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# County approves shoreline preservation bylaw

### By Sam Gillett

Haliburton County council has approved a shoreline preservation bylaw.

The decision comes after more than two years of debate, study, consultations and community backlash.

The final shoreline preservation bylaw, voted into law at County Council's Aug. 24

meeting, enforces permitting processes and restricts certain activities within 20 metres of a shoreline.

"There has been a lot of work, a lot of pressure, a lot of angst put on all of us," Warden Liz Danielsen said, after the bylaw passed.

The bylaw will be enforced starting April 1, 2023.

Councillors Carol Moffatt, Dave Burton, Cecil Ryall, Lisa Schell, Brent Devolin and Warden Liz Danielsen voted to approve the bylaw. Coun. Andrea Roberts and Pat Kennedy voted against the bylaw.

Roberts said she has heard an "overwhelming" amount of concern.

"I am in favour of pressing the pause button," she said, adding she supports the bylaw but was worried that since so many council members will not be returning to office following October's municipal election that the bylaw could be overturned. Four council members won't be running for re-election.

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# Council reverses decision on cell tower

### By Mike Baker

Dysart et al council has performed a u-turn over a proposed 90 metre cell tower to be installed on Minnicock Lake Road, voting to support the project Aug. 23 – less than a month after initially turning the application down

In a recorded vote called by mayor Andrea Roberts, she along with deputy mayor Pat Kennedy and councillors Walt McKechnie, Nancy Wood-Roberts and Larry Clarke supported the project – the first to come to the municipality through the Eastern Ontario Regional Network's (EORN) cell gap initiative. Tammy Donaldson and John Smith were opposed.

That came after Christian Lee and Eric Belchamber, representing Rogers, made a plea for council to reconsider its previous decision from July 26, when a 3-3 tie vote saw the project defeated. Kennedy was absent from that initial vote.

"This tower is to be one piece of a 600-piece puzzle. The towers [proposed through EORN's cell gap initiative] have to be specifically interconnected," Lee said. "What we're proposing here is consistent with other existing tower sites in the Dysart area, as well as being consistent with other EORN sites that have been approved and are

underway in other municipalities."

Clarke was concerned the proposed tower didn't comply with Dysart's policy 38 – legislation introduced in 2014 regulating the use and installation of cell towers in the community.

Belchamber said the policy was unusually restrictive, and gave the impression that Dysart wasn't supportive of cell towers.

Last month council heard from Michael Butz, a resident of nearby Glamorgan Road, who said he and a group of neighbours were opposed to the Minnicock Lake Road tower site. He presented a petition to council that had over 100 signatures, calling for Rogers to find a new location.

Lee said that Rogers was "pretty limited" with where a tower could be placed. He identified seven potential spots in the vicinity of Glamorgan Road and Minnicock Lake Road, but most other properties were ruled out due to land conditions, or a lack of response or interest from landowners.

Council heard from Lisa Severson, director of communications with EORN, Tuesday. She said EORN wants to achieve 99 per cent connectivity across the region by 2025, proposing to upgrade 21 existing cell towers in Haliburton County and build between 30 and 40 new ones.

Addressing the call from some councillors and residents to install natural-looking monopine structures through the cell gap initiative, Severson indicated that wouldn't be viable.

"We know it doubles the cost, almost, of a tower. The reach is also not as far, so we would need to have more towers in place," Severson said.

Clarke said he supported the need for new technology, proposing that council update policy 38. Roberts later tabled a motion directing staff to bring the policy back to a future meeting for review.

"The County has already committed \$441,000 to this project. Dysart's portion is over \$165,000. We made a commitment in our strategic plan... to expand access to broadband. This fits into that," said Wood-Roberts. Kennedy then made a motion to bring council's original decision back – permitted through Robert's Rules of Order procedural guide – for a re-vote, which passed.

Dysart will provide a letter of concurrence, stating the proposed project meets municipal and Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) requirements. The project will now be reviewed by ISED before Rogers can proceed.



Dysart et al council is now supporting the proposed installation of a 90 metre cell tower along Minnicock Lake Road. *File*.

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# Election underway as candidates confirmed

### By Mike Baker

Half of the mayoral races in Haliburton County have been wrapped up two months early after candidates in Dysart et al and Minden Hills were officially acclaimed Aug.

Murray Fearrey has been declared mayorin-waiting in Dysart, returning to a position he previously held for four decades after running unopposed. Ward 1 Coun. Bob Carter was the only person to file paperwork for the big seat on Minden Hills council, and as such will replace the retiring Brent Devolin as mayor in October.

Nominations closed Aug. 19 at 2 p.m.  $\,$ "I have mixed feelings, due to the lack of interest," Fearrey told The Highlander when asked how he felt about being acclaimed. "I have had many acclamations over the years and have always taken the responsibilities [of mayor] to the best of my ability... I realize

committed to make Dysart more efficient." Fearrey said his number one priority heading into next term is housing. He hopes to attract new developers to Dysart and wants to enhance affordable housing opportunities

I have some catch-up to do, however I am

in the community. Carter said he felt humbled to win the mayor's seat in Minden Hills by acclamation.

He agreed with Fearrey that additional housing is needed in Haliburton County.

"We need to make significant strides developing housing and providing the infrastructure required by our growing community," Carter said. "My most important priority is to build attainable housing for workers and families and seniors. Although housing is a County responsibility, we can all do our part. We must do this ourselves if we want Minden to thrive."

### The race is on

There are two people each vying to be mayor in Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East.

After incumbent Carol Moffatt announced plans to retire at the end of this current term, deputy mayor Liz Danielsen said it seemed like a "natural transition" for her to step up and make a run for mayor in Algonquin Highlands. She has spent the past 12 years serving as deputy mayor.

"Continuity can be extremely important in the complex oversight of a municipality... and that is something I can offer," Danielsen



Bob Carter has been acclaimed and will serve as Minden Hills' next mayor. File.

said. "At the same time, I will be a new voice; one with new thoughts and ideas about how we might move forward."

Mike Lang is running against her. A fulltime resident of Algonquin Highlands since 2011, Lang said he's running for office after growing disillusioned by what he perceives to be a growing divide between the community's permanent and seasonal residents.

"The township's response to COVID-19 alienated many seasonal residents. The existing council unnecessarily closed public boat ramps... to prevent seasonal residents from attending their properties. Council made two classes of residents," Lang said.

In Highlands East, incumbent Dave Burton is seeking a fifth term on council. He will be competing for the role against Cheryl Ellis, who is making her second play for the mayor's seat.

Burton said his experience would be vital in helping to guide County council through a period of transition, while he also wants to lead Highlands East into brighter days after

"This has been pretty much the goal of my life. My priority has always been the

wellbeing of the community. My hope is you'll see over the course of the next four years a renewed focus on where we live, work and play... To continue building a better community for all the people in Highlands East," he said.

Ellis said she aims to bring "fresh thoughts and new ideas" to the community. As a fifth generation Highlands East resident, she feels she would bring a unique perspective to council.

"I understand this lifestyle, I know what is lacking and I wish to make life better for everyone," Ellis said.

### The rest of the pack

Walt McKechnie has been acclaimed as Dysart et al's next deputy mayor and will replace the outgoing Pat Kennedy. Two councillors have also been acclaimed -Tammy Donaldson in Ward 3 and Barry Boice in Ward 5. Rob McCaig, Pamela Brohm, Pat Casey and Tom Bailey will battle it out for the Ward 1 seat, with Daniel Roberts, Jennifer Korpela and Nancy Wood-Roberts running in Ward 2. Ron Evans, Hayden Hughes, Brian Atkins and Carm Sawyer are all running in Ward 4.

Lisa Schell has joined Carter in being acclaimed in Minden Hills and will serve as the community's deputy mayor for another term. Bob Sisson has also been acclaimed, as Ward 3 councillor. All other positions will be contested, with Tammy McKelvey and Trevor Chaulk competing to be councillor at large; Ivan Ingram, Shirley Johannessen, Mike Grozelle and Richard Bradley running in Ward 1; and Pam Sayne and Stephen Hertel running in Ward 2.

