Continued investment in jobs training and post-secondary education for fields most



Laurie Scott has been re-elected for a sixth term in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. Photo by Mike Baker.

in-need, such as nursing, PSWs and skilled trades, is another priority for the province, according to Scott.

"It's pretty much a free ticket... We need to train more people for our health care system, and for the skilled trades so that we can keep building," Scott said. "We've seen a lot of success locally in our PSW [training] programs, graduating students so that they can start working. It's helped, but we need more. We need more people, and we need more training. That's what we will continue to build upon for the next four years."

Another of Scott's big focuses over

the next four years will be working with municipalities across the Highlands to address the region's housing needs.

"We've already put money on the table and had lots of conversations with them... But Haliburton is a big challenge. We have the land, but we have to figure out services," Scott said. "We know the need is there for all types of housing. We know we need more rentals... Those are the types of things we're working with municipalities on, but there has to be a cooperation. We want to do this in unison. The world's moving fast and we need to keep up with it."

## Parks Canada addresses Esson Lake water level fears

By Sam Gillett

Trent Severn Waterway staff hosted a public meeting for Esson Lake landowners June 2 to address concerns over the impact an embankment erosion has had on lake life and water levels.

As of June 5, the lake was at 2.305 metres, compared with a seasonal average of 2.99.

According to Steven Braham, an Ontario Waterways field unit director, the TSW will attempt to keep the water levels near 2.4 metres throughout the summer.

Higher water levels could result in even worse flooding since a temporary "aqua dam" is temporarily holding water back.

"Out of caution, we took the two weeks to assess the performance of the dam," said Braham, before Parks Canada crews

removed sand bags from in front of a culvert, dividing the lake, which residents use as a through-way.

"The priority is to stabilize the lake... the next step is to proceed with discussions with the municipality and the province," he said.

The area that eroded is on land of mixed jurisdiction. While a nearby concrete dam is the responsibility of Parks Canada, it's unclear how the province and Highlands East would complete the project. The embankment is also partially on private property.

Braham said despite not having jurisdiction over the embankment site, Parks Canada will "be working diligently... for a solution."

Significant rainfall could mean crews must lower water levels to ensure the aqua dam's

safety via removing logs from the adjacent dam.

Park Canada's plan has drawn criticism from local landowners.

"We are reluctant to put our boat into the water," wrote landowner Margeret McIntyre in an email. "The lake level is already so low where our dock is located that we will most likely lose the enjoyment of our boat over the summer."

During the virtual meeting, Braham addressed concerns over Parks Canada's prior inspections of the embankment in 2021 after a local landowner sounded the alarm.

"At the time we saw clear cool water traversing through the earth embankment," said Braham.

"We considered it worth monitoring but not high-risk."

The May 3 breach, said Braham, indicated "there's a clear underlying issue in that embankment."

Since the breach, residents have been organizing online and in-person to discuss their concerns over the breach and ensuing low water levels.

"Hopefully we can rest a bit easier that, while not ideal, we should not see another water level drop for some time into the future," wrote Bob Tisdale, a landowner who has communicated with Parks Canada on the issue, on Facebook.

"We encourage everyone to forward your thoughts to the Property Owners group so that we can keep a consolidated and focused approach," he added.

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**Scotch Line landfill to take cards**

Minden’s Scotch Line landfill now accepts payment by debit and credit cards (Visa, Mastercard or American Express). As of June 7, the payment system will be available full-time at the Scotch Line landfill only. The Iron Mine, Ingoldsby and Little Gull waste disposal sites continue to be cash only.

Receipts can be sent via text or email, or printed upon request. After July 1, all charge accounts will be moved online, rather than provided in a paper format. The township said all users of waste disposal sites need a landfill card. To acquire a new card contact the public works department at 705-286-3144.

**Minden Hills councillors return to chambers**

Flanked by deputy mayor Lisa Schell and Coun. Ron Nesbitt, Mayor Brent Devolin opened Minden Hills’ first in-person township meeting since March 2020 on May 26. “I look forward to this new chapter and pray we have a lot less glitches. Please bear with us,” said Devolin. The meeting was broadcast on YouTube, with all staff members except for CAO Trisha McKibbin reporting virtually. The public and members of the media are currently unable to attend in person.

The broadcast rotated smoothly between four cameras showing each councillor and McKibbin, all of whom were equipped with a microphone. “I hope as we head more and more into the summer we get back to where we used to be pre-COVID days,” said Devolin.

**Snails accepted at dump**

Minden Hills landfills will accept bags of Chinese Mystery Snails, an invasive species found in many local lakes. The snails must be double-bagged in clear garbage bags (and have been exposed to the sun for at least 48 hours prior to disposal), harvested by someone with a license to harvest them and the disposal must be properly reported to the relevant governing body.

Schell and Coun. Bob Carter advocated for lifting the limit of snails that can be disposed of for free. “These people are getting together to save our lakes. We should be accomodating to them and allowing to do that,” Carter said. Coun. Jennifer Hughey asked if there could be an educational piece about the dangers of eating the snails.

**Public to get bylaw trends snapshot**

Minden Hills building and bylaw official Colin McKnight will provide council a bylaw trends report four times a year. Coun. Pam Sayne said seeing trends would help council flag issues that may be re-occurring. “It’s



Minden Hills council met in person May 26 for the first time since March 2020. *Township of Minden Hills, YouTube.*

almost a public education piece as much as it is informing us.” Carter said he wanted to see notes about “extraordinary” building or bylaw infractions. He said that could include reports of aggressive property owners, for example, or other difficult files. “You’re going to find the trends, things you have to cover off when you write the next bylaw.”

**Bleachers can’t be used**

Minden Hills will rent bleachers for upcoming summer fairground events after a staff report found current bleachers don’t meet provincial building code requirements. Renting bleachers for a one-day event costs \$2,802. Director of community services Craig Belfry explained staff initially sought to repair the bleachers at an estimated cost of \$3,000. However, the current bleachers,

likely decades old, don’t have guardrails and have damaged metal frames. Belfry estimated it would cost \$100,000 to replace all municipal bleachers with ones of similar heights. “Even though we can save money to use these one more time, if they’re not safe we’re the ones who will be hit with this liability,” Carter said. Sayne said Belfry and McKibbin should have freedom to pursue rental options independent of council approval since summer events are quickly approaching. Devolin noted that council may not own all the bleachers currently on township property. Belfry is set to communicate with community groups about bleacher ownership and the potential for cost-sharing and future replacement options. *(Minden Hills news compiled by Sam Gillett).*

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#### (Virtual) Council Meetings

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Members of the Public will participate electronically, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

**June 9 – Regular Council Meeting**  
**June 30 – Regular Council Meeting**

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at [www.mindenhills.ca/council/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/council/) or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting, please download by visiting our website at [www.mindenhills.ca/council/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/council/). Please note the live stream file/video will be available to the public for the duration of one week after the Council Meeting.





# AH council talks future of septic program

By Mike Baker

With Algonquin Highlands' initial five-year septic reinspection program to conclude this summer, council has discussed implementing a new program to ensure systems are properly maintained in the future.

The reinspection program, launched in 2018, has seen 3,173 properties tested across the municipality, with a further 966 to be examined this year. Most systems found in Algonquin Highlands are characterized as Class 4, featuring a septic tank and absorption system such as a leaching bed.

