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Rowan and Oscar, both two, had a whale of a time collecting marbles from a small paddling pool at the Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association's 'More Than a Corn Roast' event Aug. 13. For more see page 23.
Photo by Mike Baker.

Resorts speak out after hot tubs closed

By Sam Gillett

After three Highlands resorts had their hot tub facilities closed, owners say Ontario's hot tub regulations unfairly target small operations in the Highlands.

In July, the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR) issued orders to close multiple hot tubs at

Buttermilk Falls Resort, Sandy Lanes Resort and Lakeview Motel and Resort.

Richard Ovcharovich, a manager with the health unit, said the Ontario Building Code and Ontario Regulation 565 Public Pools "do not permit the use of private backyard domestic spas (whirlpools) to be used at hotels, travel accommodations or resorts that

have six or more units or suites."

The regulations have been in place for decades but were updated in 2018, mandating these whirlpools be equipped with timing devices, have no food or beverages close by, are made inaccessible outside of a daily use period and have a landline phone nearby, even if they are only accessed by residents of

the suite. All three resorts have had hot tubs in operation since before 2018.

"We've had hot tubs on this property for over a decade and nobody has ever gotten injured or gotten sick as a result of these tubs," said Stephen Orr of Buttermilk Falls Resort.

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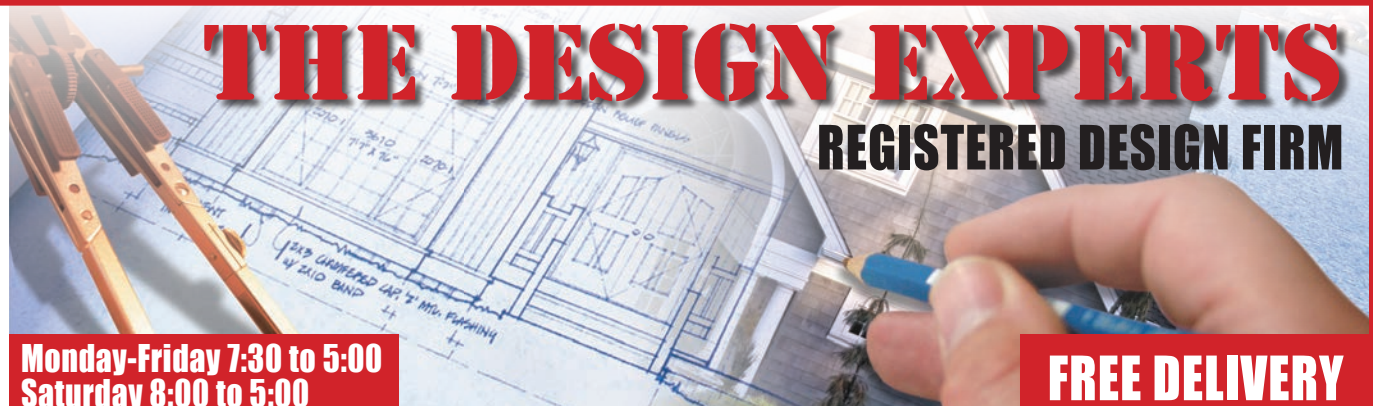
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Storytime seeking community support

By Sam Gillett

Minden Pride and the Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) are calling on the community to support the fourth annual Drag Queen Storytime after news of the event prompted a slew of discriminatory phone calls and messages.

“Both Minden Pride and the Haliburton County Public Library have been targeted with homophobic and discriminatory comments made by those in the community who see this type of performance as being threatening toward children and/or promoting a sexual agenda,” stated Minden Pride in a Aug. 15 media release.

HCPL CEO Christopher Stephenson said he received multiple phone calls from people who expressed concerns about the event. He said it was unclear if they were coming from people within Haliburton County. Previous storytimes at the library have been well attended and received, said Stephenson.

Drag Queen Storytime is a common library event, where a drag queen reads a children’s book to attendees.

Anger directed at these events seems to have propagated in recent years, flamed by false claims about its intentions. In June, CBC News reported more than half a dozen libraries, including the Orillia Public Library, and drag performers being inundated with reportedly hateful messages and phone calls in advance of drag storytime events.

“These are people who have no understanding of what a drag storytime



The library’s Drag Queen Storytime event will take place Aug. 24 and 25. Photo by Sam Gillett.

entails,” Minden Pride chairperson Allan Guinan told *The Highlander*. “There is nothing sexual around it. These are books vetted by the public library,” he said.

In the media release he said “the stories being read to the children will address ideas of free expression and underline the

importance of being open and accepting of everyone regardless of their differences.”

Stephenson said the event is similar to much of the library’s other programming, and promotes the library’s core values.

“This isn’t brand new,” he said. “It’s the fourth year we’re doing it. It bolsters some of

the core public library values we hold such as intellectual freedom, diversity and inclusion, learning and curiosity... and respectful communication.”

The event will be taking place at the Haliburton branch Aug. 24 and the Minden branch Aug. 25 from 3 to 5 p.m.



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County to phase in rental regulations

By Lisa Gervais

The County is looking to adopt a phased approach to regulating short-term rentals (STRs), beginning with registration.

During a special council meeting, Aug. 10, consultants J.L. Richards & Associates recommended the option, saying, “this will provide a snapshot of the current STR situation in the County and the municipal capacity enhancement required to implement the STR bylaw.”

They added that between the time the registration period ends and licensing comes into effect, the County and its partner municipalities will have time to review capacities and update any other applicable municipal bylaws.

“The recommendations provided by JLR provides a balance between supporting tourism by permitting STRs, ensuring public safety and providing long-term rental opportunities,” they said.

The consultants expanded their initial dive into the issue by looking into what Bracebridge, Trent Lakes, Lambton Shores and Fort Erie are doing.

They also talked to Airbnb, the Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Housing Corporation, Environment Haliburton! and representatives of the local cottage rental and maintenance industry, as well as the economic development and tourism industry. About 1,500 people also responded to a survey.

Gursimran Saini said service levels in other areas range from simple education and awareness, to registration and licensing.

“I like a combination, start with registration and go for licensing,” said Coun. Carol Moffatt.

Warden Liz Danielsen asked if it should be a phased-in approach. Coun. Andrea Roberts said she favoured that, with registration first. Saini said failure to register could lead to fines or demerit points, or not being able to operate STRs anymore, based on what the County decides.

Coun. Brent Devolin said Lake of Bays “has done a wonderful job. I’m ready to copy and paste what they have and tweak it so it’s relevant to our area ...”

Lake of Bays regulates STRs through a bylaw, and they’re permitted in various zones identified in the zoning bylaw. The township issues three classes of STR license, based on the number of STRs operated by the same



The County continues to work on a framework to regulate short-term rentals. *Flickr.*

owner, total number of nights rented per year, minimum number of consecutive nights of stay, and maximum number of occupants per STR.

Licensing fees there range from \$250 to \$750, with renewal fees from \$125 to \$500. Occupancy allows for two people per sleeping area and one parking space per guest room.

Saini said Lambton Shores began registration this year via an online portal. Licensing will begin next year.

During the discussion, council quickly realized they will have to define what a short-term rental actually is in any future framework.

Coun. Pat Kennedy queried a tiered system, saying there’s a big difference between renting out your place to raise money to replace the roof or a dock, versus rentals operating like a business. Consultant Jason Ferrigan said the consultants are

aware council wants a distinction between commercial and non-commercial STRs.

Council also recommended allowing two people per bedroom, making sure there is enough septic capacity. They also leaned towards one parking space per bedroom as a guideline with some flexibility as well as a parking management plan.

With accessory and dwelling units, such as people renting out bunkies and garage lofts, council felt they needed more time to investigate.

When it comes to enforcement, council would like STRs to designate someone be on call 24/7 for issues. Further, Kennedy said, “a combination of demerit points and hitting the pocket book is not a bad idea.” He said the money could be recovered from the renter, not the owner.

Coun. Cec Ryall said they have to bolster municipal bylaws to respond at the time of infraction or just after, and budget

accordingly. “I think this needs to be a full court press,” Moffatt agreed.

Council deferred a decision for now on a municipal accommodation tax and said “no” to STRs having to be zoned. It said they’d license all STRs and not grandfather any. They opted that appeals would be heard by an independent, arms-length body, with council having the final say. They also hammered out some application requirements.

They intend to get the word out once they have a final bylaw via their website.

Ferrigan said next steps are ongoing consultation with lower tier municipalities and a recommendation report in September.

Councillors said time is of the essence. “People shouldn’t be considering selling their properties because we aren’t doing anything,” Moffatt said.



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Private tubs ‘main attractions’ at motel

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In a written document outlining his concerns, Orr wrote: “With no outreach, no warning, no education program, and most importantly no new health and safety related issues, the resorts are being told to shut down an important revenue stream, one that they have used safely for literally decades. Coming into compliance would be prohibitively expensive for any small business, and as a result they are closing down a critical feature of our business with no practical way of reopening, for no health and safety related reason. This is completely unfair.”

Ovcharovich said “no compliance period was granted as these specific spas were missing many of the required safety features and they were not being maintained accordingly... The orders were issued as the public health inspector deemed these spas as being a health hazard and the direction was necessary to eliminate the health hazard.”

Ovcharovich said multiple infractions meant the closures were necessary, including no chemistry records being taken, water chemistry not being balanced, the units not having emergency stop buttons and missing safety signage.

The enforcement of the regulation in Haliburton County seems to have been sparked by a July inspection of Lakeview Motel in Haliburton. After coming to the property on another matter, inspectors returned to close the motel’s hot tubs used by private rooms. Lakeview Motel appealed the decision, which was then upheld by the Health Services Appeal and Review Board.

“Our hot tubs are one of the main attractions,” said co-owner of Lakeview Motel Harsha Manani.

