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Luke Yashan, 7, didn't let the rain dampen his enthusiasm at Abbey Gardens' Fall Festival Oct. 15. See more photos on page 22. Photo by Mike Baker.

## Short-term rentals return to County table

**By Lisa Gervais**

Dorset cottager Peter Willmott and other neighbours of short-term rentals (STR) in the region will be watching County council Oct. 26 as talk of regulations return.

CAO Mike Rutter told *The Highlander* it is staff and consultant, J.R. Richards and Associates', plan to have a final report on

next Wednesday's council agenda.

Willmott said there are seven short-term rentals on his road of 12 properties, including one next door impacting his quality of life.

He had planned to retire to Algonquin Highlands but has limited his stays in Dorset with the arrival of a next door, commercial short-term rental that can accept 10-12

guests. He said they are dealing with cars in a shared driveway, noise, lack of knowledge about fire bans and water safety, and a general dearth of cottage etiquette. He added an essentially transient population is coming for a weekend or week and not contributing to the fabric of the community.

"We have modified our cottage usage from

Victoria Day until Labour Day to avoid all these hassles," Willmott said.

The cottager, who went to college for urban planning and worked in the real estate industry for 40 years, is also worried about the impact of short-term rentals on the Highlands housing market. "It is driving up

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# Lake of Bays bylaw two years in the making

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prices, which limits opportunities for local people living and working in the community, to find housing.”

To date, he is happy the County is considering regulating the industry but thinks designating certain areas for short-term rentals, via zoning bylaws and official plans, is important. He thinks there has to be a clear definition of what a short-term rental is. He can live with a person leasing three to four weeks a year but if full-time, said they should be treated like hotels and motels, and be taxed accordingly.

“If I put a hotdog cart at the end of my driveway and started selling hotdogs, the municipality would come right away and say ‘you’re not allowed to do that commercially’ and shut me down. Meanwhile, my neighbour is running a commercial short-term rental with no regard to that,” he said.

“While the County has stepped in and started this process, there’s fine tuning to do.”

## Work to date

During an Aug. 10 council meeting, the consultants recommended a phased approach to regulating, beginning with registration. They said it would provide a snapshot of the situation in the County and municipal enhancement required to implement a bylaw. They added between registering and licensing, the County and its municipalities would have time to review capacities and

update applicable municipal bylaws.

The consultants looked into what a number of towns and cities are doing, including Bracebridge, Trent Lakes, Lambton Shores and Fort Erie. They also talked to Airbnb, the Haliburton Kawartha Lakes Housing Corporation, Environment Haliburton! and representatives of the local cottage rental and maintenance industry, as well as economic development and tourism. About 1,500 people responded to a survey.

Most councillors expressed interest in a phased approach, beginning with registration then licensing. Coun. Brent Devolin said he thought Lake of Bays, “has done a wonderful job. I’m ready to copy and paste what they have and tweak it so it’s relevant to our area.”

Lake of Bays regulates STRs through a bylaw, and they’re permitted in various zones identified in the zoning bylaw. The township issues three classes of STR license, based on the number of STRs operated by the same owner, total number of nights rented per year, minimum number of consecutive nights of stay, and maximum number of occupants per STR.

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

County council discussed two people per bedroom, to ensure septic capacity. They also leaned towards one parking space per bedroom with a parking management plan.

With accessory and dwelling units, such

as people renting out bunkies and garage lofts, council felt they needed more time to investigate.

When it comes to enforcement, council would like STR owners to designate someone to be on call 24/7 for issues. They so far like the idea of demerit points and fines.

To date, councillors have said “no” to short-term rentals having to be zoned. Council said they’d license all STRs and not grandfather any.

## Lake of Bays model

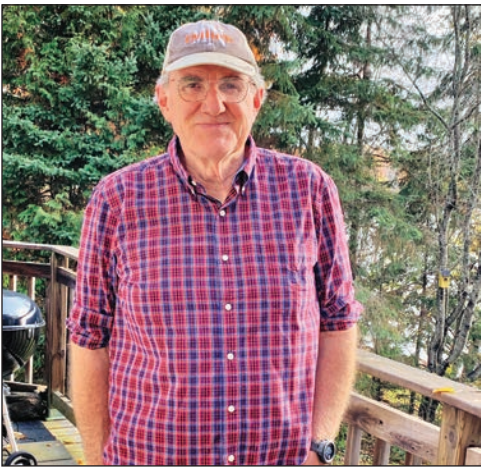
Lake of Bays director of building and bylaw services, Stephen Watson, said their bylaw has been two years in the making.

They hired a third-party contractor, Granicus, to help them locate advertisements for STRs in their area. He said there are more than 200. Granicus then sent letters to owners about registration and licensing.

Lake of Bays also hired a short-term rental co-ordinator. Watson said that person deals with licensing applications, answers general questions and does site visits, so bylaw staff do not have to.

When it comes to complaints, he said people can email, text or phone Granicus 24 hours a day. The company gets in touch with the person deemed contactable for the property under licensing.

“If it’s a noise complaint, Granicus will contact that person in one hour and say ‘we received a noise complaint at your short-term



Peter Willmott at his Dorset area cottage. Submitted.

rental at this address. Can you please address it’.” He said the issue is usually resolved at that point with no need for bylaw.

The Dwight-based director said the cost so far is reasonable, with Granicus charging just over \$15,000 annually, including a 24-hour hotline, and the co-ordinator costs under \$100,000.

Watson added he’s more than happy to share Lake of Bays’ formula with the County of Haliburton.

“If they want, they can call us. We don’t like to advertise our oops (mistake). We can tell them where we think we could have done better.” He said they’ve had seven municipalities reach out to them to date.

“I think we’ve done a pretty good job.”



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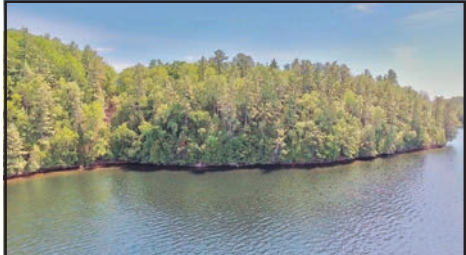
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# Hwy. 118 work continuing to fall 2023

By Mike Baker

Work to repair a portion of Hwy. 118 in Haliburton won't be complete until fall 2023, according to Ministry of Transportation (MTO) officials.

The project, which began in July, is focused on restabilizing the roadway in front of the Gardens of Haliburton residence. MTO spokesperson Dakota Brasier said work is progressing and will continue throughout winter.

"Hwy. 118 from Carnarvon to Haliburton is currently being rehabilitated. This work includes pavement rehabilitation and slope stabilization and improvements to intersections, drainage and guiderail," Brasier said in an email. "Slope stabilization is currently underway in the Head Lake area."

There was some concern locally when workers contracted to complete the job removed trees and installed a temporary roadway between Hwy. 118 and the Head Lake shoreline. Brasier said workers needed to create a safe access way to the slope to install a benched rock slope, which she said will ensure the future viability of the road.

"This was all necessary to stabilize the highway. The benching will become a permanent part of the final slope stabilization. The stabilized slope is constructed of rock fill, which will control erosion," she said.

The temporary roadway will be removed once construction is complete. Brasier said trees will not be replanted in the area.

There will also be a new permanent 1.5-metre-wide extended curb installed along the highway, connecting to an existing pedestrian walkway that runs up Hwy. 118 and around to Maple Avenue.

Dysart et al deputy mayor Pat Kennedy held talks with MTO officials Oct. 14, enquiring about MTO leaving a stone thoroughfare they've installed along the shores of Head Lake in place.

"I think it would be really nice to have a bit of a boardwalk there around the lake," Kennedy said. "You couldn't walk on it right now, something else would have to be done for it to be usable. It would be a project Dysart would have to take on, something for a future council to consider... but there would be grants available [from the federal and provincial governments] that could fund the project."

He'd like to see that strip eventually connect to the rest of Dysart's trail system surrounding Head Lake.

## Hwy. 35 construction

Anyone who has travelled south along Hwy. 35 over the past two years has had to contend with extensive roadworks at Miners Bay and Moore Falls. According to Brasier, both of those projects will be completed this year.

"The work at Miners Bay includes rehabilitation and replacement of an existing concrete culvert, together with accompanying retaining walls. The entirety of the culvert length was waterproofed and existing



Repairs to Hwy. 118 by Head Lake will continue into 2023. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*

guiderail was replaced. New pedestrian handrails were installed on the retaining walls and permanent erosion protection is included on the downstream slopes of the creek," she said.