Inspections have been carried out by Montreal-based engineering firm WSP Global. Speaking to council last December, the firm said that, of the systems tested to date, around 40 per cent are deemed to be "inadequately maintained". Property owners were given official remedial action notices outlining the work that needed to be done to bring their systems up to par. It was noted that less than one per cent were found to be in a state of disrepair and ordered to be replaced.

Greg Moore, the township's bylaw enforcement officer, said he will be following up with households that had yet to complete the remedial action. He asked what plans council had following the conclusion of this year's tests and follow-ups.

"I feel really strongly that we need to continue this program. I think we can do it a little bit differently than we have been doing it. We have tackled a big portion of the work that needs to be done... I don't think it would be well received if we stopped," deputy mayor Liz Danielsen said.

It was pointed out that, five years ago when the process began, it was determined that newer builds, constructed after 2013, would not need to be inspected. Danielsen said, under a new maintenance-first program, this would give the municipality a mandate to check up on those systems.

Mayor Carol Moffatt agreed, saying she'd like to see a modified version of the program be permanently adopted by the township to ensure septic systems are regularly inspected.

"It's sort of like painting the bridge in Sydney, Australia. As soon as you finish painting one end, you have to start right back at the beginning again," Moffatt said. "I don't think we're in a huge rush. There's still some work to be done... We have time to figure out what this thing is going to be. I don't think, in 2023, we're going to start in on section one and do the whole exact same program over again, we're looking for a modified, progressive program moving forward."



Algonquin Highlands council is keen to continue with a modified version of a septic reinspection program beyond 2022. *File.*

## County awards contract for economic development strategy

By Lisa Gervais

The County of Haliburton has awarded the contract for an economic development strategy.

Scott Ovell, director of economic development and tourism, recommended Sexton Harrop Consulting Group get the work during a June 8 committee of the whole meeting.

The cost is \$42,300 plus HST and will come from Safe Restart Funds.

In January, Ovell suggested a strategy and council directed him to find a third party to do it.

The County received two qualified responses. Ovell, manager of tourism Tracie Bertrand, and climate change coordinator

Korey McKay reviewed them. He said Sexton Harrop Consulting's proposal, "best met the requirements of the deliverables outlined in the RFP and were ranked the highest amongst all evaluators."

He added, "In particular SHCG has a strong background working with small rural townships and with organizations within Haliburton County," such as the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce as well as the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Ovell said staff now plan to begin working immediately with Sexton Harrop Consulting.

"The project will be broken down into three phases and the goal is to have it completed by the end of October 2022," Ovell said.

Steps will include a look at current realities and a County profile as well as a situational analysis using strengths, opportunities, aspirations and results (SOAR). There will be a public survey and talks with stakeholders followed by a report to council for feedback. They'll then develop a strategy.

In his initial pitch Jan. 12, Ovell said he'd been hired to develop a more diverse and resilient economy, while still recognizing the importance tourism plays in the Highlands' continued growth.

He said while there is an overarching tourism plan, the Destination Management Plan that stalled during COVID-19, there isn't a strategy for the broader economy. "An economic development strategy

is essentially a road map for economic transformation, growth, and yields long-term prosperity for a community," he said in a report. "It includes action steps that will require the participation of the business community, institutions and citizens."

"While the County has had tremendous success developing and marketing tourism, the challenging realities of today's economy call for new directions, ideas and approaches to enhance economic growth, attract investment and ensure that opportunity continues to be a significant part of the County's quality of life."

Ovell said in an interview it's about creating a vision and how to get there with a five-year departmental budget and business plan.



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The Dorset Recreation Centre will “likely” remain closed until 2023. *File.*

## ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS

### Council loses site control power

Council will be forced to relinquish some authority for new developments to township staff after the Ontario government recently passed Bill 109, the More Homes for Everyone Act.

Introduced in March, the Bill is designed to make housing more transparent and decrease development approval timelines, according to Algonquin Highlands planner Sean O’Callaghan.

“Essentially, it’s encouraging municipalities to speed up timelines, because if we don’t meet timelines then we have to start refunding certain application fees,” O’Callaghan said, noting that wouldn’t be an issue in Algonquin Highlands as applications are typically approved within legislated timeframes.

“Where we will see some impact is with site plan control. This bill is requiring the township to delegate approval authority for a site plan to staff, whereas now it lies with council,” he added.

Mayor Carol Moffatt and deputy mayor Liz Danielsen were skeptical of the idea, but acknowledged they would have to follow provincial direction.

O’Callaghan noted that issues surrounding zoning bylaw amendments would still fall under council’s purview, which appeared to put Moffatt and Danielsen at ease. A motion was made to bring a bylaw confirming the change to council for approval on June 16.

### Dorset rec centre to remain closed

Parks, recreation and trails manager Chris Card said the township was still a long way from reopening the Dorset Recreation Centre.

During an update to council, Card said he was finalizing plans to send an RFP out looking for quotes to complete repairs and upgrades at the facility.

The centre has been closed since March 2021 after staff discovered significant mould and moisture issues while carrying out a small renovation project in the downstairs bathroom. Upon further investigation, it was found that mould had spread to affect other areas of the basement, including the changerooms. Staff have since determined that frequent ice damming on the roof had for years caused water to enter the building through its walls, feeding the issue.

In a message posted on the municipal website, it was noted that the total cost of the project would run in the region of \$900,000. That would cover repairs and renovations, as well as addressing insulation and waterproofing issues, while also including ventilation upgrades.

Card said it was “very likely” the project would run over into 2023. While there is no timeline for a reopening, he said updates would be provided via the municipal website when available. *(Algonquin Highlands briefs compiled by Mike Baker).*

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# Burton running for mayor in Highlands East

By Lisa Gervais

The only incumbent mayor seeking re-election, Highlands East's Dave Burton, has filed his nomination papers.

Burton made it official May 26. Algonquin Highlands mayor Carol Moffatt, Dysart et al mayor Andrea Roberts and Minden Hills mayor Brent Devolin have all announced they are stepping away from public office.

Burton said he put a lot of thought into the decision, consulted with his family, and talked to ratepayers.

"My health is good so I decided that I would seek another term," he said.

Burton is finishing his fourth term, or 16 years with the township. If elected and serving to 2026, it will be 20 years of public service.

Burton said the changeover at County council, since Dysart deputy mayor Pat Kennedy is also not running, factored into his thinking.

"We need the continuity there. We need the experience there," he said.

Burton is now deputy warden and is also on the board of the Ontario Good Roads Association. In the past, he has been a warden, and served on the Ontario Eastern Regional Network and Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus boards. Burton added he had established relationships with members of other levels of government and believes he is a proven leader.

Burton noted he served for six years on

another council before Highlands East and County Council.

"It's been a lot of my life and it's been dedicated to municipal service and working with the people and enjoying what I do," he said.

Burton said another reason he decided to run is he feels COVID "cheated" Highlands East out of some projects and opportunities "and I want to see some of this stuff come to fruition that is sitting out there possibly half done because of our setback we had."

He is looking forward to being part of the recovery, now that the worst of COVID is behind the township, "and moving forward in a gentle, creative manner."

For example, he would like to see the new Herlihey Park completed and better and quicker high-speed internet.

He said the lower-tier council has shown it thinks Centre Lake is a gem in voting against the province selling the Crown land reserve around the lake for private development.

At the County level, he said he honestly does not know where councillors are going to land with the shoreline preservation bylaw. He said a decision on short-term rentals is looming. As for amalgamation, "it's going to take somebody pretty strong to convince me that amalgamation is suitable for Haliburton County."

Burton said he is excited about running again.