She said the hot tubs have been in operation at the motel for years. Staff drain and refill each room’s hot tub after each use.

Orr said the regulation is unrealistic for private hot tubs, including having no food or drink nearby, closing the hot tub after use at night or installing landline phones in each unit.



Stephen and Megan Orr estimate the closure of their resort’s hot tubs could lose them up to \$80,000 in potential revenue over the next couple of years. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

“Everybody we’ve talked to outside of the health unit has said.. there’s no way this should be applied this way,” said Orr. He said multiple guests who have come to expect use of hot tubs over the years have voiced disappointment.

Orr said he’s spoken with resort operators in districts such as Muskoka and Hasting Highlands. In both cases, he said operators claimed they had not heard of this regulation being enforced, even though it is an Ontario-

wide regulation.

HKPR staff are responsible for enforcement of the regulation in this area.

Ovcharovich said these rules have been enforced outside of Haliburton County. He said the inspections are investigated on a complaint basis.

At all three resorts, private hot tubs have been in use for decades. Orr and Manani estimate the loss of their private hot tubs will cost them tens of thousands of dollars in


missed revenue.

“I take in phone calls and emails, and I hear guests upset and disappointed,” said Manani.



Orr wrote: “The best way forward is to work to amend the regulation in a manner that would allow the resorts to go back to operating their hot tubs as they have done in the past, either by clarifying the regulation to exclude portable hot tubs entirely.”

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August 25 – Regular Council Meeting
September 8 – Regular Council Meeting

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

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DYSART ET AL NEWS

A 'successful' pilot

More than 90 per cent of participants involved in Dysart et al's FoodCycler pilot project have said they would recommend the in-home composting devices to other people.

Following the conclusion of the 12-week pilot, which ran April 10 to July 2, the township's environmental coordinator, John Watson, reached out to the 100 participants to get some feedback on the machines.

"Consistently, there was a feeling FoodCycler decreased the amount of garbage households were producing or sending to the landfill, which is a win for us," Watson told council Aug. 9.

Just over 97 per cent of survey respondents said they would continue using the FoodCycler.

A second phase was considered for the 144 individuals that didn't qualify first time round, but a change in the producer's business model means that won't be possible. During that first phase, the machines, which retail at \$500, were made available to Dysart residents for \$150. Watson said the best deal he could secure for a potential second phase was a 25 per cent discount.

The machines are designed to transform food waste into compost, with units diverting at least two tons of food from landfills and preventing up to 2.6 tons of carbon monoxide from being released into the atmosphere over its lifetime.

Mayor Andrea Roberts wondered if a larger-scale industrial size FoodCycler-esque

composting system, implemented at one of Dysart's landfills, could be successful. Watson said that's something he'd "love" for the township to pursue. He said he'd do some research and report back to council at a future meeting.

Textile drop-off

There's a new recycling option in place for Dysart residents at the township's five waste disposal sites.

Purple bins have been installed at the Haliburton, Harcourt, Kennisis Lake, West Bay and West Guilford landfills for textile drop-off. Watson said items that can be recycled include all forms of clothing, jewelry, purses, backpacks, bedding, blankets, curtains, sleeping bags, towels and other fabrics.

While textiles should be clean, Watson said the township is accepting torn, worn out, stained or scrap textiles. He asked that any items be placed in clear bags before being deposited in the bins.

Approximately three per cent of garbage Dysart collected in 2021 would qualify as recyclable under the new textile program. Watson said the bin at the Haliburton landfill had filled a week after being installed.

Septic reinspection

The number one issue Dysart staffers have seen while carrying out septic inspections during the summer is system overloads, says building inspector Bri Quinn.

Through June and July the township has



John Watson, Dysart et al's environmental coordinator, shows off the new textile drop off bin at the Haliburton landfill. Photo by Mike Baker.

inspected over 450 properties on Eagle Lake, Moose Lake, West Lake and Gun Lake. A "concerning" number of properties inspected thus far seem to be overextending their septic systems, Quinn said. She said inspectors were also seeing older systems with metal

tanks, which require full replacement.

In 2021, when inspections were carried out by WSP, 792 inspections were completed in Dysart, with only nine per cent of systems tested deemed to be high-risk and in need of immediate repair or replacement. (Dysart et al news compiled by Mike Baker).

Ward 4 councillor Smith stepping away after one term on Dysart council

By Mike Baker

John Smith is bowing out of municipal politics after a single term as Ward 4 councillor in Dysart et al.

It's a decision Smith says he has been debating for several months but, after more than 50 years working in a variety of high-demanding roles, feels the time is right to step away and "embrace the life of a retiree".

"I'm turning 70 later this year, and I just think it's time. I'm looking at this as a bit of a life milestone," Smith said. "I've always had jobs, often big jobs, and having spent 50 years reading reports, assessing situations

and trying to solve problems, I thought 'let's try something different for a change'."

Before relocating to Haliburton County full-time in 2018, Smith held executive roles with IBM, Sears and Canada Post.

Looking back over his four years in office, Smith said there's a lot for him and his fellow councillors to be proud of. He believes Dysart's recently adopted strategic plan will provide a solid foundation for the township's next elected representatives, outlining municipal priorities and goals for the years ahead.

He's also pleased to have overseen greater investment in roads during this term.

"The service that most people think is

critically important is roads. People want a decent road to drive on when living in or coming to your community... That was something I know I wanted when I first came here 20 odd years ago as a seasonal resident," Smith said. "We've made some progress there. We've gone from spending around 31 per cent of our budget on roads to north of 33 per cent. Our roads are getting better, and there's a plan in place, through our asset management plan, for that to continue."

In his retirement, Smith says he's looking forward to spending more time with family and exploring Canada.

He's already planning a road trip to the

east coast next summer.

There are currently two people vying to fill the soon-to-be vacant seat in Ward 4, with Ron Evans and Hayden Hughes confirmed as official candidates. The cut-off date for nominations is Aug. 19 at 2 p.m.

Along with Smith, incumbents Andrea Roberts, Pat Kennedy and Larry Clarke have announced they won't be seeking re-election, while Nancy Wood-Roberts has yet to file her paperwork. Tammy Donaldson is seeking re-election in Ward 3, currently unopposed, while Walt McKechnie is running for deputy mayor.



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Library vehicle ‘a huge game changer’

By Sam Gillett

The Haliburton County Public Library will soon have its own vehicle.

At an Aug. 10 meeting, the board approved spending up to \$40,000 to purchase a van capable of hauling books around the County and providing a more cost-efficient way to move staff and resources from branch to branch.

CEO Christopher Stephenson said a new vehicle will save the library mileage fees, decrease financial burden on staff and make it easier to hire couriers. It will be funded by the library’s surplus, which currently sits at more than \$200,000.

“It’s normal and it’s good that an organization that crisis-crosses the County all-year-round has regular vehicle access,” Stephenson said. He estimates the vehicle would drive 27,000 kilometres a year. Couriers drive 400 kilometres a week.

Currently, staff and library couriers use their own vehicles or borrow a County of Haliburton SUV, which is soon to be taken off the road due to safety concerns.

“Our staff... assume a lot of risk,” Stephenson said.

He added that it’s difficult to fit materials into a smaller car or SUV.

“Our capacity for moving books in transit is set to grow,” Stephenson told the board. He said it’s more economical to pay mileage on a corporate vehicle. According to his estimates, operating a library van could cost about 28 cents a kilometre.



The library currently has staff and couriers using their own vehicles to transport books and services around the Highlands. *File.*

It also means the library can hire couriers who might not have a vehicle appropriate for hauling books.

He said it would enhance the library’s public presence too.

“Some of the best advertising that we do is when a kid says to their mom ‘look there’s the library vehicle going through our town’.”

Warden Liz Danielsen said, “I was a little

bit hesitant about the idea of purchasing a vehicle... I have heard and accept the arguments you’ve made. It can be a very beneficial thing for us to do.”

Nearly all board members said they’d prefer an electric vehicle but cautioned that few electric vehicles are large enough to be suitable for hauling large quantities of books.

“I think we’ve reached the point where we

really have to have a van, otherwise a car doesn’t cut it,” said Highlands East deputy mayor Cec Ryall. It seems likely the library will opt for a small gas-powered van.

Stephenson said a designated library vehicle is “going to be a huge game changer for what we’re going to do.”



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Councillor championed small communities

By Sam Gillett

After 12 years of meetings, Coun. Jean Neville won't be returning to Minden Hills' council chambers next term.

"I've enjoyed it. I'm approaching my mid 70's. I have five grandkids I want to spend time with.

"I just want to spend more time doing some other things," the Ward 3 councillor said.

From the start, Neville said she wanted to represent the interests of Minden Hills' smaller rural communities.

"I wanted to do what I could to help the community of Snowden. I was excited to be on council and learn something new," she said.

According to Neville, she became known for her frequent comments about events going on in Irondale, Gelert and her home of Snowden.

"I kept reminding them about the little ward of Snowden. We have the smallest number of taxpayers, but we're important too."

She said council expected her to speak up about events and issues happening in those hamlets.

"It got to be a joke among councillors that I would speak up," she said. "They began to understand there was more to Minden Hills than the town of Minden."

For example, she said it was only fair to provide funding for the smaller hamlets community centres when those communities finance investment in Minden.

"Community centres started to get some

funds from the general levy. That has certainly helped them survive," she said.

Neville said aspects of the township that have received criticism during the last four years, such as perceived slowness of planning or bylaw departments, are being remedied.

"We've hired several people in the last little while. We're busy working on that," she said.

"We hired a [planning] consulting organization to get through the backlog and we were criticized about that. We've gotten through tons of old files our municipality couldn't get at."

She said one regret from her time in office is council disagreements over the amount of funding for the new Minden Hills arena meant it was built without some facilities, such as a snack bar.

