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**Hurtin' in the Forest**

Adam Hill (right) won the men's division for a second time as racers competed in the fourth annual 8 Hours of Hurtin' race in Haliburton Forest Sept. 17. For eight hours, cyclists from across Ontario sliced through the gravel trails. In the solo female division, Julie Toole placed first, riding eight laps of the 27 kilometre course. Hill completed nine laps. Ry Shissler was the first-ever entrant and winner of the race's non-binary category. Garnett Lee Abbey and Jeff Murphy won the men's doubles, Patricia Konantz and Kim Fera the womens' class, Myles Latter and Elizabeth Travers first in mixed, and Jonathan Calcagni won the single-speed division.

*Photo by Sam Gillett.*

## Stolen 'slow down' signs anger residents

By Sam Gillett

More than a dozen signs asking drivers to slow down have been taken from North Shore Road, leaving residents puzzled and distressed over local traffic speeds.

"I was bitterly disappointed and a little angry," said Paul MacInnes, who helped secure "Slow Down Please" lawn signs from

CAA in Peterborough.

After installing 16 up and down the road Sept. 15, MacInnes heard from multiple residents they seemed to be having an effect. However, they were all taken some time during late Sept. 17 or early Sept. 18.

MacInnes said he reported the issue to the OPP, who released a statement on Sept. 20

about sign tampering and theft.

"The Haliburton Highlands OPP recently received reports of the theft of election and community safety signage and would like to remind residents to be vigilant and make a report if you witness any such incidents to the police immediately," said the OPP.

"Anyone removing signage without

authority to do so could result in persons being charged with theft under \$5,000."

The MacInneses and 16 other families erected signs on the road after meeting to discuss municipal election issues at the beginning of September.

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# People ignoring posted speed limit: Moffatt

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“The big issue that just kept coming up was the traffic and speeding on North Shore Road,” he said.

They’ve since asked the County of Haliburton for temporary use of digital speed alert signs, and have approached Algonquin Highlands about the issue.

MacInnes said one resident counted more than 200 cars driving by in an hour during the summer.

“The traffic volume is one thing, but the speed they’re going is another. A lot of cars are travelling at a very unsafe speed,” he said.

It’s an issue Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt, who drives the road most days, knows well.

“I’m extremely familiar with every bump on that road,” she said.

Council recently denied a request to seek a change in the speed limit from 50 kilometres an hour to 40 on the road.

“The issue isn’t about a posted speed limit, the issue

is about people ignoring the posted speed limit,” she said.

The fact CAA’s slow down signs are so widespread shows how speeding is a Canada-wide issue, she added.

“People think ‘reduce the speed limit and the problem will fade away.’ That’s not how it works.”

Moffatt said she’s requested the OPP conduct regular patrols on the road to deter speeders. She also encouraged walkers, cyclists and other road users to exercise caution and pay attention to their surroundings.

“People need to stop speeding on North Shore Road. What’s the rush? ...and people need to stop treating North Shore Road like it’s a paved path somewhere,” she said.

As for MacInnes and his neighbours, they’re considering other options to help decrease speed.

“We don’t want to go back to the CAA and ask them for more signs if they’re just going to be stolen again.”




Paul MacInnes picked up signs from CAA in Peterborough last week. Photo by Sam Gillett.




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# Heads-in-beds tax may go with rentals bylaw

By Lisa Gervais

County council has had a look at how a municipal accommodation tax (MAT) program could benefit the area but has deferred taking any action at this point in time.

Director of economic development and tourism, Scott Ovell, prepared a report that goes hand-in-hand with plans to have a short-term rental (STR) bylaw in future.

While next stages of a possible STR bylaw will not be discussed until an Oct. 26 County council meeting, Ovell delivered a written report on the MAT at a Sept. 14 meeting.

STR consultants, J.L. Richards & Associates, discussed the MAT as it applies to STRs at an August meeting and council wanted to hear more from Ovell on the subject.

“It’s becoming more common,” Ovell told council. “I think the province predominately implemented this as a revenue generation tool to allow municipalities to generate more revenue and obviously invest in tourism and economic development.”

He added most municipalities have set the MAT at two to four per cent, with four per cent the most common. Some are phasing it in. It applies to the room portion of costs only. Ovell cited Barrie, Huntsville, Gravenhurst, Prince Edward County and Peterborough as neighbours all having MATs.

He said there are rules, such as a minimum of 50 per cent has to go to an “eligible tourism entity”.

Townships can collect the tax themselves or contract it out to a third party. Ovell said the County’s solicitor says it’s possible for the townships to designate the County as the collection agency on their behalf and return their portion.

When it comes to getting the money from STRs, as opposed to hotels and motels, for example, Ovell said it has proven more challenging. “In the fall of 2019, most third-party online hosts, AirBnB, Vrbo, indicated to municipalities they would no longer collect and remit this tax on behalf of their guests, citing inconsistencies in taxation rates, licensing programs etc.,” he said.

He said the County would have to decide if it would apply the tax to its small number of hotels, motels and resorts, or just to STRs. Anticipating there could be 250-plus short-term rentals in the County, he said



Dysart deputy mayor and County councillor, Pat Kennedy, is a proponent of a municipal accommodation tax. *File.*

administering the MAT would be a challenge. In other areas, he said STRs are being registered and licensed and the MAT tacked on to the licensing process.

As for revenue, Ovell provided some concrete examples for his department’s 2022 budget, including just over \$153,000 for marketing and Hike Haliburton. He said the savings could be redirected towards economic development programs or other services provided by the County.

Coun. Pat Kennedy said he’s in favour. “We’re going to be asking people who visit here, who have no vested interest in the

properties, to pay a little portion to help with things such as landfills that they have a big impact on,” he said. “I have no qualms about implementing this. There’s no negative impact I can see to our property owners. In fact, we may see enhanced hours at our landfills, for example”.

Coun. Andrea Roberts said it could help pay for key infrastructure, whether a new playground in Head Lake Park or a future splash pad.

Coun. Carol Moffatt said she’s worried they’ll spend more time and money on the program than revenue received, especially

with STRs not contributing. She added she had an email from someone saying it should be named a “County sustainability tax.” She agrees, saying “it’s not a tax, it’s a revolving revenue source” that should be directed to tourism infrastructure. “I think this conversation needs to keep moving. I would hate to see it fall off the radar because it feels like too much work.”

Coun. Cec Ryall said talk of the MAT should come at the tail end of the short-term rental file.

Council received the report for information only.



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**COUNTY OF HALIBURTON NEWS**

**Hike Haliburton  
this weekend**

Manager of tourism Tracie Bertrand said Hike Haliburton is set to go Sept. 22 to 25 with 35 hikes. She added that as of Sept. 14, they were 94 per cent full, including a new rail trail hike.

Her department has produced a new brochure that highlights hiking in Haliburton County all-year round, while promoting this weekend’s festival. She said they also added a cancellation option, that has been working, as well as a new format for volunteer appreciation and orientation, that attracted more than 23 people to the Dominion Hotel in Minden.

She spoke of a Hike Haliburton virtual newsletter, which has received greater than industry standard traffic. They’ve also upgraded the website to promote all events across the County over the weekend, with tabs for packages.

Bertrand added they worked with accommodators on two-night packages, including a culinary component with a hike. People get a picnic backpack and a hike.

Warden Liz Danielsen said this year’s additions “were looking really good.”

Coun. Andrea Roberts also applauded the promotion of hiking all-year long, not just for the Hike Haliburton weekend.

**Hot tub exemptions**

Bertrand said the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario (TIAO) has been lobbying hard on behalf of hotel, motel and

resort owners to have them exempted from some hot tub provincial regulations they say are too onerous for them to meet.

Haliburton County operators have raised the issue in recent weeks.

Bertrand said TIAO had approached the Ministry of Tourism, and they in part have spoken to the Ministry of Health.

She said there are public consultations from Sept. 8-23 about seeking exemptions.