Two of the three councillor incumbents in Algonquin Highlands have been acclaimed, with Julia Shortreed to represent Ward 1 and Jennifer Dailloux to serve Ward 3. Two of Lisa Barry, Amber Meirik, Sabrina Richards and Napier Simpson will be elected to serve as Ward 2 councillor and councillor at large.

In Highlands East Cam McKenzie (Ward 1), Cecil Ryall (Ward 3) and Ruth Strong (Ward 4) have all been acclaimed, with Janice Dahms and Angela Lewis competing for the seat in Ward 2.

The 2022 municipal election will take place Oct. 24. Votes will be conducted in digital and telephone format in all four municipalities, with Minden Hills also offering in-person paper ballot voting.



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# County hiring staff to monitor compliance

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Danielsen said "I believe it's our responsibility to make a decision one way or another."

She said if council did not pass the bylaw, it would be inefficient for staff to work on the file if they do not know if it will be passed.

Moffatt agreed. Any decision a council makes can be reversed by incoming council members, she said.

"I've worked so hard on this over the past number of years I'd like to see this completed."

She compared the issue to the short-term rental conversation, saying both issues require council to make a decision.

### Next steps

The County is set to hire an applications examiner and two compliance monitoring officials this fall, has committed to several education initiatives rolling out in the winter, and will review the bylaw on an "ongoing basis", beginning with a staff analysis in the fall of 2023.

The bylaw also came back before council with several points clarified. A severability clause means if the bylaw is challenged in court, only the specific part of the bylaw in question could be erased. It wouldn't mean the bylaw itself is void.

A number of exemptions have been included, such as construction activities conducted with a building permit, enlargement, use, maintenance of a septic system, minor landscaping, installation of a walkway, flowerbeds or retaining walls less than one metre in height, removal of trees measuring less than five centimetres diameter at breast height and even removal of up to 25 per cent of nature vegetation (including trees) on residential properties, 30 per cent on commercial properties and 50 per cent for marinas

During director of planning Steve Stone's presentation on the report, Moffatt asked if staff can process applications quickly, to not disrupt construction workflows.



The County's shoreline preservation bylaw restricts certain site alteration activities within 20 metres of a high water mark. File.

"We've talked all along about the length of the season, we know contractors need to retain the ability to pivot quickly... sometimes if the weather is bad they can go on to the next job or move things around. With a maximum 30-day permit process, that could be a challenge to some folks," she said.

Stone said usually, in most files, "we endeavour to have a response to people within 24 and 48 hours in regards to inquiries."

He said under the bylaw, he would hope to have permits processed within two weeks. The analysis would happen in the first week, with follow-ups and permits issued during the second week.

Stone said education initiatives may include a new website specifically intended to provide information on shoreline preservation and naturalized shorelines.

It would also contain information equipping property owners with examples about where and when the bylaw could apply, Stone said.

Roberts said some councillors in her municipality thought they would have a chance to weigh in on the "clean" draft before it is passed into law.

Danielsen said since the bylaw has been in progress for years, "it is a responsibility of members of councils at lower tiers to keep track of what we're doing." She said she was hesitant to go back to having the document discussed by lower-tier municipalities once

County CAO Mike Rutter said it's unclear if each lower-tier municipality would have to delegate authority for enforcement of the bylaw to the County, however if a local

council does not delegate authority to the County, the bylaw could still be enforced.

He said according to the solicitor's review, passing the bylaw does not jeopardize the process of townships delegating authority.

Devolin acknowledged the outstanding questions about the bylaw but added it can be a "living document" that can be changed and adapted.

Applications won't be required for site alterations approved under a regular building permit. Stone said his intention is to educate property owners about what they can do without a permit.

"Getting the project underway without need for a permit, that's always going to be the first goal of staff," Stone said.

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

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# Dimensions cleared for 'health, wellness'

### By Mike Baker

Dimensions Retreats has been given the green light to provide psychology and psychotherapy services at its location on Maple Lake, though Algonquin Highlands council has stopped short of defining it as a medical facility.

During an Aug. 11 meeting, township planner Sean O'Callaghan said the resort would operate as a "health and wellness service" after council granted a re-zoning application for the site. Under the terms of the re-zoning, Dimensions ownership was told it could incorporate acupuncture, light therapy, sound therapy and meditation services at the location, while the proposed installation of a float tank at the main lodge has also been approved.

Dimensions will also be able to bring in psychologists and registered psychotherapists to provide diagnosis and treatment for guests in both individual and group formats.

O'Callaghan noted since Dimensions won't be designated as a medical facility, doctors will not be permitted to practice at the Maple Lake location.

This is an important distinction given Dimensions CEO Christopher Dawson's prior insistence that he would like to incorporate psychedelic treatments at the site.

"Staff reached out to Health Canada and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario with questions raised about [Dimensions] being able to have psilocybin on the property. That [drug] can only be administered under the direct supervision of a prescribing doctor... so with this new definition, and no doctor permitted on the property, it is my understanding psilocybin will not be permitted," O'Callaghan said.

Psilocybin, also known as magic mushrooms, is mostly illegal in Canada, though the federal health authority recently made the decision to allow it to be used as a treatment option for patients on a special case basis.

O'Callaghan clarified that, should Health Canada change its regulations and legalize psilocybin there would be nothing the municipality could do to prevent Dimensions from incorporating the substance into its programming.

Plans to install a pharmacy at the site have been redacted, with council heeding concerns of two nearby residents who, at a public meeting held in July, said they were worried that an active drug dispensary could cause an increase in crime in the area.

After those residents also raised concerns over septic at the site, O'Callaghan noted the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks was happy with the system currently in place.

"They would only review the system at the point of additional fixture units, such as sinks, toilets or showers, being added to the property," O'Callaghan said.

Dawson previously told *The Highlander* that ongoing renovations at the site would see buildings remodeled or reconstructed on their existing footprints, and that no additional units would be built.



Algonquin Highlands council has approved a zoning amendment for a Dimensions Retreats facility on Maple Lake. *File*.

With this approval, Dimensions will be able to complete work to the main lodge that has been on hold for several months. The company expects to welcome guests later this year.

The company has invested approximately

\$20 million purchasing and renovating the 45-acre Maple Lake property, which boasts 17 lakefront cabins, a lodge and spa.

"I guess, now, we officially welcome Dimensions to Algonquin Highlands," mayor Carol Moffatt said.



### Invasive species fighters take to the lake

Volunteers, student researchers and professional divers have been busy combatting Eurasian Watermilfoil at Drag and Spruce Lakes this month. EWM is an invasive underwater plant that has rapidly spread throughout Ontario. Organized by the Drag and Spruce Lake Property Owners Association's Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) Working Group, the lake community helped deploy 18 burlap mats and hand harvested the weed at 10 locations on Drag Lake. A four-person dive team from Dundee Marine helped lay the submerged mats that help smother the plant. Local Videographer Brad Brown documented the process. Two Trent University students were also on hand this summer to conduct research on aquatic plants at the lake, some of which the working group suspects might be able to help control the invasive species. The working group encourages any lake-goers to report sightings of EWM and provide photos if possible. (Sam Gillett).

Burlap mats, pictured adjacent to the boat, seem to have been effective in smothering Eurasian Watermilfoil. *Submitted*.



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From left to Right: Paramedic Jeff Schultz, ACO Laurie McIntosh, James Cook, ACO Christopher Roscoe, ACO Christina Stoppa, and Paramedic Jim Miska. Submitted.

# Accident survivor reunites with rescuers

### By Sam Gillett

James Cook remembers the accident. The Bobcaygeon construction worker was working in a Haliburton home when a propane heater exploded right in front of

After a lengthy hospital stay and lifealtering skin grafts, Cook is on the road to recovery, and said he has a new appreciation for ambulance services.

"I'm still healing from it," Cook said of the

incident. After he saw blue flames erupt from the heater he took a breath and ran outside to bury his burnt face in the snow. He called 911 using voice commands and Haliburton paramedics Jeff Schultz and Jim Miska were dispatched to the scene.