"Even though it passed, the councillors that weren't in favour of it really dug their heels in. It really hampered additional things we needed in there at the time, which we could have gotten done more cheaply during COVID when interest rates were so low," she said.

"There are things we ended up putting out more taxpayers' money on now we could have done a lot more cheaply through debentures."

As of Aug. 17, no one is running for election in Neville's ward but she's been chatting with people who might put their names forward.

She said it's been a rewarding job.

"I've met some wonderful people," she

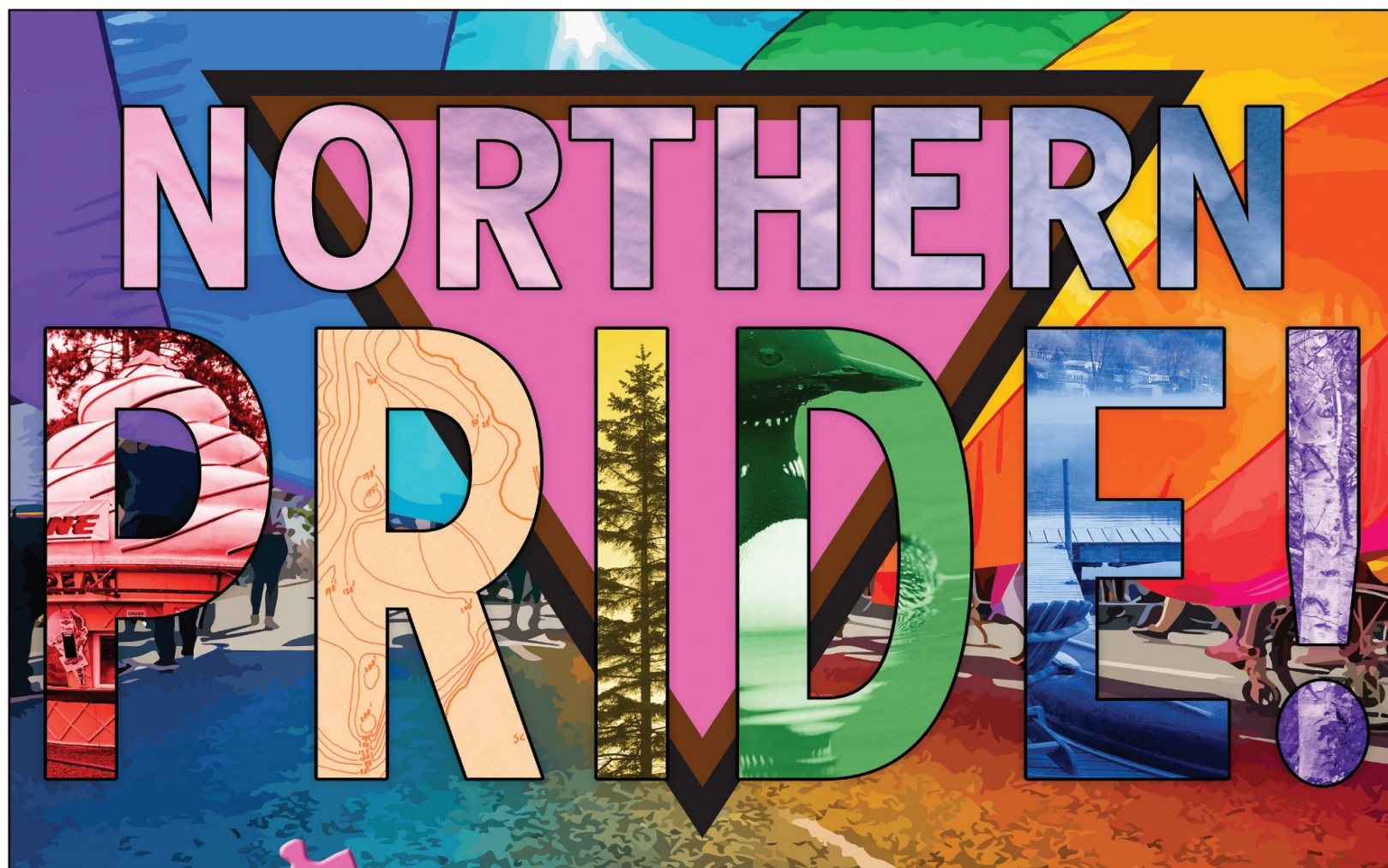


Jean Neville said she enjoyed learning about municipal processes while on council. *File.*

said. She added the key was being willing to learn about the ins and outs of council meetings, budgets and all facets of municipal processes.

"Your whole life is a learning experience, there's nothing you can participate in that you shouldn't be learning from."

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Goodbye, with thanks

Haliburton County's political landscape is set to look very different tomorrow.

We'll have a list of all the candidates running in the fall elections.

There's a good chance we'll even know a couple mayors and councillors who are acclaimed, meaning they're set to be elected as there is no other candidate vying for their seat (be sure to check out *The Highlander* online for the latest election news).

It's likely most councils will be "lame duck," meaning so many councillors aren't returning that their decision-making capabilities are limited until a new council is sworn in.

But nearly as consequential as the names of those who are running, are the names of those who aren't.

This election will see three mayors retire, along with around half a dozen councillors.

That's a sizeable amount of experience gone.

Over years in political office, councillors at their best can develop a rapport with staff, affinity with community groups, a deep knowledge of hot-topic files and trust with reporters and members of the media.

Many of the outgoing councillors honed these skills. There were topics they were

passionate about, community events they had a deep connection to and cottage groups they spent hours consulting.

As a reporter, many of our conversations with political figures can be tense. Whether it's about wetlands around Haliburton, a boat launch on Bob Lake, road clearing in Algonquin Highlands, or short staffing in Highlands East, we often hear from councillors and mayors when there is an issue to discuss.

What we don't cover is the everyday commitment shown by many of these retiring politicians.

In the selection of profiles our team has produced about outgoing councillors and mayors we've tried to touch on some of the highlights of their political careers and some of the challenges.

I hope it's clear that each political figure said they are passionate about Haliburton, its past, and its future.

Passion produces different actions depending on the person's values and vision for their neighbourhood, hamlet, town or county.

As reporters, we often see this passion play out in council meetings, or in a councillor's ability to concentrate in a library board

meeting after nearly eight hours of County council discussion.

It's a common perception amongst all we spoke with that the nature of politics, especially in the past couple years, has gotten sharper. Complex issues, such as the shoreline bylaw, resulted in hundreds of emails, Facebook comments and phone calls decrying how politicians handled these hot potatoes.

It's easy to let a politician's reputation hang on one decision, whether good or bad.

But politicians in Haliburton County are your neighbours. They love the lake, they spend Monday mornings with their grandchildren. They shoot hoops in the S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena. They're real people who balanced life with town hall duties.

It's important to critique and question our leaders' decisions. As reporters, that's our job. We can balance that with respect for the motives of this year's retiring representatives, and the unique legacies they leave behind.



By Sam Gillett

It's time to talk back

By Sam Gillett

It's full steam ahead for *The Highlander's* new podcast What Are We Doing?

Throughout the past four weeks, Lisa, Mike and I have been working closely with Justin van Lieshout to produce audio deep-dives into County conversations, available now wherever you get your podcasts or online at thehighlander.ca/podcast.

We're covering everything from housing to amalgamation in bite-sized audio stories perfect for listening at the kitchen sink or navigating Friday traffic on Highland Street.

We've been doing a lot of talking. Now it's your turn.

We're eager to hear your connection to these issues. Through the podcast software we use, it's easy to record and upload a short audio clip. You can share your own experiences with our team, and we'll feature your thoughts in upcoming episodes.

How has Haliburton's housing market impacted your life? Do you think the County was better off as separate municipalities?

After all, it's your voices that make *The Highlander* tick. Without your experiences, questions, and concerns filling our email inboxes and voicemails, we wouldn't have

stories to write. Or those stories certainly wouldn't be an accurate reflection of what's going on in the wider community.

But in many stories we've written in the past year, be it about Crown land, boat launches, closed resorts or shoreline bylaws, we've had difficulty getting people to speak "on the record". Without quoting people, our work is less trustworthy. Your experiences, stories and opinions are vital to producing the news coverage we strive to provide.

In a podcast, we'll hear directly from you.

We want to feature your perspective in upcoming episodes on poverty, health care and transportation.

You can share a personal story relating to a topic, your thoughts on where the County or municipalities have misstepped or even ideas for future improvements. You don't need to prepare: just talk about what comes to mind. Then, our producer and podcast creator Justin will edit your clip into the appropriate episode.

Just how we organize our letters to the editor, your voice has equal weight to that of a Warden, councillor or municipal expert. It's your County, and these issues directly impact your life.



Over the past month, *The Highlander* and Justin van Lieshout have been producing a podcast centred on issues defining Haliburton's future. *Artwork by @jy.ink*.

We invite you to listen to What Are We Doing? and respond.

Visit this link on your phone, tablet, or computer with a microphone to easily upload a voice message: anchor.fm/whatarewedoinghighlands/message

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

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EYE ON THE STREET



What are your thoughts on increasing privatization in Ontario’s healthcare?
by Sam Gillett



Larry Middleton
If people want to pay for it sure - as long as it doesn’t effect me and other people who use OHIP.



Jackie Wells
They need to pay nurses more and get rid of Bill 124... We don’t need any more privatization in healthcare than there already is.



Sheila Foronda
I’d need to educate myself more in regards to how it would affect us and our service.



Marshall Barry
I think it would be a good thing.

LETTERS

Positive short-term rental experience

We are new waterfront property owners in the beautiful Haliburton Highlands region. After 10-plus years of renting various cottages with our extended family, we decided to take the plunge and build our own forever home on Redstone Lake. There are significant financial barriers these days that make a purchase like this extremely challenging for any family. We are not lavishly rich, but we have wanted a place to enjoy with our families for our entire adult working careers.