“I’m very pleased to see that this is moving forward as fast as it is,” Bertrand said.

Roberts, who sits on the health unit board, said she has also received correspondence from the HKPR district health unit on the matter.

TIAO said Sept. 6, it “has been aware of an issue regarding a public health regulation (O. Reg. 565) that has resulted in local closures of some ensuite hot tubs at resort accommodations. Resolving this issue has been a key priority given its immediate impact to affected operators and potential impact to other visitor accommodations with ensuite hot tubs. TIAO is currently discussing this issue with government partners and working with affected stakeholders. We will share any updates when they become available.”

**Ambulance  
response times set**

The County’s ambulance response times will remain unchanged for now.

Chief of Paramedic Services Tim Waite tabled a report to the Sept. 14 committee of the whole meeting.



Hike Haliburton participants from a previous year’s event. *File.*

Annually, the service is required to have a plan adopted and ready to be put in place by Oct. 1 and submitted to the Ministry of Health by Oct. 31.

“We have met our target response times up until the end of August, so my suggestion is we keep the plan the same and adopt it again for another year keeping in mind that we can change it throughout the year if something goes awry with our response times,” Waite said.

The target for sudden cardiac arrest is 20 per cent of the time within six minutes from crew notified to having a responder with AED on site. For CTAS1, 30 per cent of the time within eight minutes; CTAS2, 65 per cent of the time within 15 minutes; CTAS3 65 per cent of the time within 20 minutes; CTAS4 65 per cent of the time within 25 minutes and CTAS5 65 per cent of the time within 30 minutes. *(County of Haliburton news compiled by Lisa Gervais).*


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# Questions begin to pour in for candidates

By Lisa Gervais

As the 2022 municipal election race heats up across Haliburton County, two candidates' meetings have been announced. The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is finalizing questions for candidates, and the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF) does not want to be left out of the process.

The Minden Rotary Club is holding an all-candidates meeting on Monday, Oct. 3, starting at 7 p.m. in the Minden Community Centre.

"All eight candidates and three acclaimed have indicated they will be in attendance," Rotarian Jeanne Anthon said. She added that Jack Brezina will moderate.

Mayor Bob Carter and deputy mayor Lisa Schell have been acclaimed as has Bob Sisson in ward 3. Trevor Chaulk and Tammy McKelvey are vying for councillor-at-large; Pam Sayne and Stephen Hertel for ward 2 and Ivan Ingram, Shirley Johannessen, Mike Grozelle and Richard Bradley for the two seats in ward 1.

Meanwhile, the Drag and Spruce Lake Property Owners Association, Lake Kashagawigamog Organization and Miskwabi Area Community Association have asked Dysart et al ward 2 candidates to join an all-candidates meeting Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held virtually using Zoom, the three association presidents said.

Candidates include Nancy Wood-Roberts, Jennifer Korpela and Dan Roberts.

Organizers said the candidates will have five minutes each to introduce themselves, explain why they are running and outline their priorities. There will then be a question-and-answer session. "The expectation is that your responses will focus on yourself and not the positions of your opposition," the presidents said.

Chamber executive director Bob Gaudette said they surveyed members, who responded their top issue is affordable and attainable housing. He said via newsletter that 50 per cent of respondents said that was their number one issue followed by the labour shortage. He said several questions were submitted by members and will be incorporated into a finalized version of a questionnaire that will be sent to candidates. The chamber will be looking for video



Jack Brezina, pictured, will moderate an all-candidates' meeting in Minden. *File.*

responses to those questions.

CEWF said it also wanted candidates to consider a few questions. Board member Carol Moffatt said they included: "In relation to the County's flood-line mapping project, what regulatory or other changes would you support, such as building development

or setbacks, in order to protect all of our communities from what happened in 2013 and 2017?"

She followed up with, "(your municipality) supported the CEWF submission to TSW's management plan. In your view, why was this important for your constituents and what

needs to happen next? And finally, CEWF wants to ask, "fluctuating water levels are a significant issue for property owners on the reservoir lakes. How will you ensure the working relationship between CEWF and TSW continues to inform municipal governance?"

  
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# Chaulk says he wants to work for a better future

By Lisa Gervais

## Qualifications

Trevor Chaulk moved to the County 17 years ago and opened Chaulk Woodworking 15 years ago. As a businessperson, he said, “we have to understand people, how to motivate them, and financials. My strengths are in problem-solving ... but most important, good leadership and humility.” He added, “The business is at a point now where it’s working, pretty steady and consistent. I don’t work as many hours as I used to. I do want to see other people grow within the community and, in the aftermath of COVID, people are looking for leadership, accountability, and hope.”

## Amalgamation

“In some ways, I’m for it. In some ways, I’m not for it right now. In Haliburton County, there’s still very distinct us versus them mindsets between townships, cottagers versus locals. We have to get on the same page. The amount of work that needs to be done now in individual townships, we’re not ready for it. Do I believe amalgamation will save costs? Yes.” However, “It’s no different than when a larger company swallows up a smaller company. The staff that have been there 30 years are saying, ‘this isn’t the way it works’. And the upper management is saying ‘this is the way it’s going to work’ so there is going to be a lot of conflict in the early stages. Eventually we will be in a position where it will be supported, but we are not there yet.”

## Health

“Staffing is a critical thing, housing is a critical thing, because we can attract all the doctors, nurses and administration staff but if they have nowhere to live, no entertainment or night life aside from recreation, we might not attract and retain these skilled professionals.” He said they have to find creative ways to get and keep staff since they are competing with the rest of the province. Asked for his ideas, he said, “it’s business growth and development.”

## Labour

“We have to fix a labour shortage before we can fix a business shortage. You’re not going to attract more business here if there are no workers. If we want to have light to medium industry, which is year-round, steady, good-paying, how do we attract that when there’s no workers or industrial area in Minden?” Asked for a solution, he said it is something he wants to investigate. “In the Official Plan they do not talk about any industrial areas. I want to find out what municipal lands are owned and what the municipality can do to develop and promote it. If we can get more light to medium industry, then we also provide better-paying jobs.” He emphasized that tradespeople are needed.



Trevor Chaulk is running for councillor-at-large of Minden Hills. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

## Poverty

“The living wage in Haliburton County is \$19.42 an hour.” He said other factors come into play but, “we all know that is still not enough. Ten years ago, you could do that but we cannot do that anymore. We cannot have a majority of the workforce in the minimum wage sectors.” He said he knows people willing and able to work but one problem is a lack of affordable daycare, with long waitlists.

## Housing

“We have to talk about people’s perception on what is affordable...because you are going to have different tiers of affordability. We do need low-income rental housing. We also need market rate affordable housing for the workforce, and for seniors downsizing. We can look at our bylaws and allow multi-residential on a smaller scale. We can allow homeowners to create apartments in their homes. We can allow duplex and triplex construction. Smaller-scale units, which can go up faster. We can’t wait three years for decisions and then investors walk away because they’re tired. We need to find faster solutions. We only have a three-to-five-year window to get this balanced or you’re going to have more and more people leave the area.”

## Transportation

“How do we solve transportation issues when you work on a lower-tier pay scale? You cannot afford the high rent, heat,

grocery prices and have a vehicle and insurance. It’s not doable. How can we encourage people to come out of poverty if we can’t get them trained. If we can’t provide schooling?

## Shoreline preservation bylaw

He said the intent of the bylaw is “just”, but he thinks there are gaps. For example, he said there is a lot of wording giving discretion to the director. “It seems one-sided where it’s protecting the County.” He added if the County or township has to do work on land within 20 metres of the high-water mark, they do not have to go through any permit approvals and there is nothing to ensure inspections after the work is done.

## Short-term rentals

“I’m for and I’m against.” He said they have to be identified as casual or a business. If businesses, he said they have to follow certain guidelines according to environmental and local laws. He said they should be registered and licensed if operating solely as businesses. He said it will protect neighbours and the environment.

## Vision for the future

He would like more industry to bolster the taxation base. “We want to redirect wasted money to priority projects.” He added, “I have no intention of disrupting heritage.