"I'm revved up to go and looking forward to it."



Highlands East mayor Dave Burton will seek re-election in October. *File.*

## County financial consultant offers his two cents

By Lisa Gervais

The County's hired bean counter has found the municipality's reserves are the lowest when compared to 10 other similar municipalities.

At just \$322.44 per household, it ranked well below top-runner Dufferin, with \$1,248.74 and even quite a bit below number 10, Middlesex, at \$425.84.

Oscar Poloni of KPMG told councillors and staff at their May 25 meeting they should consider a policy for reserves along with an appropriate funding strategy.

He also advised the County to continue

to pursue operating and capital grants since it has the lowest percentage of the comparators, however he offered the proviso it may reflect the nature of its services compared to other municipalities.

Haliburton County's operating grants as a percentage of total revenue were just 20.8 per cent, compared to leader Hastings, at 56.9 per cent. Capital grants as a percentage of capital additions were last at 6.1 per cent, compared to top gun, Frontenac, at 96.9 per cent.

The County also has debt in the mid-range of the comparator municipalities. Its long-term debt per household is \$206.03, ranking

fifth. By contrast, Hastings had \$1,201.15 and Huron no debt.

When it comes to taxes, the County is at the lower end of the range but the figures do reflect upper-tier taxation only. Residential taxes per household in the County are \$746.41, putting it in ninth place. At the upper end is Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry at \$2,105.94 while the lowest was Frontenac at \$390.15. Haliburton County's residential tax rate of 0.26 per cent was second last.

When it comes to affordability, Poloni suggested the County consider developing a long-term financial plan that appropriately

balances taxation, grants, user fees and debt financing, as well as measures to address concerns over affordability, "particularly given the potential divide between seasonal and year-round residents."

Poloni said another challenge is the books show "a higher degree of aging and potentially significant infrastructure deficit" going forward, requiring incorporating the results of an upcoming asset management plan into long-term financial planning and strategy development.

During the meeting, Poloni also offered a clean audit opinion for the books as of Dec. 31, 2021.



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Not lame ducks yet

We're starting to hear the term "lame duck" in reference to municipal councils. It refers to restricted powers during election periods. Basically, if new councils are going to be quite different from the old ones come the Oct. 24 election, there will be a period of time where they will be restricted from making key decisions. The thinking is, even though they've not been sworn in – and likely won't be until November – a new regime is on the way and they are the ones to make key decisions. Lame duck refers to the period after nomination day Aug. 18 when council could be restricted from appointing or removing any officer of the municipality; hiring or dismissing an employee or disposing of any property with a value of \$50,000 when it was acquired, unless included in the 2022 budget passed before nomination day. They are not supposed to make any expenditure or incur any other liability which exceeds \$50,000, again, unless included in the 2022 budget. Council can delegate the authority to carry out these matters to a person or a body when in lame duck. For example, County of Haliburton CAO Mike Rutter is the delegate

for that council and CAOs generally get selected. Lame duck will likely apply to the County, for example, since four of eight incumbents are not running (Algonquin Highlands mayor Carol Moffatt; Minden Hills mayor Brent Devolin; Dysart et al mayor Andrea Roberts and deputy mayor Pat Kennedy). The other four, Highlands East mayor Dave Burton, deputy mayor Cec Ryall, Minden Hills deputy mayor Lisa Schell and Algonquin Highlands deputy mayor Liz Danielsen are all running but we don't yet know if they will be acclaimed or if someone will run against them. Of course, lame duck would not apply in an emergency, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. The council could still make decisions for something such as that. The point, however, is County council still has more than two months to make decisions before nomination day and any question of being in lame duck mode. And indeed, there is nothing stopping them from making many decisions up until Oct. 24, a full four months away. Yet, for some time now, some of them are already saying they want to defer major

decisions to the incoming council. Perhaps the most notable is the shoreline preservation bylaw. Other major items are the service delivery review and short-term rentals. In our opinion, pushing these big-ticket items to the next council in November would simply be an abdication of councillor responsibility. The council has already made decisions in its 2022 budget around the shoreline preservation bylaw, for example. There is nothing that would prevent them from moving the file forward. After years, and tens of thousands of dollars, a decision should be made before lame duck. In the same vein, councillors must continue to push forward the service delivery review and make a decision about how they are going to manage short-term rentals in future. Councillors need to complete the job they were elected to do.



By Lisa Gervais

Fresh sounds for election season

All four townships are set for a governance reshuffle this fall. So, why shouldn't the County's independent newspaper make a couple of changes too? The Highlander, in partnership with Justin van Lieshout, is set to launch a podcast about the County's upcoming elections. This summer, we're focusing on the big-picture issues. After Labour Day, episodes will feature interviews with candidates. We'll start with the basics such as the history of local government, how budgets and finances work, election rules and what municipalities have the power to do. We'll crack open some tough topics too, such as diversity (and lack thereof), amalgamation and how municipalities set goals and benchmarks for success. Justin will be in on every episode; often conducting interviews himself and doing the majority of the editing. He grew up in Haliburton, and offers the perspective of a younger Highlander who moved away and is now bringing his production expertise home. Podcasts are easy to access (we'll be publishing step-by-step guides to listening) and can be consumed while walking the dog, doing the dishes or driving. We're pursuing this format of news intentionally. As Haliburton changes, and large issues such as the shoreline preservation bylaw spark contentious conversations, there's a lot we can't fit into newspaper-friendly formats. Audio expands how far into these issues we can get. It also changes how they sound. You'll hear about election procedures from clerks, you'll hear about the town's history from experts. You'll listen in while I interview former Hal High athlete Taly Williams after his mural is unveiled at the Haliburton Arena. You'll get much of the information and perspective right from the source. In an audio format, you'll hear our questions and politicians' answers directly. When we write stories, it's difficult to convey the tone of the interview. When you can hear the conversation firsthand, you're the judge of the quote's context or the validity of our questions. You'll be able to hear which questions

aren't answered or what issues a politician or candidate is reluctant to take a stand on, for instance. It won't take the place of print reporting or the (hopefully extensive) list of candidates we hope to interview. We'll be doing that too. But in ways more immediate than any other level of government, municipal decisions change communities, and deserve the extra attention we give them. We think a podcast will be a valuable tool in the toolkit as we endeavour to keep you informed. If you're thinking of putting your name forward, or are hoping to return to a council seat this fall, we hope you'll be excited to chat with us too. Audio conversations mean you'll have a direct line to voters, and space and time to make your voice heard. Stay tuned for more information in upcoming editions of The Highlander.



By Sam Gillett

The Highlander welcomes all contributions, however we wish to remind readers of the following: Letters to the editor policy

- Letters should be exclusive to The Highlander. We do not publish letters also addressed to other media outlets, open letters, letters to third parties, or cc'd letters.
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## LETTERS

### Crown land series 'disrespectful'

*Dear editor,*

There are good people who genuinely want to solve problems, respect people, and make the world a better place. They understand the necessity of accurate, balanced information, presented fairly. This allows for good assessments and subsequent solutions.

Then there are others who don't really want fairness, understanding, and mutually respectful true solutions. They just want their “woke” prejudices to be validated. And they include prejudicial defacto lobbyists pretending to be objective journalists.

I think *The Highlander* can do better.

Recently, *The Highlander* has presented a collage of hit pieces disrespectful of the good people of Haliburton who utilize firearms on Crown land.