We’ve worked hard, invested, and saved everything we could to give ourselves a chance of realizing our dream. In the spring of 2020, we were financially ready and organized to start our build, then COVID struck.

A three-month construction shut down pushed us into a much more expensive winter build and unexpectedly drove our material and labour costs up. Thanks to the outstanding support of the many local trades we partnered with, we managed to survive and finished construction in early fall of 2021.

Affording a second home is difficult, especially when you’ve built a space to accommodate extended family for all those special occasions.

Our strategy was to rent our home to other families when we were not able to use the property ourselves due to work schedules. That rental income is a necessity to help many new cottage owners tackle the skyrocketing real estate and construction costs in the region. Other than a few concerns from neighbours, we have had an excellent experience so far and our guests have all been wonderful. We attract affluent working professionals and families to our property. They have enjoyed boat rentals, restaurants, skiing, the Wolf Centre, shopping, and many other local attractions that benefit the community.

Their travel dollars generate income for residents and help us to realize our dream.

Andrew Tyrrell,
Redstone Lake

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Kevin K Pepper submitted this image of a mother loon sitting on her egg and guarding the nest.

Council must ensure inn demolished

Dysart Council must now ensure the demolition of Wigamog Inn.

Preceding any development proposal being put forward for the Wigamog property, Dysart should seek input from the LKO, Silver Beach and community at large. Even with a public hearing process as part of a zoning bylaw amendment and development proposal, councillors should be aware of community concerns.

Some would argue that bigger is better, which increases assessment and tax revenue. Clearly, Lake Kashagawigamog cannot support increased boat traffic particularly in the northern half of the lake. Additionally, Kashagawigamog Lake Road cannot support

upwards of 180 additional vehicles due to its winding lakeshore route, blind corners, hidden driveways, a highly increased walking and cycling population, excessive speed limit, and vehicular speeding using the centre of the road.

Further, any proposal would have to be on the existing sewer line. It remains imperative for the municipality to demand due diligence by any developer and itself to ensure that the existing sewage treatment plant or any proposed expansion has the necessary capacity for any new development.

Finally, any improved requirements deemed necessary to the infrastructure, must be borne by any future developer including the Aurora Group, and not the taxpayers of Dysart.

Peter Oyler,
Haliburton

A heartfelt thank you

Those of us who have had summer homes in Haliburton for years know how great it is to live here during those months. This bad COVID year for my family has now made it more obvious.

Two of us have come down with the virus. The service at the Haliburton COVID-19 Testing and Assessment Centre has been extraordinary with warm, caring people anxious to do their best. Special mention goes to Kevin Penney, Minna Stephen and Susan Ridley. There were others too. All were more than available and ready to answer questions. It has made us happy and comfortable to be here in a time of crisis.

Our heartfelt thanks to all of them.

Ruth and Harry Goldhar,
Haliburton

Pride makes loud and proud return

By Sam Gillett

Minden Pride Week is set for take-off. On Aug. 22, a full week of activities focused on supporting Haliburton’s 2SLGBTQ+ community begins.

There will be a flag-raising at Minden town hall, story time with a drag queen at Haliburton and Minden libraries, a queer comedy night at the Haliburton Legion, a toolbelts and tiaras tea dance and the famous Pride river parade Aug. 28 on the Gull River.

“After a number of years of having low-key Minden Pride, we are really wanting to celebrate this year,” said Minden Pride chairperson Allan Guinan.

The week’s theme is “Loud and Proud.” The Pride Week’s goal, Guinan said, is to “increase respect for all, inclusiveness and equality.”

He said it’s especially important this year, as organizations such as the Canadian Anti-Hate Network report a rise in opposition to 2SLGBTQ+ rights, fueled by political rhetoric.

“We are really trying to underline the need for Minden’s pride in Haliburton County,” Guinan said.

Minden Pride was founded in response to an anti-2SLGBTQ+ incident in 2016.

Guinan said one of his favourite moments of the week is the flag raising at the Minden Hills township offices.

“It’s a very physical demonstration of the support of all levels of governments who come out to that,” he said.

Grooving at Viva Burlesque

Hosted by drag queen Carlotta Carlisle, Viva Burlesque is taking over the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre Aug. 26.

Organizer Collin Burke said he’s excited to see how Toronto-based performers Katrinka Kature, Perla and Vitality Black will add glamour and excitement to the evening.

Minden Pride’s ball in the past has always been a night to remember, Burke said.

“It’s been just exuberance and joy, everywhere, everybody was having such a great time,” he said.

Along with show-tune sing-alongs and dancing, the drag queens are set to perform a more choreographed show.

“Collin wants to take a deeper approach



Bob Fisher promoting Rainbow Railroad, an organization that funds protections for 2SLGBTQ+ people, at last year’s event. *File.*

to the whole show. The last show was a straight-up drag extravaganza, it was amazing,” said media coordinator Victoria Ward. “There’s a bit more of a rehearsed factor to this show.”

For Burke, Pride in the Haliburton Highlands has a special atmosphere. Friends who had participated at Toronto Pride events came up for 2019’s festivities and “they just loved every minute of it. They said it was so relaxing, so fun, and they loved the overall gentler pace of it compared to [Pride events]

in Toronto,” Burke said. “I think the overall event is a magical time for people to get out and experience something different.”

For a full schedule of events visit mindenpride.ca.



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Barnes passes baton after 13 years leading Fuel for Warmth

By Lisa Gervais

When Joanne Barnes was manager of the Minden food bank, she did intakes to get client information, and two stories really upset her.

One was a young mother with four or five little kids. She told Barnes they had to live in their snowsuits from when they came home Friday night until they went back to school Monday morning because the parents had to choose between feeding the children or keeping them warm.

Not long after, she met an elderly gentleman who told her he was staying in bed most days with all the blankets he owned, while cuddling with a cat and dog to try to stay warm.

“Faced with those two incidences, it made me feel this shouldn’t happen in Canada. What could we do and how could we do it?” Barnes recalled.

She went to her church, Minden Bible Church, to see if they would be interested in the initiative since they would need to give out charitable tax receipts. They agreed and in 2009 Fuel for Warmth was born.

The partnership lasted five years, with the church recording donations, paying fuel bills, and sending tax receipts.

By 2014, it was growing and the work became a lot on top of other church duties. So, they decided it was time for Fuel for Warmth to become its own entity. Barnes went to lawyer Ray Selbie, who helped her to get a charitable tax number and also recommended incorporation. He provided his services free of charge, because he believed in the mission.

She then started looking for a treasurer and Lorne McNeil had not long retired as an accountant. His wife, Lorraine, then joined the team, as did Mike and Jane Jaycock. The Christmas Shindig was the result of that collaboration, Fuel for Warmth’s biggest fundraiser, which is still running.

“From there, we went ahead with leaps and bounds because we had the money,” Barnes said.

In that first year, 2009, she said they had about eight clients. Now, they support around 100 families a year. Originally, the gift was \$200 and now it’s \$500. It includes money



Barnes is stepping down as executive-director of Fuel for Warmth. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.* for oil, propane and wood – as well as physical wood.

Along the way there have been many helpers, such as Barkley and Sandra Cooney, who led the wood initiative, and now Dan Farnell.

“It’s become such a needed thing. The need is continuing to increase,” Barnes said.

She added that one of the most rewarding things are unexpected calls. There was a senior converting from oil to propane who donated the oil from his tank. A bunch of cut down hardwood trees were donated from another person on Kennisis Lake.

She said they get several personal notes from clients. One person, who was helped in the past, sent a thank you note with a donation, saying Fuel for Warmth helped him when he needed it and he wanted to pay it forward.

“It’s rewarding. It’s not why I do it. You don’t expect that, but it just makes you realize that’s why you do it,” Barnes said.

She added she wasn’t planning to retire from Fuel for Warmth – after earlier stepping down from the Minden Community Food Centre – but family health issues forced her decision.

While not in it for recognition, she has been honoured for her work. In 2010, the YWCA gave her a Guardian Angel award. In 2015, Fuel for Warmth won a not-for-profit award at the chamber awards, as well as Barnes being named that year’s Highlander of the Year. MP Jamie Schamle spoke of her in the House of Commons. She was recently interviewed by CBC radio about the food centre and Fuel for Warmth.

She is staying on as consultant-advisor for now and hopes to draw up a plan to teach other communities about creating Fuel for Warmths of their own.

“I’m proud of the accomplishments. My brain, my head tells me that the time is right ... that I have to step down ... my heart is having a bit of an issue with it.”

Be insect aware says health unit as warm weather increases risk

Lyme disease and West Nile Virus are on the rise across the Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Pine Ridge health district.

In an Aug. 10 media release, the health unit said black-legged ticks and mosquitos can pose a risk to those enjoying the outdoors, carrying Lyme disease and West Nile Virus.

“There’s never a good time or reason to be bitten by a mosquito or black-legged tick, especially during the peak summer season,” said health protection manager Bernie Mayer in the release. “Cover up, clean up, and check-up is the best advice to reduce your risk.”

Lyme disease can result in arthritis,

neurological problems, numbness, or paralysis.

In 2020, health units across Canada reported 1,615 cases of Lyme disease, more than ten times the amount of cases detected in 2009. So far nine cases have been detected in the region in 2022.

The most common vector of Lyme disease, black-legged ticks, considered rare in Canada in previous decades, have begun to thrive as climate change causes temperature increases.

West Nile Virus is more rare, stated the health unit. Since 2020, there have been no cases of West Nile Virus in the district.

However, four out of five people do not show symptoms. Around one in 150 people will experience serious symptoms.

To minimize risk, the health unit suggests hikers and anyone visiting wooded areas or fields to use insect repellent containing DEET, and wear protective clothing outside such as long-sleeved shirts, jackets, long pants, hats and socks.

