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## Summer lovin'

Paul Winkley paddles at Minden's whitewater preserve June 28. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

## 'Decades' to restore damaged shorelines

By Lisa Gervais

There was a 60 per cent increase in shoreline tree preservation bylaw activity in 2021, forestry conservation and County weed inspector James Rogers told council June 22.

Not to be confused with council's proposed shoreline preservation bylaw - which has not

been passed - the County of Haliburton has a tree preservation bylaw.

Rogers said that from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2021, the 60 per cent jump from 2020 figures included 82 site visits, six fines, 12 stop work orders and nine work orders for restoration.

"I've had to shift my time and priorities to these issues and it gives me a bit less time for

the forestry matters as this trend continues," Rogers said.

The majority of site visits were consultations, education, warnings, follow-ups from previous issues, and findings of compliance with the bylaw despite complaints or issues raised. Rogers noted the bylaw is enforced on a complaint basis.

"Every written complaint is fully investigated, enforcement measures taken as required." He said they have the potential of fines up to \$100,000 and work orders are often very costly to implement.

However, he said they are finding that restoration on some sites is

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# Public thinks bylaw not being enforced

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challenging due to terrain and a lack of suitable soil. They try to have fixes using three-year-old seedlings right up to six-foot-plus saplings. The landowner or person who took down the original trees has to pay for it. Rogers said other restorations involve the removal of fill. He said he is encountering sites where sometimes a foot or more of fill has been placed in a shoreline zone where trees and tree rooting zones exist. “The trees begin to suffer but they’ll hang on for a few years until they really start to decline.” He said he had been successful in getting some restoration orders to remove the fill. However, he told councillors there can be a perception that the bylaw is not being enforced because it takes so long for restoration to catch up to what the original shorelines looked like. “Although people notice the clear-cutting on the shorelines quite often, and that gets

*And the work that we’ve done recently is looking like we’re not going to make your job any easier*  
**Warden Liz Danielsen**

reported to me, people may not notice the restoration at first, going on on the shorelines. It may take decades for restored shoreline areas to get into ... what they once did prior to tree removal ... it takes decades to get a young forest, never mind an older forest that may have been removed. So, this may leave the perception that our bylaw is

not being enforced in some cases. But it will take time.” He said there were other unsightly shoreline issues not addressed in the current bylaw, such as trees cleared for new buildings, trees taken down in the past that were not reported, and areas of severely diseased trees such as beech, and emerald ash bore damage. He said in other cases, they’ve got landscaping work that may not involve the removal of trees but greenery, shrubs and other vegetation, “that still make visual impact from the lake and yet it’s not really to do with trees.” Rogers said he was not suggesting the issues should or shouldn’t be addressed through a bylaw but, “My point is people see the results of these activities and may get the impression that the bylaw is not being enforced.” Warden Liz Danielsen acknowledged Rogers, “has a challenging job from time to time and particularly when it comes to tree preservation and concerns about that. And the work that we’ve done recently is looking like we’re not going to make your job any easier.”

Council has yet to pass its shoreline preservation bylaw despite it being years in the making. Coun. Andrea Roberts said the existing bylaw is going in a direction the County doesn’t want it to. She asked Rogers if he could determine whether people were contravening the bylaw because they didn’t know there was one, or disregarding the bylaw and saying, “so what? I’ll just replant trees. This is what I wanted’.” Rogers said he mostly hears that people don’t have knowledge of the bylaw but it would be hard to know a percentage. “I’m sure both cases are true and I probably shouldn’t comment further.”

## Fears for hemlock trees raised

First it was beech trees under threat, then ash, and now hemlock is at risk, the County’s forestry officer said. Speaking to a June 22 council meeting, James Rogers said the aphid-like insect is now in Ontario. He added it is “inevitably” heading towards the Highlands’ way. And while he said it might “hopefully take decades, it could be here already. We don’t know.” Rogers said similar to knowledge of beech bark disease, caused by a combination of an insect and fungus, as well as emerald ash borer, the result of a beetle, it is better to be informed at the outset to take all possible measures to prevent its spread. It’s an important issue, he added, as there are “a lot of shorelines with heavy hemlock coverage, especially northern and eastern facing slopes, which are sometimes dominated by hemlock.” He said if the public sees signs of the Hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA), they

should report it through the invasive species hotline or the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. “It is something to start thinking about and anticipating the arrival of the insect. Whether you see or it not, early detection can certainly mitigate the damage,” Rogers said. He also suggested good forestry practices that protect the health of individual trees through thinning and increasing the diversity of tree coverage. He said people can contact professional foresters. “We’re all just sort of getting on board now to look at this in future so all the eggs aren’t in one basket. It’s nice to get ahead of this thing, and it remains to be seen what best specific advice will come down from the province.” Coun. Carol Moffatt said it might be helpful to better educate the public about the insects, including with photographs on the County website. (Lisa Gervais).





# Sir Sam's Ski/Ride hoping to climb even higher

By Lisa Gervais

The owners of Sir Sam's Ski/Ride are hoping to enhance the already breathtaking view from the top of the ski hill.

Doug Wilkinson said they will soon be working with Dysart et al on a bylaw amendment to allow a 60-foot tower with viewing platform where the existing brown double chairlift now sits. If approved, the family hopes to have it in place for the fall colour season.

"That will allow folks who are coming to either hike, bike or just hang out, to go up and check out the awesome view," Wilkinson said.

In addition to bringing the concept to Dysart et al, Sir Sam's is sending letters to its neighbours.

"We're just looking for input from folks. We're not looking to get anybody all riled up about having a viewing tower in the backyard or anything like that. If anybody has any thoughts or input, we're more than happy to hear that."

They have a mockup design for the tower that would sit 450 feet above Eagle Lake. It will include an open air, 20 by 30-foot viewing platform.

"It's about the height of an average tree. It's going right up by a couple of trees at the top of the hill. It's the same height as the trees," Wilkinson said.

"It's just going to enhance the view, because the view up there is already awesome. We get so many people there through the fall. This is just going to make that experience all that much better."

Wilkinson added he thinks it will bring in new people who will stay in accommodation, eat at

restaurants, buy local gas and shop local. It could also create more employment, he said.

The idea is to also make it available for special occasions, such as weddings in the sky, Wilkinson said, as 30-40 people can be accommodated on the platform.

Asked about the concept, he paid homage to the late Bob Bishop. He said Bishop first looked into the possibility of a tower about 20 years ago but it never came to fruition. However, the Bishop family always thought the view was perhaps the strongest asset the business had. So, the Wilkinsons dusted off the plan.

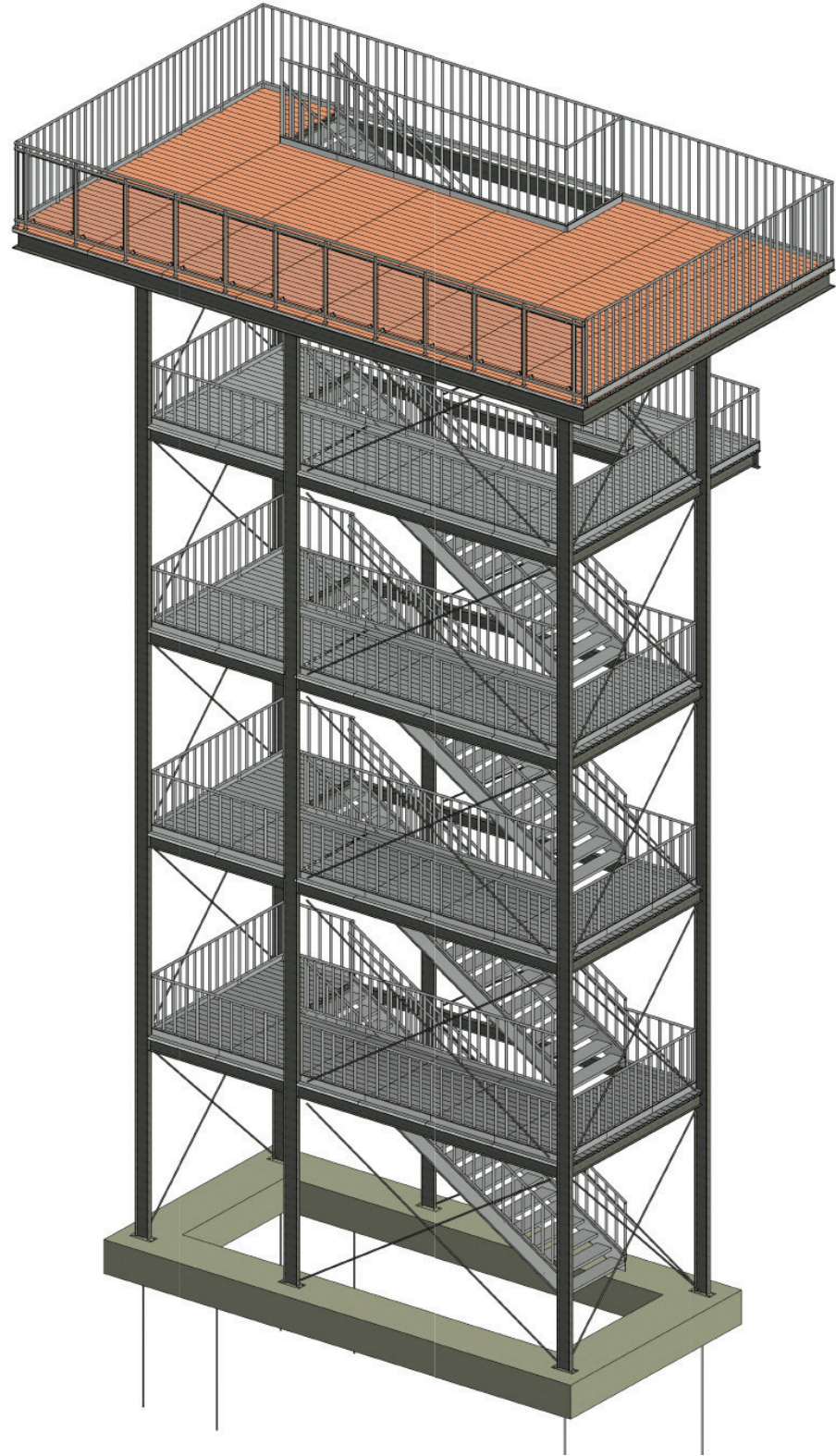
For the family, Wilkinson said they have family pictures from the top of the hill and it had been a yearly tradition.

He said the tower and viewing platform tie in with a rebranding of the event centre as the Eagle Lake Wedding and Event Venue. The family will shortly be launching a new website for that.

They'll still be Sir Sam's Ski/Ride but will also be advertising the addition, "as people are looking for event centres, they're not typically Googling ski hills, so we want to carry a separate brand for the actual event centre."

They hope to attract everything from weddings to celebrations of life and work conferences in the new chalet space with its expansive verandah out front. They recently hosted the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School prom.

"Hopefully to draw through spring, summer, fall and even where it makes sense in the winter and doesn't conflict with the skiing side of things," Wilkinson said.



Left: Doug, partner Kim, and children, Hunter and Brittney, at the top of the ski hill. Right: An image of what the tower and viewing platform might look like. *Submitted.*

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**COUNTY NEWS**

**Support for U-Links' lake health pilot project**

The County of Haliburton supported a \$35,000 ask from U-Links for a pilot water quality monitoring program it has started this year.

U-Links director Andrew Gordon and Jim Prince, vice president of the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association, spoke at a June 22 council meeting.