He was flown to Sunnybrook hospital where he began his recovery. Cook said skin grafts taken from his legs means he overheats easily. He no longer has sweat glands on his face. His injuries mean he can't do many of his former hobbies, as well as work

"I try and stay very positive," he said.

Cook said meeting the crew who responded to his call was "very emotional. It brought a lot of things into perspective. It really brought in the severity of my situation," he

He added that "it brought into focus how important it is to have them around, and how well trained they are. the way they dealt with me, it was all very efficient."

The Haliburton County Paramedic services said it was grateful Cook chose to visit and

share his story of recovery.

"Paramedics respond to many calls throughout their careers and quite often some follow them into retirement wondering what happened after they left our care," said the service in a letter sent to media.

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# Manager aims 'to build bridges' in Minden

### **By Sam Gillett**

Minden's new manager of cultural resources said she's been learning from the community as she takes the reins of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

"There's a wealth of knowledge from staff, artists, and residents and people who have been coming here for years," said Shannon Kelly. "I'm not afraid to ask questions. Some of them may be silly but that's the way I learn.'

While Kelly may be new to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden Hills Museum and Nature's Place, she has more than two decades of cultural resource experience.

After graduating with an anthropology degree, she was involved in creating largescale natural history exhibits for museums, making dinosaur skeletons and dioramas. While there, she began working on a certificate in museum studies.

Kelly eventually landed at the Scugog Shores Museum, where she worked for 20

Leaving the role to come to Minden Hills was bittersweet.

"It was really hard, I made a lot of friends," she said.

But she said the role in Minden allows her to focus on her passions for celebrating and preserving cultural history.

"I love the sense of community. A smaller museum brings people together and it can be a focal point for the community by celebrating that collective heritage we all

have," she said. "I find museums build bridges, rather than fostering division... I like the idea of people coming together."

She said she acknowledges there have been concerns voiced about staff turnover.

'I know people may be a little hesitant, there's been a lot of changes," she said.

As of March, curator Laurie Carmount was not employed by the municipality. The township has declined to provide details on Carmount's departure.

Kelly said she's committed to continuing unique programming at the gallery and fostering relationships with the local arts community and stakeholders.

"I've really enjoyed getting to meet the artists who are coming up and building relationships with them.'

She said she loves the "wow factor" that the gallery has, referring to celebrated shows such as John Notten's Unpacking the Weekend exhibit which was displayed this summer.

She said the gallery will maintain its "recommender" status, giving it unique access to provincial funding.

The township is in the process of hiring a full-time programmer who will help run programs out of Nature's Place, the gallery and the museum.

"The intent is to keep dynamic programs going in all three areas," she said, adding that while each part of the centre is unique, she hopes to unify them.

"I think overall we can merge those mandates into one while keeping the unique



Shannon Kelly said she's inspired by the unifying power of community museums. Photo by Sam Gillett.

feeling of each spot."

A key goal, she said, is continuing to make it a destination for kids and school groups, as well as adding new programming to draw the wider community in.

"I look forward to attracting new visitors here but maintaining the local ties and relationships that have been supporting the museum over several years.'



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# The work remains

On Aug. 22 politicians and other community members watched as the multi-coloured Pride flag was hoisted high above Minden. On Aug. 25, the dance floor at the Pinestone Resort will be bustling during "Viva Burlesque," which is sold out.

Pride in the Haliburton Highlands is in full swing. Its theme this year, "Loud and Proud." is a call to celebrate.

But according to Minden Pride board members it's a call to live out your identity in the face of dangerous rhetoric that seems to be getting louder in Canada this year. In the words of Allan Guinan, chairperson, events around the world underscore the need for Pride celebrations.

Minden Pride itself was formed in 2016 after a storefront in Haliburton was targeted with homophobic graffiti.

Since then, the group has been a fixture at events around the County, and its pride week festivities have drawn large crowds.

The importance of its commitment to diversity and inclusion remains just as crucial today as it was in 2016.

Acts of hatred towards LGBTQ+ people seem to have increased in Canada.

The Canadian Anti-hate network reported a rise in anti-transgender rhetoric online this summer, spilling over from chat rooms into mainstream social media and public life.

Those running for school board positions in Ottawa, for instance, run against a candidate who is campaigning on a platform expressly opposed to education about transgender rights.

A person who identifies as non-binary was nearly hit with a glass bottle in Ottawa this summer. Pride flags were stolen in Norwich, Ontario, by a man who compared the movement for gay rights to Nazism.

In Haliburton, the library and Minden Pride itself, along with The Highlander, received calls from people opposed to the family-friendly Drag Queen Storytime event. Opposition to these storytimes has spread, primarily online, with unsubstantiated and transphobic claims about children's safety. In multiple communities across Canada, libraries have been sent threats.

In June, an Ontario teen was arrested for threatening to carry out a mass shooting at a Pride event in Florida.

2021 was the deadliest year in recent history for



By Sam Gillett

people who are transgender or gendernonconforming. Three hundred and seventyfive people were murdered worldwide.

For many, to be "Loud and Proud" in the Highlands in 2022 still might not be easy. For some it still might not be safe.

Minden Pride has been instrumental in bringing visibility and voice to many issues surrounding inclusion and diversity in Haliburton County, and providing a safe space for many.

For allies, politicians, members of the media and friends talking with friends, we must recognize the work and listening necessary to make this County and country safe and inclusive for all.

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Outdoor air pollution, specifically PM 2.5 pollution, decreases the average human life span more than road injuries, HIV/AIDS, malaria and war. Worldwide, life expectancy is reduced by 2.2 years, the equivalent of 17 billion life years lost annually to smog.

According to the State of Global Air, a collaboration between the Health Effects Institute and the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, two-thirds of the world's population lives with ambient particulate matter exceeding 25 micrograms per cubic metre - a threshold five times higher than the W.H.O. standard. By achieving the W.H.O. air quality standard, U.S. life expectancy would increase on average by two months (eight months in California). In India, it would increase life expectancy by five years for many, and ten years for citizens of Delhi.

One-fifth of newborn deaths are from air pollution. Globally, pollution causes six million preterm births and three million underweight babies annually.

Air pollution contributes to stroke, heart disease, diabetes, dementia, cancers and asthma. It increases hospital admissions, emergency room visits, premature deaths,

mental illness and social stressors.

In Canada, the estimated economic cost of air pollution is \$120 billion per year.

Air pollution harms wildlife, vegetation and ecosystems. Pollution combined with extreme heat increases mortality by more than 20 per cent.

Wildfire smoke contains tiny particles that travel deep into your lungs. Exposure in utero contributes to decreased birth weight and preterm birth: childhood exposure causes asthma exacerbations, wheeze, pneumonia, and bronchitis.

Solutions: Establish systems to monitor and control air pollution. The UN Economic Commission for Europe Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution is the most comprehensive.

In Europe and North America, most urban areas have ambient air quality monitoring stations (one monitor per 100,000-600,000 residents).

India has developed instruments and regulatory powers to control pollution sources.

China is controlling burning of solid fuels under National Air Quality Action Plans, with marked decreases in pollution. In the Beijing region, mean ambient PM 2.5 concentrations dropped 40 per cent.

Sweden and Austria have stopped using coal for electricity.

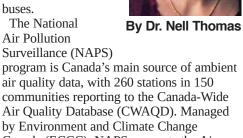
The EU has a domestic Zero Pollution Action Plan in the European Green Deal.

The U.S's updated Clean Air Act requires the EPA to set health-based standards and deadlines, mandating emission controls over 187 hazardous air pollutants.

The American climate and tax law provides \$281 million for air quality monitoring

and plans to invest billions in programs like zero-emissions buses.

The National Air Pollution Surveillance (NAPS)



Air Quality Database (CWAQD). Managed by Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), NAPS connects the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI), Canadian Environmental Sustainability Indicators (CESI), and the U.S.-Canada Air Quality Agreement.