Before heading back inside, check yourself and your pets for ticks as the risk of Lymes disease increases the longer a tick is attached, stated the health unit. *(Sam Gillett).*



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Haliburton ‘rising star’ to shine on stage

By Mike Baker

Haliburton singer Ella Gooley will have the chance to perform under the bright lights in the big city this weekend as she prepares to take the stage at the CNE’s Rising Star talent competition.

Kicking off in Toronto Aug. 20, the event will see 48 kids between the ages of six and 12 battle it out for the grand prize, with musicians, dancers, actors, magicians and comedians all to be featured.

Twelve-year-old Gooley was selected as one of the finalists in June after submitting a recording of her performing Rachel Platten’s 2015 hit, *Fight Song*. It was a special moment for Ella, who has spent years training and honing her voice. While she’s no stranger to performing, having served as the official anthem singer for the Haliburton County Huskies last season and playing a role in the Highlands Summer Festival’s production of *The Sound of Music* during the summer, the CNE event will be Ella’s first on-stage singing competition.

“I’m just really excited. It’s a big honour for me to have the chance to perform in front of so many people and spread my message,” Ella said. “I’ll be performing *Fight Song*... it’s a song that really relates to me, but can relate to a lot of other people too. Everybody is fighting for something in their life, and that’s what the song is all about.”

Despite her tender age, Ella has extensive singing experience. She became interested in music as a three-year-old, fascinated by her

nana, who would play the piano for her.

“I loved it so much that I wanted to do it with her, so I decided to play the piano too,” Ella said. “I could read music before I could read a book.”

When she was five, Ella wrote a song that finished second place in the Music for Young Children’s Cornerstone Award. When she was eight, she began training with local voice coach Melissa Stephens. She has also been working with Lauren McInnes to develop her piano abilities.

Hoping to one day forge a career in the music industry, Ella has started to dabble in song writing. She’s working on a piece titled *Wildfire*, which she says focuses on environmental issues.

“My message is all about doing what we can to save our planet, it’s heating up because of greenhouse gases and pollution. Climate change is something I’m really passionate about because it’s causing wildfires, food shortages, destroying habitats and I hate that,” Ella said. “I want to try to help by shining a light on these things, which I hope to do through my music.”

While not ready yet, Ella said she hopes to have a version of *Wildfire* finished by the end of the year.

Dad Grant, himself a musician during his earlier years, said he was very proud of Ella for all the hard work she’s put in leading up to the CNE event.

“She inspires me more than anybody I know. It’s amazing to see somebody care so much and be so passionate about music,”



Twelve-year-old Ella Gooley will perform *Fight Song* at the CNE Rising Star talent competition in Toronto Aug. 20. Photo by Mike Baker.

Grant said. “Just having the opportunity to go down to Toronto is amazing for her. It’s going to be a tremendous experience.”

So, what would it mean to Haliburton’s young shining star to win it all?

“Oh, that would be just incredible. It would be so cool to go down there and win... but

I’m just excited too to see all the other kids and what they’ve been working on,” Ella said. “I’ve never done anything like this before, so I don’t know what to expect. I’m just going to try to have fun, and put in my best performance yet.”

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John Hogg holds a plaque from the Canadian Ski Patrol for 50 years' service.
Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Hogg celebrates 50 years of ski patrol at Sir Sam's

By Lisa Gervais

John Hogg didn't strap on downhill skis until well after he graduated university, but the late bloomer has marked 50 years of service with the Canadian Ski Patrol.

Hogg joined the volunteer ranks at Sir Sam's in 1971, when the late Bob and Noreen Bishop owned the Eagle Lake ski hill.

Hogg acknowledged it is somewhat ironic that he only took up the sport a few years before starting patrol.

"Luckily, I could ski adequately," he says, adding because he didn't start skiing as a child, he doesn't have the touch or balance that lifelong skiers do.

"I can still ski because I can still stand up," he adds with a chuckle, noting he has a bad back that limits outdoor walking on uneven surfaces. He keeps fit by hitting up the treadmill and bicycle in the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre fitness room.

He was living in Toronto when he first took up downhill skiing and started patrolling in southern Ontario. But his first wife's family had a cottage on Maple Lake, so Hogg began to hang out at Sir Sam's in the early 70s when it just had a T-bar and a few slopes. Up to that point, he hadn't gotten involved in much in the community.

At the ski hill, "I recognized how nice people were... and I assume it was a latent first responder instinct or something," he said of his decision to join locally.

"I really liked skiing and the people were great. So, it was fun. At that time, the social life in the 70s was somewhat looser." He said the ski family worked hard and played hard.

While he was not the best skier, he was trained to ski under control and do things such as take a toboggan safely down the hill with an injured skier onboard. And he knew First Aid.

It was a different era when he started as skiers flew down the hill without helmets and their skis didn't detach when they fell, as they do now that bindings have improved.

"If you fell, it wouldn't detach or even if it detached it was tied to your leg so it would

be a windmill effect."

He estimates there were 100 injuries a season and a fair bit of blood.

"If you fell down, you were going to break something. There were head injuries. We had people who stopped breathing."

He said the ones that stood out the most were when people were in a lot of pain and screaming. "One girl broke her femur right at the top of the hill and back then you didn't have the equipment to totally immobilize it so she was in pain all the way down."

Asked about post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) from ski patrol, he said his wife, Julie Chadwick, tells him he is cranky and has PTSD. However, after years as a Stanhope firefighter, Hogg said, like many EMS, you are trained to be a first responder. He said you have a job to do and you do it, although you have memories of some accidents.

In addition to being a ski patroller, he has been a patrol leader, trainer, and been on volunteer boards with the Kawartha Lakes and provincial zones.

He marvels at the diversity of ski patrollers, coming from all walks of life and age groups.

"You can't like everybody, but, wow, they have a range, an occupational range, doctors, engineers, teachers, management, to teens. And, yes, they know how to party but they also just do things so well. I am more than happy to be part of Canadian Ski Patrol and Sir Sam's."

Did he think he would make 50 years when he started out?

"No thought of that at all. It was very much in the moment. I get a lot of satisfaction out of what we achieve." He said he and other ski patrollers know they have an important and necessary job.

He recalled how the Bishops, "always, from day one, loved the patrol. Noreen said she never felt comfortable until a red jacket showed up so they could open."

The colour of those jackets has changed over the years, but Hogg's commitment has never altered.

"I never know when to quit ... if I'm doing something and I like it, why not?"



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

Submitted tenders will be opened virtually by Zoom. Register in advance for this meeting using the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZEqdeGoqTouHtHU04iVBto0WudCOBPuF8VI> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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1. Roll No. 46 24 040 000 20300 0000; Guilford, Ontario; PIN 39146-0134 (LT); LT 108 PL 581; S/T EXECUTION 95-0000273, IF ENFORCEABLE; S/T EXECUTION 99-0000132, IF ENFORCEABLE; DYSART ET AL; File No. 19-34

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$34,000

Minimum tender amount: \$5,917.70

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According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$140,000

Minimum tender amount: \$8,403.65

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According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$304,000

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

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

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

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

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

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form, contact:

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Lake Kash creativity on display

For the second year, artists around Lake Kashagawigamog opened their doors and welcomed visitors onto their docks for Kash Art on the Water. Paintings, jewelry, ceramics and more were displayed at 15 galleries, docks, studios and decks.

Top left: Fred and Sandy Brown hosted visitors on their dock, who checked out their selection of ceramic work. Top right: Adrienne Gifford of Air Life Greenery displayed unique air plants, which tend to be heartier than most common household plants. *Photos by Sam Gillett.*



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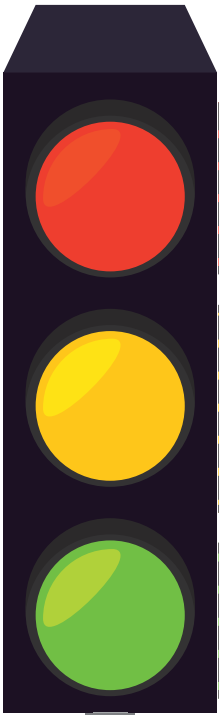
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Country rocker returns home

Ryan VanLieshout and his band played a sunset set at Head Lake Park Aug. 9 for the Haliburton Rotary Club’s “Music in the Park” concert series. VanLieshout has toured Canada and recently returned from a stint in Nashville. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

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Former owner Andrea Hagarty is helping Ryan Yates take the reins of the Lake Kashagawigamog inn. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

New owners continuing Bonnie View legacy

By Sam Gillett

Andrea Hagarty has been working at Lake Kashagawigamog’s Bonnie View Inn for 30 years, owning it since 2005.

So, when her kids grew up and she decided to sell, she didn’t want it to go to just anyone.

“I wanted somebody who was going to run it and be awesome for the community,” Hagarty said.

Ryan Yates and his family fit the bill.

Becoming a partner at Bonnie View in 2020, Yates has gradually taken over operations, with Hagarty providing help along the way.

“I always say we will have Andrea around

for as long as we can have Andrea around. There is no substitute for her knowledge and expertise when it comes to Bonnie View,” Yates, who previously lived in Oakville, said.

He was searching for a business to buy and had a connection to the Highlands after working near Carnarvon for multiple summers. He runs the inn along with his wife, brother, and other family members.

The Bonnie View was founded in 1924, and the Yates are the sixth owners. It’s hosted hundreds of weddings and parties and is a destination for vacationers and locals.

“It’s a lot of pressure,” Yates said.

“Especially in the summer when you get all the locals out to the patio, coming in to stop

in and say hi and hanging out in the lounge, you realize it would be a very sad day if Bonnie View wasn’t here,” he said.

Hagarty said it’s the people she loved most when owning and working at the resort, coming on staff for a summer at age 19. She said it’s been “bittersweet” to sell the inn. “But, that’s the nice part about how this is going. I still get to be here,” she said.