They said 10 lake associations have signed up: Kennisis, Redstone, Haliburton, Halls and Hawks, Kushog, Drag and Spruce, Miskwabi, Cedar and Kashagawigamog.

According to the presenters, the lake associations are worried about blue-green algae and nutrient loading from human activities, such as septic systems.

They think it's important to monitor the water quality to identifying short and long-term trends; provide a report on the state of lake water quality, as well as for scientific support for decision-making on health, environmental and development issues.

Gordon and Prince said lake associations are finding the main barriers to performing their own testing are the cost of equipment and lab fees as well as testing expertise.

At a June 14 virtual Haliburton Water Quality Summit, they brought together scientific experts, lake associations, County staff and others with vested interests. The 40-plus attendees talked about parameters to sample, standard operating procedures, training, costs, logistics, data archiving and availability and how to make findings

available to council and the public. This year's goals (2022-23) have included: protocols for testing, guidelines, standard operating procedures, training, safety materials, costs and logistics, and actual testing.

The overall plan is to expand the program to other lakes with comprehensive summary reports at five-year intervals.

"We are initiating a water quality testing pilot in 2022, with the hopes that it can turn into a long-term, third party-run program," Gordon and Prince said.

They estimated the cost at \$120,000. Lake associations are kicking in \$50,000, which left a balance of \$70,000. U-Links pitched a \$35,000 contribution while asking the County for \$35,000. The County agreed upon entry into a fee-for-service agreement.

**Contract for development charges study**

Councillors endorsed a recommendation from director of planning Steve Stone to continue work towards establishing development charges.

Stone asked that a mandatory development charges background study be awarded to Watson and Associates for \$115,610 (excluding taxes) and be funded from reserves. He added, "it is noteworthy that the study costs can be recovered through the development charges once they are in place."

Development charges are fees collected from developers to help pay for the cost of infrastructure required to provide municipal services to new development, such as roads,



Brendan Martin, centre, assists a trainee at U-Links' benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring training session on Halls Lake on July 18, 2021. U-Links is continuing that project along with launching new ones. *File.*

transit, water and sewer infrastructure, community centres and fire and police facilities.

Stone said the firm is recognized across Canada as experts in their field. Coun. Carol Moffatt asked about timelines since the company is in great demand. Stone said they would be invited to a July 20 council meeting to make a presentation on their plans. Stone added the study includes the local municipalities in the County.

**Readvertising procurement position**

Council has decided to readvertise for a procurement person.

The recommendation came from a June 8 service delivery review implementation steering committee meeting.

CAO Mike Rutter strongly urged council to reconsider an earlier decision to pause hiring for the position – when a candidate could not be found – but which was recommended in the services delivery review report.

Rutter said staff wanted to try again, "opening the opportunity for candidates who are not fully qualified, but who are willing to take the appropriate training to fulfill the mandate in the long-term."

He also recommended staff be directed to negotiate a draft agreement with a neighbouring municipality for procurement support and mentorship services. *(County news compiled by Lisa Gervais).*

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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 30 – Regular Council Meeting**  
**July 28 – Regular Council Meeting**

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in July.

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# Point in Time continuing to build community

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub experienced a 226 per cent jump in the number of young people accessing it last year, those attending Point in Time's AGM heard June 21.

Board chair Sandy Adams said the "dramatic increase" saw 656 youth served in 2021-22.

Point in Time also offers a high school drop-in clinic with a trained mental health worker three days a week during the school year. Reasons cited for visiting the clinic included anxiety, peer relationships, depression, academics and family conflict.

Executive director Marg Cox said in the past year, the hub formed new partnerships, faced the challenges of COVID-19, and developed a full team.

Cox said she thought a number of factors impacted the increase.

"These include the isolation youth have experienced during the pandemic and the opportunity to be together again in person is such a draw. Whether it is to participate in a tournament, engage in art or other fun activities. It is developmentally appropriate and essential for youth to be with other youth to flourish."

She added a partnership with Haliburton Highlands Secondary School to cost share a late bus has also helped. Haliburton Highlands Health Service has helped with vans and volunteer drives.

She noted the pandemic has been hard on

youth and they have seen increased need for mental health, substance use, primary care and peer worker support. She said their team has been continuing to provide in-person outreach in various communities which also increases access to youth hub staff and services.

Cox noted the hub is doing Indigenous teachings, dialectical behaviour therapy (that helps people learn and use new skills and strategies so they build lives they feel are worth living), song writing, Kinark outdoor activity days, mindfulness martial arts, virtual peer support, a scavenger hunt and alternate reality/secret society games.

Adams, who will now be past-president, congratulated staff for its "continued outreach, ability to adapt and excellent programming and services." She went on to thank partners for their continued support and assistance in making improvements at the hub.

## High job satisfaction

Adams discussed staffing shortages, and added one creative fix was hiring Anne Leavens from Peterborough Youth Services part-time as clinical supervisor for the entire agency.

She noted they had recruited four new staff in the last year. She said job satisfaction had improved thanks to more flexible models of working, team coverage and hybrid models of staffing.

Adams said the agency continues to use

technology and infrastructure to reach clients in-person, by phone or video appointments.

Other focuses, Adams noted, have been on diversity, equity and inclusion. Staff and board have been trained on trauma-informed service, anti-oppression and diversity. There has also been education on Indigenous awareness. Recently, they've added racial equity. They have a Confederation College student, Ashly Wilson, an Indigenous peer navigator.

Adams also lauded the board for its work.

The agency served 1,268 children and youth in 2021-22. In addition to the youth hub, major numbers included 258 children receiving service from early intervention and 224 children and families receiving counselling.

Cox, honoured for serving 15 years, singled out a number of staff for thanks. They included Dr. Feldman who provided pediatric services for 30 children. Cathy Constantino is retiring after 12 years. Dawn Hurd and Lisa Hamilton have put in 20 years; Amanda Wells and Joelle Hill 10 years and Kelsey Sharpless and Lindsay Kerkhof five years.

"On one end of the spectrum, we help support people with treatment, with recreation, with other services and it feels like another part of our job is to try and help build community because we know so much about the importance of belonging," Cox said.

Also at the meeting, the agency received a clean audit and Susan MacInnes was appointed board president.



Manager Mary Sisson and employee Zee Weiss at the youth hub. *File.*

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# School board commits to outdoor education

By Mike Baker

Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) director of education Wes Hahn has reaffirmed the board's commitment to delivering outdoor education programming to students in the 2022/23 school year.

As reported in the June 16 *Highlander*, TLDSB has made the decision to cancel programming at the Yearley Outdoor Education Centre, north of Huntsville. For over 40 years the site has served as the primary location for outdoor learning for students across the district.

It hasn't been used since 2019, with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic eliminating all outdoor education programming across TLDSB. Hahn indicated staff had identified several health and safety concerns that meant hosting students at the site was not an option for the coming year.

"Yes, there will be outdoor education. There was never not going to be outdoor education. We're going to make sure it happens," Hahn said. "With two years [of the Yearley site] not being in use, we have some things we're concerned about."

Suggestions that TLDSB was eliminating program at the site to either facilitate or sale or repurpose the space are wide of the mark, Hahn added, given that the board doesn't own the property.

Outdoor education opportunities will be provided to students at an as-yet unknown location, Hahn confirmed.

He said, moving forward, Yearley

would continue to be a part of TLDSB's consideration for future programming. Looking long-term, he hopes that TLDSB will one day be in a position to construct a dedicated outdoor education space of its own.

## Laid off EAs likely to be called back

Superintendent of human resources Tracy Hubbard has informed board trustees that many of the 77 CUPE employees recently laid off by the board will likely be called back at some point during the next school year.

Notices were handed out to 37 custodians, 33 educational assistants and seven office/clerical staff earlier this month, leading to CUPE 997 president Bill Campbell appearing at a recent TLDSB board meeting to criticize the decision.

Providing more context to the situation, Hubbard said of the 37 custodians that were issued notices, 10 of them were layoffs of additional responsibility only.

"Based on a decrease in staffing, some schools will no longer have a lead hand position. But that staff member will still maintain a full-time permanent position," Hubbard said. She added that the last time there was a mass layoff of custodians, in 2019, all people who hadn't found alternate employment were called back into permanent positions midway through the 2019/20 school year.

Regarding EAs, Hubbard said of the 33

people issued with layoff notices, five have since had their layoff rescinded. With TLDSB set to introduce new 'school support teams' next year, Hubbard said the board are in a unique position where they expect to be hiring for new EAs later this summer.

"We actually have a greater FTE of positions to be filled by EAs than people who have received layoff notices," Hubbard said.

The new school support team will be comprised of five teachers and four EAs who will be available board-wide to offer supports and instructional practices for students that require an extra level of support.

## TLAC update

TLDSB celebrated the return of its Art Camp last month, with 278 students spending a week at Haliburton's Camp White Pine.

The camp ran May 22 to 27 and saw students do a variety of arts-themed activities, from jewellery making and pottery to painting and drawing, dance and music. There were also different sports and water-based activities for students who aren't so art inclined.

Superintendent Kim Williams said the program's return, the first since 2019, was a big deal for students, parents and teachers alike.

"We have had lots of positive feedback... The highlights were that the camp provided a sense of inclusion, a place where students felt safe to be themselves," Williams said. "It was a priceless experience for many."



TLDSB director of education Wes Hahn. File.

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## DYSART ET AL NEWS

### Head Lake Park jungle gym torn down

Head Lake Park is looking a little different this week after town staff removed a popular children's play structure, stating it was no longer safe for use.

The jungle gym was torn down in stages last week, leaving a gaping hole in the downtown park. While some local residents were upset, taking to social media to protest the demolition, the move was months in the making, with Dysart et al council signing off on it last September.

Then, the township's recreation coordinator, Andrea Mueller, noted the playground equipment was in a considerable state of disrepair and, when she reached out to the manufacturer to enquire about repairs, was told the only appropriate course of action would be a full replacement.

"The Head Lake Park play structure was inspected by a playground practitioner through the Ontario Parks Association and deemed to have many safety deficiencies. Due to the age of the structure, replacement parts were unavailable through the manufacturer and the manufacturer advised Dysart to remove the play structure," Mueller stated in a post to social media.

An immediate replacement is not forthcoming. Mueller said the township had applied for various grants to help pay for a new jungle gym, but were unsuccessful.

Addressing council June 28, mayor Andrea Roberts said the earliest a new play structure could be in place is spring 2023.

"Like anything, you can't order and have something delivered next week. It would need to be ordered this summer to be installed next year," she said.

There's no money earmarked in the municipality's 2022 budget for a new a replacement, although Roberts mentioned there had been a "groundswell of community support" over the past week, noting part of the project could be financed through community donations. A report will be coming back to council next month.

### Interim fire chief

Dysart et al has new interim leadership in charge at the local fire department.

Fire chief Mike Iles has taken a temporary leave of absence, leading the township to temporarily promote deputy fire chief Dan



Ryan Akey, staffer with Dysart et al's parks and recreation department, loading up the final piece of the torn down jungle gym at Head Lake Park June 29. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

Chumbley. Chris Iles has been appointed interim deputy fire chief.

"Chumley has excellent background and has been associated with the fire department for a long time, and Iles, [filling in as] the deputy position, is following in his father and grandfather's footsteps," said deputy mayor Pat Kennedy. "I think it's nice to have a young fellow that's taken up the challenge of trying to move up into the position."