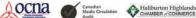
### What you can do

- Download the weathercan app
- Learn about air pollution, its effect on air quality and your health
- Use the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) to advise smoke and smog levels
- Use HVAC recirculation settings to prevent smoke in your home
- Use a clean, good-quality air filter (HEPA)
- · Avoid idling engines
- · Use push or electric lawn mower if possible
- · Bike over car when possible
- Encourage public transit and ride shares
- · Reduce pollution from recreational vehicles
- Check out the Pollution prevention resource finder - Canada.ca
- Review the A.Q.L.I.
- Write letters to government encouraging policies that improve air quality











### by Mike Baker

### **EYE ON THE STREET:** What does Minden Pride mean to you?



### **Marg Cox**

Minden Pride provides an opportunity for LGBTQ+ people to be themselves publicly and feel supported by the community.



### **Donna Enright**

It's something that allows people from the LGBTQ+ community, and their allies, to come together and celebrate. It's all about creating an inclusive community.



### Ellen Neill

The biggest thing for me is just promoting the idea that being gay isn't a bad thing. There's support from the community, no judgement.



### **Bob Fisher**

Supporting all the kids in high school, because that's the toughest time in an LGBTQ+ person's life.



### John Stewart

I was part of the initial Pride movement in the 1970s... To see this in Minden, I didn't think I'd see the day. This is something that adds so much to our community.

### **LETTERS**

### Council must pass bylaw

Dear Editor

Approximately 15 years ago I was paddling down Drag Lake and in the distance I saw two green strips that didn't belong. As I came closer, I noticed a man walking toward the shore, so I called out to him, "Why did you cut down all the trees?" His response was, "I wanted to see the lake." to which I responded, "I've been here since 1963 and it's never gone anywhere."

Dysart Council must pass the 30 metre no-touching shoreline bylaw. When I see lawn-care vans on the road my heart clenches. Without our healthy lakes we are nothing but an inconvenient destination far away from many of the modern conveniences.

A huge contributor to our healthy lakes are all our wetlands, which should not be touched under any circumstances ever. They are filled with life that feeds other life and, ultimately, our lives.

Although it would be lovely to have all those extra tax dollars flowing into the County, in the final result we would lose all that is so very special in this incomparable area.

Anne-Marie Borthwick Drag Lake, Haliburton

# Doubts over hot tub complaints

Dear Editor,

In response to your recent article, 'Resorts speak out after hot tubs closed', and as one of those owners, the Health Unit has indicated

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

I strongly doubt that there were any other complaints, especially as both Sandy Lanes Resort and Buttermilk Falls Resort were visited on the same day (and Sandy Lanes didn't even have tubs in operation, and hadn't since the preceding April).

The only complaints we have ever had at Buttermilk Falls are when the tubs are not working, or when guests cannot book a cottage with a tub because they are already booked.

I would love to see proof of these complaints, but I suspect they will indicate that they are confidential.

Stephen Orr Buttermilk Falls Resort

## The negative side of STRs

Dear Editor,

Ourselves and many others are experiencing the negative side of short-term rentals, which now appear to be flourishing in the County of Haliburton.

These are not family cottages that are being rented occasionally to help pay the expenses.

These are large built-to-suit properties with all the amenities, designed to accommodate 10 or more people.

Typically several families or groups go together to pay the \$10,000-plus weekly rent. Why would you need to go anywhere else? These are professionally run businesses. They sell the Haliburton lakefront experience

at the expense of the neighbouring properties. Some are booked seven days a week all year. Each week new excited renters arrive and the noise and disruptions start all over. There is no break for the neighbours or septic.

Some municipalities have shut them down. The County is considering licensing and collecting fees.

Council needs to look at the incompatible use and local zoning. We are concerned that Haliburton will be delivering the message "we're open for business".

If you can't do it in another township, come to Haliburton. There may be one coming next to you soon.

Some of these properties are located on private right of ways. There has been no consideration to the added costs or the liabilities of providing access for the public.

Some of these are gravel laneways, with steep hills, not designed for the added traffic.

Given the controversies surrounding these properties, the owners have been marketing themselves, including to the neighbours.

It doesn't matter if it is three years or 10 years before the property will supposedly be the owner's forever home, one year is too long.

Christine & Jim Legge Redstone Lake

### What have we learned?

Dear Editor,

August 19, 1942 Battle of Dieppe in the Second World War occupied by German Forces left almost a thousand Canadian soldiers of the Calgary Regiment dead on the beach of Dieppe that horrible day and twice as many soldiers taken prisoner by German forces.

Veteran Gordon Fennell, honoured at the 80th anniversary of the Dieppe raid, spoke of the horrors of war. The sacrifice of so many in the First and Second World War, soldiers gave us our freedom and how thankful are we? What have we learned? Convoys, signs, flags with obscene language, fighting among ourselves and disfiguring monuments all while taunting freedom makes me wonder what ever happened to pride in our country and for all those who fought for the freedom we have today.

It is as if we're following in the footsteps of the U.S.

We blame COVID, and the right to not get vaccinated.

So be it and if such individuals get COVID or variant(s) because they did not get vaccinated, I have to ask myself why should such individuals take up space in our overstrained hospitals, who perhaps passed the virus on to others who took caution to protect themselves and now fighting for their lives.

I know there will be those who will criticize me for my comment, however if I were going to wave a sign or flag for freedom it would be for all those brave young souls who gave of themselves so we can enjoy the freedom we have today not over viruses that will be with us for years.

Beverly MacDuff Gooderham

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Send your letters to editor@ thehighlander.ca (300 words max)

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- Letters must be a maximum of 300 words. If submitted at greater length, they will be returned for editing.
- The Highlander may still edit for length and clarity. The Highlander has the right not to publish letters.

### Social media policy

The Highlander expects respectful debate in Facebook and Twitter comments. We reserve the right to hide or delete posts, and to block commenters, if necessary.

## Highlander community





### 'Loud and Proud'

Minden Pride held a flag raising ceremony at Minden Hills' township office Aug. 22, kicking off the organization's Pride Week celebrations in the community. Running until Aug. 28, this year's Pride lineup includes Drag Storytime in partnership with the Haliburton County Public Library; Queer Comedy Night at the Haliburton Legion; Pride Trivia Night at the Dominion Hotel; Viva Burlesque Ball at the Pinestone Resort, and a street festival in downtown Minden. More than 50 people attended Monday's flag raising, including outgoing Minden Hills mayor Brent Devolin, mayor-to-be Bob Carter, and deputy mayor Lisa Schell. Local MP Jamie Schmale was also on hand for the event, while Haliburton Highlands Secondary School principal Chris Boulay discussed the importance of organizations like Minden Pride, particularly to local youth embracing diverse sexualities. This year's theme is 'Loud and Proud'. For more information on Minden Pride events, visit www.mindenpride.ca.

Left: Minden Pride chair Allan Guinan holds the Pride flag while Minden Hills mayor Brent Devolin prepares to lift it. Right: Many attendees dressed up in colourful clothing, adorning the signature Pride rainbow flag. *Photos by Mike Baker.* 



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Margaret Ross, right, said she's enjoyed transcribing stories and memories. Photo by Sam Gillett.

# Sharing precious memories 'an honour' for SIRCH volunteers

### By Sam Gillett

This spring five women carefully re-constructed memories retold by seniors across the Highlands.

From March to June they have used scissors, tape, colourful paper and dozens of photographs, not to mention hours of conversation, to craft personalized books about seniors they've been getting to know.

The volunteers were part of SIRCH's restarted Memories to Life program, which is set to run again this fall.

The program is intended to provide people with visual and written cues that may spark memories about their lives, said Jan Saugh, SIRCH's coordinator for senior wellness.

The volunteers gifted the books of memories to the seniors and their families this summer.

But for those involved, Memories for Life is much more than a simple scrapbooking

"It's an honour to know someone's life story, for them to start opening up about things that they themselves have gone through," said volunteer Vanessa Ianucci.

Sitting beside four other volunteers scrapbooking in SIRCH's meeting room, Ianucci said she's realized the stories of older Highlanders may not always have been cherished in a way they deserve.

Margaret Ross, sitting across from her,

They think 'everybody did it, it doesn't matter'," Ross said as she arranged photos on a pink scrapbook page. "It matters. They changed laws, they changed lives, they stopped wars. They don't see it that way until they stop and think about it."