Just like Hagarty, Yates has dove into the job. He spends all day, every day helping guests and ensuring smooth operation.

“I believe resorts in Ontario need to be hands-on to succeed,” Hagarty said. “Ryan is definitely a hands-on owner.” She said that lifestyle comes with challenges.

“When you live and work at your business, you can get lost,” she said.

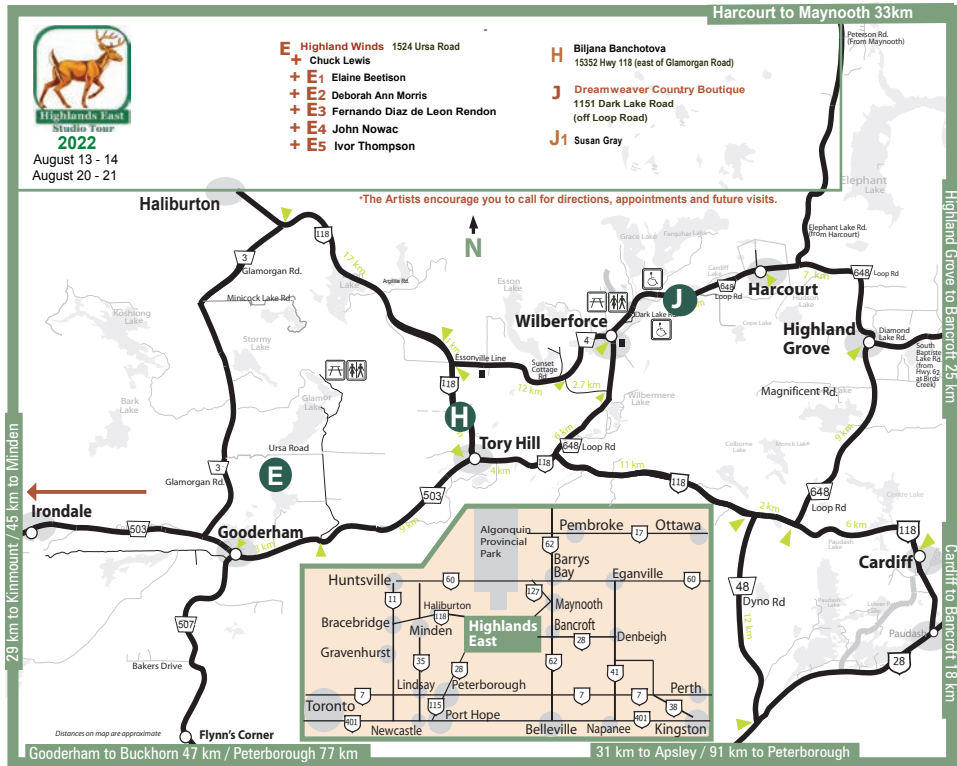
The Bonnie View is set to temporarily close this winter, starting in November, so they can evaluate what’s working, and what’s not.

“Ryan just has great new, fresh, young ideas,” Hagarty said.

So far, the Bonnie View remains much the same as before, other than upgrades to the dining room and deck and a lobby renovated through an ACM Designs contest.

Hagarty said the people-first tradition will keep going as well.

“Ryan and his family treat the locals and guests the same as I would,” she said.



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Winners announced for OSGA district 11 games

By Lisa Gervais

This year's OSGA District 11 games featured the biggest pickleball event ever, with 52 players fielding 38 teams in all six categories.

Spokesman Stuart Buck said even though poor weather temporarily shut them down at the Stanhope Courts June 15, they moved to the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre.

"Just to show Mother Nature that dedicated pickleballers won't let a little bad weather rain on our games," Buck said.

"I want to give a big thanks to all the participants that took part in this event and stuck with it to the finish. Without you, this would never have happened."

He also thanked volunteers, including referees Scotty Boyd, Wendy Miller, Jane Adams, Bill James, Linden Anderson and Sue Pyke as well as scorekeeper and registrar, Susan Buck and Jen Coates.

"I want to thank everyone for making this an enjoyable day for everyone, it's no wonder why this is the fastest growing sport today."

The medal winners were:

- Men's under 65: gold Linden Anderson and Jim Rayburn, silver Bill Blackman and John O'Sullivan.
- Men's 65-plus: gold Doug McKinnon and Phil Harknett, silver Allan McHugh and Steve Phinney, bronze Patrick Kernohan and Wayne Forth.
- Women's under 65: gold Maureen Hevesi and Jennifer Coates, silver Lena Fontaine and Peggy Devine, bronze Gloria Gardner and Jill Coates.
- Women's 65-plus: gold Nancy McKinnon and Patricia Harknett, silver Lorna Popofski and Sharon Huckle, bronze Sue Pyke and Audrey Phinney.
- Mixed under 65: gold Mark Patterson and Gloria Gardner, silver Carolyn Langdon and Joe Guimond and bronze Deborah Guimond and Michael Guimond.
- Mixed 65-plus: gold Jim Popofski and Sharon Huckle, silver Doug McKinnon and Nancy McKinnon and bronze Maureen Hevesi and Joe Guimond.

Athletes also competed in golf and tennis.

Medal winners from golf on June 14 at Blairhampton included:

- Ladies 55-64: gold Sharon Ferris, silver Joan Heath, bronze



Mixed 65-plus champs. *Submitted.*

Lena Fontaine.

- Men 55-64: gold Gary Bouwmeister, silver Linden Anderson, bronze Terry Gregoni.
- Ladies 65-74: gold Susan Buck and silver Vicki Tranter.
- Men 65-74: gold Robert Pearce, silver Phil Harklett, bronze David Luke.
- Women 75-plus: gold Ruth Robertson, silver Karen Heaslip, bronze Joan Arnold.
- Men 75-plus: gold Mike Thorne, silver Jere Pike; bronze Av McEachern

Medal winners from tennis on June 14 at the Stanhope courts:

- Men's doubles: gold Dave Taylor and Jeff Cattell, silver Jeff Papiez and Greg Freeman, bronze Lou Fenninger and Ray Issacs.
- Women's doubles: Gold Robin Binstead and Cathy Whitakker, silver Marianne Fenninger and Gerda Neubacher and bronze Donna Zaza and Wendy Brogan.
- Mixed doubles: gold Julie Tieman and John O'Sullivan, silver Robin Binstead and Al Aubry.



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Christian Stevens is set to lead the squad as captain for the 2022 season. *Andy Corneau/OJHL images.*

Huskies snarl into preseason action

By Sam Gillett

Walk into any store, restaurant or community centre across Haliburton County and you'd likely see a black and white husky, stitched on a blue baseball cap or plastered across a sweater.

On Aug. 21 many of those fans will be back in the S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena as the Haliburton County Jr. A Huskies kick off their 2022 pre-season.

The Dogs start with an inter-squad game at 1 p.m. Aug. 21. Admission is free.

Then they host Stouffville Spirit Aug. 28 at 2 p.m. followed by a Pickering Panthers tilt Sept. 2 at 7:30 and Sept. 4 at 2 p.m., with

each game \$5 to attend.

Coach Ryan Ramsay said the pre-season is a chance for him and his staff to observe how the Dogs mesh.

"It's an exciting time for everyone," he said.

Some of the team's most familiar faces won't be on the roster, such as leading goal scorer Oliver Tarr, who accepted a scholarship to an American university.

"For the coaching staff, it's a chance to see what we have. For the fans, we've lost quite a bit of players. For the guys coming back who are a year older and stronger, it's a chance to see what they did in the off-season," Ramsay said.

He said it's an especially important time of adjustment for players new to the OJHL from minor hockey.

"It's making sure they're not one-dimensional. At this level they have to take care of all aspects of the ice and be a full, complete, player," Ramsay said.

It will be the first time some of these players have played for a crowd at the Minden arena. The squad will make its regular-season debut Sept. 10, with hopes of bettering its inaugural season results. The team reached the second-round playoffs of the 2021/2022 season.

He said he'll be watching how experienced

members of the squad, such as captain Christian Stevens, mentor younger players.

"I'm a big believer in leading by example. That's not just on the ice. It's showing up on time, it's putting in the work, and working with the strength and conditioning coach. It's everything as a whole," Ramsay said.

He said joining the Dogs could be a "culture shock" for younger players, so having a mix of newcomers and veterans eases the transition into the fast-paced and highly competitive league.

As the pre-season begins, Ramsay said "everyone is excited to get up and get going."



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Dogs call for community help

From the very first puck drop to a heartbreaking playoff exit, thousands of Highlanders attended Haliburton County Jr. A Huskies matches. Behind each and every home game were dozens of volunteers who checked tickets, served coffee and sold apparel. “Our volunteers are integral to the team and each game day experience,” said Jess Jackson, game day coordinator. She said there’s a need for help selling tickets, handing out programs, ushering game spectators to their seats and assistance with special events such as food drives. Jackson said volunteers even help the players perform on the ice. “The team thrives in this environment... to have the support of our community, to see the amount of people wearing our Huskies merchandise, to see children eager to have something signed by our players, to see the excitement and pride at each game, this drives the team. Our volunteers make this experience seamless and a success each week,” she said. According to Jackson, many volunteers find the chance to give back to the community and get to know other Huskies fans rewarding. “For our youth volunteers, they have the opportunity to learn new and important life skills that they can carry with them into the workforce. We spend a lot of time together throughout the season and have built wonderful relationships as a team,” she said. To volunteer for the 2022/23 season, contact Jess Jackson at huskieshousing@hotmail.com. (Sam Gillett).

Left: Huskies volunteers pose with the team mascot in 2021. *Submitted*. Right: Without volunteers, the Huskies wouldn’t have packed the Minden Arena most weekends. Photo by Sam Gillett.

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Christ Church was built in 1888. Municipality of Highlands East.