It wasn't stated how long Mike Iles would be away.

### Sweeping concerns

Harmony Road resident Mark Dennys said he and many of his neighbours are sick of being the last ones up when it comes to municipal street sweeping.

Each year, once the snow has melted, sand left over from the winter season piles up along many areas of the road, Dennys said, causing havoc for local walkers and cyclists. Due to the way the township prioritizes roads on its sweeping schedule, Dennys said it's often late June or July until Harmony Road is cleared, if at all.

"We've been forgotten about before, and then in other years it's been too late... The

sand is slippery. We've had people fall. This is a concern," Dennys said. "It's a little frustrating to see Industrial Park Road done in mid-May, while residential streets like ours have to wait."

He presented a petition containing 31 signatures, calling for the township to change its schedule. Currently, staffers start sweeping out by Pinestone Resort on County Road 21 and work their way back towards town. Dennys asked if residential areas could be given top priority, with outlying areas done last.

Mayor Roberts noted this was on council's radar and a report will be coming to committee of the whole in August, at which point a change to the current system can be made.

### Patio a no-go

Council turned down a request from new downtown business Tipples of Haliburton to transform two parking spots along Highland Street into a temporary summertime patio.

The business, which sells gelato and other sweet treats, wanted to open a sit-down area similar to the one that exists in front of Maple Ave. Tap and Grill and what

McKek's had last summer. Council felt uncomfortable signing off on the request given that Tipples isn't a full-service restaurant.

Mayor Roberts felt that, by approving this request, it could open the door for other establishments in the downtown core to make similar requests, which, if approved, would severely impact parking availability.

### Another new mural

Chris and Marie Hodgson, parents of retired NHLer Cody Hodgson, are seeking council approval to commission a new mural for their son to be installed at A.J. LaRue Arena.

The couple have offered to pay the full amount to replace the mural, and want the work to be carried out by Montreal-based artist Annie Hamel, who recently completed the new murals for Olympian Lesley Tashlin and former CFLer Taly Williams.

Due to recently established guidelines for the mural wall, the request will need to be approved by Dysart's cultural resources committee before council can sign off on it. It's hoped that a new mural can be commissioned and installed by next spring. *(Dysart et al news compiled by Mike Baker).*

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Shoreline damage has been done

Irreparable damage is being done to Haliburton County's shorelines.

In part, it is because County councillors have so far failed to pass a shoreline preservation bylaw.

While the County does have a shoreline tree preservation bylaw, it has its shortcomings.

That is abundantly clear when reading a report from the County's forestry conservation and County weed inspector, James Rogers.

He reported a 60 per cent increase in activity in 2021.

That jump on 2020 included 82 site visits, six fines, 12 stop work orders and nine work orders for restoration. Let's compare that to 2020 when there were 52 site visits, five fines, and three stop work orders.

Since it's a complaint-driven bylaw, this is stuff that was reported by a third-party to the County. Someone noticed a clear-cut, for example, and called it in. After the fact. We can only speculate it is a tip of the iceberg situation. How many infractions are occurring that are not reported?

By then, the damage is done. As Rogers told council, it can decades for corrupted shorelines to be returned to a natural state.

CLIMATE CORNER  
Extreme heat

**The problem:**

There were 526 deaths as a result of extreme heat in British Columbia from June 25 to July 1, 2021. While flood and fire are Canada's most costly natural disasters, extreme heat is the "silent killer," reports a 113-page guide called "Irreversible Extreme Heat: Protecting Canadians and Communities from a Lethal Future" (April 2022), a document from the Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation, University of Waterloo.

Most vulnerable are the homeless, the elderly, those with older or poorly insulated homes, and those in urban settings. In the U.S., some 1,500 people die from heat-related causes annually, about half being homeless. In the county including Phoenix Arizona, at least 130 homeless people were counted in a total of 339 individuals who died from heat-associated causes in 2021.

An Associated Press analysis published by Columbia University's climate school found exposure to extreme heat has tripled and now affects about a quarter of the world's population. This spring 2022, an extreme heat wave in Pakistan and India saw temperatures over 50 degrees Celsius. In Spain, a reported 1,300 people, most of them elderly, continue to die each summer.

Cooling centres are opening in many cities where heat poses the greatest risk because of the urban-heat-island effect. Surface daytime temperatures can be 10 – 15°C hotter in urban heat islands and nighttime temperatures can be up to 12°C hotter than surrounding rural areas. Increased health care and emergency services are needed. Heat stress increases mood disorders, anxiety and violence.

Roads, bridges and rail lines can warp,

And while the County has the power to stop work, issue fines and demand restoration, there are issues with that, too.

Rogers said they have the potential in the bylaw to issue fines of \$100,000, but that has never happened. The norm is \$930 fines although there can be costly re-plantings.

However, there are not enough staff to catch the bad apples and the fines are hardly a deterrent to someone determined to cut trees to ensure a million-dollar view to go along with that million-dollar cottage. It's become a case of cut first, hope you don't get caught, if you do, pay a paltry fine, fix it up and be done with it.

Shame.

In his report, Rogers also pointed out a number of things that are not covered under the existing bylaw. They include what he called unsightly shoreline issues, such as trees cleared for new buildings and trees taken down in the past that were not reported. Then there's landscaping work that may not involve the removal of trees, but does take out greenery, shrubs and other vegetation. It looks ugly from the lake. And it compromises lake health.

Rogers said it also means that someone

going by on our many lakes and rivers might presume the bylaw is not being enforced. We can understand where that perception comes from.

Coun. Andrea Roberts asked if it was a case of people not knowing about the existing bylaw or ignoring it. Rogers suggested it was both.

No one talked about the fact people might be trying to rush work through in anticipation of a future shoreline preservation bylaw.

Warden Liz Danielsen told Rogers he has a challenging job especially around tree preservation and it was looking like County council wasn't going to make his job any easier as it looks like it won't be passing the shoreline preservation bylaw this term.

She's right. Council is making Rogers' job extremely hard. But far worse, its decision to delay the file is causing decades-long damage to our shorelines, and consequently, our lake health.



By Lisa Gervais



By Dr. Nell Thomas

crack and bend in high temperatures. Waste disposal and water supply systems can be challenged. Power outages and brown outs can affect reliance on air-conditioning, water-cooling systems, and elevator access to peoples' homes.

The County of Haliburton Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan presented Feb. 23, 2022, states there is an expected 2.2-degree Celsius increase in mean temperature in Haliburton between 2021 and 2050 with significantly more days above 30 degrees.

**Low-and High-Tech Solutions:**

Urban forests can reduce air temperatures by up to eight degrees. To combat climate change, Madrid is building a green wall around the city, a 75-kilometre urban forest with nearly half a million new trees.

Building roofs with white and reflective surfaces cools without the use of air conditioning. For example, engineers at Stanford University are creating rooftop panels that act like a mirror and take heat from buildings with potential to reflect 100 km into outer space.

Buildings with greenery embedded into their walls and roofs are cropping up globally. The Vertical Forest was built as a prototype in Milan, Italy, consisting of two towers, 80 and 112 metres high, housing 800 trees concentrated on 3,000 square metres of surface. The Cancun Smart Forest City, a botanical garden within the Mexican city, will cover 557 hectares (362 hectares covered with 120,000 plants) and accommodate 130,000 people.

Urban planners in cities like Boston are increasing tree canopies and use of cooler materials for roofs.

In Haliburton, the County Climate Change Adaptation Plan recommends construction of outdoor cooling stations; increased shade structures; trees planted; and public water refill stations.

**What You Can Do:**

- Be aware of the signs of heat stroke and heat exhaustion (cdc.gov first aid for heat illness).
- Arrange to receive public heat warnings.
- Work with neighbours, friends and family to prepare. Identify who is vulnerable and have a plan for modified working, sleeping, living arrangements. (HHHS is mapping the vulnerable in our community).
- Review Heat Safety Workplace documents at work. Be ready to identify coworkers with signs of heat stress. (Our townships have "working in hot environments safety tips" posters)
- Use natural ventilation and fans.
- Switch off unused appliances.
- Plant and maintain trees and expand vegetation cover that absorbs water and keeps gardens and balconies cooler.
- Enhance insulation and airtightness.
- Consider geothermal and heat pumps for air conditioning in new builds.
- Guides for new green builds include increased use of reflective surfaces, windows that reduce heat gain from the sun, shading devices (shutters, awnings, overhangs, blinds, heat-resistant curtains).



## EYE ON THE STREET: What are your plans for Canada Day?

by Lisa Gervais



**Krysta Neave**

"We're going to head into town and enjoy all of the festivities."



**Joanne Barry**

"We'll most likely go out to watch the fireworks."



**Alex Brown**

"I'm actually working on Canada Day but we are taking the Monday off of work."



**Greg Jarvis**

"We're going camping, starting out in Hastings and then Niagara Falls, for some relaxation."



**Devin Barry**

"Chances are we will go to the Minden fairgrounds to watch Minden Hills' fireworks display."

## LETTERS

### Fight extremism with love and goodwill

*Dear editor,*

Pride month draws to a close this week celebrating the S2LGBTQ+ community and Minden Pride, Aug. 22-28, kicks off with the theme Loud and Proud in 2022.

Minden Pride has grown into one of the largest festivals in the County celebrating equality, diversity, and inclusiveness. We continue to promote awareness and respect for S2LGBTQ+ people and are grateful for the response and goodwill we have experienced from our chosen community.

This year however, we feel a sense of unease, as acts of homophobia and hate crimes occurred at Pride events in towns across Ontario. Far more insidious examples happened elsewhere: Norway, 20 gay people shot in a pub; in Poland 100 municipalities declared LGBT-free zones; in the U.S., over 300 anti-LGBTQ bills introduced into state legislatures this year alone.

In over 70 countries, being queer is criminalized, or worse yet, a death sentence. Last year, Minden Pride raised over \$10,000 toward Rainbow Railroad, a global organization committed to helping support S2LGBTQ+ people globally fleeing oppression and violence.

Minden Pride started because of homophobic actions right here in the County. The unhappy truth is that a segment of our society does not support the queer community - people who, just like all Canadians, want to live their lives openly and truthfully in happiness, without fear.

These actions remind us that Pride cannot be just about parties or feel-good rainbow colours; that Pride's power comes from the politics of

struggle, a movement begun as a protest. We must continue to call out hatred and be a viable part of the community.

This year we are asking for support from you, our Haliburton friends, and neighbours, as we face down, and fight back against extremism with expressions of love and goodwill. Please join us at Minden Pride in the Haliburton Highlands.

**Allan Guinan**  
*Chair Minden Pride 2022*

### Find middle ground with towers

*Dear editor,*

I'm writing to you regarding your recent article regarding Rogers cell towers in the area.

While I can appreciate the fact that residents on Glamorgan Road may feel railroaded by the decision to have a new tower installed on their road, there has been a long running campaign to improve cell access in the County.

While obviously we want the best possible implementation of new service, I think that it is a mistake to try and shut down new cell towers in the area, which is the tone of this article.

Haliburton lags behind many other counties in terms of cellular access as well as high speed internet. It impacts everything from our education system, to safety for people in the woods, seniors and tourism in our area.

It would be my hope that some sort of middle ground can be found between these groups.

**Kevin P. Clark**  
*Wilberforce*

### Think global, act local

*Dear editor,*

In response to Dave Love's letter to the editor of June 23, I am much obliged for his letter and feedback. Please note that each of the world's five major oceans has a garbage patch (largest being the Great Pacific).