Sam Gillett conjures a “study”. It is unofficial. Not conducted by the appropriate authorities. Not expert. No review of the complete relevant factors are presented. And conducted by someone whose credentials are given as teaching the very basic hunters safety beginners course. Literally firearms and hunting kindergarten. While not explaining these limitations fairly to the reader.

So full of holes, it reminds me of the line from *Ocean's Eleven* mocking credibility: “You know a guy?”

There are already laws in effect to address unsafe firearms use on Crown land.

Mr. Gillett goes so far as to demonize skeet shooting on a summer afternoon. So bad. He doesn't mention to the unfamiliar reader that skeet has strong community support; valued and appreciated worldwide. Yes, on a summer afternoon as an Olympic sport bringing nations together since 1968.

I can go on. But I want to respect the reader's time. Clearly, *The Highlander* is intent on throwing divisive, unbalanced mud demonizing good locals. I wonder if Mr. Gillett will move beside the airport next, and then complain about the planes?

I live in Haliburton. I respect people who hold different views. I would just prefer those views be based on objective truth fairly presented with balance.

**Sean J. Muldoon**  
*Haliburton*

### Don't paint ATVers as 'bad apples'

*Re: “Breach” of Beaver Dam shocks neighbouring landowner*

*Dear editor,*

It has not been confirmed how the dam was breached. Your article title suggests otherwise even though it was said to be undetermined what the photo showed.

It is my understanding that the area in question is a township road allowance and has been for more than 100 years. It was an original colonization road, which connected the Burleigh Road to Peterson Road through six townships.

We are some of the “bad apples” who use the trail and care not for wildlife. Your article has slighted myself and every other ATV user and *The Highlander* allows only a 300-word letter as to “not appear biased.”

We take our children there to watch the wildlife and explore the wetland and surrounding forests. I grew up in the outdoors and our family spends much of our time enjoying the outdoors, often riding ATVs and snowmobiles to do so.

We teach our children to clean up garbage on our roadsides and in our lakes. We grow a large garden with them, raise animals, hunt and fish to sustain our family and teach them about the natural progression of things.

Beaver dams give way in this county regularly. In my 40 years, this particular dam has come and went several times and washed out both Hwy. 118 & the Hadlington Road. These turtles have adapted to these water fluctuations, in the still large and deep pond. In fact, when the water is too high, turtle nesting is flooded on the islands and shoreline.

People non-stop complain about how others use Crown land, as shown by front page article: ‘Crown land rules need updating’. Some of these same people put up signs to deter use of Crown land, regardless of their validity.

I am confident that this has more to do with people not liking ATV traffic next to their property (as we’ve been told by group members), than the fact that these turtles may be in the pond.

All things done on this planet have a consequence to something else’s habitat, but we keep expanding.

**Amy Toye**  
*Wilberforce*

### Cart before the horse

*Dear editor,*

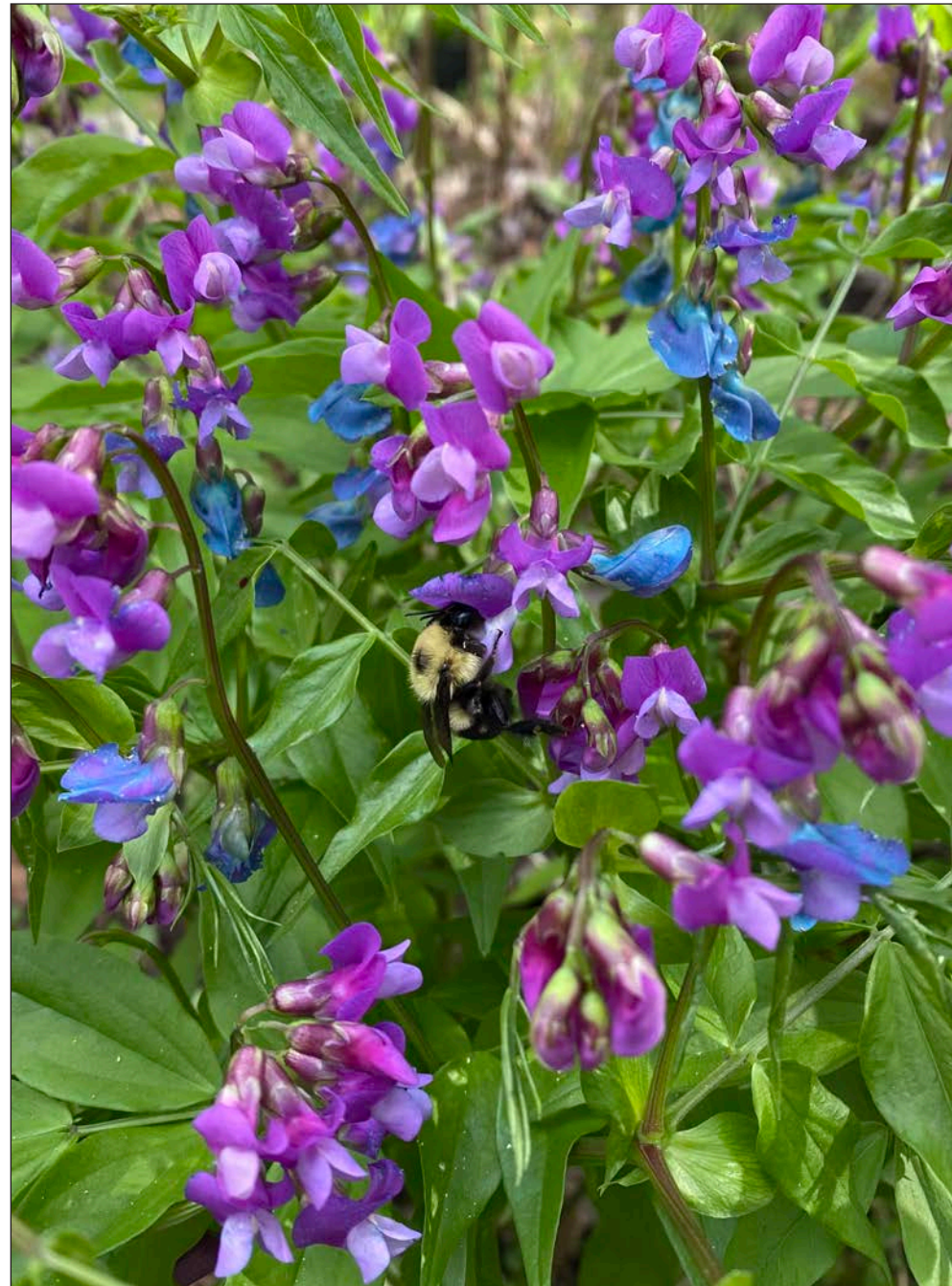
Referencing *The Highlander*’s recent article on Harburn Holdings Grass Lake condo project, we believe that some critical information is lacking in order for Dysart to make an informed decision on the proposed zoning amendments.

The project backers have not provided a site plan that would lay out what buildings are proposed, how large the parking lots and entrance driveways would be, how many more trees would need to be removed, what a storm water management plan would look like, or what further encroachment might result to the sensitive wetlands that have already been extensively altered.

Harburn Holdings have defended the fact they have not provided this important information as they state it will supposedly be included in a second stage of the proposal. However, professional planners have pointed out to Friends of Grass Lake that without knowing what buildings, parking lots and other structures are planned, it is impossible to evaluate if there is even sufficient space on the property for these proposed buildings once legal requirements for setbacks from the road, the lake and other considerations are taken into account.