Keeping Essonville church on the map

By Sam Gillett

Residents passionate about an Essonville landmark are inviting the community to walk back in time through the green doors of Christ Church.

The Essonville Historic Church committee is hosting the first “Heritage and Decoration Day” Aug. 21. at 2 p.m.

There will be committee members dressed in heritage attire ready to chat and answer questions about the building and its grounds, which are steeped in local history.

“We’re trying to put a different spin to attract more interest and a younger crowd,” said church chairperson Robert McCrea.

While the church hasn’t been operational since the 1960s, McCrea and others with family ties to the building have been hosting yearly events in the space and maintaining the facilities. A website filled with history about the building is volunteer-driven too.

“My grandparents went to that church when it was still a church,” McCrea said.

“My mother taught Sunday school there... It’s part of my heritage, my history.”

Built in 1888, McCrea said the church was once the “heart” of Essonville and the first church built in what was then called the township of Monmouth. There was a post office and school as well.

Reverend Watham bought the land, oversaw the church’s construction and served as minister once the church opened its doors. Pews were hewn from the same pine that lines the walls, trees that once towered over the property. A bell and stained glass were brought over from England.

It’s now one of the only remnants of

Essonville’s past.

“That’s why it’s so important to residents of that area,” McCrea said. “We’re trying to keep Essonville on the map. We’re trying to preserve that heritage.”

The church keeps its doors open through donations.

To donate or find out more, visit essonvillechurch.org or contact chair Robert McCrea 705-854-051, secretary Brenda Gallant 705-455-3452 or treasurer Roger Walsh 705-448-9513.



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Top: Jim and Marlene Taylor were all smiles as they welcomed people to the corn roast. Bottom: Ten-year-old Jordan Soloway was a picture of focus as he played KanJam frisbee with friend Matty Byk.



Legion tees up fun

The Haliburton Legion held its annual golf tournament after a two-year pandemic hiatus Aug. 13. The 2022 winning foursome (pictured) included Spin Kranc, Ron Wright, Dave Bogart and Dave Kowaluk. *(Submitted).* The second place team consisted of Dave Allen, Terry Gregorini, Dave Luke, Dave Ablett. *(Sam Gillett).*

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Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Hearing must pre-register by emailing dssisson@mindenhills.ca by **Friday August 26th before 4:00 PM** or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting **before 10:00 AM**. Participants registering after 10:00 AM will not be permitted into the public hearing.

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

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2022004, PLMV2022046, PLMV2022049, PLMV2022058 and PLMV2022059** and the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications for Public Hearing are listed below:

PLMV2022004 – Part Lot 3, Concession A, Geographic Township of Minden; located on Chandos Street (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the construction of a single-detached dwelling on an existing undersized lot. The effect of the application would be to permit a reduced front yard of 5.6 metres for the dwelling, whereas the Zoning By-law requires 7.5 metres.



PLMV2022046 – Part Lot 10, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Anson; municipally known as 1558 Tennyson Road and located on Bob Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the construction of an addition and a new attached deck to an existing single-detached dwelling on an existing undersized lot. The effect of the application would be to permit a further reduction to the high-water mark setback, from 16.05 metres as existing to 14.53 metres, and to increase the ground floor area by 34% for a dwelling located within 15 metres of the high-water mark; whereas under Section 4.8.4 no further reductions to the high-water mark setback or increases in ground floor area of dwellings located within 15 metres of the high-water mark are permitted.



PLMV2022049 – Part Lot 5, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1014 Delta Drive and located on Minden Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit replacement of the existing one-storey dwelling with a larger, two-storey dwelling with attached lakeside decks. The effect of the application would be to permit an increase in height of the dwelling of 2.13 metres and an increase in ground floor area of 146 square feet for the dwelling and 80 square feet for the attached decks; whereas under Section 4.8.4 no increases in height or ground floor area for dwellings located within 15 metres of the high-water mark is permitted.



PLMV2022058 – Part Lot 2, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Hindon; municipally known as 1910 Brady Lake Road and located on Brady Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the construction of a 53.5 square metre (576 square foot) detached garage on an existing undersized lot. The effect of the application would be to permit a 0 metre setback to the rear lot line, whereas Section 4.1.11 requires a 2 metre setback.



PLMV2022059 – Part Lot 22, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1009 Acadia Lane and located on East Moore Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the construction of a 50 square metre (538 square foot) one-storey addition to the rear of an existing two-storey dwelling on an existing undersized lot. The effect of the application would be to permit an increase to the ground floor area by 64.3%, whereas under Section 4.8.4 (iii) no increases to the ground floor area of a dwelling greater than 25% is permitted.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding these applications are available online at www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom. Copies of the complete applications will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

HAVE YOUR SAY: Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS: To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail adougherty@mindenhills.ca.

ANY PERSON OR AGENCY WHO IS OF THE OPINION THAT HOLDING THE HEARING AS AN ELECTRONIC HEARING IS LIKELY TO CAUSE THEM SIGNIFICANT PREJUDICE, may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing.

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For more information about this matter contact at adougherty@mindenhills.ca or 705-742-2297 ext. 278

Amanda Dougherty
Township Planning Consultant
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment
P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street, Minden ON, K0M 2K0

Pianist takes flight with the Land Trust

By Sam Gillett

Pianist Drew Murray Allen is playing his first formal concert in the Highlands Aug. 20 as part of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust’s ‘Birds of a Feather’ concert.

Allen, who has played internationally and teaches pianists, said it’s been a “dream come true” to play for an audience in a place he loves so much.

“I’ve always wanted to start doing live concerts in Haliburton County,” he said.

Allen donated a concert to the Rotary club’s 2021 auction. Mary-Lou Gerstl won the bid and donated the concert to the Land Trust.

Allen said that suited him nicely.

“It’s a cause that is near and dear to my heart,” he said.

Allen will be playing a range of tunes from classical to classic sing-alongs such as Leonard Cohen’s *Hallelujah* or Billy Joel, and concert hosts will be providing opportunities for audience members to join Allen in song.

HHLT board member Sheila Ziman said the Land Trust will be displaying items from their online auction at the event, including handcrafted birdhouses, as well as a 50/50 draw. The auction runs from Aug. 14-22.

“This ensures we have the money to manage the properties we own,” Ziman said.

‘Birds of a Feather’ will be located at Abbey Gardens Aug. 20, starting at 6:30 p.m. Allen will play two sets with an intermission. Beverages and food will be available.

To register visit haliburtonlandtrust.ca or call 705-457-3700



Drew Murray Allen and HHLT board member Sheila Ziman. Photo by Sam Gillett.

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Questions and to apply

If you have questions, please contact Simon Payn, publisher, at simon@thehighlander.ca.

If you’d like to apply, please send your resume and a cover letter via email to simon@thehighlander.ca.

An advertisement for the Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation. It features a close-up photograph of a person's hands playing a flute. In the top right corner is the organization's logo, which consists of a stylized 'H' inside a hexagon. Below the logo, the text 'Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation' is written. The main text of the ad reads 'Let's Build the Dream Together' in large, bold letters. Below this, it says 'Contact us for sponsorship opportunities and giving options.' and provides the website 'hhartscentrefoundation.ca'. At the bottom right, it states 'The Highlander is a Founding Media Partner of the HHACF.' and at the bottom left, it includes the 'Registered Charity Number 72292 5880 RR0001'.



Big Brothers Big Sisters Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton is hoping to raise \$5,000 through its Bowl for Kids' Sake event in Minden. Above, participants at a previous event. *Submitted.*

'Pool party' bowling fundraiser for kids hitting Fast Lane

By Mike Baker

After a three-year hiatus, the popular Bowl for Kids' Sake event is returning to the Highlands Aug. 20, with funds being raised to support programming at the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton (BBBS).

Executive director Janice Balfour is trying to drum up interest in the event, to be held at Fast Lane Bowling Alley in Minden.

Typically held during the winter, the decision was made to bring the fundraiser forward a few months to help support an increased demand for programming in Haliburton County. Balfour said BBBS would be introducing a new 'Ready for High School' program in August, while also expanding its in-school mentoring program for students across the Highlands starting next month.

Currently, the organization supports six youth in Haliburton County, with another eight kids awaiting a match in the community. Balfour said she was actively looking for new volunteers to join the BBBS team.

"Mentoring changes lives. Mentees are

happier, healthier and more committed to learning because of their mentors. Mentors acquire new skills, expand their perspective, try new things and feel good about giving back to their community," Balfour said.

She added that ongoing supports are available to mentors once they're approved and matched up with a mentee.

The event will run from 1-3 p.m. and participants are encouraged to embrace this year's 'pool party' theme. Balfour said there would also be a silent auction, featuring items from more than a dozen local businesses.

BBBS is hoping to raise \$5,000 through the event.

"We depend on the support of our community to ensure that support is available to our youth," Balfour said. "Fundraisers like this are so important, as 90 per cent of our funding comes from events and other donations."

Balfour said BBBS' 2022 budget was around \$100,000.

To learn more about Bowl for Kids' Sake, call 705-324-6800. Teams can register a maximum of six people, with individuals required to raise a minimum of \$40.

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Notice of a Complete Application and Public Meeting Concerning a Temporary Use By-law Part Lot 16, Concession 11 - Snowdon (PLTU2022055)

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application for a temporary use by-law to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10. The application applies to the property located in Part Lot 16, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Snowdon, known as 1659 Sedgwick Road (see Key Map below).

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The subject property is currently zoned 'Rural Residential (RR)' and is located within the Waterfront and Rural designations of the Township's Official Plan. The temporary use by-law would serve to permit the construction of a 55 square metre (588 square foot) temporary garden suite on the subject property.

And Take Notice that the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting, as required under the Planning Act. The Public Meeting is an opportunity for Council to hear and consider comments related to the proposed by-law. Any member of the public may speak in favour, or opposition to, the proposed amendments during the Public Meeting.