Ross has been assisting Jane Braithwaite, who lived across Canada before calling parts of Haliburton County home. She's now living in Peterborough.

"Going back over my life I sort of looked at a lot of things I had forgotten I did," said Braithwaite. "I usually deflect, I usually talk about other people."

Braithwaite said she's been a "rolling stone."

She was born in a family with a strong tradition of social justice advocacy. Her father was responsible for banning the book Little Black Sambo from Toronto schools, and her mother came to Canada from the U.S. through the Underground Railroad. Braithwaite herself has a long career in education and educating students and her community about social justice issues.

"When I really had to stop and think about my story, it was an eye opener. I have done a lot of things I probably don't think about. People do value some of the material I share," she said. She later added that working with Saugh was an easy process after initially being unsure about how the Memories for Life project would unravel.

As for Ross, her volunteer scrapbooker? They'll likely keep in touch, she said.

"We're on the same wavelength."

The volunteers have developed a bond too.

They share laughs, help each other out with photocopying and design and chat constantly while working hard on their scrapbooks.

"What I like is it's a chance to be nosey," said Dianne Williams, prompting chuckles around the meeting room. "You get to ask a bunch of questions." During meetings with her storyteller, she'd go into the closet and pull down boxes of pictures. They'd leaf through them together, the elderly woman pointing out important people, places and times in her life.

"She loved looking at them, and telling the stories. Seniors don't often get to do that, especially if they live alone," Williams said.

Other volunteers describe the way their storytellers reveal their history in "layers," like an onion.

One gentleman said his life wasn't too spectacular, but after some questions, Wendy Ladurantaye unpeeled a different side of the

She found out he travelled around the U.S., Europe, and sang in a world-travelling choir. Some participants, and Saugh herself, are now considering how they want to pass their own stories along.

"I have a granddaughter now. I want her to know who I am, not just a picture in a book, not just fond memories," Saugh said. "I want to tell my story for future generations."

For more information on Future Memories for Life sessions, email jan\_saugh@sirch.

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### Golfing for dental equity

The 12th annual Volunteer Dental Outreach golf tournament raised \$70,000 for free Highlands dental care Aug. 18. The winning women's team included Val Brennan, Janet Cotto, Lynda Couts and Deb Lind while JJ Kerr, Ryan Kerr, Steve Kerr and Jared Dickey topped the men's standings. John O'Sullivan, Patrick O'Sullivan, Maggie O'Sullivan and David Slokar placed first in the mixed division. The organization, which funds community dental clinics, has provided more than 1,000 patients with upwards of \$3 million in free dentistry since 2011.

Top left: Janis Parker, VDO chairperson, thanked golfers for supporting the mission. Top right: Bonnie Wheedon and Mark Wheedon roll out. Bottom left: A foursome to be reckoned with: Scott Welch, David Mills, Dr. Bill Kerr and Sam Calvelli. Bottom right: Parker gets set to tee off. Photos by Sam Gillett.





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

# SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS

**Take Notice** that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on September 28, 2022, at the Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands ON KOM 1J1.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

### **Description of Lands:**1. Roll No. 46 21 001 000 24800 0000; Kushog Lake Road; PIN 39123-0245 (LT); PT LT 2 CON 2 STANHOPE

AS IN H226264; S/T DEBTS IN H226264; ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS; File No. 20-02 According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$17,900 Minimum tender amount: \$6,163.12

2. Roll No. 46 21 002 000 31700 0000; Providence Drive; PIN 39129-0146 (LT); PT LT 27 CON 4 STANHOPE PT 15 RD143, T/W H64759, S/T RIGHT IN H49561, S/T INTEREST IN H64759; ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS;

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$18,700 Minimum tender amount: \$7,873.03

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 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.

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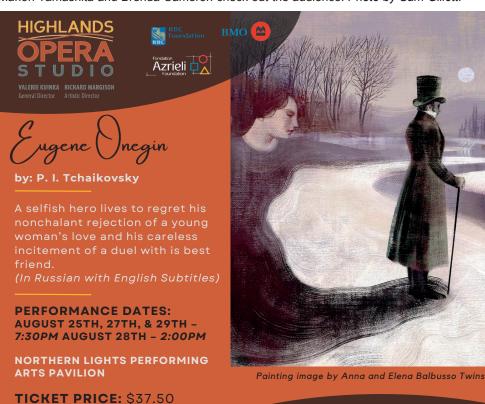
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### Young learners graduate School's Cool

Junior and senior kindergarten students, along with some from Grade 1, graduated SIRCH Community Services' School's Cool program Aug. 18 at Stuart Baker Elementary School. For the past month, the students have been brushing up on their reading skills and more, helped along by a crew of educators. The class sang songs for friends and family attending the ceremony and received certificates and personalized graduation caps.

Marion Yamashita and Brenda Cameron check out the audience. Photo by Sam Gillett.



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



Albert John Saxby enjoys spending time crafting thoughtful lyrics. Photo by Sam Gillett.

# The 'Mayor of Essonville' exhales

### By Sam Gillett

"You'd better be careful," Albert John Saxby's stepfather, living with dementia, told him

"There comes an awkward fog."

Saxby wasn't sure what he meant, but the songwriter found the phrase captivating.

This spring, when Saxby released his new album, Exhaling in an Awkward Fog seemed a good title.

It comes after a few years of difficult change and loss, with Saxby contemplating life's joys and sorrows after coming out the other side.

"Now I can exhale," he said.

The 15 songs are all Saxby's favourites. From Dirty Little Men to America Lays Dying, Saxby's lyrics often use metaphors to drive points home, dishing out critiques of political discourse and advice on everyday life in equal measure.

A longtime resident of Highlands East, Saxby became known as the "Mayor of Essonville," and garnered a reputation for thoughtful lyrics in the vein of songsmiths such as John Prine.

"I spend a lot of time. I don't just whip out songs. You've got to have really good words, and I'm proud of the lyrics I come up with," he said.

Other tunes strike painful chords, such as I Wish my Heartache had Wings.

Saxby said it's difficult to play that song without tearing up on stage. It was written about an ill-fated love.

"It was a struggle to get through," he said. He had to relearn some of his own music to record the album too.

While driving, he heard as old tune of his, Every Day, playing on CanoeFM. He liked its gentle reminder to seize the moment. "I realized it was my song, I had to go to the radio station and get a copy so I could learn it," he said.

Saxby played music off the album at an intimate show inside the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre in June. He said he aims to connect with every audience he plays to.

"I've played to two people in a bar. I love playing for those two people. Anyone who's been to my shows knows I have an intimate relationship with the audience," he said.

Saxby might still be in the "awkward fog", but he's finding it easier to write new songs

"I wasn't inspired at all, and I didn't write any songs during COVID-19. I'm rectifying

Saxby is playing across Haliburton County this summer, recently rocking out at the Dominion Hotel and Pub Aug. 20.

Exhaling in an Awkward Fog is available on Bandcamp and on physical CDs.

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# Huskies preparing for new OJHL season

### By Mike Baker

Some new faces took centre stage at A.J. LaRue Arena Aug. 21 as the Haliburton County Huskies kicked off its pre-season with the annual 'Blue vs White' intrasquad exhibition.

Moved to Haliburton due to ice issues at the Huskies' regular home in Minden, the game provided players with an opportunity to showcase their skills ahead of the new OJHL season. Twenty-six skaters, including three local affiliate players (APs), participated in the game, which will be remembered for impressive performances from some of the Dogs' newest recruits.

Forward Nathan Duplessis potted a pair of goals for the Blue team in a 4-2 win. Flanked by linemates Declan Bowmaster and Henry Wilson, the trio were picked out for special praise by head coach and general manager Ryan Ramsay.

"Duplessis was probably the biggest standout, but that whole line looked really good. Right now, that's looking to be our fourth line and they made a huge impression," Ramsay said. "I'm really happy with how our depth is looking."

Myles Perry, a recent acquisition from reigning OJHL champions the Pickering Panthers, was also on the scoresheet for the Blue squad. Defenceman Jack Staniland rounded out the team's scoring.