Grass Lake on County Road 21 is already over-capacity, there should be no

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Jody Mooney sent in this picture of a busy bee at their spring vetchling blooms.

development of any kind whatsoever.

It is understandable that the developers want to get preliminary approvals to proceed without having to provide this information, but the municipality and affected residents should be made aware of the full plan for the property to ensure the project is actually feasible. Approvals for a zoning change without a site plan is putting the cart before the horse.

**Steve Belanger and Karen Guthrie**  
*Haliburton*

### To vote or not to vote

*Dear editor,*

Last week, Mike Baker made an impassioned plea for everyone to vote. While I agree that voting is important, I also have to ask – would it really make a difference?

Pollsters know that if you have a random sample of a few thousand opinions, you will get the same result as if you had polled 100,000 people. Bigger numbers don’t really matter. So, forcing people to vote thereby increasing the number will probably not make any difference. Also, a forced vote

is not necessarily going to provide a more knowledgeable vote. Someone who was forced to vote might just check any box without knowing or caring who was getting the vote.

Those who are interested in voting or in democracy will do so – because it is their right to do so and they want to exercise that privilege.

The more relevant concern is the intent behind the vote. If someone studies the policies of the parties and considers the character of the candidates before casting the vote, then the vote is meaningful. If a voter has a tribal frame of reference and merely checks the box of their tribal candidate – regardless of anything else, then how meaningful is that vote? (In 2020, a candidate in North Dakota died of COVID, but still won the election. Since the year 2000, this has happened at least six times in the USA.)

While voters in Haliburton have not reached that voting mentality it makes one wonder if anything will sway a voter from casting a vote for a member of their tribe – dead or alive.

**Dennis Choptiany**  
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Chyna Schell outside the new HDA building in early 2020. *File.*

## Haliburton Dance Academy to end 10 year Highlands run

By Lisa Gervais

When Haliburton Dance Academy (HDA) students take to the stage of the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion June 17-19 for their year-end recital, it will mark an end of an era for dance in the Highlands.

The academy, started 25 years ago by Terri Mathews-Carl under a different name – and owned by Chyna Schell as HDA the last 10 years – is closing.

The effect of COVID-19 on the Industrial Park Road studio, as well as health challenges facing the birth of Schell's third child, Mabel, contributed to the difficult decision.

The businesswoman is maintaining ownership of HDA but planning to sell the building.

Schell cited, "those two major factors and everything that comes with those two major factors" for her decision.

She purchased the new studio in December 2019, having to work with Dysart et al council on rezoning and organizing contracted work on the building. She had big plans but could never have foreseen a worldwide pandemic shutting them down for lengthy periods of time.

Schell also fell pregnant with Mabel in 2021. She was born with HIE, a brain injury that prevented adequate blood flow from reaching her brain. It has meant working with doctors and researchers at Sick Kids in Toronto.

"In a way, I'm feeling too tired to do it anymore but I'm feeling too tired to do it anymore because of the condition COVID

put me in and because of the birth of my third child, and having three kids at home who miss me in the evening," she said.

"Would I be this burnt out and tired if I didn't have those two things factoring in? Probably not. I would probably do this until I'm 100 years old. It's not a matter of not being passionate about it anymore. It's not a matter of not enjoying it anymore. It's just a matter of not being able to be so spread thin in so many areas of my life anymore. It's not fair to everybody around me, it's not fair to my dancers, to my own children, to my husband and myself."

Schell added she has a high standard for the way that HDA is run, when it comes to quality of service, instruction, environment and organization. She said she felt she was unable to maintain those standards for herself, her dancers and her customers with the way her life has been so rapidly changing.

That being said, Schell said Mabel is doing well and impressing the doctors and physiotherapists at Sick Kids. She will be part of a research study for HIE babies.

"When you're focused on something that is in a way a silver lining to a traumatic experience, it's very helpful in order to recover emotionally," Schell said.

Throughout it all, the community has stood steadfast in its support of HDA, she added.

"It was a big couple of years but the biggest part of that was how supported we felt. There wasn't a day that went by that I felt alone. There wasn't a day that went by that I didn't feel like everyone had our backs. I fully understand that this is a commercial project

and while it is a small business, it is treated with so much support and gratitude and willingness and I just wouldn't have been able to get through 10 years without all of that behind me."

She said she has had discussions with people about selling the business but it hasn't worked out as of yet. She is open to it though. "Fingers crossed."

As the recital wraps up June 19, she added, "It is going to be an emotional time. When you're sad because something so good is ending let it be sad because that's a good thing. It means it was worth something. And it certainly was worth something to lots of people in this community. And I know that I certainly wouldn't be who I am today without HDA and it breaks my heart that I'm not able to continue offering that for future generations."

### Christmas for dancers

HDA students will take to the stage June 17-19 for their spring recital, which Schell refers to as the "Christmas of the year for dancers."

"They really work so hard all year long and it comes down to this final moment in the spring when they get to show off everything they've put their hearts into on stage and they just deserve it wholeheartedly."

She said they'd been working for 35 weeks, since mid-September. She noted some of the routines have been in the works since 2020. She expects about 100 dancers to take part.

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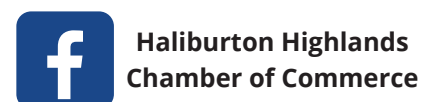
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# Rocking teens punch tickets to Blues Fest

By Sam Gillett

Five Haliburton teens are on their way to a world-class blues camp this summer thanks to the Haliburton Buckslide Blues Society (HBBS).

The society’s “Road to the Kitchener Blues Fest Youth Camp” contest saw Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students audition in front of a live panel of judges May 25.

Guitarist Keenan Ryan said he was “very surprised” to win first place. He improvised his performance on a borrowed guitar because he didn’t know there would be live auditions until that very morning.

“It was super scary, I went in blind,” he said.

Louise Ewing, of the HBBS, said “his guitar skills were amazing and he showed great confidence when playing. He was comfortable on stage when playing to an audience.”

Ryan said he is influenced by bands such as Metallica, connecting with the band’s hard-rocking guitar licks.

“I never liked music,” Ryan recalls. “One day I accidentally stumbled across Metallica and I was like ‘I have to play guitar’.”

Now he plays all the time, and he’ll get a chance to try out the blues at the prestigious Grand River Blues camp this summer thanks to his quick thinking on stage.

He said he eventually would like to record some of his own tunes and master guitar parts for other songs he loves.



The five winners pose during auditions for the HBBS “Road to Kitchener Blues Fest Youth Camp” contest May 25. Submitted.

Ryan and second-place William Craftchick both won HBBS trophies along with money to buy instruments provided by sponsors Long & McQuade and HaliUkes, and they also have the chance to go to the blues camp this summer.

The HBBS said it was so impressed by the other auditions that Grace Judge, Laren Main and Myles Sharp also received sponsorships to the music camp.

In a media release, the HBBS thanked “the high school, the judges, our prize sponsors,

Long & McQuade - Peterborough and HaliUkes/Yorkville - Algonquin Highlands, the Grand River Blues Camp and all those who dropped in to watch the event and especially the contestants for putting their talents on stage for all to see and hear.”

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Warmest regards,

Mark Poweska  
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# Retiring pastor sees hand of God everywhere

By Lisa Gervais

Pastor Brian Plouffe has baptized more than 350 people in his 32-year-career in Haliburton County – in lakes, rivers, streams, and even swimming pools and hot tubs.

The water source doesn’t matter. He refers to the *Book of Acts* where a believer asks why he can’t be baptized in a puddle of water. While that wouldn’t be Plouffe’s first choice, he said any baptism is exciting.