Miners Bay Road, closed on one end to Hwy. 35 for the duration of the project, has been open since early September.

Construction along the bridge at Moore Falls has been extensive, and includes deck and bearing replacements, waterproofing, paving of the new bridge decks and installation of a new sidewalk, barrier walls and guiderail. Work has been ongoing since 2020.

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**Highland Gate  
gets go-ahead**

A mapping error stretching back 40 years has been corrected, paving the way for development of more than a dozen residential lots near downtown Minden.

The lots at the end of Windover Lane, known as Highland Gate, Windover Subdivision, Pine Ridge Estates and more recently Arbour Crossing throughout the years, were zoned residential type two with a holding symbol. In simplified terms, the lands were zoned with rules that only applied to higher-density development, which was part of previous proposals for the site. “Those holding provisions stayed with the lands over the course of time,” explained contracted planner Amanda Dougherty, “despite rules changing in 2003 to allow for the properties to be developed into low-rise residential units without provisions.”

After council voted to accept the staff recommendation during an Oct. 13 council meeting, the developer can now apply to construct low-rise houses on the lots after submitting a stormwater management plan and an accepted site plan agreement.

Dougherty said this revision means the developer of the subdivision is likely to proceed with new builds on the land.

**Sedgwick bridge  
cost bumps up**

The replacement of the Sedgwick Road bridge has risen in cost by \$20,000. The company contracted to complete the work, Tulloch Engineering, requested additional funds due to soil conditions resulting in engineering compilations and inflation. “It’s the opinion of staff this is a reasonable request,” said manager of waste facilities, Nikki Payne, who delivered the report in Mike Timmins’ absence. “Less than two per cent variance on a million-dollar project doesn’t seem unreasonable,” mayor Brent Devolin said.



Mayor Brent Devolin said the opening of Minden Hills’ arena was one of his highlights as mayor. 13. *File.*

Coun. Bob Carter asked if council could wait to pay until construction is completed to ensure there aren’t more costs incurred. “It would seem to me we should ensure all the engineering work is done perfectly before we decide to give them some extra money.” CAO Trisha McKibbin said paying upon completion is possible. “I think that is a reasonable request we can put forward to [Tulloch Engineering].”

The overage would be funded by the township’s roads capital reserve. As of December 2021, the roads capital reserve balance was \$2.3 million with \$420,000 earmarked specifically for bridges.

**Woodchips at Ingoldsby**

Ingoldsby landfill users will have access to free woodchips at the landfill this fall while supplies last.

“The intent being people can bring in shovels and buckets and take them as needed from the site,” Payne said.

The woodchips are due to a \$30,849 contract with National Grinding, which will complete the chipping of brush which is dropped off by the public at the site.

Payne said another option could be staff transferring the woodchips to Scotch Line landfill, however, that would require more staff time and resources.

She said staff also considered selling the woodchips but they’re not freshly chipped or high-quality enough to be likely to attract sales.

**Devolin: new council will  
‘carry the torch’**

Devolin said it was “bittersweet, but more sweet than bitter” to bring his second and last

term to a close at the township’s last regular council meeting Oct. 13.

He said he was proud of all that the current council had accomplished, including the building of Minden Hills’ arena and community centre and bringing 30 units of housing into the town.

“Do I leave a council and community still fraught with challenges? I do,” he said. “I feel confident those of you who continue to be here and those that will newly join council will carry the torch and do some of the things that I would have liked to see done in this term that I didn’t.”

Devolin first ran for office in 2014 before retaining his position in 2018.

Deputy mayor Lisa Schell said, “I thank you for your leadership for the past eight years and your friendship.” (*Minden Hills news compiled by Sam Gillett*).

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# Library strategic plan won't sit on the shelf

By Sam Gillett

“Committed to empowering your community.”

That’s the newly-defined tagline of the Haliburton County Public Library, approved by the library board Oct. 12 and part of the library’s new strategic plan, which has been in the works for over a year. It will guide the service throughout the next five years, determining what is offered and more.

It’s set to be launched publicly late this year, including a new mission statement and actionable steps the library service will take to achieve its goals.

“A lot of work went into this and a lot of people need to be thanked for the hard work,” said CEO Chris Stephenson.

The plan is formed through interviews with staff, stakeholders and members of the public. Dozens of pages of statistics about library use helped determine, “what aspects of the library matter to our patrons and community members, and we better understood the demographics that use and enjoy our services and programs.”

That’s translated into five strategic objectives: communicating the library’s value as a community hub and safe gathering space; building and maintaining bridges to new and existing partners and patrons; advocating for the library and connecting with the community in a strategic way; developing staff careers and working to strengthen the library internally; and



CEO Chris Stephenson said the new plan “won’t be consigned to a dusty binder on a shelf somewhere.” *freepik.com*.

establishing consistency in services across all branches and exceeding expectations.

These objectives are all linked to tangible action items.

For instance, to advocate for the library, the service will begin “pop-up” programs to answer a need for more visibility and

geographic flexibility.

“I’ve been involved with lots of strategic plans in my time,” said board member David O’Brien. “This document is smooth, to the point, effective and understandable about what we’re trying to do as an organization. Well done.”

Stephenson insisted the strategy will be visible throughout the HCPL.

“It shouldn’t be consigned to a binder on a dusty shelf somewhere, it’s a living document,” he said. “It should reflect the people who read it...that’s the next step, to launch it to the public.”

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# Atkins not impressed by new shoreline bylaw

By Mike Baker

## Qualifications

Brian Atkins considers himself a professional problem solver, running his own business where he “deals with top-tier clients to address their needs”. He says he’d like to take what he’s learned in his work life and apply it to Dysart council. He is one of the founding members of the Haliburton Waterfront Owners group, who opposed the shoreline preservation bylaw passed by County council in August.

## Issues in Dysart et al

“One of the cornerstones of my campaign is solving issues with connectivity. We’re past the point that cell phone and internet are nice to haves.” Atkins said a friend of his passed away earlier this year, noting that, during his time of need, he couldn’t get a cell phone signal. “We need to do everything possible to clear the roadblocks and the hurdles and get [these investments] going. If we want to attract people to the region, you must have strong cell and internet services.”

## Amalgamation

“I think it needs to be explored. There’s too much time and energy being wasted by not having everyone on the same page.”

## Health

Atkins believes community investment is key to the long-term success of Haliburton Highlands Health Services. “If we were able to chip in a couple hundred thousand dollars for HHHS to buy a piece of equipment, so that [doctors and nurses] want to stay here, then that’s absolutely [what we should do]. To attract these people, we need to invest... If we can do that, the question of having to close a hospital site would disappear, because they will both be utilized and busy.”

## Housing

Atkins believes County council needs

to take the lead on identifying areas for large-scale housing development across the Highlands. “There is a lack of action right now. How can you solve a problem when you’re not even looking at the file?” He said the community needed some “quick wins” and promised to consult with staff, both in Dysart and at the County. “I’ll bet a lot of money that there would be solutions just by talking to our staff. We need to engage them and listen to them.” He said he sees “no reason” why tiny homes couldn’t work in Haliburton County.

## Poverty

“We need to hang up a sign that says we’re open for business, we’re open to removing roadblocks to get things done in a fast and expedient way. If we do that, the poverty level will start to decrease because people will have jobs. The best way of getting out of poverty is, obviously, to make more money. But if the opportunity isn’t there, you can’t do it. We need to give everyone the tools to allow them to make more money.”

## Shoreline preservation bylaw

Atkins has been one of the biggest critics of the County’s new bylaw. “In the consultant’s report, it says there’s little scientific evidence to the effectiveness of shoreline bylaws. That should have been enough for them to hit the brakes.” His main concern is with the width of the buffer zone between water and undisturbed land, currently set at 20 metres. “It should be five metres max.” He suggests there’s a lack of desire among ratepayers to have a bylaw at all. “I’ve spoken to hundreds of people. You’d be surprised at the number of people that still have no clue this bylaw has been passed... we need to open up the channels of communication so people are aware of what’s going on.”

## Short-term rentals

“You need short-term rentals. But it’s

very important to separate the people that are running it as a business as opposed to someone who is renting it just to pay for a new roof. If you’re running it as a business, it needs to be treated like one, and they need to pony up some money and pay the appropriate taxes. They need to kick in their share.”

## Transportation

Atkins said he sees the benefit in establishing a municipally-run transit system, but that he’d like it to be self-sustaining. “If it can be run in a net neutral, or even a positive financial position, then we definitely need to explore it. It would allow people to move around the County, we could market Haliburton as a place to do business. We can’t rule anything out at this point, except for running it [at a loss]. We can’t keep going back to the taxpayer and expecting them to pick up the tab over and over again.