Date and Location of Public Meeting – PLTU2022055

Date: Thursday, September 8, 2022

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: This will be held as a virtual meeting

To Watch: Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting can do so by joining the **Meeting Live Stream Link:** <https://youtu.be/omqPGgm54-c>

To Participate: Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Meetings must:

- pre-register by emailing admin@mindenhills.ca by Wednesday September 7th before 4:00 PM
- or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting **before 8:30 AM**

Participants registering after 8:30 AM will not be permitted into the public meeting. Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the meeting as permitted by the Chair.

To attend the Zoom virtual meeting via Web, type <https://zoom.us/join> in to your browser or attend by dialing the number below:

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Passcode: 892154

Please Note: We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. **Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting the township website at:** <https://www.mindenhills.ca/council/>.

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

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

Any Person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed by-law.

If a Person Or Public Body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a Person Or Public Body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

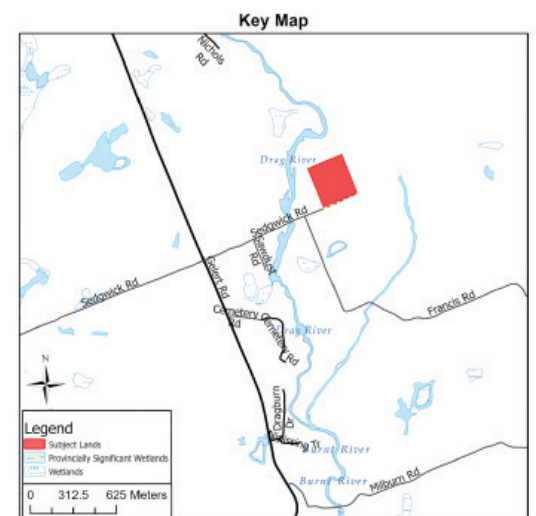
If You Wish to Be Notified of the decision of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must submit a written request to the Township of Minden Hills. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at admin@mindenhills.ca.

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Dated this 18th day of August, 2022

Trisha McKibbin, Clerk
7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359
Minden, ON. K0M 2K0



AUGUST EVENTS

August 18 and 25, 7 to 8 p.m.

Amanda Rico of Harmony Yoga is offering yoga at the Head Lake Park bandshell between 7 and 8 p.m. every Thursday in August. Donations to Yoga Medicine Seva Foundation. Its mission is to combat human trafficking and exploitation by empowering women and children around the globe through education and entrepreneur opportunities. Available for all levels, ages, and abilities. Donations can be made online herfuturecoalition.networkforgood.com/projects/138961-amanda-rico-s-fundraiser or in person. Contact: harmonyyogahaliburton@gmail.com or harmonyyogahaliburton.com.

August 18, 1:30 p.m.

Haliburton County Historical Society afternoon of sharing memories. Haliburton Museum. Bring an item from the past, a picture of the area in days gone by with a story, an exciting tale of meeting a famous person. Your personal memory can spark a recollection in another person. Come and join the fun. Light refreshments. For more information call Larry Giles 705-754-0427.

August 18 and 20

The Turtle Guardians are coming back to the Haliburton County Public Library this month. Come and meet turtle experts and the LIVE teaching turtles. Learn about these ancient creatures, and how you can help them. Wilberforce branch, Aug. 18 from 1 to 3 p.m., and the Minden Hills branch Aug. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

August 20, 6:30 p.m.

HHLT's Birds of a Feather Piano Concert at Abbey Gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Dr., Haliburton. Tickets: \$42 available at haliburtonlandtrust.ca Fly over with your friends and family to join pianist extraordinaire, Drew Allen for an evening of musical delight. Sing along to the music of Billy Joel *Just the Way You Are*, Gershwin's *Summertime*, Louis Armstrong *What a Wonderful World*, Leonard Cohen *Hallelujah* and many more.

August 20, 2 to 3 p.m.

The rising costs and availability of vegetable seeds has been a growing challenge for gardeners in recent years. At this free workshop, Maureen Moore of the Haliburton County Master Gardeners will explore the benefits of saving your

own seeds, the most suitable seeds to save, how to collect and preserve seeds, and information on the Haliburton County Public Library seed bank. The presentation will be hosted at the Minden Hills library branch.

August 21, 2 p.m.

Heritage and Decoration Day at Essonville Church. Everyone is welcome to come. Visit the church and pioneer cemetery to hear and share the stories of this historical site. Enjoy refreshments and cold drinks. The Essonville Historic Church Committee welcomes visitors to tell their stories of the church history and past, and help identify the graves of the veterans buried there.

Have a non-profit event you want included?
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Mondays: Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Room.

Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m.

Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall & bingo, doors open at 6 p.m., bingo starts at 7 p.m. \$1000 Jackpot last Wednesday of the month.

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

Fridays: 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.

Saturdays: 50/50 draw 4 p.m. Tickets \$1 each available in the Clubroom. • Clubroom hours: Mon 3-6 p.m., Tues 3-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m. & Sat 3-6 p.m.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, call the Legion at 705-457-2571, email rcl129@outlook.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com. Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome.

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Monday - Thursday: Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with regular menu and daily special including Liver Lovers' Tuesday.

Friday: Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner 4-7 p.m.

Saturday: All day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with meat draws at 11:30 a.m. Call ahead any day for take-out: 705-286-4541.

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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Every second Monday of the month: General Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays: Euchre 1 p.m.

Every first Wednesday of the month: Big Buck Bid Euchre 11 a.m.

Saturdays: Music and Meat Roll, music starts at 2 p.m., meat roll at 3 p.m.

Upcoming event: Aug. 26

Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sausage (mild) or liver and onions \$13. Followed by a country music jam from 1-4 p.m. Open mic and local talent. Food bank donations would be appreciated. For more information about Legion events, call 705-454-8127.

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Peacefully at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Sunday evening, August 14, 2022 in her 77th year. Beloved wife of the late Steven Giles. Loving mother of Dwayne and David. Fondly remembered by her many grandchildren and many great grandchildren. Daughter of the late Howard & Joyce Ackley. Dear sister of Brenda Lee, Patsy, Kim, Darlene, Jimmy, Terry. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her infant twin sons (1965) and her sister Colleen. Marilyn worked at Extendicare-Haliburton for over 30 years. She enjoyed singing and was a member of the Northern Jam, knitting, nature, and most of all her family.

Visitation & Graveside Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario on Friday afternoon, September 2, 2022 from 1 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Interment to follow at Evergreen Cemetery at 2 o'clock, Haliburton. As an expression of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.



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7217 Gelert Road
P.O. Box 870
Haliburton, ON
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Attention: Kim Robinson, Executive Director

Deadline for applications is September 30, 2022.
Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

SOLUTIONS FOR AUGUST 18

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HELP WANTED



**Employment Opportunity
Municipality of Dysart et al**

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Municipality of Dysart et al
Haliburton, Ontario
hr@dysartetal.ca

No Later Than 12:00 pm Friday, September 9th, 2022

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Going All Out

by Barbara Olson

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Across

- 1 Prohibit
- 4 Burns Night dish that's piped in
- 10 Apt rhyme of claws
- 14 Amin of Uganda
- 15 Jokey roll call reply
- 16 Clean up, as text
- 17 Pressurized fuel, for short
- 18 DQ treat made with cheesy fries & gravy?
- 20 "Who Let the Dogs Out" group ___ Men
- 22 Roughneck's worksite
- 23 Throat woe common in kids
- 24 Wraparound skirt or kimono?
- 28 Heaps and heaps
- 29 Scottish actor McGregor
- 30 Only thing that matters
- 31 Salmon also called chinook
- 33 Safety gear in the ICU
- 36 Scott Joplin's musical tribute to stew?
- 40 WhatsApp chats
- 41 Part of NIMBY
- 42 Dangles loosely, as a dog's tongue
- 43 Have ___ in one's bonnet
- 45 Buenos ___, Argentina
- 46 Illness accompanying a growth spurt?
- 51 Buddies
- 52 Keanu Reeves role
- 53 Canadian cookie maker since 1892
- 54 High fashion for the feet?
- 58 Launcher of the Mars Hope Probe, 2020
- 59 Sudden desire
- 60 Settings for the sopranos
- 61 Cmdr.'s underlings
- 62 Mentions
- 63 Sainly spheres
- 64 Bit of wood for Woods

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Down

- 1 Tolkien's Bag End resident
- 2 How a bore might ramble on
- 3 Nips before tucks?
- 4 Oldish word for chance
- 5 Declares a no-go
- 6 Astronaut's attire
- 7 Very start
- 8 Pasta ending, often
- 9 Dot on a subway map: Abbr.
- 10 Jelly gelling agent
- 11 "... come let us ___ Him, ..."
- 12 Charmed with Chardonnay
- 13 Lead-in to daughter or dance
- 19 Spanish "this"
- 21 "Pride goeth before ___"
- 25 Waste gas while parked, in a way
- 26 Built like a refrigerator
- 27 Big-mouthed pitcher
- 30 Obesity meas.
- 31 Principle of an ism
- 32 Orange French fry veggie
- 33 Olympic event with a high bar
- 34 Fingers-on-wrist reading
- 35 Some sci-fi subjects, for short
- 37 "In ___ of flowers ..."
- 38 Arabic "A"
- 39 Like a sore loser at a bullfight?
- 43 Fatigued groups?
- 44 Long-necked pear
- 45 Trading places in old Greece
- 46 Dreamworks Princess of Power
- 47 Roly-poly
- 48 The scoop, in spy-speak
- 49 Prefix with transmitter or surgeon
- 50 Actress Witherspoon
- 51 PC "thinking" parts
- 55 "Impressive!"
- 56 Take ___ cause
- 57 Kin of -enne or -ette

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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