“Because all the baptisms in a Baptist Church take place after they’ve made a declaration of their faith. To see the beginning of wanting to declare their faith and to continue in that faith has been very rewarding,” he said.

He’s even baptized a 91-year-old man, adding, “it’s never too late.”

Plouffe will be doing perhaps his last two baptisms June 19 when his replacement pastoral couple at West Guilford Baptist Church – Shaun and Amy Turner – take the faithful plunge. They will then baptize their four children as the congregation gathers to celebrate Plouffe’s retirement.

Plouffe spent his first two years pastoring Lakeside Baptist Church, Eagle Lake Community Church, and West Guilford Baptist Church. Over the next 20 years, he led just Lakeside, and for the last 10 years, just West Guilford.

In addition to the baptisms, he said it has been rewarding working with families who are grieving and helping them through their pain and shock with presence, tears and hugs.

He will miss the challenge of “having something fresh from the word of God to share every week” in his sermon but is relieved the deadline will no longer be there. He will also miss being contacted by people when they are in need.



Pastor Brian Plouffe is retiring after 32 years. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

However, after a summer off, some travelling and connecting with family – his first summer off since he was 15 – Plouffe and wife Diane will be back as part of the congregation in the fall.

Reflecting on his lengthy career, Plouffe said, “God has truly been faithful to myself and my family and to the congregations I’ve served.”

That’s not to say there haven’t been hard times. He recently lost his middle daughter, Laura, known around town as “Buddy” to leukemia, at 34. One way he has coped is

journaling. Revisiting those pages, he said, “I see the hand of God even in the hard times.”

“I’ve been stuck many times. I’ve fallen in the mud many times and He’s helped me up, and cleaned me up.”

He said COVID has been a challenge and the last two of his 32 years, “the strangest, and yet in some ways, very rewarding” of his career.

He is thankful for many things: that he can pass the baton on to the Turners, for Diane and children, Leanne, Laura and Lindsay, for his congregations, and assistant Dee Wruth.

One day he plans to write his memoir. He’s not sure of the title, something such as *A Country Preacher* with a theme of “forever faithful.”

When he first came to the community, he remembers praying, “Lord, if you’re in this, if I stay five years in this community with these three churches, if I can see one of them ever grow to three quarters full, I’d be so happy. The Bible says, ‘God wants to do more than you can ever hope or imagine’ and he certainly has done that. Thirty-two years. I can’t believe it.”

## ‘Fleeting moment at top of world’ worth years of training

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Base Camp, she would have it within her to reach Everest’s summit.

Ianovskaia made the trip to Nepal alone in 2021. While waiting out the weather at Base Camp, she contracted COVID-19 and had to be evacuated. She spent 10 days in quarantine before returning home disappointed.

Rather than admit defeat, Ianovskaia wanted to give it one more shot. In March, she and Dasha made the trip to Base Camp. On May 14, at 6:20 a.m. local time, they reached the top of the world.

“We spent about half an hour at the summit, taking in the moment. There was nothing around but snow, and nothing but clouds and countless mountain peaks below. Everest casts a peculiar shadow that has the shape of a perfect pyramid – it was breathtakingly beautiful,” Ianovskaia said. “Somewhere down and to the left of us, there was a large storm happening. We watched it pass, hundreds of tiny lightning strikes passed down below. It was unbelievable.”

The duo flew a conjoined flag at the peak, representing Canada, their home, Belarus, their place of birth, and Ukraine, to show support for the crisis occurring in Europe.

Having returned home May 21, one would have forgiven Ianovskaia for taking a break. Instead, she has already planned her next ascent – K2 in Pakistan. She leaves later this month.

While it took a great amount of training for Ianovskaia to get to the point where she felt comfortable challenging Everest, she firmly believes it’s a task any climber can complete.

“Be courageous and follow your passions, but be realistic about it,” Ianovskaia said, noting that on top of the physical demands, the cost to climb Everest is also substantial. The required permits alone run approximately \$11,000 and once flights, equipment and guides have been paid for, it’s not unusual for a single climb to run in the region of \$30,000 to \$40,000.

“It took me years of training and preparation for that fleeting moment at the top of the world,” she added. “For me, it was all worth it.”



Highlands resident Liliya Ianovskaia (right) made it to the peak of Mount Everest May 14, alongside her daughter, Dasha. *Submitted.*





Enrollment at TLDSB high schools is expected to drop for the 2022/23 school year. *File.*

## High school enrollment expected to fall next year

By Mike Baker

Enrollment across Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) is expected to drop for the 2022/23 school year.

In a May 24 report, superintendent Tim Ellis said the board is projecting 11,203 elementary students – a slight increase from this year – and 4,773 secondary students in September. According to stats from the Ministry of Education, the board had 10,849 elementary students this school year and 5,645 secondary students.

He indicated this year's totals were higher than the board had anticipated, attributing that to people relocating from the GTA due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Now we're seeing a trend of folks that lived in Toronto getting recalled back to the city for work... Because of that, our estimated enrollment for this year is going to be lower," Ellis said.

He noted these were just projections, and the final totals in September could be higher. He indicated, though, that it was better for the board to project low so as to not get caught out with budget forecasts.

Diving into the numbers, Ellis calculated TLDSB would receive around \$218 million in revenues next school year. From that, he's projecting \$94.2 million for pupil foundation, which supports classroom and teacher costs; \$14.1 million for school foundation, which covers the salaries of principals, vice-principals and secretaries; \$19.6 million in qualifications and experience funding, which Ellis said can differ depending on the number of teacher retirements; \$27.6 million in special education funding; \$16.1 million for transportation; and \$20.5 million for school operational costs.

Trustee John Byrne asked if the projected costs for transportation accounted for the recent increase in fuel costs. Ellis said the ministry uses a fuel escalator and de-escalator algorithm to determine how much money a school board receives to offset the cost of fuel. He noted that amount can change month-to-month, but the board is usually covered.

Ellis said he would be tabling a full budget for trustee consideration in June.

## BIRT program making a difference for students

One of the success stories of the current school year, according to superintendent Jennifer Johnston, has been the success of the board's Behaviour Intervention Resource Team (BIRT).

TLDSB employs three teachers and seven educational assistants to operate the program, which provides in-class supports to youth with behavioural issues.

"These educators are advocates for equity and inclusion... They are able to figure out the underlying issues for the behaviour and put some strategies in place to rectify them," Johnston said.

During the 2021/22 school year, there have been 157 BIRT referrals board-wide. According to Johnston, the average length of BIRT involvement with a student has been 32 days.

In most cases, a single stint working alongside BIRT educators has resulted in positive behaviour from the student.

"We're very proud of the work our BIRT team has been able to do this year," Johnston said.

## Measuring success

Director of education Wes Hahn said he will be using two key indicators to measure the board's success over the next 12 months.

"One of the things we have talked about as a team is professional learning... The pandemic had a big impact, and we couldn't do a lot of the training we would have liked, but we're starting to do that and catch up now," Hahn said. "It's important we provide our staff the opportunity to develop. I've always said you can't ask people to do things they're not trained or supported to do."

"Then equity of inclusion is huge too. We want our students to feel like they belong. That includes students with special ed needs, to LGBTQ needs. We have a lot of work to do to continue on that path so they feel connected, reach their potential and achieve success," he added.