## Vision for the future

Atkins believes Dysart’s next council needs to do a better job of promoting the community. “We need to write the book on how to attract more people.” He believes the township needs to be more proactive in reaching out to different organizations, such as colleges and universities, to sell the area to recent graduates. “If we can do that, we can be leaders in different fields.”

## Focus for 2023 budget

“I want to invest money into things that are going to have a high rate of return. Let’s spend some money and send road crews down for [specialized classes] and teach them so they know how to fix roads and maintain them properly. We can’t keep spending money on the same things over and over again.”

## Brian Atkins the candidate

Atkins has been visiting Haliburton



Dysart et al ward 4 candidate Brian Atkins believes Dysart needs to do a better job of marketing itself. Photo by Mike Baker.

County regularly since childhood, purchasing his seasonal property in 2015. “I’m there 95 per cent of the time.” He said his number one priority would be reopening the debate at Dysart council on the shoreline preservation bylaw. “I’ve been on this file since day one. I know the ins and outs. I know all the answers.”



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# Evans wants to bring politics ‘back to the community’

By Mike Baker

## Qualifications

Ron Evans runs an art studio, Indigo Dragonfly, on Kennisis Lake Road, with his wife, Kim. He’s lived in the community since 2009. His professional background is in journalism, live theatre and theatre management. For several years, he’s hosted a weekly show on CanoeFM, 25 O’Clock, under the pseudonym ‘Brother Bill’. He has had a lifelong interest in politics. “I caught the bug when I was 17. I was brought into a municipal campaign for the mayor of Georgina... Nearly 40 years later, this will be my eighth election cycle, either volunteering or working with different government agencies or parties. But this is the first time I’ve been a candidate.”

## Issues in Dysart et al

Evans said his number one issue is preserving Dysart’s natural beauty, something he feels props up the local economy. “The preservation of the lakes and surrounding land is everything up here. We’ve already seen what’s happened in Muskoka, their lakes are pretty much toast, and you can’t afford to buy anything there. Kawartha Lakes is the same. If we don’t start doing something, we’re next.”

## Amalgamation

“Folks who are actually on [council] might not like it, but I think if the duplication of services is too much then it would make sense to streamline it. I wouldn’t have a problem with amalgamation as long as it’s done properly and all of our needs governmentally are still taken care of.”

## Health

Evans would be in favour of maintaining two hospital sites in Haliburton County, though said more needed to be done to attract healthcare workers to relocate to the community. “HHHS [was asking people] to call ahead to see if the emergency department was open over

the summer, and that was an astounding thing to see. I would never think you’d see something like that here.”

## Housing

Evans believes Dysart’s next council needs to work closely with local MPP Laurie Scott to lobby for provincial money to help fund new housing developments. “We need more help in this County.” He believes working with Fleming College, or another post-secondary institution, to bring a trades school to the Highlands would also help. “We’re definitely hurting [for people] in a lot of construction areas. Something like a college brings you a built-in workforce to the community.”

## Poverty

“It’s really hard to do anything that’s beyond short-term. There are some government programs you can go through to get help, but the results aren’t usually as great as you would hope them to be.” He believes it’s unrealistic to expect businesses in the service industry to offer a living wage to workers, pegged at \$19.42 in Haliburton County pre-pandemic. “To me, it all comes back to human infrastructure. Invest in people and invest in the community... We need to do more brainstorming with places like the chamber of commerce to see if there’s anything we can possibly do that we haven’t thought of.”

## Shoreline preservation bylaw

Evans believes the new shoreline preservation bylaw adopted by County council in August is a good starting point. “Is it perfect? No. Did they have to give up a lot of stuff? Yes, they did. But like any bylaw, it can be changed if it needs to be.” He’s concerned about how the bylaw will be enforced in the future. “If you look at how much work [the bylaw officers] would have to do, how many applications they’re expected to have, it simply doesn’t add up. They’re going to need more people to handle this, to manage this.”

## Short-term rentals

“There are, potentially, so many legal issues with this... There are so many questions. If you’re renting to somebody that obviously doesn’t live there full-time, who’s responsible for their conduct? And if you are renting regularly, then aren’t you technically a business? Council is going to have to look at this.” He said STRs were starting to become a problem in some areas, notably around Kennisis and Redstone lakes.

## Transportation

Evans said he would be open to exploring public transit if there was enough demand from the community. “You can run a transit system at a deficit, because, really, it’s an investment. But there has to be a certain point where you say ‘no, that’s too much’.” He thinks offering a seasonal service, operational during the busy periods in spring, summer and fall, could work.

## Vision for the future

“To be a successful municipal government, we have to look at our infrastructure. I’m not talking just roads and internet; I’m talking about the human portion. Our housing system is in rough shape. There’s no place for people to rent. There’s no low-income housing... I’m really hoping the next council is going to take these issues and run with them.” Evans said he would also focus on bringing new business to Dysart, and improving senior services.

## Focus for 2023 budget

Investing in roads and other municipal infrastructure would be Evans’ focus if elected, though he wants to make sure Dysart spends within its means. “We need to be cognizant of where we’re spending the big bucks. That would be, I imagine, police and something else like snow removal. Those are things we would have to look at.”



Dysart et al ward 4 candidate Ron Evans holds a lifelong interest in municipal politics. *Submitted.*

## Ron Evans the candidate

Evans has lived in the Highlands permanently since 2009, though has been visiting the County since the 1980s. “I really want to take the politics out of the government and give it back to the community and be as transparent as possible.” If elected, he would host regular town hall meetings, or a monthly or bi-monthly basis, to hear the public’s concerns and take them back to council.



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The kids are alright – kind of

I'm no historian but I'd guess that hand-wringing about a community's younger generation is a past-time that stretches back to the Romans.

Sure, we might not grouch about graffiti on the Colosseum these days but you might think today's teens are completely and utterly doomed when eavesdropping in the coffee lineup.

Teenagers no longer want to work, have lost all respect for authority, vandalize municipal properties and are best avoided. Oh, and have you seen what they're wearing these days?

Those perspectives seemed completely ridiculous as I stood in the HHSS auditorium snapping pictures of the youth who achieved academic excellence in the previous year.

I'm not saying those claims are all false. What I am saying is that Haliburton County's teenagers and young adults are in short supply. They're not a resource to be mined for minimum wage jobs or a problem in our public parks to be solved; they're valuable community members. And it's not an overstatement to say the Highlands future depends on us, and our municipalities, treating them as such.

The good news is that our youth are doing great things already. Thirteen and 14-year-olds prompted the installation of two beautiful murals depicting overlooked sports role models. A Haliburton teen worked hard to raise money for wheelchairs by collecting pop tabs, while another spent weeks preparing to represent the County in a Miss Teen Canada beauty pageant. High schoolers raised more than \$4,000 for cancer research last month.

That's not to mention their academic achievements, with more than 50 receiving various awards for excellence in all subjects imaginable in early October.

What's more, that was all during a worldwide pandemic, when kids' entire social lives were thrown off-axis. After the past two years, more than half of Canada's 15-17-year-olds reported declining mental health, reports Statistics Canada. In my opinion, this younger generation is weathering the most exceptional period of change since 2001. Inflation, an increasingly likely recession and tumultuous geo-political relations make it a difficult time to come of age, or find hope in the future.

Motivating Haliburton's youth to pursue excellence and actively investing in them should not be a peripheral objective of councils.

Instead, investing time and resources into a younger generation must be central to any plan for community growth going forward. Maybe that means posing questions. Why should a high school graduate stay in Haliburton County? If graffiti and vandalism seem to be on the rise, what can townships do to stop this behaviour before it begins? What can a teen who doesn't like hockey do after school? Are there new sports leagues



By Sam Gillett

less cost-prohibitive than hockey that can be started? What about that (I hesitate to say it) public pool that many have called for?

There are multiple local organizations making real, positive change by providing activities and resources to local teens. The youth hub, for instance, provides mental health supports, drop-in nights and more. Camexicanus nurtures leadership abilities and provides creative outlets. The newly-begun Skyline Dance Studio will offer classes and leadership opportunities for teens as well. The Haliburton County Home Builders Association has spent thousands preparing HHSS students for in-demand careers in the trades. Kudos to Dysart et al for investing so much into what's now a constantly-buzzing skatepark, and Minden's arena has opened up a suite of programs, not to mention volunteer opportunities with the Huskies.