The North Atlantic Garbage Patch is hundreds of miles across and contains more than 200,000 pieces of plastic debris per square kilometre.

Retailer Amazon was responsible for \$465 million pounds of plastic packaging waste last year, \$22 million pounds of which ended up in marine ecosystems.

Recycling plastic is not an economic or environmentally-effective undertaking, with the tenth recycled iteration of the plastic item eventually landing in landfills in another form (e.g. plastic mat).

Scientists agree that we can each shrink our footprint by reducing consumerism and advocating to stop single use and non composting plastic by manufacturers. Click the icon "Ending Plastic Pollution" on the Environmental Defence website.

Environmentalists urge us to think globally and act locally. Understanding the massive global systems operating in a delicate balancing act to keep Earth's temperature livable and the ecosystems alive is vital to knowing what changes are required in our personal lives.

The climate scientists agree that ending fossil fuel use immediately is critical if there is a hope of controlling global warming.

**Dr. Nell Thomas**  
*Minden Hills*

## 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.

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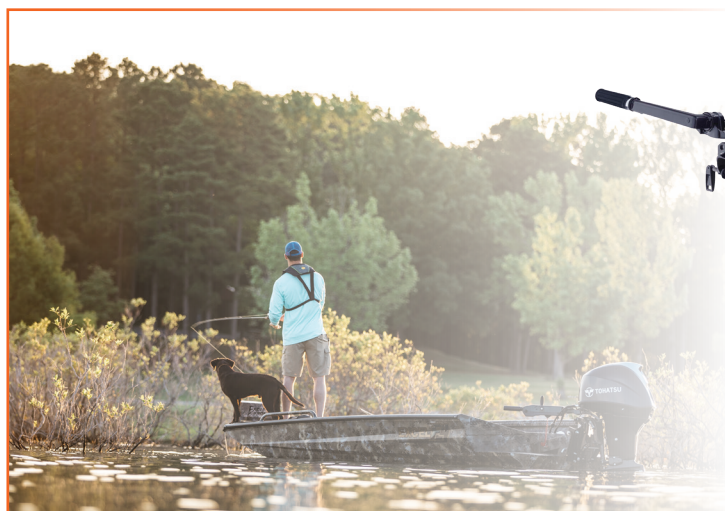
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# Hospital visits returning to pre-pandemic levels in 2021-22

By Mike Baker

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) saw a record number of people pass through its emergency departments during the last fiscal year, with more than 22,000 visits reported between Mar. 31, 2021 and April 1, 2022.

Speaking at the organization's virtual annual general meeting June 23, president and CEO Carolyn Plummer said they were up around 4,500 visits from the previous year, marking a busy 12 months for staff, who also had to contend with COVID-19 repercussions.

"We are seeing a return to the types of volumes before the pandemic hit. What we are seeing in addition to that is an increasing complexity of patients as well," Plummer said.

Staffing shortages across HHHS have left the hospital's two emergency departments in Haliburton and Minden vulnerable. Plummer reported back in November that a reduction in hours and service may be necessary. The hospital has since relied on agency nurses and HealthForce Ontario emergency department locum program physicians to keep both sites operational 24/7. While staffing remains an issue, Plummer has said both departments will remain open throughout the summer.

Plummer added HHHS will be partnering with local municipalities to identify potential collaborations and ways to support recruitment, as well as retain existing staff.

Last year also saw some major changes in the way HHHS documents and reports information with a transition to EPIC, an electronic health records software system, and AlayaCare, a cloud-based scheduling system.

"It's taken years the implementation of these new systems, and it's been an absolutely tremendous achievement for our staff. I know it hasn't been easy, and it's meant a huge shift in the way our teams document their various workflows... but ultimately it has led to improvements for patients and clients," Plummer said.



HHHS says it saw a marked increase in people requiring emergency treatment last year, while other hospital programs also saw increased demand. Photo by Mike Baker.

## Banner year for hospital foundation

Lisa Tompkins, who will soon be retiring as executive director of the HHHS Foundation, said the organization's fundraising efforts in 2021/22 had resulted in \$413,494 in transfers to the hospitals to fund various new equipment purchases.

The foundation raised a record \$243,910 through its festive Believe in the Magic of Giving campaign, while the annual Radiothon, held in partnership with MooseFM, garnered just under \$34,000. A new monthly 50/50 lottery has also been successful, with over \$88,000 in ticket sales since its launch last summer.

The money was used to purchase new vital sign monitors; mobile workstations on wheels to support the new EPIC software; accessible bathtubs for Highland Wood and Hyland Crest long-term care centres; a bariatric bed, and a new food steamer for the kitchen at the Minden hospital. Some interim funding was also provided to help with the

new nurse call bell system at Highland Wood and Hyland Crest.

## Community programs

With the pandemic subsiding during the latter part of the 2021/22 fiscal year, Plummer said HHHS was able to bring back some of its popular community programs, and ramp up support in others that continued throughout COVID-19.

Meals on Wheels supported 271 clients, delivering 19,387 meals, while telemedicine services provided 7,335 rides to 405 clients for a combined 377,496 kilometres.

The Geriatric Assessment and Intervention Network (GAIN) clinic has seen a 15 per cent increase in client visits, while the Home First/Home at Last program has more than doubled its clientele. Diabetes education saw an 18 per cent jump in clients and 22 per cent hike in visits) the hospice and palliative care programs a 20 per cent uptick and 80 per cent jump in visits.



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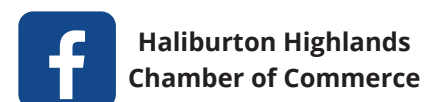
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Former owners Brad and Maria Willings (left) have been helping Michelle and John Mihalic assume ownership of the Fort Irwin Marina. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

# New owners eager to continue Fort Irwin Marina traditions

By Sam Gillett

Fort Irwin Marina's new owners said they already understand why the community is a special place.

"Everyone has welcomed us with open arms," said Michelle Mihalic. She and partner John Mihalic, along with kids Jackson and Taya, have assumed ownership of the marina and recently made the Highlands their permanent home.

"We wanted to be able to raise our kids up here in this beautiful environment," said Michelle.

Former owners Brad and Maria Willing have been helping the family settle in and learn the ropes of operating the marina and store.

"We're really grateful for everything that Brad and Maria have done," John said.

Since the Willings bought the marina nearly 20 years ago, they've grown to value the communities which surround the nearby lakes, getting to know seasonal and year-

round residents who stop in for gas, snacks, alcohol or boat services.

"I think the lake has always been very tight knit, when we immersed ourselves in it, it slowly became part of our family," Maria said.

John and Michelle said they've been adding services to the marina such as a Wifi hotspot and gourmet frozen food, but are eager to continue traditions at a place where many customers are known by name.

"We understand the importance of the place not only to ourselves and [the Willings] but also to the community," John said. "We want to preserve that legacy moving forward."

The Willings will stay in Fort Irwin. "We moved here from Whitby, but we would both say now that Fort Irwin is home to us," Maria said. She said they'd like to thank everyone who came into the store throughout the past decades and first welcomed them into the community.

"We've had so many special moments," she said.

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# Recreating The Rockcliffe at Moore Falls

By Mike Baker

Years after the original bar in downtown Minden closed, the Rockcliffe brand is growing under fresh ownership with the opening of a new restaurant overlooking Moore Lake.

Friends Dan Gosselin, Jono McMahon, Kirsty Goodearle and Mark and Lise Dracup took over the old Summerkiss seasonal restaurant in Moore Falls last November and have spent the past six months restoring the original building and giving it a major facelift to recreate the charm and feel of The Rockcliffe.

The new restaurant will open with a special celebration on Canada Day.

"We're just really excited to be here... We've all been regulars at this restaurant over the years, and when we found out the owner was looking to sell, I think we all felt the same way in that we didn't want to lose the place we had come to love," Goodearle said.

The inside space has been completely renovated, with a new bar installed. The site also boasts six hotel rooms, which will be available to rent as of July 1. Unlike the old location, Rockcliffe Moore Falls will be open year-round.

The team was excited to recently welcome chef Eric Percy into the fold. He has taken the lead on building a new menu from scratch, inspired by local favourites and specialties he has perfected from his 20 years working in fine dining establishments in Toronto and all over the world.

"We'll have a little bit of main street and a little bit of high street on our menu. If you want fish and chips, chicken wings or a hamburger, we've got you covered. If you want a porterhouse steak, we have you covered there too. There will be something for everyone," Percy said. "Everything is going to be made daily from scratch. We're not going to do your usual out-of-the-box, frozen food here. Our food will be made in-house with love by our skilled team."

Percy noted there will also be various vegetarian and vegan options on the menu.

Living and growing up in nearby Fenelon Falls, Percy remembers the heyday of the original Rockcliffe.

"We're thinking this will be the launchpad for the rebirth of The Rockcliffe," he said.

Updates on the rebuild of the downtown Minden site are scarce – Dracup said all pertinent applications were submitted to Minden Hills last year, but things are at a standstill.

Their immediate focus right now will be on establishing the new Moore Falls location. Gosselin said he has big plans for the site.

"We definitely see this as being a big music venue – we want to have live music every weekend... And given we have seven acres of land here, that might let us look into hosting outside events and things like weddings," he said.

McMahon added, "It would be cool to have things like horseshoes, bocce ball. We've talked about doing outdoor volleyball and getting a league going. Then in the winter we want to build a rink for the community too."



From left, chef Eric Percy, and owners Kirsty Goodearle, Lise Dracup, Mark Dracup, Jono McMahon and Dan Gosselin. Photo by Mike Baker.

And, most importantly, a key piece of The Rockcliffe's history is returning too.

"We've got the old Rockcliffe University shirts printed and ready to go. People can buy them right from the restaurant," Dracup said. "That's such an important piece for us. The Rockcliffe is so iconic and has such a

storied history in Minden, and these shirts were a big part of that. They were a very successful part of the business... There have been times when I've been away on vacation, at Disney, and I've seen people wearing those Rockcliffe shirts. We had to bring them back."

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Annie Hamel painting a mural in 2020 in Montreal. Photo by Olivier Bousquet, MU Montreal.

## Artist wanted to do it right for student campaigners

By Sam Gillett

Annie Hamel said it was a “magical” experience to paint the images of Taly Williams and Lesley Tashin on Haliburton’s A.J LaRue Arena.

The muralist has more than 15 years’ experience crafting public art. Her work can be spotted across her hometown of Montreal, around Toronto, internationally and now along Maple Avenue.

In a sense, Hamel was hired by Highlanders: the siblings’ murals were funded from community donations.

“When I was painting in Haliburton, I really felt it was important for the people there,” she said, mentioning both the community interest in the project and its prominent spot in the town.

In Montreal, for instance, street art is a fixture of many neighborhoods. The rural nature of Haliburton, Hamel said, makes murals stand out.

“People will live with the murals every day... we have to do it right,” she said.

She spent months painting multiple panels for each mural in her Montreal studio, but that made it difficult to paint certain spots, like Williams’ face, which was divided by two panels.

“It wasn’t possible to put the two panels together [in the studio], it was too big.”

She double-checked Williams’ portrait with his mother, and sent Tashlins’ image to Williams for his

feedback.

She conducted phone calls with Tashlin and Williams too, as well as researching their past and major accomplishments before the brushstrokes began.

It was difficult work, Hamel said.

“Especially when I was working in Montreal, I worked on the murals for weeks. I felt alone, it was hard. I was tired, she said. “But I was thinking about the kids and I thought ‘I can’t disappoint them’.”