But as society is changing, mindsets are changing, new people are coming into the area that have different wishes. We have to balance everything as much as possible because we’re going to be serving many different cultures now, many mindsets. So, we have to integrate and monitor the growth.” He added the County has done a good job of attracting retirees and tourists. It has led to booming summers but bust winters. He added, “we have to find creative ways to create a year-round stable economy and need to attract and retain younger families.” He said their spending drives the economy.

## Minden Hills

“There are a lot of issues from big to small.” For example, he said people want public washrooms unlocked. He said roads and waste management are a concern. Chaulk added the downtown core needs improvement, and to be more vibrant. He cited other issues such as safety and well-being, a lack of policing, drug issues, and homelessness.

## Trevor Chaulk the candidate

“I’m a forward thinker. We cannot just look right in front of us and deal day-to-day ... we have to have a vision... What can I do for the community? I thought I could run for council ... My biggest fear, in the next five to 10 years, if we don’t get on top of some of these topics right now, and aggressively get on top of them, this area can be in severe trouble.”



# McKelvey has 40 years of municipal experience

By Lisa Gervais

## Qualifications

Tammy McKelvey started in municipal government in 1980 as a receptionist for Anson, Hindon and Minden. She worked her way up to payroll clerk, accounts payable, deputy clerk, treasurer. She was clerk, treasurer, tax collector at one point. She was the first CAO-clerk for Minden Hills. She was the CAO of Dysart et al. She ended her career as treasurer for Algonquin Highlands in 2019.

## Amalgamation

“I am a proponent. However, the service delivery review is rolling out. I want to see it rolling faster. My first priority would be building and planning departments. It’s ridiculous that a County the size of Haliburton has five official plans, four zoning bylaws ... it’s just so inefficient.” Asked how it could be sped up, she said, “I think we need to focus the priorities on it...start putting the staff resources where they need to be to make it a better place, make it more efficient and effective.”

## Health

“We need to collectively lobby for additional funding. The paramedic service, where they started doing the home check-ins, is wonderful. There’s going to be more need for that sort of thing. We can’t have ambulances going to Lindsay for CAT scans and staying for a whole day because they were sent out on another call there. So, the long-term benefits of providing a CAT scan to our local hospital really will provide us with some financial gains at the other end, but it’s a big expense. It will also help attract doctors. They want that sort of diagnostic equipment. It will be a terrible decision to have to make if one of the hospitals has to close... Having said that, I can see where the cost of running two hospitals is not sustainable.”

## Housing

She’d like amendments to the zoning bylaw to allow for secondary houses on larger pieces of property. In town, she’d like to see infilling some of the larger lots that are serviced with sewers and water. “I’d like to see opportunities for people to sever those ... Change the mindset of what we can do to provide affordable lots for people to build on ... Tiny houses is definitely another issue we need to look at.”

## Poverty

“I would encourage employers to provide a living wage to their workers, starting with the township. The lack of student hiring for the township is a poor image in our communities with the lack of garbage collection and grass maintenance. These young people can’t afford to work for minimum wage and I feel the township



Tammy McKelvey is vying to be councillor-at-large in Minden Hills. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

needs to be a leader. Paying wages over minimum wage usually results in a wage subsidy from the province as well. We need to encourage the development of community gardens and provide space on municipal property. Lack of housing, and affordable daycare, is adding to the poverty levels.

## Shoreline preservation bylaw

“The entire economic engine of our area is the lakes. If we don’t protect those, we will have nothing here. I am a strong proponent for lake protection. I think the shoreline preservation bylaw needs to roll out. Let’s try it. Let’s see how this is and commit to reviewing it so it is a living document that can be changed if things need to be tweaked, but let’s try it out first before there’s any decision to change.” She also thinks the septic reinspection program has to continue and properties requiring remediation followed up on.

## Short-term rentals

“Short-term rentals have to be regulated. It’s no longer just people renting out their cottages for a couple of weeks to help subsidize the cost of having it. It’s becoming a business. It’s taking away the enjoyment of the lakeside lifestyle. The County’s initiated that process. I think we should probably not re-invent the wheel. Lake of Bays is a good place to start. They have a process in place and we could probably utilize that and put it to work in Haliburton County.”

## Transportation

“Public transportation in an area so spread out with a limited population – I don’t see it being in the foreseeable future. You can run a bus from Minden to Haliburton, great, how many people are off all of the other hundreds of roads that can’t utilize it? It’s a critical infrastructure that’s needed. Can it be feasible? I question whether we can. The County has tried pilot projects and tried to come up with a solution.”

## Vision for the future

“We really need to work on the government structure and make sure it’s running efficiently and effectively. The decision-making has to set priorities that are going to benefit the majority of the ratepayers. We will never be able to do everything for everyone. We need to make sure people can safely drive down our roads. Long-term, I’d love to see lots of things for kids. I’d love to see a waterpark. I’d like to see a downtown so when people come from the other areas with their kids to the waterpark they’re going to spend some money in town. I don’t like to see how people have to drive to Bobcaygeon to go to a waterpark. Swimming pool...we missed the boat. We are “arena poor” and now we have to make sure it becomes useable and bring events to it.”

## Minden Hills

“Minden Hills has a lot to offer. The village has water and sewer, which makes

for tremendous development opportunities and housing. I think priorities need to be set for our limited financial resources. One per cent on the levy is \$97,000 so we need to look at it from that perspective. Roads are going to be my number one priority and housing is so important. It’s affecting everybody here.” As for debenturing for roads, McKelvey said the long-term costs must be offset by the benefits. She does not agree with borrowing money for operational costs. Asked what could be done to expand the tax base, she said they have to help existing businesses, ensure basic garbage collection and grass-cutting downtown so it’s attractive. She said it would be hard to attract industry, so it will have to be residential growth. She wants more diversion at the landfill: hard plastics’ recycling, periodic shredding of confidential documents, and a Beer Store bottle return run by service clubs.”

## Tammy McKelvey the candidate

“Municipal government has been my passion for most of my life. I have almost 40 years’ experience and think I can bring a lot to the table. I will hit the ground running.” She said she has the experience to ask the right questions and understands the legislation. “I don’t have that learning curve ... I think my background, experience and financial strength can really help. I think my team player skills and bringing the council together and making sure there is really good dialogue at the council table and encouraging that discussion” will help.



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# County should go to the MAT



By Lisa Gervais

As with many issues, County council is slow to the party with the municipal accommodation tax (MAT). Even though the province gave them the green light to start collecting the MAT in 2017, the County is only just now seriously investigating the prospect of essentially charging visitors a four per cent tax to stay in local accommodation. That money would, in turn, go towards tourism and economic development. Other towns jumped on the bandwagon years ago and have been reaping the rewards. The County's director of economic development and tourism, Scott Ovell, knows all about it since he was at the helm when Huntsville council voted for a MAT in 2018. When first discussing the concept, Coun. Bob Stone predicted it could be the greatest economic development tool Huntsville had seen in decades. At the time, Ovell predicted it could generate up to \$750,000 a year. Although County council has loosely tossed the idea around over the years, nothing was done until Coun. Patrick Kennedy raised the issue in conjunction with regulating short-term rentals. Although a follow-up report on the short-

term rental bylaw isn't expected until Oct. 26, a report on the MAT was tabled to the County's Sept. 14 meeting. You can read the related story on page three of today's *Highlander*. The County should include a MAT along with short-term rental registration and licensing. In doing so, the County would be making one of the biggest investments in tourism ever seen in the community. It will generate an ongoing influx of cash. Most importantly, it won't come off the backs of the property taxpayers across the Highlands who have largely footed the bill for tourism up until now. It sends a message that the County remains serious about tourism, as well as economic development. Is there work still to be done to make a MAT happen locally? Of course, there is. The County has to look into next steps. As with Huntsville, they will likely have to create a working group to hammer out details, with involvement of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Haliburton BIA, Algonquin Gateway Business Association, councils, and representatives of the accommodation industry. More and more places are jumping

onboard. In addition to Huntsville, Barrie, Gravenhurst, Prince Edward County and Peterborough are other neighbours that all have MATs. As for revenue, Ovell provided some enticing examples of a how a MAT could massage his department's 2022 budget, including just over \$153,000 for marketing and Hike Haliburton. Those savings could be redirected towards economic development programs or other services provided by the County. Kennedy thinks it's a no-brainer. He said we'd be asking visitors to pay a small portion to offset costs such as having their waste taken to landfills. Coun. Andrea Roberts said It could help us pay for that new Head Lake playground and maybe a splash pad one day. It's hardly a tax grab since it does not apply to locals and would be put back into the very infrastructure and programming that visitors are using. It's past time for council to jump on the MAT.