## Municipality of Dysart et al

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FORM 6

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

Municipal Act, 2001

Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

## SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

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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/9tZEqdeGoqTouHtHU04iVBto0WudCOBPuF8VI> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

### Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 46 24 011 000 04700 0000; PIN 39252-0027 (LT); PT LT 5 CON 7 DYSART AS IN DY3763; DESCRIPTION MAY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IN FUTURE AS IN DY3763; DYSART ET AL; File No. 19-04

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$24,000

**Minimum tender amount: \$5,997.24**

2. Roll No. 46 24 040 000 35300 0000; Irish Line Rd.; PIN 39141-0342 (LT); PT LT 8 CON 3 GUILFORD AS IN H127005; UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF DYSART, DUDLEY, HARCOURT, GUILFORD, HARBURN, BRUTON, HAVELOCK, EYRE AND CLYDE; File No. 20-21

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$82,000

**Minimum tender amount: \$7,149.23**

3. Roll No. 46 24 040 000 76415 0000; Eagle Lake Rd.; PIN 39142-0259 (LT); PT LT 11 CON 4 GUILFORD PT 1 19R4394; S/T GU626; UNITED TOWNSHIPS OF DYSART, DUDLEY, HARCOURT, GUILFORD, HARBURN, BRUTON, HAVELOCK, EYRE AND CLYDE; File No. 20-21

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$28,500

**Minimum tender amount: \$5,809.93**

4. Roll No. 46 24 040 000 80800 0000; PIN 39142-0202 (LT); PT LT 14 CON 4 GUILFORD AS IN H181845 DESCRIPTION MAY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IN FUTURE AS IN H181845; S/T INTEREST IN H181845.; DYSART ET AL; File No. 20-22

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$28,000

**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.

**Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, availability of road access, or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.**

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

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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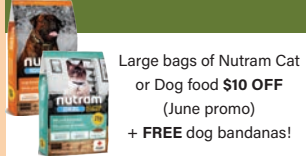
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# The search for Grace is on

By Sam Gillett

The Land Between charity is urging Highlanders to keep an eye out for Grace.

The snapping turtle, likely more than 125 years old and known for her missing eye, hibernates in a wetland near the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Gelert Road.

Leora Berman, The Land Between chief operating officer, said it's important Grace is found so she can be fixed with a geotracker device. Aside from an unconfirmed sighting in mid-May, she hasn't been spotted since 2021 when she was recorded emerging from the wetland on Gelert. The Land Between previously raised concerns over the infilling of an environmentally protected wetland zone on private property within the area Grace likely hibernates.

"We are hopeful because if she's alive and well, she will be found again," said Berman. She said turtles are creatures of habit, following regular routes as they move around their habitats.

For example, Grace has arrived at a local family's dock for 40 years at the same time each year.

Berman urged anyone who spots the large snapping turtle to text or call The Land Between charity (home of the Turtle Guardians program) and provide its location.

"We are located in her neighbourhood and have many staff and volunteers on



Grace is likely more than 125 years old. *The Land Between.*

hand so if we are alerted right away, we should have plenty of time to meet up with her," Berman said.

Since it's turtle nesting season, Berman also encouraged people to report sightings of turtle nests too.

All turtles, including painted turtles, are at risk of becoming extinct. To enhance turtle hatchlings' chances of survival, the Land Between can extract

nests in precarious locations by roads or driveways, and they will be hatched in the charity's climate-controlled facility each summer before being released back into their nesting habitat.

To report a sighting of Grace, nesting turtle or turtle nest, call or text 705-854-2888.

There is a \$125 Foodland gift card for helping to locate Grace



The HHLT will be surveying properties such as the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve for certain at-risk species. *File.*

# HHLT fighting for species protection

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) is honing in on species at risk around the Highlands.

The trust received a \$28,715 Species at Risk Stewardship Program grant from the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

The trust will focus its funding on a rare wetland plant and the nine-spotted and transverse lady beetles.

"We will engage targeted audiences and the general public through media campaigns, presentations and citizen science initiatives to survey and submit observations in targeted areas within Haliburton County... as well as increase awareness and promote stewardship of these species at risk" said HHLT chair Shelley Hunt in a media release.

The HHLT will survey spots on its

properties to learn more about the provincial distribution of these species.

On June 2, the HHLT kicked off its public information sessions on the species with a virtual presentation on "lost" native lady beetles from Dr. Steven Paiero, curator of the University of Guelph insect collection. *(Sam Gillett).*





First 'Lions Classic' a huge success

The Haliburton and District Lions Club held its first 'Lions Classic' fundraiser at the Legion on Saturday evening. Dozens of local residents attended, with a live auction and donation pot raising \$2,500 for the Haliburton County Public Library. The money will be used to purchase early education program equipment and materials. Left: Lions member Gail Stelter hands the door prize to local resident Mary Lawr. Right: Library CAO Chris Stevenson was in attendance, thanking the crowd for its support. Photos by Mike Baker.



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# Minden Rotary celebrates 75 years

By Mike Baker

With dozens of pivotal community contributions under its belt over the past three quarters of a century, Minden Rotary is the embodiment of its mantra “service above self”.

The club celebrated its 75th anniversary with a dinner gala fundraiser at the Minden Community Centre June 4, inviting past and present members for a trip down memory lane to remember the connections, friendships and projects the group has fostered and supported since its inauguration.

Legacy members and past presidents such as Dick Schell, Bill Obee and Paul Sisson were on hand, much to the delight of outgoing president Lynda Litwin.

“This was a wonderful event to recognize and acknowledge the contributions our club has made to the community over the past 75 years, and it was great to have so many long-standing members in attendance,” Litwin said. “We had a lot of people saying they were close to tears when they walked in, saying it was the first time they had been anywhere or seen anybody in more than two years.”

A member since 2013, Litwin has helped to steady the ship during the COVID-19 pandemic. She played a key role in Rotary’s efforts to staff the vaccination clinics that took place in the community in 2021-22.

“That was one of our biggest success stories. We got the call from the regional health unit saying they were looking for help, and one of our members, Sally Moore, took it over and led the whole effort,” Litwin said. “We ended up with over 200 volunteers, which is a testament to what a wonderful community we live in.”

When Jeanne Anthon thinks about the many contributions Minden Rotary has made to the community, there was one project that stood above all others.

“I really feel strongly that Minden Rotary ensured the development of our local hospital and provided financial stability to it for a lot of years,” Anthon said, noting the club’s



A roll call of Minden Rotary presidents past and present gather for a photo at the organization’s 75th anniversary celebration held at the Minden Community Centre June 4. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

contributions to the original build were around \$150,000. “Then you look at things like Rotary Park, the tennis courts, the village green, even the original arena... They might not have happened without Minden Rotary.”

Anthon has been a proud member of the club for 31 years and was one of the first women permitted to join, alongside Shirley Kuni in 1991.

While she admits it took a little while for her to get up to speed with the inner workings of the club, now she couldn’t imagine life without it.

“I consider Rotary like my other family... It

has become a very important part of my life,” Anthon said. “I look forward to our weekly meetings. I cherish the friendships I have made over the years. It’s been a pleasure, truly, to put service above self.”

## Rotary around the world

Minden Rotary is hosting a ‘Rotary Around the World Meet and Greet’ via Zoom June 13 at 7 p.m.

The event is being described as a sharing of information on the work that Rotary accomplishes around the world and in

Haliburton County.

“Our plan is to help folks living locally to know that there is a host of people around the world who are peacekeepers and who find their way to the areas of need... flooding, earthquakes and war,” said Rotarian Sally Moore. “Our Rotarians at home are these kinds of people and we wish to tell the world that it is a family of people who follow the mantra ‘service above self’.”