Blueliner Josh Sordo, who played last season with the Brantford 99ers, was a standout for the White team, getting himself a goal, with Haliburton native Kaine Brannigan also tickling

the twine

Brannigan, alongside fellow Haliburton County-born players Colin Glecoff and Evan Gilbert were invited to play in the exhibition after impressing at the Huskies AP camp, held in Minden earlier that day.

Returning players Patrick Saini, Cameron Kosurko, Isaac Sooklal and new captain Christian Stevens also got some minutes under their belt.

"It was a pretty intense game, the players were playing hard, so that was great for us as a coaching staff and for the fans who came out to watch," Ramsay said. "A lot of the new guys we've brought in played really well. It was nice to see that so many players have put in the work over the summer to get stronger, faster and improve their play."

The Huskies travel to Stouffville today for an afternoon tilt with the Spirit, before welcoming the North/West conference side to Minden Aug. 28. Puck drop at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena is slated for 2 p.m. Admission is \$5.

The Dogs will close out their pre-season with a double-header against the Pickering Panthers Sept. 2 (7:30 p.m. puck drop) and Sept. 4 (2 p.m. puck drop). Admission to each game is \$5.

"I think the fans will really like the makeup of our team this year. We've gotten a little bit faster, and a bit bigger up front. We've got a lot of hard-working guys, which is a great recipe for Huskies hockey," Ramsay said. "We obviously want to do well again, and give our fans something to cheer for... I'm expecting another good season."



Defenceman Jack Staniland was on the scoresheet in Sunday's curtain-raising 'Blue vs White' intrasquad game at A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. *OJHL images*.

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Huskies power forward Christian Stevens will serve as team captain for the 2022/23 season. OJHL images.

# Captain Stevens aiming for championship

### By Mike Baker

Getting back on the ice this week has felt like a homecoming for Huskies forward Christian Stevens, who is looking to lead by example this year after being named as the franchise's second ever team captain.

The 20-year-old Brooklin, ON native is hoping for a big season to close out his junior hockey career. As a key member of the team that progressed to the Division finals last year, Stevens' goal is to go one step further this time around and compete for a championship.

He'll look to do so with a new letter stitched to his chest, upgrading his 'A' to a 'C' after being selected by head coach and general manager Ryan Ramsay to replace the outgoing Nathan Porter. Reflecting on that move, Stevens said that while he has some massive skates to fill, he's looking forward to helping this young Huskies outfit grow throughout the season.

"I've been a leader before and have been

expected. I've always prided myself on being the hardest working guy on the ice," Stevens said. "Hockey, at this level, is all about sacrifices and how much you want it, so I'll be focusing on teaching some of the new kids on the team how to play the right way, and how to act off the ice too.'

There will be some familiar faces to help along the way, with defenceman Isaac Sooklal returning in a leadership capacity. Forwards Sam Solarino, Patrick Saini and Lucas Stevenson, key locker room leaders last season, will also be back.

While the team is losing the likes of Porter, top-scorer Oliver Tarr and veteran presences such as Simon Rose and Christian Cicigoi, Stevens said he's very impressed with the team Ramsay has put together ahead of this new season. Now a week into pre-season, Stevens has had an opportunity to get to know some of his new teammates and see what they can do on the ice.

"We have a really fast team this year. A lot

around the game long enough to know what's of young guys with high-end skill. Camp has been really good so far, we've been snapping the puck around, throwing the body – we seem to have a lot of competitors, which can only be a good thing," Stevens said. "Even the blue and white [intrasquad] game we played on Sunday, everyone played really hard and showed why they deserve to be on the team. The guys all seem like they're

> After finishing second in team scoring last year, putting up 48 points in 45 regular season games, Stevens wants to take an extra step this season to help make up for the loss of Tarr. The former OHL star has been working throughout the summer on his fitness, puck handling and shooting with assistant coach Jordan Bailey to make sure he hits the ground running once games begin.

He will lead the team out this evening as they kick off their exhibition schedule with a road game against the Stouffville Spirit. The two teams will duke it out in a second game at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Sunday.

With last season's OJHL champions the Pickering Panthers also on the pre-season program, with home games Sept. 2 and 4, it will be a good opportunity for the Huskies to test themselves against some of the league's

They then get their regular season underway with a home tilt against the Cobourg Cougars Sept. 10.

Stevens said he's already counting down the days until he steps out onto the ice in Minden, in front of a raucous hometown

"It's the best feeling in the world, coming out on the ice with the crowd cheering and shouting. That's why we play hockey, Stevens said. "The crowd showed last season just how big a difference they can make. They're so loud, which really impacts our game. We just feed off of their energy. They're like the sixth man on the ice, for sure. The crowd in Minden definitely helps us to win games."

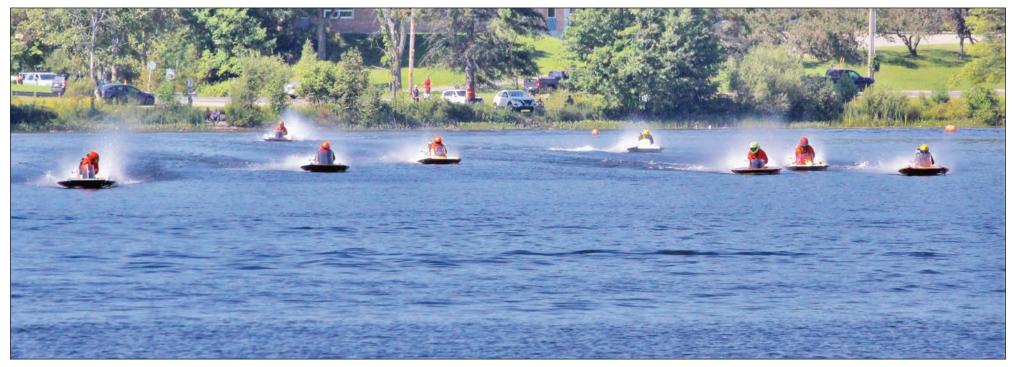




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# 18 Highlander events







### Racers see the checkers on Head Lake

After two years away, the Toronto Outboard Racing Club (TORQ) sped into Haliburton Aug. 20 and 21 for a weekend of racing action. In multiple different classes for different boat shapes, engine classes and more, racers sped around buoys along the length of Head Lake while a crowd cheered from the shore. Local racer Wesley Hammond placed first and third in his classes, while Andrea Hammond finished in sixth place in her class. The racing circuit visits Tweed, Gravenhurst, Erinsville and New York state.

Top: Racers do a lap of the course before taking off across the start while at high speed. Bottom left: Local racers Wesley and Andrea Hammond had a cheering section. Bottom right: Andrea Hammond gives it some throttle. *Photos by Sam Gillett.* 





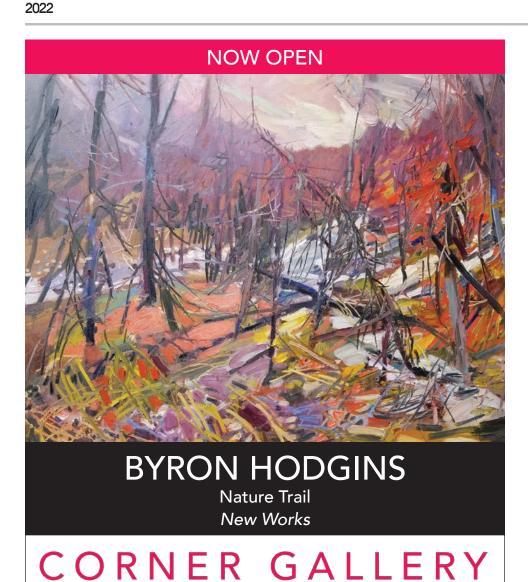




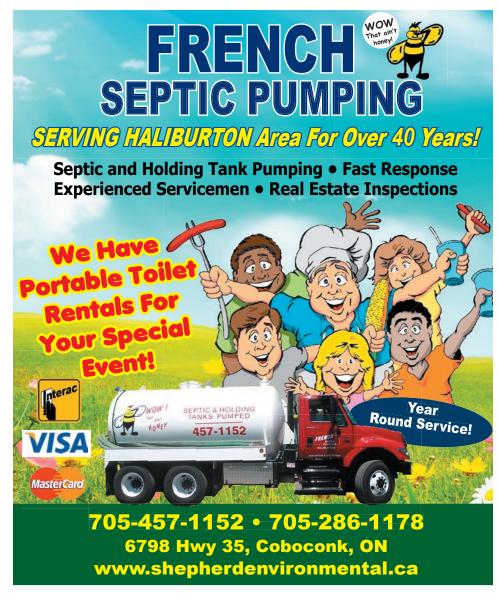
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### Life in the Fast Lane

Bowlers made a splash during the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton's pool party-themed Bowl for Kids' Sake event. Community members came to bowl, bid on auction items and hangout at Fast Lane Bowling Alley in Minden Aug. 20.