But I'd be interested in hearing from candidates about their plans to make youth feel included in community planning.

I'd also be curious if any of them, or incumbent councillors for that matter, have spoken with teenagers about how they feel about their community, or what they'd like to see change.

CLIMATE CORNER  
Feeding the planet

**Problem:**  
Oct. 16 was World Food Day. As U.S. Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, said, "there is no longer any doubt that food security is an urgent global issue".

Michelle Obama added, "for too many... good, healthy food is either too far away or too expensive or both."

Food insecurity affects nearly one in six Canadian households.

Locally, estimates are that 12 per cent of our population visits food banks regularly, with many more occasional users. Frequently, those who rely on food banks lack transportation.

HungerCount, an initiative led by Food Banks Canada, recorded 1.3 million visits to Canadian food banks in March 2021 - a 20 per cent increase over pre-pandemic numbers.

From April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020, SIRCH Community Services in Haliburton gave out 3,600 servings of food; between April 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021, that number increased to 29,000 (dropping to 12,000 the following year with government CERB but increasing again with rising food costs).

Food costs have increased seven per cent (fresh fruit and condiments as much as 13 per cent) in the 12 months ending April 2022 due to limited supply chain, COVID, war, labour and fuel costs.

Despite food costs and so many hungry, the World Bank estimates 30 per cent of the world's food is thrown out, wasting resources (land, water, labour, fuel) and contributing 17 per cent to greenhouse gases as food rots in landfills.

**Solutions:**  
SIRCH anticipates producing over 1,000 portions of food per month by winter from their community kitchen and plans to start 'Lunch is on Us' (a pay as you can, or pay it forward) lunch once a week at the bistro starting in November.

Meals on Wheels in Haliburton delivers over 100 meals locally each week.

SIRCH and the food banks take garden produce and either redistribute or cook it.

Community gardens, such as Lindsay's Crayola, run by United Way and Fleming College, provide fresh produce for The Good Food Box, collective kitchens, Meals on Wheels, cooking classes, food banks, and food cupboards.

A retail-level solution, called glean, is taking off. Food surplus is collected from grocers, restaurants, gardens, farms and markets, and redistributed to needy, often via community kitchens.

Locally, the health unit helped SIRCH solve food distribution by obtaining a grant to purchase and place small freezers in community service organizations. The Minden food bank provided a freezer to the



By Dr. Nell Thomas

medical clinic.

Highlands East Food Hub collects tens of thousands of pounds of surplus food to supply local food banks, the Community Cooks program and other non-profits. Community Cooks have produced 3,438 meals and 734 snacks so far this year.

**What you can do:**

- Do not throw food away: share excess, use before spoiling, order half portions or doggy-bag your leftovers for lunch, turn leftovers to soup.
- Participate in meal sharing with neighbours, friends and family.
- Partner with community farmers to pick or buy what is ripe and in season.
- Investigate neighbourhood growing and cooking groups.
- To ensure community food sovereignty, focus on locally-grown food and consider long-term storage, sharing freeze dryers and dehydrators.
- Buy locally and ride-share.
- Compost, use FoodCyclers, deliver your organic waste to a farmer.
- Grow vegetables indoors, year-round. Share a greenhouse.

In *The Highlander's* Oct. 13 edition, it was stated the Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation's meeting was to be held at the Pinestone Resort. In fact, it will be located at The Bonnie View Inn.

LETTERS

Short-term rentals

Dear editor,

I attended the Highlands East candidate meeting on Oct. 17 and asked a few questions concerning the short-term rental issue in Highlands East.

I asked all the candidates if they approved of short-term rentals. They all stated, and agreed, something has to be done about it.

When asked how they feel about having them licensed and charging commercial tax rates on their properties, they all agreed it isn't fair to residents and family cottage owners for these short-term property owners to collect incomes and benefit by only having to pay residential property taxes.

Mayor Dave Burton said he has been looking into it. He also said he was unsure how the municipality could know who the short-term rental property owners are. He may want to have someone go on all the renter sites and Airbnb as well as ask property owners in Highlands East to report any known short-term rental property owners.

When asked to answer yes or no to the question, 'would you knowingly buy a home or family cottage beside a short-term rental property?' every candidate answered no, which tells me anyone who owns a home or cottage beside one, their property values are in jeopardy of losing their true resale value because they have the misfortune of being beside a short-term rental property.

Harold Hutchings  
Wilberforce

Disappointed diners

Dear editor,

I am a year-round cottager that always supports the local businesses in Haliburton. This includes shopping in town and donating to Lily Ann's and the Thrift Warehouse.

We tried to go out for dinner Saturday

night, first over to McKeck's where we stood and waited to be seated for 15 minutes. When we finally sat down and ordered, we were told that we couldn't have the pizza as there was no one in the kitchen to make it. This was our reason for going there as it's a good vegetarian option for my daughter. We decided to leave.

We then walked across the street to the Maple Avenue Tap and Grill. Another 10 minutes waiting at the door. When asked if we had reservations (we did not), we were told that they could not seat us because they were understaffed with only two cooks in the kitchen that night.

Annoyed and hungry, we ended up at 241 pizza and took pizza home. Not the night out we had planned.

I know this is an issue also in the "big city" where it is difficult finding people to work. However, with so many young people in Haliburton, how does no one want a part-time job making good money plus tips?

That's how a lot of us, including myself, made our spending money and bought our first car.

The town of Haliburton needs to entice young people to get out there and start working. While I do understand that the off-season in cottage country is quiet and less busy, that's still not an excuse for restaurants to be understaffed and having to turn paying customers away. Both locals and cottagers appreciate and deserve a Saturday night out once in a while.

Mitch Gross  
Haliburton

Election schools

Dear editor,

In the Oct. 13 *Highlander*, reporter Sam Gillett urged those running in the upcoming election to be "bold, brave, informed and specific".

Right on. Politics isn't easy. Many seasoned politicians will confirm that it took most of

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Tanya Smith captured some nice images this past weekend.

their first term to understand the background and complexity of many of the issues they faced.

That some candidates in Haliburton County have yet to read the available documents concerning current highly contentious issues is baffling.

Would our County political candidates benefit from what other municipalities term election schools? These are day-long workshops that offer essential information on municipal governance along with advice and support for potential candidates.

Haliburton County voters deserve well-informed, diligent representation. Election schools could help provide that.

Margery Cartwright  
Dysart

Big thanks

Dear editor,

It is so nice to live in an area like Haliburton. On Saturday, Oct. 14, my husband and I went to the Haliburton high school to get our COVID booster shots. I have recently had a mishap and am presently using crutches. Everybody at the clinic, from the volunteers to the health workers and even the others waiting for their booster shots, were so helpful. Thanks to all.

Margo Davidson  
Carnarvon

A productive term for councils

It's been a wild, four-year ride for Haliburton County's current crop of elected officials.

With this term coming to an end, I looked at some of the key decisions that have been made across the four lower-tier townships and at the County level. I was surprised by how much has been accomplished, especially when you factor in the pandemic and all the implications that had on municipal operations.

Still fresh in people's minds, the new shoreline preservation bylaw adopted by County council in August was years in the making. The process began during the previous term, and while discussions were delayed during the early stages of the pandemic, council was largely united in ensuring legislation protecting lands abutting our 600-plus lakes was pushed through. The final document isn't perfect but will serve as a benchmark for future councils to improve on moving forward.

They're also starting to ask questions about short-term rentals, a long-term problem

in the Highlands. It will be interesting to see where things land; it's expected a new bylaw regulating their use will come forward next term. The County also made moves to protect the natural environment, adopting a new climate change action plan and hiring someone to look after the file full-time.

Progress has been slow in Minden Hills, though the township did celebrate the unveiling of the new S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Staffing issues have plagued the municipality for years, though under new CAO Trisha McKibbin, things seem to be turning around. While there was excitement in 2020 following the announcement of a new \$6.8 million affordable housing development on Hwy. 35, that project is still yet to break ground. Once completed, it will bring multiple new rental units to the community.

Development has been a key focus in Dysart et al. Council agreed to donate land on Wallings Road to local non-profit Places for People for the creation of a new

affordable housing complex, while also approving a 21-unit build on the corner of Victoria Street and Maple Avenue in Haliburton village. The municipality also voiced its support for a proposed 88-unit development on Peninsula Road, overlooking Grass Lake.

There was a heartwarming moment this term, too – following excellent work from a group of students from J.D. Hodgson Elementary School, council agreed to immortalize athletes Taly Williams and Lesley Tashlin with murals on the community's sports wall of fame. The siblings lived in Haliburton in the 1980s and attended HHSS.