To access a link to the meeting, contact Moore at [info@sunnyrockbb.ca](mailto:info@sunnyrockbb.ca), or by calling 705-286-4922.



### 26th Annual General Meeting of Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation Thursday, June 23, 2022 2:00 p.m.

(Meeting Agenda - Business of the Corporation: Reports of the CEO and Board, Chief of Staff, Auditor, Foundation, Nominating Committee, Election of Directors, and Appointment of Auditors)

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions and precautions that remain in place at HHHS, the 26th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held as a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom application. In order to participate, Corporation members and members of the public who wish to attend will require an invitation, which will provide further information on how to participate.

For further information or to arrange for an invitation, please contact:

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## COMING THIS SUMMER

The Minden Curling Club is hosting indoor summer activities which include;  
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Drop in times will be Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM to start. If there is enough interest, leagues may be set up. Summer activities for members of the curling club are free. The cost for non-members will be \$35.00 or \$5.00 per day. Please bring clean indoor footwear.

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION • June 22nd at BOSHKUNG SOCIAL 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM  
June 29th at MINDEN CURLING CLUB 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. The courts will be open for practice and the bar will be too.

The cost will be \$85.00 (which includes your \$35.00 membership). The league will run from July 6th to September 7th. You will play as an individual in a round robin doubles format each week. Payment can be cash or cheque payable to the Minden Curling Club.

For more information on the above events, call Robert at 705-286-3554 or email us at [mindensummersocialleagues@gmail.com](mailto:mindensummersocialleagues@gmail.com).

The equipment for all activities has been provided through a **New Horizons Grant**.





## Home and Cottage Show makes triumphant return

The Haliburton Home and Cottage Show was a massive hit this past weekend, with over 2,500 visitors descending upon the Haliburton Curling Club and A.J. LaRue Arena for the three-day event. With more than 120 vendors on hand, there was plenty for locals to see and do during their stay. Organizer Dave Taylor said he was delighted with the turnout.

Left: It was a good weekend for the team at Golden Lake Rustic. Natasha Hedden and Blair McMillan said it was nice to have the opportunity to get out into the community again and showcase some of their designs following the COVID-19 pandemic. Right: There were dozens of people milling around A.J. LaRue Arena on Saturday afternoon, chatting with vendors and checking out the many items on display. *Photos by Mike Baker.*

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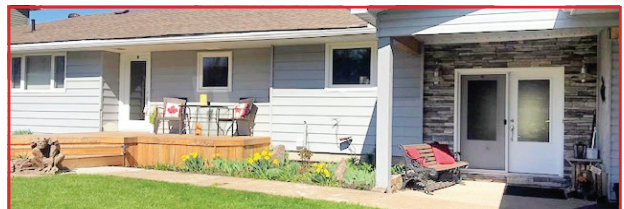
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### June 15, 7 p.m.

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### June 16, 7 p.m. Environment Haliburton!

Virtual event about the negative effects of urban sprawl. This event is a collaborative effort between EH! and a number of other climate organizations, including Environmental Defence, Stop Sprawl HamOnt, Climate Action Muskoka, Seniors for Climate Action Now!, Climate Action for Lifelong Learners and Below 2 Degrees. Register in advance via the EH! website.

### June 22-24

*Aging Together As Community* and screening of the Danish documentary, *It Is Not Over Yet*; 6 p.m., Wednesday, June 22, at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Community Centre in Wilberforce; 6 p.m., Thursday, June 23, at the Minden and District Lions Club and 6 p.m., Friday, June 24, at the Haliburton United Church. Join us to discuss how we value aging as a community and work together to plan 'home-like' alternatives to institutional care. See ltcneedsyou.ca to register or call 705 457 2247.

### June 25, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

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### July 1

Friday Evenings at the Fairgrounds carries on the tradition of Music by the Gull in Minden with a series of live performances from July 1 through September 2.

### July 9, 8:15 p.m.

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**Wednesdays:** Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall & bingo, doors open at 6 p.m., bingo starts at 7 p.m. \$500 Jackpot last Wednesday of the month.

**Thursdays:** General meeting third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

**Fridays:** Cribbage 1 p.m. start in the Schofield Room; meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards.

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## OBITUARIES



### *In Loving Memory of* **Garth William Mole**

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Beloved husband of Wanda Mole (nee Skinner) for 48 years, and loving father and friend to Dawn and Jay. Son to Bill and Laura

Mole and son in law to Jim and Betty Skinner. Garth lived a gratifying life, and was loved by many. The highlight of his life being his children Jay William Mole (April) and Dawn Lea Hurd (Stewart) and his wonderful grandchildren Jordyn, Jaxon, Tenlea and Emmerson. As time passed and the family grew Garth enjoyed a fulfilling life with his family. Several trips to Switzerland and skiing on the West Coast. Garth found joy in spending time with his family snowmobiling, skiing, fishing and in his later years enjoyed spending vacation time in Fort Myers, Florida.

He was a volunteer Firefighter for the Township of Stanhope for over 10 years and received a citation for bravery for his efforts in an ice rescue on Boshkung Lake. A very devoted, generous, and a model man to his family and to all those who had the honour of knowing him. Garth spent many years coaching and volunteering his time to the community. He was a Sales Manager for Lawrason Chemical for several years.

Haliburton is where Garth along with his parents were the founders of Lorelea Lodge on Hall's Lake. He always has lots of stories to share from growing up "way up north", and had a great memory for events that took place as a youngster. He often talked about his grandmother, and shared memories with many. He was a member of the Boshkung Lake Ski Club and competed from Toronto to Montreal in Expo 1967. Reminiscing will continue once he meets his sole brother Nip again. Garth will be greatly missed, but always remembered.

Friends are invited to a Celebration of Garth's Life at the Sir Sam's Ski Hill, 1054 Liswood Rd, Eagle Lake, ON on Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 1:00 until 5:00 pm.

Donations to the Canada (Ontario Division) Kidney Foundation (cheques only) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



### *In Loving Memory of* **Rose Mary Cummings**

Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home, Minden on Monday, May 30, 2022, at the age of 74.

Beloved wife of Jim. Dear Mother of Liz, Jim, Kim, Ron and Jody. Loving grandmother of Aidan, Cameron, Lacy, Merissa and Lori.

Dear daughter of Ron Clark and Marie (deceased), sister of Barb.

Friends are invited to visit the family at 1105 Halls Lake Rd., Algonquin Highlands, Ontario on Sunday, June 19, 2022 from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm.

Memorial Donations to the Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



### *In Loving Memory of* **Muriel Joy Peters (nee Little)**

Passed away suddenly at the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

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A Private Graveside Service will be held at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton on Wednesday, June 15, 2022.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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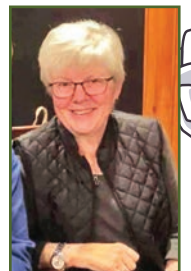
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Hair's the Thing

by Barbara Olson

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Across

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Milan's opera house La \_\_\_\_
- 9

Modern suffix with rage
- 15

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- 16

\_\_\_\_ to my ears
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Let have but not for keeps
- 18

Mom's salon request to give her kids buzz cuts?
- 21

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- 22

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- 23

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Trendy furniture wood
- 7

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- 8

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- 9

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- 10

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- 11

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- 12

Paper size that's not leg.
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- Extensive decking, modern septic, shed



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