Finally, in early June, Hamel arrived in Haliburton to put her paintings on the arena’s walls. That meant hours of touch-ups afterwards, as she carefully joined the panels together.

Hamel’s hard work paid off.

Her murals were lauded by the athletes, as well as Highlanders across social media and at an in-person mural unveiling.

Ella Gervais, a student in the class that originally lobbied Dysart et al for help with the murals, called Hamel’s work a “beautiful and legitimate addition to this wall of sports heroes” at an unveiling event June 18.

Hamel wasn’t in Haliburton to see the students or community come face to face with her work, but said she was happy to have been involved.

“I imagine it was a lot of emotion for the kids, and for Taly and Lesley,” she said.



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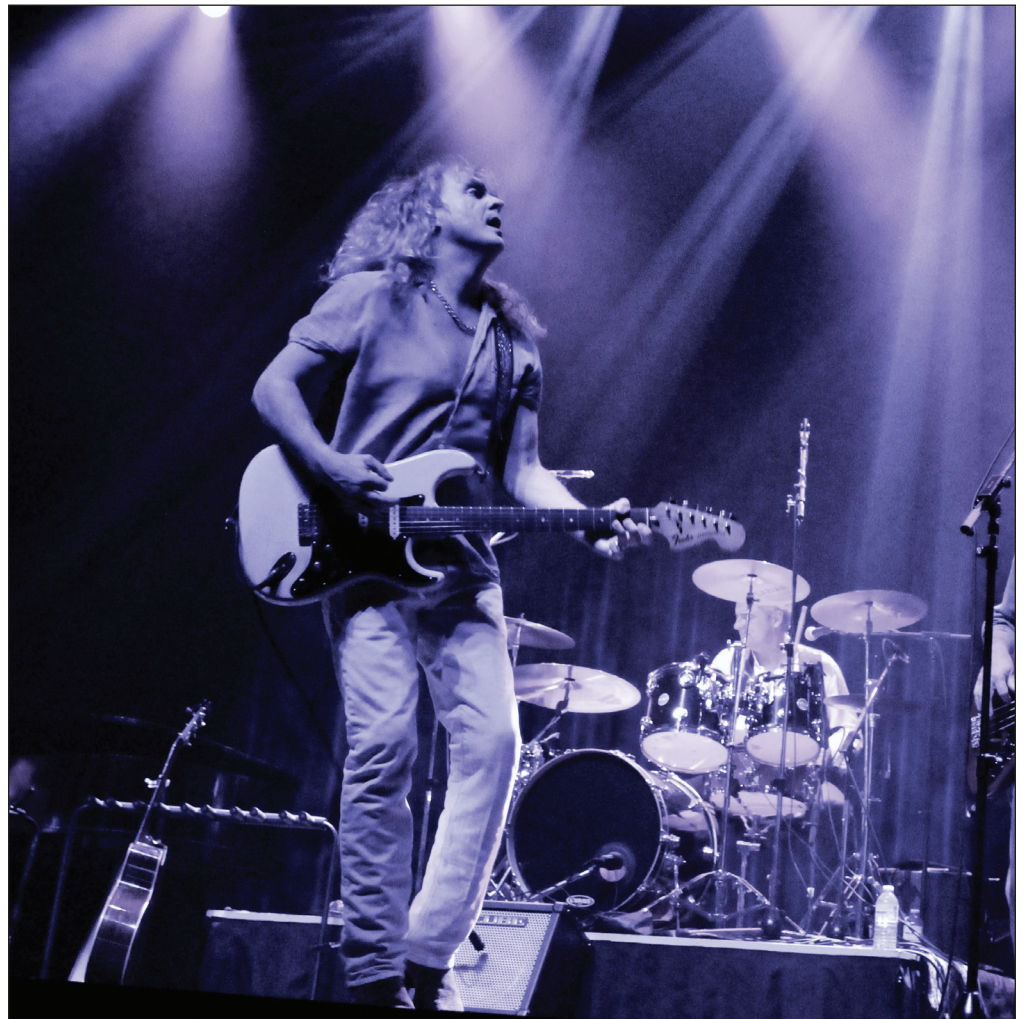


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*This is the seventh in a series profiling the unique challenges and successes of Haliburton County musicians through COVID-19.*



Carl Dixon, from Haliburton, has played in some of Canada's leading rock groups. *Submitted.*

## Dixon rocks through COVID shutdowns

By Sam Gillett

Carl Dixon is a man used to crowds. Big crowds; crowds moving to Dixon's kinetic rock and roll performances through the decades. He said an "exchange of energy" with the audience has been the heart of his working life as a world-travelling musician playing in The Guess Who, April Wine and Coney Hatch.

"Suddenly, when the pandemic hit - all that was gone. It wasn't just a huge impact on finances, it impacted me personally," Dixon said in an email.

Early in the pandemic, online-only performances didn't conduct the same energy. Even still, he played shows such as an online Haliburton County Folk Society livestream from the Dominion Hotel Pub.

"I'm an entertainer, and now being left with online events as the only immediate fallback really wasn't sustainable if I was to keep a positive outlook. Being on the road, travelling across the US, Canada and Europe is also what I love about my work but now that was gone."

Dixon estimates over 100 shows were cancelled one by one. Many were postponed, but others weren't rebooked.

He said it was a time to reinvent himself.

He became the voice - and melody - of Harvey's Canada-wide frontline healthcare

worker thank you tour, thanks to a connection from a marketing friend.

"Soon I was back on the road playing (at a distance) under strict health guidelines - but over the weeks I played to thousands of front line workers across Canada at these Harvey's events," Dixon said.

Dixon was involved in a car collision in 2008, leaving him comatose for 10 days, and a long road to recovery.

The downtime during the pandemic was also a chance for him to have the metal installed in his leg removed. In hospital, doctors had to fight off infections before and after surgery, and he was on an intravenous drip.

"Remarkably they removed all the titanium from my left leg and now, at last, I am back playing hockey again," Dixon said. "We all need a pastime that lifts our spirits. Hockey makes me feel good."

Along with his star-studded music career, Dixon began touring as an inspirational speaker following his accident.

He has plenty of experience picking himself up after life throws curveballs.

"The pandemic reminded me to set goals: reinvent what you do using skills you have; and face problems with hope for a positive outcome."

Carl Dixon is back on the road this summer, stopping in at the Highlands Brewing Company July 30.



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David Poirier at the hatchery. Submitted.

# HHOA welcomes new hatchery manager

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association (HHOA) has announced that David Poirier has volunteered to manage the fish hatchery.

Poirier takes over for Randy Charter, who oversaw hatchery operations the last seven years.

"I've been vacationing in the Haliburton area for 30 years and I've always admired the HHOA's work," Poirier said. "I'm thrilled to continue Randy's outstanding work and look forward to helping the HHOA enhance its efforts to improve Haliburton area fisheries."

Poirier recently retired from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, where he spent 32 years as a scientist in aquatic toxicology. While there, he ran a fish culture laboratory that reared 25,000 rainbow trout every year. He has a BSc in marine biology, specializing in fish culturing, and a MSc in environmental biology from the University of Guelph.

"David brings an extremely high level of expertise to the hatchery, said HHOA president Dan Smith. "We are very excited to have David with us as we explore new ways to improve and expand our operations."

Poirier and his wife Linda recently purchased a property near Salerno Lake where they are building their retirement home. The couple have three boys ranging in age from 23 to 31. (Lisa Gervais).



Wendy Wilkins and Dan Smith. Submitted.

# Winner pays it forward

Wendy Wilkins of Haliburton won the June 14 draw of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) monthly 50/50 fundraiser. The total pot for the month was \$2,160. Wilkins won 50 per cent or \$1080 and then generously donated half back to the HHOA. "What a pleasant surprise," said Dan Smith, HHOA president. "It was unexpected and very appreciated. The hatchery can use all the funding help it can get."

A new monthly draw started on June 15. Go to [bigcatch5050.ca](http://bigcatch5050.ca) to buy tickets. Half the proceeds from each monthly draw go to one lucky winner. The other half will be used to support HHOA activities. Since 1998, the HHOA has raised and stocked more than 800,000 fish in local lakes. For more information visit: [hhoa.on.ca/news](http://hhoa.on.ca/news) (Lisa Gervais).

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Andrew Young, OBC executive director, and Maria Paterson, who leads OBC's Minden chapter, said they're excited to welcome outdoor learners to their Minden base. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

## 'Democratizing' the great outdoors for Minden Hills

By Sam Gillett

Outward Bound Canada (OBC) has equipped more than 150,000 people with outdoors experiences in Canada and beyond.

Now, the charity has a new base near Minden, where it will offer professionally-led outdoors trips as well as a brand-new academy for aspiring guides.

"We're two and a half hours from Toronto, but close enough to all of the great tripping areas," said Andrew Young, OBC executive director.

"Minden is really well set up for outdoor educators. There is a lifestyle that really suits our staff."

OBC has moved into buildings at the Kinark Outdoor Centre, a 600-hectare multi-use outdoor facility off of Queens Line.

"For us, trying to own and operate a property of this size is a big task. For non-profit charities to come together and partner, we get a lot of synergy out of that," Young said.

OBC will lead canoe trips, hiking expeditions and more from their new Minden base. But Maria Paterson, OBC Ontario Wilderness Program Manager, said it's important to recognize how adventure facilitates character-building.

"Whether it's a rainstorm that comes through, or you're sleeping in a tent, it's

about 'how do we push through, how do we learn from this'?"

She and Young said OBC is continually trying to expand who feels comfortable to venture outside with them, too. OBC offers trips especially for youth who identify as 2SLGBTQ+, indigenous teens, veterans and canoe trips for girls only, for example.

There is also funding available for anyone who might want to join a trip but can't afford the cost.

"We can take a teen who doesn't have any outdoor gear at all," said Paterson, "and outfit them with boots, with rain gear, with backpacks, thanks to our funding and industry partners."

Young said helping "democratize" the outdoors is at the heart of his passion for OBC.

"One of the main draws for me is to get the resources for people of all walks of life to participate," he said.

### Bridging industry gaps

OBC is testing a new program aimed at equipping adults with the skills to become outdoor guides.

The OBC Training Academy is a federally-funded education program spanning in-classroom education and in the field practical skills building.

"The COVID-19 pandemic saw more Canadians than ever enjoying Canada's

natural spaces. Yet, the Canadian outdoors sector also saw unprecedented employee attrition, creating labour shortages that threaten the long-term viability of the industry," reads the OBC's website.

Young said it's a way to expose adults, most of whom so far have been in their 20s, to the vast array of jobs in the outdoor field.

It also focuses on soft skills that Young said are necessary in order to increase diversity in the outdoors. For instance, the training could include knowledge of dealing with mental health issues on a trip, or background information on how systemic racism could impact group dynamics, as well as learning about the history of Canada's First Nations people and how that informs use of natural areas.

Guides who can effectively create a safe place for everyone, said Young, are more likely to help increase representation of minority groups in the outdoor sector.

"It becomes a normal part of development, the training academy is part of our capacity building to make that happen," he said.

The training academy will kick off an eight-week program in September. For more information visit [outwardbound.ca/adult-courses/obc-training-academy](http://outwardbound.ca/adult-courses/obc-training-academy).

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# Minor hockey storming into 2022-23 season

By Lisa Gervais

As the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association prepares for its 2022-23 season, a rejuvenated executive is looking forward to a number of changes and new initiatives to grow hockey locally.