# What are we doing about poverty?



By Mike Baker

It was Mahatma Gandhi who said the true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members. In that regard, Haliburton County receives a failing grade. For decades, the Highlands has been recognized as one of the poorest in Ontario, sharing that unenviable title with Manitoulin Island. Poverty has been left unchecked far too long, being allowed to fester to such a point that, today, more than 17 per cent of people in Haliburton County are lacking the resources required to provide the basic necessities of life. Really think about that for a moment. Almost one in five people here are struggling to get by. It's even worse for kids – around 25 per cent of our youth are living in poverty. While the pandemic may have exacerbated the issue, this is something people like Tina Jackson, executive director of the Haliburton County Heat Bank and Central Food Network, have been dealing with for quite some time. Since 2014, the heat bank has seen its clientele more than double. Our food banks are finding it difficult to keep up with demand. A report put to County council in 2019 pegged the region's living wage at \$19.42. Now, this was pre-pandemic so we can almost guarantee that number has increased over the past three years, but still... That's a lot of money when you consider a major part of the County's economy is centred around tourism, which isn't generally a high-paying field. Fay Martin, an academic that has spent 30-plus years studying poverty in Haliburton County, suggests we are where we are by design. Because our economy is based on tourism, a vast majority of jobs are seasonal and low paying. It's hard to turn that around. If our restaurants began paying employees a living wage, they would have to increase prices, likely pushing more people to eat at home. The same can be said for almost any service; eventually, the consumer is the one that pays. In a nutshell, tourists will find somewhere else to go if Haliburton County becomes an expensive place for them to play. We must look at other avenues to bring about change. Perhaps our local leaders can take an active role in trying to bring more

small to medium-sized businesses to Haliburton County. Alliston has Honda, and, more recently, Smith Falls attracted Canopy. Another idea is to entice an organization like Fleming College to establish a trades school here. The arts community has flourished in the years since the Haliburton School of Art + Design opened. Is it that unthinkable to imagine a trades school leading to an influx of much-needed jobs, and workers, in fields such as plumbing, carpentry, welding and electrical? It's not enough anymore to just sit by and acknowledge that we have a problem. We need to push our local leaders to be more proactive in coming up with strategies to tackle poverty. As the last 20-plus years have shown, this isn't an issue that's going to fix itself.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Peter Wood sent this photo of an early morning visitor at Drag Lake.

LETTERS

Democracy worked on shoreline bylaw

Dear editor,

In response to a letter concerning the County’s Shoreline Protection Bylaw in the last issue of this paper:

It is not surprising that the operators of a tree service company, when speaking with prospective clients about removing trees – possibly from on or near the shoreline – would be unlikely to find much vocal support for the bylaw. Nor would I expect that the operators would have encouraged much open dialogue on the issue. After all, if you’re talking to five property owners every working day for three years about something, you need to keep it short.

This might be why our councillors may not have spoken directly to 4,500 property owners who were in favour; they have other work to do on our behalf, as well.

What councils over the last six years or so have done, however, is hold public meetings, make available numerous draft bylaw proposals, encourage public participation in surveys and questionnaires on the subject, and study bylaws enacted in other municipalities. All in order to come up with some regulations that will help to protect the lakes that give Haliburton County so much of its value.

To suggest that our councillors have not listened to their constituents or given opportunities for public input is absurd. To further suggest that those who voted in support of the bylaw did so intentionally against the wishes expressed by most of their constituents is malicious and evidence free.

Opposition to something does not require that untruths be told about the issue or its

supporters.

I feel that the bylaw does not go far enough in many ways; Mr. Fedeski and Ms. Bromley obviously feel the opposite. Disagreement often indicates that compromises have been made, which is the way democracy works.

Remember to vote! On all the issues and on good information.

Andy Muirhead  
Algonquin Highlands

No more etiquette

Dear editor,

As a resident of Drag Lake, and formerly a seasonal resident from age six, things were very different then.

There was an etiquette among cottagers that was simply respect for other people on the lake. No one took their boat out before 9:30-10 a.m., in case someone was having a lie-in. We stayed well away from the shore so we wouldn't rattle anyone's dock, or if someone was swimming just underwater enjoying the glide. The waves were less than one-quarter the size of what the monster boats put out. It is doubly irksome because at least 70 per cent of the time they are towing a float with children as passengers.

The future is not looking great for the next generation. Who will pay the price of unswimmable water as well as their own physical issues, brought on by vacation sloth, and OHIP may drown under the care they will almost inevitably need.

I would advocate for waterskiing, which has stayed with me for nigh on 60 years now.

Anne-Marie Borthwick  
Haliburton

Harburn Holdings public hearing

Dear editor,

The Municipality of Dysart has called an important public meeting for 9 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29 to hear the Harburn Holdings application for a change to the Official Plan and the Zoning Bylaw. The changes would pave the way for lot severance and construction of 88 condo units and commercial units on a thin ribbon of land adjacent to the Grass Lake wetlands.

Hundreds of area residents are against this proposal, which could undermine a wetland that provides important ecological services to Haliburton village and the Lake Kashagawigamog watershed. Over 900 people have signed petitions opposing the application and urging both Dysart council and the County to adopt green infrastructure planning and beefed-up environmental measures to ensure that the environment receives a high level of protection in land use planning.

Public announcements about this potentially precedent setting decision have been minimal. We strongly encourage interested residents to attend by Zoom on Sept. 29. Members of the public wishing to watch the meeting can do so by joining the live-stream link, available on the Municipality of Dysart website on the day of the meeting: dysartetal.civicweb.net/portal/

Members of the public wishing to speak at the meeting need to pre-register by emailing korsan@dysartetal.ca before 4 p.m. on Sept. 28.

Don Ross  
The Friends of Grass Lake

Removing elections signs an offence

Dear editor,

Municipal election time is here and the ugliness rears its head.

It astounds me to hear of an opponent’s election sign laying in a ditch. Obviously, they didn’t end up in a ditch on their own and must have gotten help from someone who is either self-absorbed or feels threatened by an opponent running against them.

Remember all is fair in love and war, a saying we are all familiar with and let the chips fall where they may.

Credit has to be given to those who throw their hat in that proverbial race for success and to destroy, deface, and remove election signs is a criminal offence.

No one wins such a race by using underhanded tactics and only demonstrates a lack of integrity and class.

With all the availability of cell phones, dash cams, and other means of technology, taking such a chance to destroy, remove or deface an opponent’s election sign is taking a risk and, remember, you could end up on candid camera or TikTok.

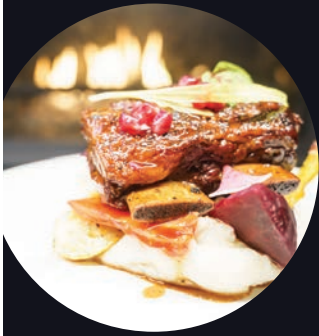
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Highlands East council unanimously voted to send a letter opposing a draft electoral boundary change. *File.*

## **HIGHLANDS EAST NEWS**

### **Council opposes federal rezoning**

Highlands East councillors voted to send a letter opposing a draft election boundary plan that would see much of the township enter a new electoral district.