Left: Big Brothers Big Sisters executive director Janice Balfour throws a ball. Right: The Haliburton and District Lions Club were on hand to support the event and bowl. *Photos by Sam Gillett*.

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### **AUGUST EVENTS**

### August 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 26, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Storytime with Point in Time. Drop in and join Ashley Wilson, Point in Time's Indigenous Peer Navigator, for Storytime. Ashley will be sharing stories by Indigenous authors and will provide a fun interactive activity or takehome craft. Please bring a blanket to sit outside if weather permits. No registration required. For ages three to seven. Taking place at the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library.

### August 26, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Stanhope Heritage Museum is presenting a "Pop-in / Pop-out. The intricate world of fly-tying. The Highlands' own author, outdoorsman Steve Galea will demonstrate the teeny-tiny details of this rare art form — guaranteed to catch enormous fish, of course. Visit stanhopemuseum.on.ca for further info.

#### August 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The 15th annual Garlic Festival is officially returning to Abbey Gardens after a two year hiatus. Featuring two markets, live music, workshops, special deals, and so much more, the Garlic Festival has something for everyone. To learn more, visit abbeygardens.ca.

### August 28, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Minden Pride hosts its annual River Parade down the Gull River. Register to take part or show up and cheer on participants. Prizes will be awarded to the most creative floaters at Boshkung Social. Register online at mindenpride.ca. At 1:30 p.m. in downtown Minden Minden Pride presents Street Fest, with over 20 local food and product vendors, entertainers, face painters and more.

### August 28, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Have a non-profit event you want included? email mike@thehighlander.ca.



### HALIBURTON BRANCH

**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.

### MINDEN BRANCH

**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.

### **COBOCONK BRANCH**

**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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On Friday, June 10th, 2022 at around 2:30 pm John Peel's Angel went on a coffee break and he tragically passed away. To his joy he was outside on a beautiful day doing exactly what

he loved: working and helping others. He was a son to Marjorie & Harry Peel, loving husband to Barbara Joy Peel, adoring Dad to Susan Gail Peel, Proud Grandpa to Freyja Pickard, Carson MacDonald & Dakota MacDonald and smitten Great Grandpa to Laken, Tekoa, Sitka & Zia Packard and Thatcher John MacDonald.

Respecting John's wishes, there will be no funeral, however, on his birthday **Friday 2nd of September** the Peel family will be hosting a **Celebration of Life** at Killara Station, 5205 Gelert Road, Minden 4-7 pm. Bring along a written story to share or leave in his memory book. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Country Rose in John's name for a memorial tree to be planted at the location of John's death. Or donations can be made to the Haliburton United Church, which has been John's place of worship & community for over 50 years.

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In Loving Memory of

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It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing Riley (nee Colleen Robinson) on July 27th, 2022 at Haliburton Extendicare.

Colleen passed peacefully at the age of 95. She is missed dearly and remembered with much love.

predeceased Colleen by her husband, (Bill) Riley and survived by William children (Mark, Cory and Kerry), grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

At the age of 17, Colleen moved from Toronto to Wilberforce to launch her teaching career at Wilberforce Elementary School (a one-room schoolhouse at the time). As the story goes, a local boy, Bill Riley, learning that the new teacher was taking the very long train ride to Toronto to visit family, chased down her train and offered a car ride. Apparently, he was extremely charming because she accepted, and the rest is history. The two were married in 1947, and moved to West Rouge (just east of Toronto) to start a family, before permanently relocating to Wilberforce in 1972 with their three children.

Colleen was respected as a talented teacher, and fondly remembered for her knitting, sewing and crocheting skills, gardening savvy and delicious baked goods. Also a great animal lover, she was particularly fond of Toby, the faithful family corgi.

In keeping with Colleen's wishes, her ashes will be buried next to her husband's in a private South Wilberforce Cemetery.

A Celebration of Life will be held between 1:00 -3:00 PM on Wednesday, August 31st, 2022 at 1415 Jeffrey Road, Tory Hill. We invite you to come share light refreshments and all your favourite memories.



In Loving Memory of

### Robert "Bob" **Davidson**

(Resident of Kennisis Lake, Ontario)

Peacefully at Hyland Crest in Minden on Tuesday evening, August 16, 2022 in his 92nd

year. Beloved husband and best friend of Betty Davidson for over 72 years. Loving father of Susan (Rob Eakins) and Jim (Barbara). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Lindsey, Kim, Steven, Jeffrey and by his great grandchildren Olivia and Evan. Bob was the last surviving member of his family. He is predeceased by his brothers Gordon, Norman, Jack, William and by his sisters Verna, Dorothy and Helen. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Bob was a teacher and worked at both Port Hope and Bowmanville High Schools. He was a Master Electrician. He will be remembered locally as an Electrical contractor in the Kennisis Lake and Redstone Lake areas.

### **A Private Family Gathering**

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# 26 Highlander classifieds

### **HELP WANTED**



### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES Community Services Department**

We are currently looking for energetic and motivated individuals to join our Community Services team in the following positions:

Are you a student age 15+, enrolled in or returning to high school or post-secondary this fall and looking for some extra income during the school year? We are currently accepting resumes for Student Arena Attendants and Student Recreation Attendants for the Minden Arena and Recreation Complex facilities. These are casual positions, maximum 24 hours/week and rate of pay is \$15/hour.

### **Operator (for a maternity/parental leave)**

For the operation and maintenance of the community recreation facilities, parks and cemeteries. Moderate to heavy physical demands and manual labour required. A full time, union position for a temporary term beginning in October 2022. A valid minimum "G" Drivers' Licence is required. 40 hours/week, variable shifts, rate of pay is \$25.03/ hour as per local 4286 CUPE Collective Agreement. Earnings subject to union dues.

### **Operator (casual position)**

Duties include operating and maintaining community recreation facilities, parks and cemeteries. Moderate to heavy physical demands and manual labour required. A valid "G" Driver's Licence is required. A casual, non-union position, maximum 24 hours/week, variable shifts including evenings and weekends. Rate of pay \$18.54/hour.

### **Customer Service Representative (casual position)**

Front counter staff, delivering a broad range of customer service activities, including general customer service, responding to inquiries from the public, facility users, program participants and staff as well as providing basic clerical and administrative support. A valid "G" Driver's Licence is required. A casual, non-union position, maximum 24 hours/week, variable shifts including evenings and weekends. Rate of pay \$18.54/hour.

> Visit our website at mindenhills.ca/careers or email sprentice@mindenhills.ca to apply

SERVERS / KITCHEN HELP REQUIRED - Full or Part Time. Students Welcome. Apply in person at Mark's Restaurant, Minden or call Wilson at 705-286-1818



### **Employment Opportunity Municipality of Dysart et al**

### **OPERATIONS MANAGER**

Reporting to the Director of Public Works, the successful applicant will have sound knowledge of the methods, tools, materials and equipment required for the general year-round maintenance of roads. Primary duties include but are not limited to: assist in policy development, conduct road patrols, dispatch road crews, complete all required documentation to conform with road maintenance requirements, prepare and present reports to Council as required and respond to public inquiries in a timely and professional

Self-motivated applicants must be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions with minimal supervision. A valid Ontario Class 'D' licence with Air Brake 'Z' endorsement is required along with an acceptable abstract and a Certified Road Superintendent designation. Visit https://www. dysartetal.ca/en/municipal-government/careers.aspx for the detailed job description.