Cory Valentini is the new association president.

“I am very excited to be part of a team that is committed to the ongoing development of the minor hockey program in Haliburton County,” he said. “We have a lot of great ideas and after a few rough years of COVID, now is a great time to evolve and implement new opportunities for players and families.”

Most of the volunteer crew have been active members of the Storm executive committee for several years. However, there has been some shifting of positions, with Valentini saying, “we retain a vast amount of experience and knowledge in managing a minor hockey association.”

The new president acknowledged that registration was down the last few years, not just for the Storm, but for minor sports across Canada.

“COVID was tough on families for many reasons, and they had to prioritize things other than minor sports. Based on our current registration numbers, we are already up 44 per cent from last year and I am confident that will we reach and surpass pre-COVID registration numbers,” he said.

Sponsorship revenue has been down over the last few years as well, he conceded,



People are being asked to vote whether they want to keep the old logo (left) or go with the new one *File*.

although he added, “we did have sponsors step up to support minor hockey during COVID even though we were dealing with many unknowns and could not commit to a specific level of exposure. However, this year we have a robust sponsorship program with clear levels of exposure, and I am confident that the Haliburton County community will stand with us and support the Highland Storm.”

Speaking to some of the new initiatives, Valentini cited local skill development opportunities.

“We are working with Ryan Ramsay and Chris Kerr, who both have a wealth of experience with player development and coaching, to develop clinics that focus on specific skills for goalies, defence, offence, hitting and skating to local league and rep programs,” he said.

While the Storm does not have an official partnership with the Haliburton County Huskies, head coach Ramsay, “has been



fantastic with positioning his Huskie players as role models for all our Storm players and giving each Storm team the opportunity to have at least one practice with a couple of Huskie players,” the president said.

There is also a new Storm swag merchandise website that will be launched before the start of the season. It will be open to the public. The association has also committed funds for new jerseys for all local league and rep players.

And, there will be a community logo vote.

“As we move into our first full season in many years, it seems like a perfect time to shake things up and do a refresh on our logo, however a decision that big can’t be made by the executive alone,” Valentini said.

They are putting it to a vote, asking people if they should stick with the original logo or do a refresh. “We want to hear from parents, grandparents, alumni but most of all the kids,” he added.

## Elected executive members for the 2022/2023 season:

- **President** – Cory Valentini
- **Vice president** – Ryan Ramsay
- **Treasurer** – Kori Consack
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Top: Greg Sadlier (bottom right) and the rest of Camexicanus' staff are ready for a full summer of camps and arts learning. Bottom: Young musicians in Camexicanus' Music Together program performed at a June 27 recital at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. Photos by Sam Gillett.

## Camexicanus strums into summer season

By Sam Gillett

Kids from across Haliburton County plucked guitars, sang songs and drummed funky beats for their families and friends June 27 at a Camexicanus "Music Together" recital.

The program has provided kids free music lessons in Haliburton and Minden since May, with the option to return in the fall for pay-what-you-can lessons.

"It makes sure kids all across the County can get music lessons no matter what," said Camexicanus director Greg Sadlier.

Katie Lavalle, who performed a solo song on guitar said she was nervous to perform in front of the crowd, but excited to share her skills.

"I like how there are so many different chords and ways you can pick," said Lavalle.

Others, such as June Judson who had been practicing in the program for eight weeks, got on stage to perform with a crew of other beginner guitarists. Judson said she'd like to learn how to sing while playing guitar in the fall.

"It was really heartwarming and good to see them pull everything together," said assistant director Darian Maddock who helped coach the beginner musicians.

A new round of free lessons will be available in the fall for kids who haven't attended the program.

### Canada Day festivities

Camexicanus will take over Glebe Park July 1 for a "Canada Day Throwback." There will be live music, a kids' baking contest and games and craft stations from 11-4 p.m.

High school rock stars will strut their stuff on stage at 7 p.m. for a concert celebrating Canadiana and songs from all decades.

"There will be some Blue Rodeo, we'll be playing "Oh Canada, God Save the Queen," said Maddock. "Some will be playing their own original songs too."

### Camps offered

Camexicanus also offers day and overnight camps throughout the summer. This year the theme is "Create Adventure."

From Haliburton to Wilberforce to Norland and beyond, Sadlier and a crew of young leaders will be leading kids in art, music, theatre, film, sports and outdoor activities.

Day camps are open to kids from senior Kindergarten to Grade 8. Overnight camps are open to kids from Grade 5 to Grade 8.

At the end of the summer, Camexicanus will host a youth arts and music festival in Haliburton on the last weekend of August.

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## Incubator shakes up space for post-pandemic world

By Sam Gillett

A fresh lick of paint isn't the only thing different about the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) this summer.

The HCDC Business Incubator has undergone a refresh to better serve a post-pandemic work world.

It now has a coworking space with new desks and chairs, a bookable meeting room downstairs with a screen and whiteboard and blazing fast internet throughout.

Executive director Heather Reid said it's part of a wider renovation plan.

"This summer is really about opening it up, seeing what interest is like, and then going out to local entrepreneurs and asking what else they might use the space for or what other services could be offered," she said.

Fleming College's integrated design class helped redesign the incubator in January 2022. HCDC hired Kat Schouten, a student in the program, to stay on throughout the summer to help integrate changes.

Schouten said the idea of rentable desk space targets the needs of a growing



Kat Schouten invites businesses and entrepreneurs to share how the incubator could meet their needs. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

work-from-home entrepreneurial community in the Highlands.

Desks can be rented in four or eight-hour increments, or as part of packs of 10 sessions.

"If they want to come once a week, it's different than renting out a space every day," Schouten said. "It gives them that flexibility."

The HCDC is also hosting "Mix it Up Monday Mixers" geared toward people who work from home, each Monday

from 4-6 p.m.

"Networking is a full-contact sport, you have to get out and meet people," said Les Nip, who recently moved to the Algonquin Highlands and attended a June 27 mixer.

He said some of the HCDC's new services are necessary for professionals working remotely, such as the downstairs meeting room.

"If you're meeting clients, you need a professional meeting space," he said.



### The Lakeside troubadour

Hank O'Reilly plays at the bustling Haliburton Farmers Market June 28. The guitarist has been a fixture at the market for seven years and even wrote a song about the summer tradition called Hanging on. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*



### MBC Lakes AGM meeting notice

Residents and cottage owners of Maple Lake, Cameron Lake and Beech Lake are invited to our annual AGM meeting being held on July 9th 2022, 9:30 am at the Stanhope firefighters hall, 1123 North Shore Rd, Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1, Canada.

Renew your membership or become a new member during the meeting, if you can't attend the meeting here's how you can renew or become a new member of MBC lake association: <https://mbclakes.ca/membership-account/membership-checkout/>

We're looking forward to see you at the AGM meeting on July 9th 2022.



### NOTICE Proposed Road Naming By-Law

**TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to Section 48 of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O., 2001, c.25, as amended, the Council of the Township of Algonquin Highlands at its Regular Meeting to be held on **Thursday, July 21, 2022** will consider a by-law to provide for the naming and renaming of all public and private roads for the purpose of accommodating the addition of a private road name within the Township of Algonquin Highlands as follows:

**Additions:** Red Squirrel Trail

Additional information, and a copy of the proposed by-law, is available by contacting the Clerk.

Dated June 29, 2022.

**Dawn Newhook**

Municipal Clerk

Township of Algonquin Highlands

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### REQUEST FOR TENDER

#### CONSTRUCTION OF SKI CLUB/GARAGE AT GLEBE PARK

The Municipality of Dysart et al is requesting tenders for the construction of a ski club/garage located at Glebe Park.

Tenders must be received on or before 12:00 p.m. EST on Monday, July 18, 2022.

Specifications and Tender Forms can be obtained at the Dysart Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, ON or online at <https://www.dysartet.al.ca/en/municipal-government/bids-and-tenders.aspx>





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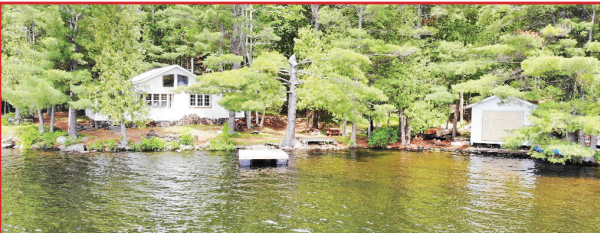
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**LARGE YARD SALE – 2 FAMILIES**  
1689 Braeloch Road, off Hwy 35, Halls Lake area. Friday, July 1st & Saturday, July 2nd 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Household & Recreational items.

**YARD SALE** – 1201 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands. Friday, July 1st & Saturday, July 2nd 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. Household items, furniture & tools.

**HUGE GARAGE SALE** – 1006 Cherokee Trail (Halls Lake, 7km north of Carnarvon across from Buttermilk Falls Resort) Saturday, July 2nd 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Oak shelving unit, old 12 ft cedar strip boat, tools, kitchen/household/health/beauty items. Toys/puzzles/games/partylite candles, scrapbook materials/rubber stamps, collectible figurines (precious moments/cherished teddies) pictures. Adult/children's clothing, footwear, books, holiday décor and so much more!!!

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**YARD SALE** – 1034-1044 Chambers Road, Minden. Saturday, July 2nd 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Something for everyone!

**YARD SALE** – 10404 Hwy 118 (east of Carnarvon) Friday, July 1st, Saturday, July 2nd & Sunday, July 3rd Starting at 9 a.m. daily. Small & large appliances, clothing, furniture, potted plants, truck parts & lots more!

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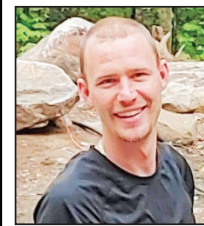
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**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
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The candidate requires a degree or diploma in Human Resources, with 2-3 years of relevant experience, Healthcare experience would be an asset. Above average skills in MS Office, HRIS programs and employment legislation knowledge is beneficial. Promotes a respectful and kind approach to others.

Interested: Submit your application and resume to:

**Human Resources**  
**Haliburton Highlands Health Services**  
**Box 115, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0**  
**E-mail: [hr@hhhs.ca](mailto:hr@hhhs.ca)**  
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### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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Haliburton County Youth Wellness Hub

**CARE COORDINATOR**  
**FULL TIME-PERMANENT – 35 HOURS/WEEK**

Under the direction of the Youth Wellness Hub Manager, working within the context of a multidisciplinary team, the Care Coordinator will, in collaboration with youth and their families, assess care needs, determine eligibility for services, and develop individual care and service plans and is passionate about making sure every stone is overturned in order to help youth get the service and supports they require. Membership, in good standing, with the applicable regulatory body: College of Psychotherapists of Ontario, Ontario College of Social Workers or Social Service Workers. 2+ years of recent experience in community health or a related field. Knowledge of the health care delivery system *and community resources*.