Algonquin Highlands was able to maintain its zero-debt policy even throughout the pandemic, which is to be commended. The municipality also completed its septic reinspection program and agreed to draft a new bylaw allowing green burials at St. Stephen's Cemetery. Work on that file is still ongoing.

In Highlands East, a big community win has been the redevelopment of Herlihey Park. Council also resisted calls to centralize its library and fire services into one location, which, for a community of its size, is probably a shrewd decision.

No council ever accomplishes everything it sets out to, but I think each one brought about reasonable improvements to their community over the past four years. There's still much to be done, and the region's next councils will have their work cut out for them finding solutions to long-standing problems surrounding housing, transportation and labour.

We'll be watching.



By Mike Baker

# Hughes to focus on creating housing, jobs

By Mike Baker

## Qualifications

After working in healthcare for several years prior to the pandemic, Hayden Hughes shifted careers when he moved to the Highlands in 2020. He's now a contractor, specializing in framing. While he's never run for municipal office, Hughes served as the New Blue Ontario candidate in Barrie-Springwater-Oro Medonte in June's provincial election.

## Issues in Dysart et al

Hughes said his major concerns heading into this election are housing, transportation and health care. He's concerned about Dysart's senior population and wants to ensure they have the services they need to continue living independently. "The best outcome is to have people aging in their own homes, so that they're not institutionalized, and keep them out of hospitals... the cost of living now is a problem. If the electricity price goes up, and you're on a fixed income with most of your paycheck going to warming your house, how are you supposed to pay for those extra hours of home care, or groceries, that you need?" He believes council should be doing more to support the elder population.

## Amalgamation

"I have mixed emotions. I know government is necessary, but I don't like when it tries to overreach, expand or gain power. The amalgamation of things like roads [departments] would be amazing, especially for plowing... But amalgamation of the actual municipalities? I would like to get a bit more information on the area, what the people [want to do]. I'm honestly not sure how I feel about it."

## Health

Hughes hopes Haliburton County can continue to support two hospital sites. "Staffing is the main issue. Doctors are needed everywhere. Assuming we're not creating our own doctors here, why would

they choose to come to Haliburton if their spouse can't find a job? If there's nowhere to live? If a doctor or a nurse is single, there's nothing for them to do here. What it comes down to is growth. We need to build our services and grow."

## Housing

Prior to purchasing his home, Hughes had major issues finding a place to live in Haliburton. "Trying to find a place to rent was next to impossible... I did some couch surfing, some short-term rentals... you can't even get started with building a life as a young person because you don't have a place to live." Hughes said council needs to work with developers to create more homes in Dysart. He suggested the township should consider expanding its sewage treatment facility, or building a new one, to ensure multi-unit builds can be serviced.

## Poverty

Hughes believes council needs to work to bring more business, specifically manufacturing as those jobs tend to pay more than minimum wage. He thinks the township should be doing more to help vulnerable residents. "The amount of money people are going to be spending for heating this winter, it's going to really pinch the pockets of a lot of our constituents... It would be nice if we were able to retrofit some houses away from propane or natural gas... to electrical baseboard heating. I think council needs to be proactive in coming up with solutions, because a lot of people are struggling."

## Shoreline preservation bylaw

Hughes called the County's recently-adopted shoreline preservation bylaw a "necessary evil". While he sympathized with property owners against the bylaw, he said it was needed to protect lake health. "I don't like a bylaw that restricts people's independence with their own property, but we're just trying to figure out a way that we can protect the water, protect the

native species and kind of balance out the eco-system." He believes the document still needs some work. "There are still a lot of unanswered questions... especially with septic."

## Short-term rentals

Hughes believes there are bigger issues. "Our job should be to try to get a better budget to work with so we can do these great things in the future. Where we are right now, it seems like this is going to add expense to our budgets by hiring compliance officers and people to do all the paperwork. I'm not sure if we're ready for that right now."

## Transportation

Hughes believes Dysart needs to introduce some mode of public transportation. "There's a lot of people who, right now, can't get to and from work because there are next to no [transportation] options. It doesn't have to be too extravagant; it doesn't have to be creating a high-speed rail, just more access." He said it was especially important to establish more options for people with accessibility issues, expanding on the Dymo bus service Dysart already offers.

## Focus for 2023 budget

"The first thing I would do is look at what we currently have in place financially. Then look at how we can grow our income, but also save some money as well." He would lobby to expand Dysart's transportation service for people with accessibility issues. Hughes would like to see the township invest money into hosting more community events during the winter.

## Hayden Hughes the candidate

Hughes recently purchased a home in Dysart after relocating to the area from Barrie in 2020. "I want to make this place home for my future family, I want to see it grow in the right direction. I decided



Dysart et al ward 4 candidate Hayden Hughes wants to give back to the community he has grown to love. Submitted.

to get involved so I could help steer us in the right direction." Hughes lives in ward 2, but said he decided to run in ward 4 because "it's a beautiful place... it's pretty diverse, has a lot of beautiful lakeshores we need [to protect]."



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# Sawyer says County 'overstepped' with shoreline bylaw

By Mike Baker

## Qualifications

Carm Sawyer is a mechanic and has owned West Guilford Auto Centre for more than 20 years. He has volunteered on several community boards, including the West Guilford Community Centre and the fireworks committee. He is also a former member of Haliburton Rotary. "I know a lot of people and I talk to a lot of people – that would be helpful if I'm going to help this community."

## Issues in Dysart et al

His main issue is the shoreline preservation bylaw, passed by County council in August. "Everybody is so misinformed, and they have no idea what this new bylaw really means. We didn't need another bylaw. Nobody is enforcing the tree cutting bylaw we have in place now, so they're wasting all this money to put another bylaw in, that again, won't be enforced."

## Amalgamation

Sawyer said he didn't have enough information to make an informed decision over whether Haliburton County's four lower-tier municipalities should come together to form one single-tier government. "I don't think it'll work, because there's just too much geographic area, it would spread people thin... I'd need to look into it more to give a definitive answer."

## Health

"Maintaining two hospitals is very important. If you're in West Guilford and need to get to the hospital, it's a lot quicker going to Haliburton than Minden." He doesn't believe the township can do much to attract more healthcare workers to the community. "It's no different than any other business... This is a huge problem across all Ontario. There just aren't people there for the job. So, I don't know how we're going to fix that."

## Housing

"I don't think there is a solution. It's not just Dysart that has this problem, it's every community Ontario-wide and Canada-wide. I don't know how we're going to fix it. We can rally for affordable housing, but council would need to work together. This isn't a one-man thing. We all need to put our heads together. I'm hoping that as a council we can all sit down and be rational and on the same page. Maybe then there will be something we can do."

## Poverty

"I don't understand, personally, why there's poverty... Have you been to any grocery stores? Tim Hortons? Anywhere, basically? Everyone has a help wanted sign up... I think we need to look into poverty, obviously. But we need to somehow educate or inform people about the jobs that are out there. We just have to get people connected."

## Shoreline preservation bylaw

Acknowledging that the recently-passed shoreline preservation bylaw isn't likely to just disappear, Sawyer said he'd like to see more in the bylaw focusing on septic tanks. "I don't agree with what we're doing, but we've got to come up with some sort of compromise." He applauded Dysart council for not delegating authority to the County, believing that's something that should be handled at the lower-tier level.

## Short-term rentals

"We've got to look into the short-term rentals and come up with a compromise everybody can live with. I think we could come up with a licensing fee and inspection fee, make sure the septic is being pumped. There are some very good policies out there... I think they need to be regulated, and with the licensing, the income would be great for the municipality."

## Transportation

Sawyer doesn't believe a wide-scale public transportation system will ever be feasible for Haliburton County. "Let's say they had someone who wanted to get from Kennisis Lake to Minden, or from Dorset to Wilberforce, how are you going to schedule that? I think there's just too much distance between everyone to have any kind of schedule." He did say a single line connecting Haliburton and Minden, or Haliburton and Carnarvon could work.

## Vision for the future

"The last four years, Dysart has been stagnant. We need to get over that. I hope 10 years from now it can be like it was years ago, when everybody had a job, everybody was busy. We really need to get back to that. I know the pandemic set us back a lot, but we will grow. We just need to get everybody busy and try and get everybody getting along again."

## Focus for 2023 budget

"Everybody is going to be upset with the budget this year, because everything has doubled in cost. So many things are costing a lot more now... Nobody wants taxes up, but everybody also wants everything done. We have to sit down and figure out what's important and what [can wait]." He admitted the budget process would be a learning curve for him.