In 2021, the Canadian election commission reviewed election boundaries in Highlands East and proposes a portion of Highlands East would be part of Hastings-Lenington and Addington-Tyendinaga riding to the east.

Both mayor Dave Burton and MP Jamie Schmale said they oppose the plan.

At a Sept. 13 meeting, deputy mayor Cecil Ryall said it would be, "so wrong, especially with the solid progress we're making with the service delivery review across the County." He added, "it's a lot better to allow delegations to come from one central area."

A staff report suggests council tell the elections commission that "...the proposal to arbitrarily draw a division along highways 507, 503 and 118 would effectively cut our region in half. Highlands East has a vested interest in maintaining political cohesion with the County of Haliburton with respect to federal policies affecting our region."

There will be a virtual meeting Monday, Sept. 26 for people to provide input to the commission.

### **Highlands East rubber stamps bylaw**

Highlands East has approved Haliburton County's authority to implement its new shoreline preservation bylaw.

The County's director of planning Steve Stone approached Highlands East to request delegation of authority to allow the bylaw to be County-enforced. County council approved the bylaw in August.

"We started discussing this when I was on County council and that was some time ago. I'm really glad we're getting to this point," Coun. Suzanne Partridge said.

The bylaw is set to be implemented in April 2022.

### **Herlihey work continues**

The parking lot at Helihey Park has been delayed due to structural concerns about land underneath it, reported director of public works Abby Armstrong.

The township will monitor the site of the parking lot, however construction of three other parking lots and the 7.05-acre park's trail system is continuing. (*Highlands East news compiled by Sam Gillett*).



# Board discusses 'defeatist attitude' towards COVID shots

By Lisa Gervais

HKPR district health unit board member Bill Cane asked the Sept. 15 board meeting what they should be doing about a "defeatist attitude" regarding the effectiveness of further COVID-19 vaccines.

Cane, from Northumberland County, asked if anyone else was noticing a trend whereby, "all kinds of people are saying, 'I was triple vaxxed and got it anyway, we're all going to get it anyway, what's the sense?'"

He asked his colleagues what their response should be.

Chief medical officer of health, Dr. Natalie Bocking, said the number of people getting immunized against the virus has dramatically declined. She said while the first two shots and a booster provide "very good protection" from her perspective, data indicates people can still get severely ill without subsequent shots.

"Protecting yourself against severe illness by getting the bivalent dose this fall makes sense to me and is an easy thing to do." She added it will help protect the health care system overall. "The fundamental message is look after yourself, your family and your community, but I agree we are struggling with our messaging because we know people are tired."

Cane asked if it was a question of getting slightly ill or really sick. Bocking said getting subsequent doses could prevent people from going to hospital, which frees up more hospital beds for other things, including elective surgeries. "If it protects other members of the community, it's a step worth taking."

Haliburton County board member, Dysart et al mayor Andrea Roberts, likened it to "roulette."

"It's not fair to have a laissez faire attitude," she said. She added they were "ambassadors" of public health who should be promoting



The health unit office in Haliburton. *File.*

vaccines. She said no one could predict the future and "heaven forbid" there could be a new variant this fall.

In her report to the board, Bocking said "at the health unit, the pandemic still has an ever-present presence ... and still a lot of work and effort that we need to be putting in to address COVID-19 locally. We don't expect COVID to be leaving us any time soon."

She said this summer's seventh wave is only now receding, with the number of outbreaks at long-term care homes and retirement residences down at the end of the first week of September and positivity rates also declining.

She said they got up to 14-15 outbreaks at the peak, down to five as of the meeting. The positivity rate had gone from 16.9 per cent to 9.7 per cent. She said wastewater trends had also stabilized, including in Minden.

"As much as we see COVID-19 becoming

less of a presence in our overall lives, it's still impacting certainly those most vulnerable in our community. We know we have good immunization coverage in long-term care homes so thankfully we're not seeing the same levels of illness, hospital admissions and deaths than we did in the first waves of the pandemic, but we are still seeing some."

She added some people are saying Omicron is like a cold, but there have been more hospitalizations and deaths from it, than influenza in any given year.

As for the fall, she suggests people keep up with COVID-19 as well as flu shots since they are anticipating "a challenging fall respiratory season."

She urged board members to take the message home, "if you're sick this fall, that you stay home." She said the vaccine landscape is more complicated and people should ask their primary health care provider or the health unit if they have questions.

## Health services welcomes new board chairman

By Lisa Gervais

David O'Brien will be taking the reigns of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) board of directors.

The executive committee made the announcement Sept. 8.

It said O'Brien, who had been vice-chair, had been promoted following the resignation of Dr. Jan Walker.

"I am disappointed to be leaving the board at this critical time in HHHS' journey," Dr. Walker said in a media release. "My family requires more support to address some health challenges, and I must step away to focus on them. I know HHHS will be in good hands with this strong board team in place."

O'Brien has been a board member since June 2018. Prior to becoming chair, he served as chair of the finance committee and then vice-chair of the board, and, according to the release, "has been a key member of

the executive committee of the board that helped to steer HHHS through some difficult years."

Prior to retirement, O'Brien's career included extensive executive leadership roles including city manager for the City of Mississauga, the City of Ottawa, and the City of Gloucester, various positions for the City of Sudbury, president and CEO of Toronto Hydro, and other corporate roles.

"He has broad governance experience, serving as director on many boards throughout his career including for hospitals," the release said.

It added the resident of Dysart et al, "is committed to giving back to the community through his involvement on multiple boards, including at the Haliburton County Development Corporation and the Haliburton County Public Library.

"We are deeply grateful to Dr. Jan Walker for her dedicated service to the board of



David O'Brien during a talk at Haliburton School of Art + Design in 2018. *File.*

directors and HHHS since 2015," O'Brien said. "Under her leadership over the past year, HHHS has continued to deliver the high-quality health care services our community relies on, despite significant challenges including the health human resource crisis being experienced across the province. We will miss Dr. Walker, and will continue to work hard to guide HHHS forward for our community."

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# Dahms brings ‘personal connections’ to Highlands East

By Sam Gillett

## Qualifications

Janice Dahms worked in the hospitality industry and then at a spa in Eagle Lake. She now works at a service station in Highlands East. “I feel I have a good understanding of our community and our people having that hospitality backing then working in the tourism industry.”

## Amalgamation

“To some degree, I agree with it. I don’t think every aspect of all the municipalities should be amalgamated. But, for example, shared road maintenance could be something that is taken under one umbrella. So certain services, social services probably would work better as a whole, whereas other things [should be] kept to their own municipalities.” Haliburton County, along with all four townships, has been working to increase collaboration on services such as road maintenance and more since 2021.

## Health

“I believe having the two hospitals is beneficial, given the sheer size of our County... it’s ‘is this person now having to drive 40 minutes instead of 20 minutes to get to the hospital?’ The staffing issue is something that’s common everywhere whether it be healthcare or your local restaurant or grocery store. It is an issue that hopefully as time goes on, will start leveling out. But I really do believe that keeping the two hospitals running is beneficial to most people.”

## Housing

“I’d like to find out what [Highlands East] can or can’t do. I don’t have access to any of that information at this point in time... In an ideal world, I’d say, let’s take a chunk of land because we have lots of land in this County. Can we not approach developers and create some kind of incentive program to maybe build affordable houses with rent geared to income, like we have a complex in Wilberforce that has been running successfully for a few decades now.” (Information on municipal incentives that can be offered to developers and Ontario’s regulations regarding municipal control over housing developments can be found publicly online).



Janice Dahms is a candidate for Highlands East ward 2. Photo by Sam Gillett.

## Poverty

“We obviously have our food banks and our heat banks. We need to continue to work with our partners, to have their services accessible to everybody.” When asked to specify what working with the partners would look like, Dahms said she’d like to volunteer or help organizations find other partners in the community to offer services.