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Send resume by July 4th, 2022 to

Mary Sisson, Youth Wellness Hub Manager [marys@pointintime.ca](mailto:marys@pointintime.ca) or Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, P.O. Box 1306, 69 Eastern Avenue Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0



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- Across**
- 1 "\_\_\_ Joyful" (Matthew Good song)
  - 5 Certain "mystery meat"
  - 9 "Shoot"
  - 14 It's not an option
  - 15 Hair-raising style?
  - 16 Raonic with a racket
  - 17 "Whose woods these \_\_\_ think ..." (Frost)
  - 18 Reminiscer's retrieval area
  - 20 Rich German cake
  - 22 Supercool?
  - 23 "Thx" alternative
  - 24 Precisely
  - 29 Hosp. area with ventilators
  - 30 "Yeah, \_\_\_ heard"
  - 31 Showing a little cheek
  - 32 Receipt add-ons in most of Can.
  - 34 Angel dust, and others, briefly
  - 37 Unspecified degrees
  - 38 Kidney-shaped tidbit from Planters
  - 41 TSX launches
  - 43 Folk group CSNY, before 1969
  - 44 Make \_\_\_ deal of
  - 48 Stuart Little, for one
  - 50 Mrs. in Madrid
  - 52 Believed, as a lie
  - 53 Forgive and forget
  - 57 Private place to sleep?
  - 58 "\_\_\_ Town" (Wilder work)
  - 59 Actress Catherine of "Schitt\$ Creek"
  - 60 Paragon of purity, with "the"
  - 65 Mus. key with four sharps
  - 66 Moscow tomb occupant
  - 67 Smart talker on the iPhone?
  - 68 "You expect \_\_\_ do WHAT??"
  - 69 As good as it gets
  - 70 Slangy safecracker
  - 71 Spoiler for a straight-A student

**Down**

- 1 Vacationing away

- 3 Feature of a heavy drinker, maybe?
- 4 Chanteuse Piaf
- 5 What it all adds up to
- 6 Med. masks, gloves, gowns, etc.
- 7 Allow entry
- 8 "Borrow" for good
- 9 Tina's costar in "Sisters"
- 10 Only child's lack, for short
- 11 Gabfest over coffee
- 12 Toy barrel contents
- 13 \_\_\_.com (Edmonton CFL website, before a name change)
- 19 Old Fashioned spirits
- 21 Mork and Alf, for two
- 25 Butterfinger's utterance
- 26 Nuremberg "not"
- 27 Part of an Orkan au revoir
- 28 "Get \_\_\_ town!"
- 33 Use an S.O.S pad
- 35 Capita companion
- 36 Elegant, in England
- 40 Young, host of CBC Radio's "Spark"
- 41 Words said with a yawn
- 42 "Canada's national dish," to some
- 45 "Who Let the Dogs Out" band
- 46 State again
- 47 Comment to a layabout ... and a hint to the ends of 18-, 24-, 38-, 53- and 60-Across
- 49 Boris Johnson's alma mater
- 51 Go from \_\_\_ B
- 54 Lady of questionable morals
- 55 Coombs who was Mr. Dressup
- 56 Oncologist's order, for short
- 57 Half of CMII
- 61 Passenger rail company
- 62 Blow up at Blacks: Abbr.
- 63 Nonprofit's website ending
- 64 Unreal coif?

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4 X BATH  
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1.044 ACRES  
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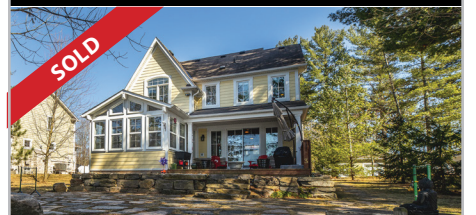
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Michael Dillane and Connor Iles pose with a fish they caught in a past kids' fishing derby in Minden. *File.*

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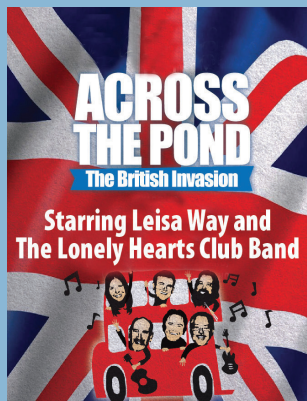
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There are a number of fireworks displays planned. *File.*

## Highlanders: get ready to celebrate this Canada Day

By Lisa Gervais

The Highlands will be busy with Canada Day activities July 1 after COVID-19 kicked celebrations to the curb the past couple of years.

Minden Hills will kick things off with its popular kids' fishing derby on Water Street from 8-11 a.m. As usual, there will be plenty of prizes for the young anglers, courtesy of sponsors.

There will also be Wild Ontario: Birds of Prey shows along Water Street, and the Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers will be having a car show starting at 10 a.m.

Music Fridays at the Fairgrounds will begin its season at 7 p.m. featuring Gord Kidd. That will be followed by fireworks at dusk.

West Guilford will be paring down its celebrations this year as not enough volunteers came forward. However, a fireworks display will take place at the recreation centre at 9:30 p.m.

Close to West Guilford, Abbey Gardens is hosting The Makers Market from noon to 4 p.m. They're welcoming all of their favourite local vendors to join their garden team for an afternoon of delicious local produce, sampling, artisans, tasty lunch specials, live music, summer cocktails, and more. Into The Blue Bakery is also making a return to Abbey Gardens and will be parked near Haliburton Highlands Brewing.

Admission to The Makers Market is by donation, but the public is urged to pre-register online to help them plan ahead to keep lines and parking as efficient as possible.

Highlands East is holding a number of Canada Day events throughout the day.

In Cardiff, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 566 will host a breakfast at the community centre at 2747 Monck Rd. from 9-11 a.m. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

The Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Museum, at 2314 Loop Rd., will raise the Canadian flag at 11:30 a.m. followed by live entertainment, sandwiches, and cake.

The Kidd Schoolhouse Museum in Highland Grove will showcase children's crafts, local entertainment, and a barbecue from noon to 3 p.m.

Tory Hill Park, at the intersection of Highway 118 and County Road 503, will feature live music and stories of Tory Hill's history beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Gooderham will have a full evening of celebration from 3 - 10:30 p.m. at the Robert McCausland Community Centre, at 1043 Community Centre Rd. There'll be children's activities, cake, a barbecue, face painting, a clown, and an Irondale display. The fire department will host a jaws of life demonstration at 5 p.m. followed by live entertainment by the Highlands Trio at 7 p.m. The night will conclude with a fireworks display at 10 p.m.

**CANADA DAY**





Left: The Cruisers serenaded the streets of Minden in 2017 during the Music by the Gull concert series. *File*. Right: The Haliburton Rotary Club's Music in the Park concert series began June 28. *File*.

# Riverside tunes move to fairgrounds

By Sam Gillett

Music by the Gull is morphing into Music Fridays at The Fairgrounds this summer.

Gord Kidd and Friends will kick off the summer-long concert series July 1.

"I think things are going to go off with a bang," said Dan Bingham of the Minden Lions Club who sits on the event board. "It works out well with Canada Day."

Fireworks, vendors and a fair will coincide with that first concert which starts at 7 p.m.

Bingham said he recognizes some people will miss the river-side location.

He encouraged attendees to have an "open mind" and to recognize that for

many volunteers the fairground offers easier access and a simpler set-up process. Previously, volunteers had to remove cars from the parking spots, close down the street and run long extension cords to the musicians.

"As we all get older and the people that have to do the work behind the scenes, it becomes problematic," Bingham said.

At the fairgrounds, there is space for more audience members, a covered band shell and easy access to electricity.

"It's an open area. We have to remember we're still coming out of a pandemic, not everyone is comfortable with being shoulder to shoulder," Bingham said.

There will be a spot for listeners on blankets, chairs, picnic tables and space behind for people who wish to listen from their cars.

"It gives people a nice relaxing way to start the weekend off," Bingham said.

"I think people will be really pleased with how it comes together."

Music Fridays at the Fairgrounds runs each Friday from July 1-Sept 2.

## Head Lake music

Highlanders sat on lawn chairs and blankets by the Head Lake band shell for the first Music in the Park concert of 2022 June 28.

The annual concert series is presented by the Haliburton Rotary Club in partnership with the Haliburton County Folk Society.

- The Ya Babys played June 28
- Gary & The Rough Ideas perform Tuesday July 5.

The concerts, starting at 7 p.m., will run each Tuesday until August 16.

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### Time machines roll into Minden

If you drove by Kawartha Dairy in Minden June 23, you might have thought time hit rewind. Thirty-two classic cars lined the grass field beside the dairy, with car-lovers from across Haliburton County and beyond sharing about their beloved automobiles, from Firebirds to mid-century coupes. The Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers host weekly car meet-ups throughout the summer. For more information on future meets, visit Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers on Facebook.

Top left: More than 30 classic cars lined the grass next to Minden Kawartha Dairy June 23. Top right: John Wohnfuter with his Chevrolet Belair. Bottom: Allan Bagg of Eagle Lake with his Chevrolet Fleetmaster Country Club Coupe. *Photos by Sam Gillett.*



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# Barbecue duel sizzles into Fort Irwin

By Sam Gillett

Till Death BBQ in Fort Irwin is inviting grillers to test their mettle at their first-ever backyard barbecue competition.

Any amateur cook is welcome to flaunt their smoking skills July 15 in a ribs category or the chef's choice contest, where they can roast their own classics.

A panel of judges, including one local kid who's become a Till Death superfan, will rate the grilled fare.

Shannon Brown, Till Death's owner, has been crowned champion in many grill-offs himself, known for Texas-style smoking techniques. He won't take part: the contest is strictly for the casual griller.

"Just cook it how you'd cook it for your family, have fun," he advised would-be contestants.

Till Death BBQ will host competitors and their smokers or BBQs in their backyard, where he said most will take more than six hours to smoke their ribs.

A \$50 entry fee includes two racks of ribs for a team of up to three people.

The winning BBQ artists will receive a range of prizes contributed by Highlands businesses such as the Eagle Lake Country Market.

Local rockers The Weber Brothers will be playing live music, and the restaurant will have games and other activities available.

The BBQ joint has garnered a devoted fanbase in the Highlands since opening in November 2021.

Along with a host of year-round residents who drop by regularly, Brown said he's enjoyed meeting the ever-growing summer crowd: at a recent "Whole Hog Hillbilly Hoedown" Brown said around 400 people dropped by.

"Every weekend we're meeting new families coming up for the season. As school ends more and more people come up every weekend," he said.

To register or find out more, contact Till Death BBQ on Facebook or call the restaurant at 705-754-0998.



Shannon Brown encourages contestants to "cook like you're cooking for your family." *File.*

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# Book lovers to unite at upcoming showcase

By Sam Gillett

Organizers of the first “Bookapalooza” in Minden Hills are putting out the call for exhibitors and sponsors to take part in the celebration of the written word.

The event, scheduled for Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will feature Lions club book readings, a chance to network with authors and publishers and a chat with famed Canadian author Terry Fallis.

Kathy Purc, who is a member of the Haliburton Reads and Writes committee, said she’s excited to bring the writing community together again.

“We lost out of the opportunity to do personal readings and that sort of thing,” said Purc, who is an author.

It’s organized in partnership between Haliburton Reads & Writes (part of The Arts Council Haliburton Highlands), the Haliburton and District Lions Club, Haliburton County Public Library and Hike Haliburton.

She said becoming an exhibitor is a chance to get face-to-face with readers and writers. While book sellers will be there too, Purc knows of book designers and authors who will rent a table too. There is an option to rent full tables and half tables.

The organizers are also looking for businesses or individuals to sponsor parts of the event, such as the “Big Book Club” when Fallis will chat with attendees.



Readers young and old will likely find fun books to flip through at the first-ever “bookapalooza” Sept. 24. Photo by Sam Gillett.

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# Partnership aims at 'new world of opera'

By Sam Gillett

The Haliburton Highlands might seem an unlikely place to experience the future of Canadian opera.