## Carm Sawyer the candidate

"I have lived in West Guilford my whole life. I only moved once, and that was from one side of my lake to the other... I've raised my family here and am a part of this community." He said he put his name forward after hearing several members of council weren't planning to return, feeling the need to step up for his community. "I think I'd do a great job. I've had a lot of people come in to see me and talk to me. I've had people tell me their concerns, which is important because if I don't know them, I can't take them to council."



Dysart et al ward 4 candidate Carm Sawyer said he put his name in to run after hearing many incumbents were stepping away. *Submitted.*



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# Getting your vehicle ready for icy drives

By Sam Gillett

When the days get shorter and the leaves hit the ground, vehicle owners in Haliburton County know it's nearly time for the big switch.

The switch to winter tires, that is. With a vast network of twisting roads, hills and valleys and snow often clouding the forecast, snow tires are a must, and most Canadians have clued in.

According to the Rubber and Tire Association of Canada, 69 per cent of drivers in the country use winter tires.

What's more, studies from the Traffic Injury Research Foundation show that stopping times are decreased by 30 per cent when winter tires are used, compared to all-seasons or summer tires.

However, other winter maintenance milestones are less obvious.

Here are three often-overlooked vehicle maintenance tips that can save you hundreds and keep you on the road longer.

## Wiping winter away

Vision is first. Consider switching to winter-specific wiper blades. Automotive experts such as newroads.ca explain that winter wipers are heavier and stronger, giving some grunt to your efforts to rid a windshield of ice and snow. Most models are also coated

in rubber, to decrease the chance of cold-weather breakage.

A decent-quality wiper blade won't wipe out your wallet: they're usually under \$30.

## Clear the air

When is the last time you cleaned your cabin air filter? If you don't know what that is or where it's located, it's likely been too long.

Unlike the engine's air filter, the cabin air filter reduces pollutants from entering your car's interior.

It's often located behind the glove box or under your hood, though most car manuals include instructions for replacing the filter at home. A new one costs around \$50.

CAA estimates that pollutants can be up to six times more concentrated in a car for city drivers. While the Highlands is a clean-air haven, dusty roads or commutes still mean checking your air filter could enhance the air quality of your winter rides.

If you don't want to get your hands dirty, your mechanic can likely make the switch in a jiffy during oil change appointments.

## Get greasy

Of all the moving parts on your car, the wheels are hardest to ignore: if your wheel bearings get rusty, you'll know right away. Yet there are hundreds of other moving



Industry experts report winter tires are a must for increasing winter road traction. *File.*

mechanisms that winter driving can play havoc with, if not maintained.

Unless spending a Saturday installing a window regulator kit sounds like a good time, lubricating your window tracks can keep your power windows going up and down smoothly.

Spray silicone or dry Teflon spray lubricant onto the rubber tracks along the vertical

edges of your window while it's rolled down.

Let it sit and then roll the window up and down a few times. And don't stop at just your windows. Lubricate your locks with Teflon dry lubricant or graphite lock lubricant. While most cars on the road have contactless keys, batteries can die in the cold and who wants to be stuck outside during a Haliburton County winter?



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## COUNTY NEWS

### County partners on Driftscape

County council, at its Oct. 12 committee of the whole meeting, decided to continue its partnership with the Adventure Haliburton Group so it can expand its use of Driftscape, an Ontario-made exploration app.

The group, that represents tourism operators and accommodation providers, launched the app, a digital, interactive roadmap for adventures, in the summer of 2021. The County gave them \$5,000 to help with initial costs.

Vice-president, Randy Pielsticker, came to a meeting this past summer asking for more money to expand. He said they wanted to add tours of downtown Haliburton and Minden, and quests, such as digital scavenger hunts. They'd also like to better promote, and provide navigational assistance for events, such as Hike Haliburton and the Studio Tour.

His ask was another \$5,000 from the County, for each of 2022-2024, to pay for the annual subscription. Adventure Haliburton said it would match that to maintain the development of the site and market and promote it.

The County fell short of that request, in proposing \$2,500 for now. However, director of tourism, Tracie Bertrand said, "it is our

recommendation that we move forward with a partnership with Adventure Haliburton and that the services that they can provide to us are worth the investment indicated in the report."

While the app promotes private businesses, Adventure Haliburton promoted 15 municipal points of interest when it launched Driftscape locally.

Coun. Carol Moffatt said she did not see anything about that in Bertrand's report. "I'm wondering if that is still part of it? And if it is, what will be the process for municipalities having control over, or being able to ensure what they want under Driftscape?" she asked. Bertrand said it was still under discussion.

The app is available for iOS and Android devices and can be accessed on internet browsers.

### Agreement with District of Muskoka

Council approved an emergency management mutual assistance agreement with the District of Muskoka.

Chief and director of the Haliburton County Paramedic Service, Tim Waite, told council they already had informal agreements with some surrounding municipalities.

He said his ask, "just formalizes an agreement between us and the District of

Muskoka in emergency situations ... this just expands our ability to ask for help and provide help."

Coun. Brent Devolin said he is pleased there are agreements with Haliburton County's four townships. However, he would like them with all jurisdictions that surround the Highlands.

### Trending under budget

Director of corporate services, Andrea Robinson, said the County had spent about 75 per cent of its 2022 budget as of Sept. 30. She noted that accounted for 69.35 per cent of operating expenses and 46.21 per cent of capital costs.

"So, we do continue to trend under budget," she told council. However, she added capital invoices are starting to flow and she anticipates that by the end of October, "spending will have increased quite a bit."

Coun. Andrea Roberts said it was early to predict whether they would have a surplus or deficit, "but I'm going to probably assume surplus." She asked what else could be contributing, such as staff vacancies.

Robinson said, "We did have a few vacancies or positions not filled when we anticipated them to be filled. So that is the majority of the surplus I guess at this point." (County news compiled by Lisa Gervais).

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# HHSS celebrates ‘vast’ achievements

By Sam Gillett

For many high school students, the past few years have been some of the most difficult of their academic careers. Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) students were recognized for their hard work and classroom achievements at an Oct. 7 awards ceremony for the first time since before COVID-19 began. “Having the highest mark in a course is a very commendable

attribute. But with hard work, being respectful and helping others around you, you can be considered for many of these awards,” said awards committee chairperson Melissa Stephens.

Principal Chris Boulay told students to “be proud of the work you’ve accomplished and for those who did not receive, know that you too could be receiving awards next year for the hard work you put in

this year.”

He finished with a look to the future.

“I challenge you to set your sights even higher. You can do this, I’m proud of you.”

Dozens of Highlanders and local businesses donated awards.

“To our many award donors... thank you for believing in our youth and contributing to this celebration” Boulay said.



Third-year award winners. Submitted.

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Year 1 Extended French Award .....	Chris Duchene.....	Annabelle Borgdorff
G. Craig Saunders Award for 1P Science .....	Friends & family of Craig Saunders .....	Weston Bowker
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Year 1 Academic French Award .....	Sam and Marina Thomazo .....	Nicole Lee
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Canadian International Law Award .....	HHSS Canadian and World Studies Department .....	Sophie Longo
Dentistry in the Highlands Biology Award .....	.....	Sophie Longo
Dentistry in the Highlands Chemistry Award.....	.....	Sophie Longo
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Phillip Payne Memorial Award.....	HHSS Students’ Council and supported by the Payne and Fawcett families .....	Macie Thompson
Year 1 Drama Award .....	HHSS drama club .....	Hayden Thornchok
Eagle Lake Women’s Award for Geography .....	.....	William Volochkov
Year 3 English Award.....	Ann Varty .....	Trinity Walker
Career Studies Award .....	Chris Duchene.....	Melanie Walter
Creighton Feir Canadian History Award .....	Paul and Sharon Morissette.....	Melanie Walter
Haliburton Legion Year 2 Academic English Award.....	.....	Melanie Walter
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Year 2 Drama Award.....	HHSS drama club .....	Melanie Walter
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Year 3 English Award.....	Ann Varty .....	Emmerson Wilson
Haliburton Legion Award for Transportation Technology.....	.....	Matthew Wilson

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) is pleased to invite members and the public to our **Annual General Meeting** to be held on **November 27, 2022** at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery Meeting Hall between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

This year’s guest speaker is David Poirier HHOA Hatchery Manager. David retired from the Ministry of the Environment where he held the position of Senior Environmental Toxicologist. With the MOE, David studied and enforced the results of water pollution in our lakes and waterways in Ontario.