## Shoreline preservation bylaw

“I personally am very supportive of it. I do live on the lake as well. I like to see the naturalized shorelines and their preservation. I have seen the total opposite going on as well. I’ve seen people come in and clear-cut their properties.” She said the bylaw is “a work in progress.”

## Transportation

“I do believe it’s something really neat to have, in what capacity I’m not exactly sure.” As an example, she said at prior

jobs, such as Sir Sam’s Inn, “people couldn’t physically get up to Eagle Lake from Haliburton. So, to have just any form of a public transportation system to get from A to B to C would be beneficial for everybody.” She pointed to the TROUT bus in Bancroft, which is operated by Bancroft Community Transit, as an example of a community transportation system.

## Vision for the future

“I want to see our community continue to grow and prosper, get healthy, recover from the pandemic, and everything that happened to it.” When asked about her role in seeing that growth and prosperity come, Dahms said that could include helping organize new volunteer groups.

## Highlands East

“I feel that there hasn’t been [a connect] between the public and the council. I know council has [meeting] agendas and things that they have to do and follow. But I feel there’s not enough community input into what’s going on in council.”

When asked to specify how council could improve community input or communication, she said “I don’t know that... I’ve been watching meetings in the past. But I don’t have enough experience hands-on to know what goes on even behind the scenes of some of the council meetings.”

## Janice Dahms the candidate

“I was sort of feeling that things do need to change. Everything has to evolve, always, and nothing is going to change or evolve unless changes are brought forward. So, coming in as a new person into the political scene I’m hoping that I can bring some fresh perspectives, concerns and interests of other people... I’m really hoping that people will get to know me and be comfortable enough to call, email or text with any of their thoughts or concerns, and hopefully, I can address them or at least get them answers if I don’t have an answer for them directly.”

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# Lewis wants to be ‘hands-on’ councillor

By Sam Gillett

## Qualifications

Angela Lewis managed a maintenance team for 14 years at the Haliburton hospital. “With that goes a lot of the inspections, health inspections, fire inspections, keeping up with codes and keeping compliant with all of the codes.” She also served on Highlands East’s fire committee, where she advocated against the closure of the Highland Grove fire hall. Through that process she said she learned about delegations and council conduct.

## Amalgamation

She said she does not support amalgamating Haliburton County, and said she has spoken with many other locals who echo her views. She said Highlands East has already amalgamated, which negatively impacted the community. “There doesn’t seem to be unity. We have to change that.”

## Health

“I think we’re doing a pretty good job of it now.” Lewis said the health services may be short-staffed, but she said that’s similar in most industries at the moment. She said attracting healthcare staff may mean enhancing branding of the Highlands as a place to live for nurses or doctors. She did not specify how this could be done differently than the efforts employed by Haliburton County’s doctor recruiter, who currently works part-time to attract doctors to the area.

## Housing

Lewis said she’d like to look into the possibility of running pilots of tiny houses, and investigating whether the County can attract apartments or more duplexes. “Even where I work, I see young families being told to go to a shelter. That’s sad.” She said she’d vote to approve housing on environmentally-protected areas or near wetlands, “to achieve affordable housing for working families. They need a place to live.”

## Poverty

She said the local economy is “booming. We just need a sustainable industry. We need extra training for people. A lot of times, it’s seasonal work, and you can’t get ahead.” She said to combat this, the township could look at running training sessions out of its community centres to help equip workers with in-demand skills.



Angela Lewis is a candidate for Highlands East ward 2. Photo by Sam Gillett.

## Shoreline preservation bylaw

Lewis said the bylaw was needed to secure lake health and healthy habitats. “They did their homework... they spent a lot of time on it. It wasn’t just a decision that they made overnight.”

## Transportation

“There’s a lot of people in the community who volunteer for those things. And, so, I think that it [can’t be] publicly funded unless you can get a grant from the government. I just don’t see that there’s a need for it.”

## Short-term rentals

She said she’d support looking at licensing short-term rental operators. She said housing shortages may be made worse by short-term rentals, but the local economy has benefitted from rental activity. “When I look at it, the economy is great. But I also talk to people that live beside one

of them. And it’s not fun for them. But there are already noise bylaws enforced.” A noise bylaw for Highlands East is currently being developed.

## Vision for the future

“I want to see our community continue to grow and prosper, get healthy, recover from the pandemic, and everything that happened to it.” When asked about her role in seeing that vision realized, Dahms said that could include helping organize new volunteer groups.

## Highlands East

Lewis said she’d like to see the community add amenities and create opportunities for the next generation. When asked to specify how she could help bring industry and more community amenities, Lewis said the first steps to achieve that would be to look at planning for the township. She also said town hall meetings could be a valuable way to bring the community together to talk about its future.

## Angela Lewis the candidate

Lewis said she’d be a “hands on” councillor. When asked to specify what that means, Lewis gave an example of getting a complaint about how dark one resident’s street was. She went out there to see first-hand and talked to the resident about the issue. “So, if somebody is saying, the roads are terrible, then I’ll grab a coffee and take a drive, and we’ll see how much slops all over me...” she said. “I still work full-time, and I will continue to work full-time. But it’s really important. It’s four years, it’s a huge sacrifice but I’m willing to do it. And I think everybody, as I said, that has put their nomination [for council positions] knows that.”



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# Huskies impress scouts at Cobourg showcase

By Mike Baker

It's been a mixed week for the Haliburton County Huskies, who maintained their place atop the OJHL South/East Conference standings despite falling to a pair of shock defeats.

An intense 'Battle of Hwy. 35' match-up with the Lindsay Muskies Sept. 16 resulted in the Dogs' first loss of the season, falling 4-3 in overtime. The hometown team followed that up with a 3-1 win over the St. Michael's Buzzers Sept. 17 at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

The team traveled south to Cobourg Sept. 19 to participate in the OJHL Governors' Showcase, where they kicked off proceedings early on day one with a 6-2 routing of the North York Rangers. A tilt with the Toronto Patriots Sept. 20 ended badly for the Huskies, dropping a 3-1 decision against the previously winless side.

"We played a lot of hockey over the past week, four games across five nights and I think that caught up with some of the guys," said head coach and general manager Ryan Ramsay.

Friday's contest with the Muskies was a back-and-forth rollercoaster with both teams going hard for the win. Young forward Taylor Barnett fired the Muskies into an early lead nine minutes into the opening period. Huskies blueliners Will Gourgouvelis and Isaac Sooklal then took centre stage – Gourgouvelis tying the game with a ripper from the point at 14:23 after being teed

up by Sooklal, and then Sooklal blasting in the go-ahead goal at 15:42, assisted by Gourgouvelis.

Boyd Stahlbaum and William Everson hit back for the Muskies during the second, with Sooklal scoring again in the final frame to send the game to overtime. Tempers flared during the extra frame, with Myles Perry receiving a five-minute major after he appeared to kick a downed Muskies player after the whistle. He subsequently received a four-game suspension.

Stahlbaum was the eventual hero, giving the Muskies the win 3:42 into the overtime period.

The Huskies were relentless the next night in Minden, racing out to an early 2-0 lead against the Buzzers courtesy of goals by Alex Cunningham and Ty Collins. Bryce Sutherland provided the away side with some late hope, potting at 18:34 during the third before Christian Stevens added an empty netter for the Dogs.

## Governors' Showcase recap

A slow start to Monday's tilt with the Rangers landed the Huskies in hot water, with the hometown team finding themselves two goals behind early in the second period. Six straight goals powered the Dogs through, with Cunningham, Collins, Patrick Saini, Sam Solarino, Jack Staniland and Josh Sordo all getting on the scoresheet in a 6-2 win.



Goaltender Christian Linton watches for the wraparound during the Huskies 4-3 OT loss to the Lindsay Muskies Sept. 16. Photo by Mike Baker.

The Huskies made a promising start to Tuesday's early morning game with the Patriots, Gourgouvelis scoring at 4:57 of the opening period. That was as good as it got for the Dogs, who gave up three straight goals en route to their first regulation defeat of the season.