A new partnership between the Highlands Opera Studio (HOS) and Loose Tea Musical Theatre (LTMT) will see under-represented voices elevated as they produce fresh operatic compositions that will likely be performed far beyond the Highlands.

Opera has traditionally been an industry dominated by European cultures, with male composers steering the genre.

LTMT developed the BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour) Composer-Librettist Development program to equip diverse creators with composition and performance skills to craft compelling operas.

This summer, composers will workshop their performances in the Highlands, supported by HOS mentors and performers.

"We all feel it's about the next generation of opera, it's not about us. It's about whatever we can do to create the new world of opera," said HOS co-artistic director Valerie Kuinka.

She said the LTMT vision, to expand the scope of stories opera tells, fits with what HOS wants to see happen in the art form too.

"It's the creation of new opera that represents everybody, not just a niche of European white people. It's about culture, it's the diversity of all kinds," she said,

Alaina Viau, executive artistic director of LTMT, said in a media release, "We share a vision that is passionate in believing that we can change the world for the better by thinking differently. This collaboration



HOS singers during a 2021 performance of *The Leporello Diaries: And Unsolved Mystery*. Photo by Sam Gillett.

shows that, by effectively gathering our efforts, we can bring forward productions that further this goal."

Both *Inertia* and *The Museum of the Lost and Found* will be workshopped and performed in the Highlands this summer through the Composer-Librettist program.

The partnership will also provide space

for two creators in residence, Troy Defour and JT Rivera, to develop new works with mentors Lila Palmer, Andrew Balfour and Philip and Patricia Morehead.

Kuinka said the seasoned influence of industry professionals will help new librettists compose unique work in a safe environment.

Balfour was commissioned by HOS and L'Atelier Lyrique de l'Opera de Montreal in 2017 to compose an opera, which culminated in *Mishaboos's Realm*, a production exploring indigenous creation stories and the first interactions with European settlers.

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# Into the Blue Bakery returning to its roots

By Lisa Gervais

Abbey Gardens has announced that Into The Blue Bakery is bringing its wood fired pizza home.

Founded in 2014 by Janine Papadopoulos, Into The Blue Bakery was one of the first small businesses Abbey Gardens supported in their business incubator program, which aimed to support economic development in Haliburton County as part of its mission to create a more sustainable community, said Ashley McAllister, director of operations at Abbey Gardens.

After a successful first season, Into The Blue grew, expanding into catering events and going from a mobile pizza oven to a food truck and full-scale mobile catering business.

McAllister said, “similarly, Abbey Gardens has grown, developing a reputation for quality, local food with a farm-to-fork focus.”

She added more recently, they have established a community event space that has already supported numerous organizations in the arts, environment, business, and social work industry.

In 2019, Into The Blue added a pizza truck, and has been set up in Eagle Lake since 2020, serving pizza, salad, and grilled sandwiches. They’ll now be setting up next to Haliburton Highlands Brewing.



Ashley McAllister and Janine Papadopoulos. Submitted.

McAllister said, “The truck will still feature the same menu, serving up wood fired pizzas with local, seasonal ingredients. Brewery customers will be

able to enjoy pizza on the patio, and we'll have picnic tables at the truck for visitors who want to grab a hot lunch on their way back from a round of disc golf or hitting

the trails.”

There will be a grand re-opening at Abbey Gardens’ Maker Market Friday, July 1 from noon to 4 p.m.

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## Back to the old ball game in Minden

After two years, the Minden Fairgrounds and ball diamonds are buzzing with baseball Monday night.

"Get your gloves, get going," coach Tammy Smith called out as a gaggle of orange-clad kids scampered into positions around the ball diamond June 20.

As the opposing blue team stepped up to bat, Smith traded jokes and baseball advice in equal measure with her players, many of whom she has coached for years.

From the bleachers, parents shouted encouragement, shared laughs and cheered for every swing of the bat, whether or not it connected with the ball.

Smith said it's "fantastic" to kick off a full season of baseball after two years away due to COVID-19.

She estimated there were 600 people at the fairgrounds during the first week of play.

Smith, who runs the league alongside her partner Craig Smith, said baseball is her passion.

"It's my sport," she said, surveying the players who crowded the field.

When asked about her team, she turned to the ball diamond with a grin: "We have the best team. Hey, team orange," she called. "Who's the best team?"

"Orange!" the kids called back.

Braxton Cooper, watching the game, started playing ball when he was seven, often with Smith as a coach. Now a high schooler, he plays competitive baseball in Fenelon Falls, but also plays for fun in Minden.

"It takes my mind off things," he said.

Top left: Marty Lopez runs to first base during his second-ever baseball game. Top middle: A player takes a swing. Top right: Linda Hamilton and Jill Hamilton supply new players with shirts and help them find their teams. Middle: A coach throws a pitch during the team warm-up. Bottom: Smith estimates 600 people attended the league's first night of play June 13. *Photos by Sam Gillett.*

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# Book paints Algonquin hero in new light

By Sam Gillett

For many, Tom Thomson's brush strokes define Ontario's rugged lake country. The painter's lilting jack pines, trees bathed in an amber hue and hills unfurling past wild lakes capture the lands of Algonquin Park in ways that resonate nearly a century after his demise.

Thomson's death stumped authors, art-lovers and sleuths alike.

Richard Weiser's *The Real Mystery of Tom Thomson* focuses on a different enigma: the painter's life.

"My intention was just to write about his life," Weiser said. "As I started to write, I just was more interested in the idea Thomson had no formal art school inspiration ... but arguably he's the preeminent Canadian painter. He has hundreds of sketches, dozens of canvases in the most prestigious art galleries. How was it he was able to be so prodigious in terms of quantity and in terms of quality?"

Weiser uses journals from Thomson's uncle to try to answer that question.

Deep in the archives of the Royal Ontario Museum, Weiser found a close connection between Dr. William Brodie and Thomson between the pages of Brodie's journals. "As I was going through it... I started to realize he was really into the idea of what is humanity's place in the world?" Weiser said. "That

was everything really, that kind of unlocked the entire book."

Weiser argues Thomson was responding to his uncle's musings about the role of art in interpreting natural spaces.

"He decides that humans are part of nature. It's our job to think about nature and our values. And to use the arts and the sciences to examine nature. I think that Thomson had that in mind when he worked."

That's why Weiser said he finds the argument that Thomson's work is hostile or sinister "absurd."

Instead, he said he saw Thomson uniting viewer and landscape.

"What I started to see is a pathway in the background. I started to notice the undulating hills don't meet together, that there's a space between them in lots of his paintings. I think that consciously or unconsciously Thomson was inviting us to enter into these pictures."

Weiser also explores the traces of people and society in Thomson's work: Much like Haliburton County, Algonquin Park was sparsely-populated but still home to a thriving industry and tourism trade, even in the early 1900s.

"He was realizing that this wasn't a place devoid of humans," Weiser said.

Weiser himself, often up at a family cottage in Lake of Bays, fell in love with

Thomson's landscapes at an early age.

"One of the nicest parts of publishing a book on Thomson is hearing from other Thomson authors," Weiser said. Since the book was published in March 2021 Weiser has heard from the likes of Roy McGregor, an esteemed Canadian author who's often credited with exposing the murky details of Thomson's death by drowning in his 2011 book, *Northern Light: The Enduring Mystery of Tom Thomson and the Woman Who Loved Him*.

"This is a national pastime, trying to bring Thomson to life in some way or another," said Weiser.

Weiser adds storytelling to the mix.

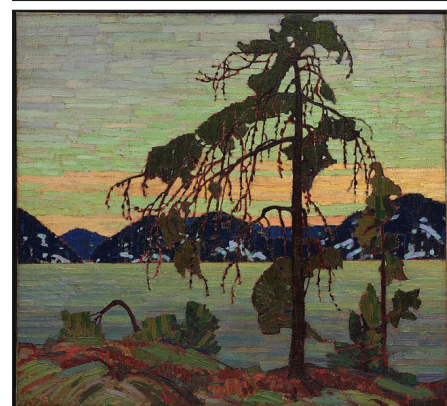
Piecing together research from various sources, he writes short scenes about Thomson listening to a parent reading a book, or even playing mandolin on stage, a ruddy blush on his cheeks.

"It's not enough just to state the facts, you have to create a moment the reader can relate to with feeling," Weiser said.

Weiser's mystery isn't Thomson's death, it's his life: reconsidering his legacy in Canadian lore.

"I think Thomson is Canada's William Tell or Robin Hood. He's our national hero," Weiser said.

*The Real Mystery of Tom Thomson*, published by Dragon Hill, is available on Amazon and Indigo.



Top: Richard Weiser is a poet and author from Toronto. *Submitted*. Bottom: The National Gallery of Canada said *The Jack Pine* "conveys the spirit of the northern Ontario landscape through its simplified composition and lone pine-tree motif." *Tom Thomson, 1916-1917, National Gallery of Canada.*

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## WHAT'S ON

**July 1**

Celebrate Canada Day in Highlands East. A full day of family-friendly activities has been planned throughout the municipality.

**Cardiff** 9-11 a.m. Cardiff Community Centre 2747 Monck Rd. The Royal Canadian Legion will host breakfast at the community centre. Adults \$8, under 12 years \$5

**Highland Grove** Noon - 3 pm, Kidd School House Museum, 5373 Loop Rd. Children's crafts, local entertainment and BBQ. Museum will be open.

**Wilberforce** 11:30 a.m., Red Cross Outpost Museum 2314 Loop Rd. Raising the flag ceremony at 11:30 with live entertainment followed by sandwiches and cake.

**Tory Hill** 1:30 p.m., Hwy 118 & Cnty Rd 503. Live music in the park and stories of local history. Bring your lawn chair.

**Gooderham** 3 - 10:30 p.m. Community Centre 1043 Community Centre Rd. Children's activities, cake, BBQ, face painting, clown and Irondale display. Fire department jaws of life demonstrations start at 5 p.m. Live entertainment featuring the Highlands Trio starts at 7 p.m. Fireworks start at about 10 p.m.

**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 Sept. 2.

## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

**HALIBURTON BRANCH**

**Mondays:** Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Room.

**Tuesdays:** League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m. (Sept-June).

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**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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**Weekly events**

**Monday** Rug Hookers every second week.

**Tuesday** Euchre 1-3 p.m.

**Thursday** Cribbage 1-3 p.m., Darts 7-9 p.m. and euchre 7-9 p.m.

**Friday** Karaoke every second Friday.

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## Kin Club brings the vehicular bling back to Minden

The Minden Kin Club staged a successful post-COVID truck pull and show and shine at the Minden Fairgrounds June 25. The day began with an ATV radar run, to see how fast drivers could go. That was followed by the popular truck pull. Visitors also enjoyed the show and shine with many entries this year. There was also food and a beer tent. The club said it wanted to see how a post-pandemic event would go and felt that based on the number of competition entries, and members of the public supporting the events, they plan to be back bigger and better in 2023.

Top left: Anthony Wilson and Janice Laxton of Segway Power Sports run their ATV through the ATV radar run. Top right: Carter Bull gives a show and shine car a polish. Middle left: Duivenvoorden Haulage Ltd. brought a fleet. Middle right: John Kerr and Kasey MacIntyre volunteered at the beer tent, pulling cold ones from a canoe. Bottom left: Mike Fisher competes in the two-wheel drive pickup truck category in the truck pull. Bottom right: Marianne Harvey and Jim Crawford check out this rig in the show and shine. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