A summary of the HHOA’s activities for the past year will be shared as well as the last fiscal year’s financial report. The opportunity for invitations of prospective HHOA Board directors will take place as well. This commitment leads to becoming involved in the workings of the HHOA and assisting in maintaining Haliburton County as a premier Outdoor Activity destination in the Province of Ontario and beyond.

At this time COVID protocols are not mandatory but personal choice of precautions are respected.

**Hope to see you on November 27th!**

### NOTICE – SPECIAL MEETING of COUNCIL

**TAKE NOTICE** that there will be a Special Meeting of Council on **Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss:

1. Maintenance of Bear Lake Road.
2. The Township's Website Redesign

**Please Note:** Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, public participation in meetings of Council, remains virtual at this time. Members of the Public are invited to observe the Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link which can be found on the published Council Meeting Agenda on the Township’s website at [www.algonquinhighlands.ca](http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca)

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Left: Award-winner Sophie Longo gets a hug from her father and HHSS teacher Paul Longo. Top right: First-year award winners. Bottom right: Second-year award winners. Photos by Sam Gillett.



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Top left: Abby Greenwood sets up for a free-throw during an Oct. 13 loss to Fenelon Falls. Top right: Rio O'Malley dribbles past a Fenelon Falls player. Bottom left: Graham Backus blocks a shot during a 0-2 tilt with the Kenner Collegiate Rams. The squad battled in a set of three losses Oct. 12. *Photos by Sam Gillett.*

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Left: A Red Hawk lines up for a shot on the goal. Right: The squad celebrates after drawing level with a break away goal during a 3-1 loss to the LCVI Spartans. *Photos by Sam Gillett.*



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### Quilt guild family shares its secrets

The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild held a craft sale at Stanhope Community Centre Oct. 15, with more than a dozen members selling items such as hand-knitted blankets, doll's clothing, hats and mittens. The event was the group's first in over two years. "It's a fundraiser to cover our monthly costs," said Pat Stiver, a member since 2006. "This is such a great club, we're like a family. We still have around 50 active members, and we'll get together once a month to see what one another is working on and offer assistance and encouragement to people working on a specific project." The guild meets every second Wednesday of the month at the Stanhope Community Centre, from 1 to 3 p.m. The hall is open as of 9:30 a.m. for members and guests to come and sew. The annual membership fee is \$25, while guests are charged \$10 per visit. To learn more, contact president Karen Shirley at 705-489-2705. (Mike Baker).

Top: Allan and Ellenor Bagg enjoyed browsing and chatting with various guild members over the weekend. Middle: Guild members Ann Smith and Debra Tammy each had displays showcasing their creations. Smith was selling festive-themed treats that can be hung on a Christmas tree, while Tammy displayed various items and accessories for dolls. Bottom: Mother daughter duo Barb and Rebecca Thompson, left and centre, were guest artisans at the event. Rebecca, who was visiting her mother from Sioux Lookout, approximately 1,700 kilometres northwest of Haliburton, showed off her hand-knitted teddy bears. She says each one takes her around a day to complete. Also pictured is guild member Carolyn Pawson, who designs and knits quilts. Photos by Mike Baker.



  
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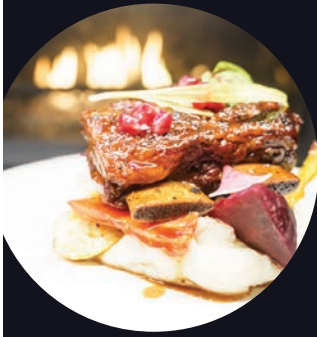


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# Happy Trails for seniors

By Lisa Gervais

Cindy Hicks recently picked up two seniors in Minden to take them to the GO-VAXX bus at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and community centre.

They were some of the first clients of Happy Trails Senior Transportation, a new business Hicks has launched offering rides to medical appointments and for shopping across the Highlands and the wider region.

Hicks, who uses a Subaru Crosstrek, sat with the seniors in the car Oct. 13 while the GO-VAXX team brought the vaccines to them. After the shots, she had to stay for 15 minutes to ensure the seniors were okay and then Hicks drove them home.

"They were so grateful because they didn't have to get out of the car," Hicks said.

The entrepreneur recently moved back to the area after having lived in Peterborough. She worked at the Dominion Hotel over the summer but after Labour Day decided to have a crack at her own seniors' transportation business.

Hicks had been a volunteer driver for Community Care in Peterborough and also drove for Meals on Wheels, so it is not completely new territory.

However, she said there is a difference between Haliburton County and the city of Peterborough. For example, she said it would cost hundreds of dollars for a senior to take a taxi from the County to Lindsay.

So, she started figuring out what she might be able to charge that a senior could afford, still covering her own costs and making a living. So far, she has come up with a base rate of 66 cents a kilometre for mileage and \$20 an hour for her time. However, she noted, "every case is going to be different."

"It's not a whole lot but it's still going to help me cover my gas. It gives me



Cindy Hicks and her Subaru Crosstrek are Happy Trails Senior Transportation.  
Photo by Lisa Gervais.

a job. I'm basically trying to create employment for myself, working Monday to Friday and having my weekends off so I can visit with my kids on the weekends," she said.

In talking to seniors, she added some are telling her they cannot afford her rates so she is happy to refer them to Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), which has a volunteer driver program.

When she was driving for Community Care in Peterborough, she enjoyed it. "It's fun to talk to people. And clients are really grateful." She hopes to continue that with Happy Trails Senior Transportation.

She noted she can put mobility devices,

such as walkers, in the all-wheel drive car.


It's early days, with Hicks saying, "I'm just trying to get the business going and I'm getting lots of phone calls." She said she has been asked for a price on taking someone to Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay for a colonoscopy, for example, or Peterborough for shopping. "That's all stuff I can do."

She said she does not want to drive to Toronto but is looking at Barrie, Bracebridge, Huntsville, Lindsay, Orillia and Peterborough. She has commercial insurance, a Moneris machine so people can pay with debit or credit cards, and issues tax receipts.

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There were smiles all around at Abbey Gardens Oct. 15 as hundreds of Highlands residents braved the elements to attend the Fall Festival. There was face painting, cookie and pumpkin decorating, pony rides, a bouncy castle, scavenger hunt and a host of other kids games at the event, which ran from noon to 3 p.m. Ashley McAllister, director of operations at Abbey Gardens, said she was impressed with the turnout, despite the wet conditions. "The weather could have cooperated a little better, but everyone seems to be having a great time. We're still able to have all the activities we planned... I'd say it's been a success."

Top left: Six-year-old Thomas Ritchie enjoying a pony ride. Top right: Abbey Gardens staffers Cara Steele and Ashley McAllister made the best of a stormy situation Saturday, moving ahead with the Fall Festival despite inclement weather. Bottom right: Brother and sister Ben and Robin Rieger were among the first to complete the scavenger hunt, each winning a cool prize. *Photos by Mike Baker.*



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# U13 rep Storm split home opener weekend

The Walker's Heating & Cooling U13 Rep team hosted their season opener on Oct. 15 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden with a matchup against the Mariposa Lightning.

The Highland Storm came out strong and netted the first goal, scored by Reid McEathron. Assists went to Travis Rowe and Matt Scheffee, with a great pass and set up from behind the net.

Mariposa bounced back with three quick unanswered goals to take a 3-1 lead after the first period.

However, there was a momentum swing in the second period. The Storm poured on the pressure with many scoring chances. Finally, Brody Hartwig scored.

Vanek Logan had a nice rush up the ice in the third to bury the game tying goal, following up on his own rebound.

Henry Neilson, Brycen Harrison, Evan Perrott and Luke Gruppe had many scoring opportunities but could not break the opposing goaltender.

With great defence from Ethan DeCarlo and Hawksley Dobbins, the Storm kept Mariposa to limited chances. With four minutes left in the third, Mariposa regained the lead. The Storm had many more opportunities but could not solve the goaltending and ended



Brody Hartwig had the game on his stick during the final moments of the Highland Storm's 4-3 loss to the Mariposa Lightning Oct. 15. Photo by Mike Baker.

the home opener with a well-fought but tough 4-3 loss.

Great goaltending by Carter Braun kept the Storm in the game and never far behind.

## First season win

The Storm rolled into Millbrook on Oct. 16 to take on the Stars.