"I think we just got outworked. It doesn't matter how much skill and talent you have; hard work will beat talent if talent doesn't show up," Ramsay said. "That game [with the Patriots] is one all of the boys I'm sure would like to have back."

The showcase was well attended by pro scouts, with Ramsay having conversations

about several of his players.

"It's not all about wins and losses, while we were disappointed with the result [against Toronto], there were spurts and periods were the players played really well," Ramsay said. "For our guys to get recognized at an NCAA level and NHL level, that's great for our program."

The Huskies will be back at it this weekend with a road game against the Trenton Golden Hawks Sept. 23. The team returns to Minden Oct. 1 for a home tilt with the Wellington Dukes. Puck drop at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena is 3 p.m.

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Top left: The squad celebrates after a Ty Collins goal Sept. 17. Top right: Will Gourgouvelis stretches for the puck in the offensive zone. Bottom left: A young fan waves to her heroes. Bottom right: Sam Solarino prepares to dish the puck.  
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# School enrollment higher than expected

By Sam Gillett

More students than forecasted showed up for class across the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) when schools reopened Sept. 6.

At a Sept. 13 committee of the whole meeting, superintendent of human resources services, Traci Hubbert, said more than 300 additional students are in the system from Kindergarten to Grade 8.

More than 300 extras are also enrolled in high school.

Haliburton County's trustee, Gary Brohman, asked if the increase was noted across the board, or concentrated in areas such as Lindsay.

"Is it higher in one area? When I drive through Lindsay now, I see nothing but new homes going up."

Hubbert said even in Haliburton, two schools out of five had new classes added to accommodate students.

"It's fairly distributed to be honest."

Enrolment overall is still declining, with a net loss of about 60 students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, across the TLDSB region.

"While we are still going down overall, the number is currently a very small number," Hubbert said.

Secondary school enrollment sits at 4,986, while Kindergarten to Grade 8 is at 11,561.

Tim Ellis, superintendent of business services, explained how enrolment related

grants act as a "buffer" for declining school enrolment. Provincial grants help school boards more gradually transition staffing levels to match student needs.

"It's a weighted grant. As a board, we have been declining," Ellis said. "So, we qualify for a top-up relating to that decline to help offset dramatic decline."

## Thanking staff

While the school year seems to begin in earnest in September, staff across the TLDSB region spent the summer, "working tirelessly to get the schools up and running," director of education Wes Hahn said.

He said information technology teams and contractors upgraded facilities and equipment.

More than 1,000 new HEPA air filters have been installed in schools, for instance.

Hahn said he's heard from multiple schools that the learning year started well.

"I think it's extremely positive. I think we started on a really good note," he said.

Student trustee Alexia Evans-Turnbull said it's been refreshing to return to classes along with sports and other school activities that were put on hold for more than two years due to COVID-19 protocols.

"Many students from my school especially have said it's like the regular school experience. It's a really good way for students to adjust to the school year ahead," she said.



Some schools across the Trillium Lakelands District School Board saw more students than expected this year. *File.*

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# Sledders celebrate volunteer efforts

By Sam Gillett

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) recapped its season and honoured those who made it possible at its Sept. 17 annual general meeting at the A.J. LaRue arena.

"We're powered by volunteers and I talk about that a lot. No volunteers, no trails," said association president John Enright after the meeting. "That's the main message: be a volunteer and you'll help contribute to Haliburton's winter economy."

Groomer Noah Black won "The Elmo" award, named after a famous HCSA groomer operator.

Enright described Black as a "marathon" groomer.

"Sometimes he'll be out there for hours and hours, he doesn't quit," Enright said.

Sherri and Scott Patterson were awarded the "family of the year" award. Margo Ross, HCSA volunteers in action coordinator, said the family "works tirelessly year after year."

Brad Griffin was awarded the volunteer of the year plaque for his work as co-grooming operations coordinator and his commitment to helping clean up and maintain the association's property.

Enright said he's a "hands-on and 'get er' done' guy."

The association battled tough snow conditions during the 2021/2022 season with inconsistent temperatures and snowfall.

It was named the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Club's (OFSC) club of the year, and secured a new groomer.

## Trail to rejoin regions

A trail linking Haliburton and Muskoka's snowmobile networks could be restored this winter.

For the past three years, a multi-use trail linking the Muskoka region to Haliburton has been closed due to a washout. Enright said the trail's re-opening will be big for local business. "We have two huge adjoining areas that have been severed for three and a half years without a proper connection," he said.

The Bancroft and Minden forestry corporation, the OFSC, Haliburton ATV association, the Ontario Four-wheel Drive Club, and the HCSA have partnered to repair the trail. Fixing the washout, which Enright estimates is 160 feet long and 12 feet deep, will cost about \$180,000.

Enright told the AGM that the trail's re-opening will be "nothing short of amazing...this is the biggest trail opening in five years."

Top: Noah Black (middle) was awarded "The Elmo" groomer of the year. Bottom: Brad Griffin (middle) was named volunteer of the year. *Photos by Sam Gillett.*



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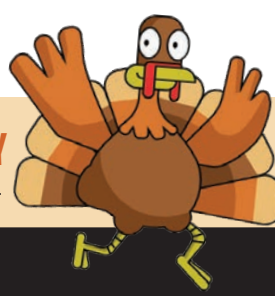
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# Decoration Day about respecting fallen veterans

**By Mike Baker**

While Remembrance Day is still a couple of months away, members of the Haliburton Legion partnered with a leadership class from HHSS this week to commemorate the community's fallen veterans.

The legion held its annual Decoration Day at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic cemetery and Evergreen cemetery Sept. 19, with around 50 people, including 23 high schoolers, braving the elements to attend.

Now into its fifth year, the event has become a staple of the local legion's fall program, said president Don Pitman.

"It's important for our legion to recognize those that have served over the years. This is a great opportunity to leave a visual marker so that when people come through the cemetery, they will realize that these people served with distinction and, in some cases, made the ultimate sacrifice for their country," Pitman said.

Teacher Paul Longo said it was "an honour" for HHSS to be involved in the event.

Grade 11 and 12 students have been taking part since 2018. They attend the opening ceremonies and then take crosses provided by the legion and place them beside grave sites.

This year, students placed 146 crosses honouring veterans who served in the First and Second World Wars and in the years since.

Kamryn Holden said she learned a lot about respect by participating in this year's event.

"It's very enlightening. It adds a whole other element to remembrance for me," Holden said.

Jesse Bascevan, in Grade 12, helped to lay 14 crosses during a wet morning at Evergreen. He said he appreciated learning about the veterans, many of whom gave their lives so future generations may prosper.

"Some people may not see this event as important at all – like, why would we go to graves and put some little crosses down? It's about giving respect to people who did things that I don't think many would [be prepared to] do today," Bascevan said.

"We need to remember these people and the sacrifices they made for our freedom," said Landon Chaulk. "If we don't, then history is going to repeat itself and their sacrifices will have been for nothing."



Top right: Don Pitman, president of the Haliburton Legion, holds a microphone for Rev. Garry Swagerman as he leads a prayer during the Legion's fifth annual Veterans' Decoration Day, at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Cemetery and Evergreen Cemetery Sept. 20. Left: Grade 12 student Jesse Bascevan places a cross at a grave site. Bottom right: The Legion's colour party braved the elements to conduct a ceremonial march. *Photos by Mike Baker.*



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# Book lovers to unite at Bookapalooza

By Sam Gillett

Haliburton County's first-ever Bookapalooza is set to bring writers, readers and creatives of all stripes together at the Minden Community Centre Sept. 24.

The event is meant to "connect readers and writers on a local level," said one of the organizers, Kathy Lawton Purc.

It's hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Literary Arts Round Table, a division of the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands.

"It's a chance to meet editors and illustrators and people who have services for writers and for them to connect on a person-to-person basis with readers," Purc said.