### **SALARY RANGE \$74,855.34 TO \$87,570.16**

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

> Laura Casey, Manager of Payroll and HR Municipality of Dysart et al Haliburton, Ontario hr@dysartetal.ca

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

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

ARAMARK CANADA LTD is seeking individual to join our team to assist in Food Service at Haliburton Highland Secondary School Cafeteria. Training provided. Police check required. Please forward resume to bev.keith01@gmail.com

### Are you a Highlander?

The Highlander is looking for an experienced salesperson to join its

At The Highlander, we're passionate about the Haliburton Highlands its people, its landscape... and its businesses

If you share that passion, and if you want to help businesses thrive here, this job is for you.

We're looking for someone who can work closely with local entrepreneurs to build marketing campaigns using The Highlander's print and online products.

The Highlander newspaper has more than 8,000 copies printed and distributed weekly, plus another 7,200 emailed as a PDF – reaching full-time and seasonal residents every month of the year. We say "it's what everyone's reading" for a reason – it's a much-loved community newspaper that wins avid readers and multiple awards. We're looking for someone who can develop creative proposals for clients to get them the most impact. If you love listening to client needs, then coming up with interesting and effective ad proposals and ad copy, then you'll love this role.

The Highlander is a friendly team (just ask our existing staff). We get the job done, but we're not ruled solely by numbers. Our greatest success is when we create a terrific paper filled with ads that help businesses succeed. When a client tells us they're pulling an ad because they've got too much business, then we know we're doing something

### The ideal candidate

You have extensive consultative sales experience. Ideally you've worked in media sales, but we're interested in anyone with experience helping small, local businesses with their marketing.

You have the usual qualities of persistence and patience, as well as the ability to close.

You'll be able to work with the publisher to develop and market our products. Most important is an understanding of the challenges facing business owners and the ability to sell proven solutions that meet those challenges. On top of that, you'll have a respect for the role of media in a small community, as well as a passion for the Haliburton Highlands.

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.

### **Same Differences**

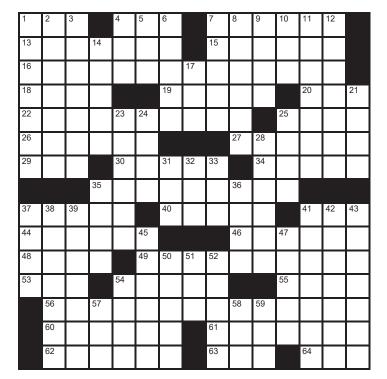
#### Across

- 1 TV message about COVID-19,
- 4 Was down with
- 7 Its slogan is "Canada in one city'
- 13 Slot in for another time
- 15 Tight garment blamed for women fainting
- **16** Terrific apartment overseer?
- 18 Proofreader's "let it stand"
- 19 Backcomb
- 20 Kind of project for a tinkerer
- **22** Shoe bottom without a mate?
- 25 Remote location, perhaps?
- Loosens, as bows or buttons
- 27 Ought to
- 29 Family viewing ratings
- 30 Zsa Zsa or Eva
- 34 Not one's cup \_\_\_
- **35** Short-lived Ramadan ritual?
- 37 Utter loathing
- \_\_\_ Hawkins dance
- **41** Follower of Mao or Lao
- **44** Refutes or refuses
- 46 Saps of energy
- 48 Adam and Eve on a \_\_\_
- **49** Spinning toy on the uppermost shelf?
- **53** "\_\_\_ you serious??"
- **54** Swahili's language family
- 55 Other: Sp.
- **56** More stylin' beverage bag?
- 60 Flamingo perch, often
- **61** Poised for action
- 62 "The Road to El \_\_\_ (Dreamworks flop)
- **63** Bounced cheque letters
- 64 Angry cat sound

### Down

- **1** Arm-strengthening floor exercise, to Brits
- 2 Sending steamy selfies
- **3** Goes from lobby to penthouse

by Barbara Olson © ClassiCanadian Crosswords



- 4 "I'm sorry, Dave, I'm afraid I can't do that" speaker
- 5 Body off Nfld.
- **6** Specifics, slangily
- 7 Of a base-eight system
- **8** Ring attempts at a carnival
- 9 Eighth word of "O Canada"
- 10 Egyptian snake
- **11** Selectively remove 12 Mere iota
- 14 Friendly fire?
- 17 Prefix with colonial or classical
- 21 Seinfeld's "et cetera", in part
- 23 Pod veggie variety
- 24 Morales of "Ozark"
- 25 Charmin ad adjective
- 28 Schmucks, to the McKenzie
- **31** Abbrs. before the A.D.s 32 \_\_\_ Crisis (Mohawk/S.Q.
- standoff, 1990) **33** TV oldie "Mayberry \_\_\_\_'
- **35** Get off the pot, say

- 36 Assistant
- 37 Polish name for the Oder
- 38 "Good Lord!"
- **39** Hellishly hot spot
- **41** Dots on j's and i's
- 42 Often-elbowed sleepers
- **43** Competitive gaming
- 45 Lost a shadow, in a way
- 47 "Violence is \_\_\_ of the ignorant": Flip Wilson
- \_ Montoya, "The Princess Bride" role
- **51** Pioneering cell phone co.
- 52 Sarnia's Great Lake
- **54** Lariat used by a gaucho
- 57 Poetic "above"
- 58 Certain freight trains
- 59 Clumsy clod







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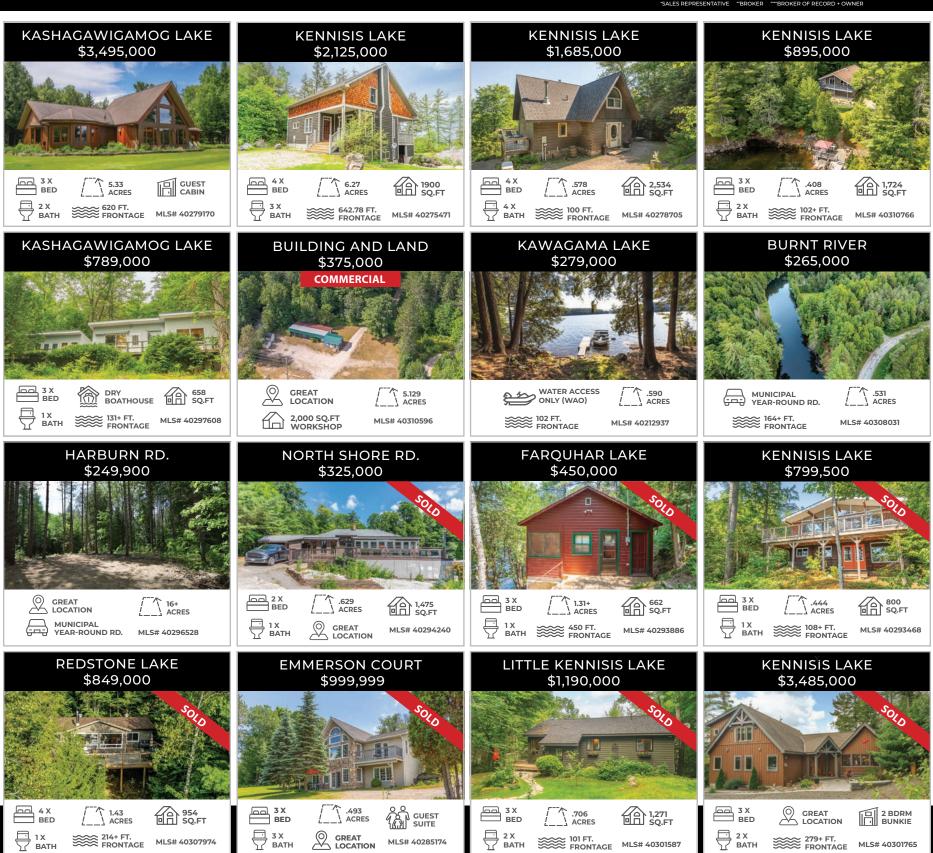
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