Along with a performance by the Rural Rogues theatre troupe, a host of book exhibitors, illustrators and more will attend, along with award-winning author Terry Fallis. He'll chat about his writing and even lead a hike as part of Hike Haliburton festival.

"He's going to be kind of ad-libbing things as he works along," Purc said.

Haliburton County Public Library CEO Christopher Stephenson will host a conversation with Fallis at 7 p.m. at the "Big Book Club," where they'll chat about the author's career and his new novel, Operation Angus.

Fallis has garnered more than a dozen writing accolades, including a Stephen Leacock Award.

Seven other authors and creatives will also present at Bookapalooza. Childrens' authors Carolyn Huizinga Mills, Irene Davidson Fisher and Erin Thomas will be reading at the Children's Book Nook, musician Jim Love will host a "Tell Me Your Life Story in 3 Minutes" storytelling session, poet Anabelle Craig will read from her first collection, and historical fiction author Marie Gage will lead a workshop on family history interviewing. Lawton Purc will also speak about "The Power of Memoir."

She said the wide age and genre range of the authors shows, "you can be a writer at any age and become a writer at any age."

She said she's excited to speak on memoir



Irene Davidson Fisher will be one of the authors featured at Bookapalooza. Photo by Sam Gillett.

writing.

"Writing memoir is really a journey for the writer, you're finding out things you're not expecting," she said. "It takes you to a whole new level of depth you weren't expecting

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Peacefully at Extendicare-Haliburton on Thursday, September 1, 2022, in her 80th year. Beloved wife of the late Armand Dupuis.

Loving mother of Katherine, Jennifer, Effie, and son Patrick. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren. Predeceased by her parents Wilfred and Ileen Crarey. Dear sister of Bryan and Connie. Also lovingly remembered by her nieces and nephews. Beth will be remembered for her volunteering in various places in Haliburton and was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Haliburton.

**Visitation & Graveside Service**

Friends called at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Monday morning, September 19, 2022, from 11 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. to visit with the family. Then to Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton for a Graveside Service at 12 o'clock. As an expression of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.



*In Loving Memory of*  
**MacKay, Kenneth Harold**  
1948-2022

It is with deep sadness we announce the unexpected passing our beloved Ken on Friday September 16, 2022 in his 74th year. A wonderful husband to Judith (nee Tomlinson) for 50 years. Cherished father to Amanda (Ian) & Zac (Laura). An incredible grandfather to Matthew, Oliver, Frankie, Beau, and Kit. Survived by his eldest sister Sheila and predeceased by his siblings Mary & John & Parents Irene & Angus.

Ken's world revolved around those he loved. He was the kindest, most generous and loving person. Someone who made an impact on everyone he met.

His love for his wife and best friend Judy was unmatched. His days started and ended by telling her how much he loved her and in between doing everything he could to bring her happiness and joy. He set a high standard for what being a husband and father is all about.

He was an incredible Grandpa who loved having fun with and teaching his grandchildren. As a counselor for over 30 years with the Peel Board he impacted countless lives. As 'Coach MacKay,' Ken was a father figure to many and helped hundreds of young men and women reach their full potential by reminding them to "Let their talent flow."

Ken loved golfing with his wife and creating many memories with their friends on Boshkung Lake. He was always the focal point of fun there and in Alabama during their retirement.

Ken made everything better and has left us all forever changed for having had him as part of our lives.

Family and friends are invited to visit at the **McKERSIE-KOCHER FUNERAL HOME** 114 Main St. E. Milton 905-878-4452 from 2-4pm & 7-9pm on Saturday September 24, 2022. A Celebration of Ken's Life will be held on Sunday September 25, 2022 at 2pm in the Funeral Home Chapel with reception to follow. In lieu of flowers donations in honor of Ken can be made to the Milton District Hospital, which would be appreciated by the family. Letters of condolence, shared stories and memorial donations may be left for the family online at [www.mckersie-kocher.ca](http://www.mckersie-kocher.ca)

*In Loving Memory of*  
**Raymond David Downs**


Raymond was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend. Raymond left this world peacefully on September 18, 2022 surrounded by his family and friends.

Raymond was born on December 1, 1948 to Loretta and Francis Downs. Raymond married the love of his life Daisy Talboys Downs when he was 18 after they met while working together downtown Toronto; together they share two children Cheryl Downs and Tricia Noel.

Raymond loved spending time with his family, working at the thrift store and watching Hallmark movies on the W channel. Raymond is survived by his daughters Cheryl and Tricia. He was a proud Papa to 5 grandchildren Tiffany (Josh), David (Michelle), Eliesha (Jon), Maxine and Tess, he was Great Papa to Kianna, Mya, Elijah, Ari and Mariah. He is fondly remembered by his nephews Bruce (Judy), Rick (Wanda) and niece Theresa James.

A celebration of life will be held for Raymond at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon St., Minden on Saturday, October 1st, 2022 at 11:00 am. Reception to follow at the Church.

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



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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Tuesday, September, 27, 2022 from 11:00 am until the time of the Memorial Service to Celebrate Wayne's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Cremation has taken place.

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Mini Crossword

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- Across
- 1 Cop \_\_\_ (bargain in court)
  - 6 Fiercely fervent
  - 11 Intl. prizefighting grp.
  - 14 Blend, as butter with sugar
  - 15 "It's \_\_\_ nothing"
  - 16 Alley's surname in the comics
  - 17 Hutu foe, once
  - 18 Recounted epic tales
  - 20 Univ. website ending
  - 21 Bread for naan, maybe?
  - 23 Oscar noted for his 10-Down
  - 24 Beyoncé's former girl group
  - 27 "\_\_\_ My Heart" (Irish oldie)
  - 28 Hard crush, with "the"
  - 29 Book for a bar mitzvah
  - 31 Enter
  - 33 Hassan or Wong of comedy
  - 36 What gourmands bring to the table


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- 40 Exclaim
- 41 Spanish she-bears
- 42 Funny responses?
- 43 Calla lily family
- 45 Lead-in to bucks or bytes
- 46 Attire for judges and deans
- 51 Silent "dunno"
- 53 An hour into the workday, maybe
- 54 Email encl.
- 55 Spot reserved for a real-time film critic
- 57 "Steady \_\_\_ goes"
- 59 Fleur de \_\_\_ (Québec symbol)
- 60 \_\_\_-surface missile
- 61 Parisian high school
- 62 East of Germany?
- 63 Plasterlike painting surface
- 64 Word with synonyms hidden in 18-, 24-, 36-, 46 and 55-Across

- 4 "Spelled \_\_\_ in 'echo'"
- 5 "Is it not?!"
- 6 Like Nickelback vocals
- 7 Peaks in "la Suisse"
- 8 Sure-bet stocks
- 9 Onetime Saturn model
- 10 See 23-Across
- 11 Burden for Atlas
- 12 Become tight with
- 13 Cathedral nook
- 19 Feels unwell
- 22 Narcissist's "numero"
- 25 Shed item?
- 26 Get an edge on, in a way
- 29 Potent part of pot, for short
- 30 Atop, in verse
- 31 Some home fuel gauges
- 32 \_\_\_-Locka (city near Miami)
- 33 Alberta river, town, glacier or university
- 34 Low setting?
- 35 Astronaut's home away from home: Abbr.
- 37 "I thought \_\_\_ say that"

- 38 Winter underwear
- 39 Disney's "Aladdin" parrot
- 43 Take \_\_\_ from (follow suit)
- 44 Made of a mishmash
- 45 Old record label
- 46 "Aw, give it \_\_\_!"
- 47 Reduced section of Canada's Food Guide, 2019
- 48 Genesis song "\_\_\_ Deep"
- 49 Merman with a cameo in "Airplane!"
- 50 Titanic's hull material
- 51 French battle town dubbed "Capital of the Ruins"
- 52 Some have HOV lanes
- 56 You, to Juergen
- 58 Orchestral mus.

- Down
- 1 Heeded a Cranium green card
  - 2 Frequent tisk-tisker
  - 3 Priest's intro to "Our Father," perhaps



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