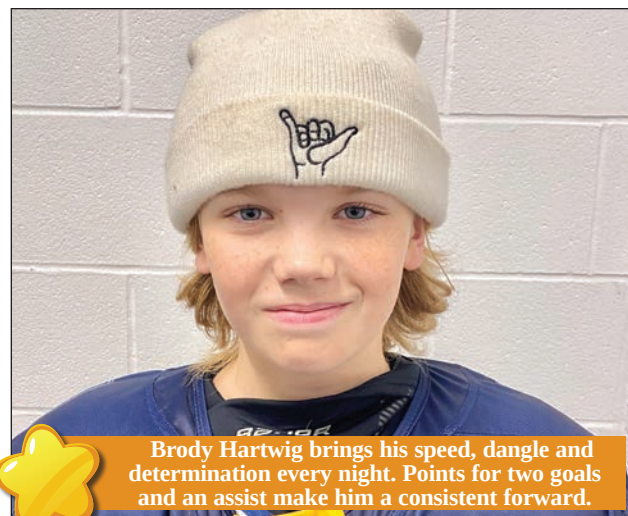
Similar to Saturday's opener, the team outshot the opponent. However, this time they managed to get the puck into the net with six hard-earned goals for a 6-2 win. Goals scored by: Logan, Hartwig, Gruppe, McEathron, Neilson

and Rowe. Assists went to Rowe, Hartwig, Harrison, Latanville and Dobbins.

Meanwhile, the defence had another stellar outing. Dobbins, Scheffee, DeCarlo and Logan limited the chances on net and played well offensively, setting up many breakouts and provided solid support on the powerplay.

Braun earned his first win of the season in net.

The U13 rep host the Durham Crusaders Saturday, Oct. 22 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Puck drops at 2:30 p.m. (Submitted).



Brody Hartwig brings his speed, dangle and determination every night. Points for two goals and an assist make him a consistent forward.



Carter Braun with his agility and focus on the ice, Carter made some amazing saves, leading the Storm to their first win of the season.



Reid McEathron with grit, grind and goal scoring. Added two goals and one assist in the home opening weekend.



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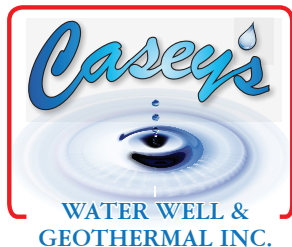
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# ‘Coach’s dream’ player of the month

By Mike Baker

A warrior on the ice and a leader in the locker room, Patrick Saini is the embodiment of what head coach Ryan Ramsay calls “Huskies hockey”.

After an impressive debut campaign in Haliburton County last season, finishing second in team scoring to Oliver Tarr, Saini has turned things up a notch during the opening weeks of this campaign, recording 30 points in 14 games. Alongside captain Christian Stevens and former OHLer Ty Collins, the trio form arguably the most dangerous line in the OJHL.

The 19-year-old Toronto native was recognized as the Huskies’ player of the month Oct. 15. Speaking to *The Highlander*, Ramsay called Saini “a coach’s dream”.

“Patty is just an absolute workhorse. I can’t say enough about the guy. He plays all situations – on the powerplay, penalty kill, even five-on-three. He’s a key guy and every single player in that locker room looks up to him,” Ramsay said. “He’s the hardest worker on the ice and off the ice for 12 months of the year. He’s an elite competitor.”

Saini has only been held off the scoresheet once this season, during a 3-1 defeat to the Toronto Patriots at the OJHL Governor’s Showcase last month. He has nine multi-point games, including hat-tricks over the St. Michael’s Buzzers and Trenton Golden Hawks, and a five-point effort in a 7-1 win over the North York Rangers.

During the off-season, still stewing from



Huskies forward Patrick Saini has been named the team’s player of the month for September. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

the Huskies disappointing playoff exit, Saini started working with trainer Owen Flood to prepare for the new season. He worked out every day to ensure he was in peak physical condition for puck drop Sept. 10.

“Hockey is more than just a game to me. I take this seriously. I want to see how far I can go,” Saini said, noting he is targeting a Division 1 NCAA scholarship.

He described the award as a “huge honour” and reserved special praise for Stevens and

Collins.

“It’s easy for me doing what I do while playing with those guys. It’s so much fun to play with them. Whether it’s practice or a game, we all push ourselves to be at our best,” Saini said. “Ty has a heck of a shot, so I know all I really have to do is get the puck to him and he’ll do the rest. Christian leads by example and does everything the right way. It’s a real privilege to share the ice with them.”

Saini said he won’t allow himself to become complacent and his only thought this season is winning a championship.

“We have the team to do it. We have great players across our lineup. We have competitive practices every day. Everyone is pulling together in the same direction, and that’s to challenge for [the Dudley Hewitt] cup next spring.”

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Left: 16-year-old rookie forward Leo Serlin, left, celebrates with teammate Zack Morissette after opening the scoring in the Huskies 5-1 win over the Caledon Admirals Oct. 15. Top right: Forward Declan Bowmaster was impressive in Saturday's win. Bottom right: The Huskies line up for the national anthem. *Photos by Mike Baker.*

# Huskies riding seven game unbeaten streak

By Mike Baker

The Haliburton County Huskies extended their unbeaten run to seven games this past weekend, maintaining pace with their closest rivals at the top of the OJHL South/East Conference.

A road tilt with the Wellington Dukes ended in a hard-fought 4-4 tie Oct. 14, with two overtime periods failing to separate the two teams. The Dogs then returned home Saturday night, putting the Caledon Admirals to the sword 5-1 in a dominant, offensive display.

A week on from adding former OHL goaltender Aidan Spooner to the Huskies' ranks, coach Ryan Ramsay said he's pleased with the makeup of his young team, commending them for the grit, spirit and quality displayed across the two games.

"I'm pretty happy with where we're at. The

guys played some good hockey on Friday night, and we almost snuck out of there with the win before they scored late with the goalie pulled. Saturday night, we were even better and deserved to get the two points," Ramsay said.

Friday's encounter pitted the second-place Huskies against the fifth-place Dukes. It was their second meeting of the season, following a 4-2 win for the Huskies on Oct. 1. The Dogs top line took centre stage that day, combining for three of the team's four goals, and they repeated the trick again last week. Captain Christian Stevens notched two goals and two assists, with linemates Patrick Saini (one goal) and Ty Collins (four assists) also contributing to the scoresheet.

The Huskies opened the scoring at 14:20 of the opening frame through Cameron Kosurko, but the Dukes pegged them back just minutes later. Stevens and Saini then

scored to give the Dogs a commanding lead midway through the second, but the Dukes fought back again, tying the game early in the third.

Stevens scored what looked to be the game-winner at 6:34 of the final frame, but the Dukes, through captain Jacob Vreugdenhil, took it to overtime with a late tally 39 seconds from the end of the third with the goalie pulled. While both teams battled during the two overtime periods, goaltenders Jacob Osborne and Spooner held firm to keep the score 4-4, earning their teams a point.

## Demolition job

After a slow start to the opening period, where both teams struggled to create any major chances, it was one of the Huskies youngest players who came in clutch to send the home side on its way. Leo Serlin popped

up with a beauty goal 13:31 into the opening frame, beating Admirals goaltender Antonino Rizzo up high.

Sam Solarino added another midway through the second, with Saini and Collins both notching in the third. The Admirals hit back late through Owen Kerr before rookie Declan Bowmaster potted an empty-netter two minutes from the end of the third.

"The players are working hard right now and it's paying off. We've added some good pieces, guys are growing into their roles a little more and we have a lot of depth to shake things up when we need to. Things are really rolling right now," Ramsay said.

The Dogs travel to Oakville Oct. 21 before a huge game with the table-topping Toronto Jr. Canadiens Oct. 23. The team won't be back on home ice until Oct. 29, when they welcome the Canadiens to the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

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**Oct. 22, 10 a.m. to noon.**  
Writer Lori Twining, a recent resident at Halls Island Artist Residency, presents An Introduction to Creative Nonfiction: Uncovering the secrets of the four subgenres at the Minden branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. Unlock your creativity and go beyond limitations at this fun and informative workshop. Participants will learn how to recognize markets and discover new opportunities to stretch their imaginations. Suitable for all levels. Brunch will be available after the session for between \$10 and \$14.

**Oct. 22, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**  
Joanne George, author of Smiley: A Journey of Love will be at the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library to chat about her book, which tells the story of her new rescue dog, Sunny.

**Oct. 27, 5 to 6:30 p.m.**  
Local fabric artist Jane Selbie will be at the Red Umbrella Inn to share photos and highlights of her experience as a participant in the Halls Island Artist Residency program over the summer. She will offer insight into topics such as at what point in an artist's career a residency is appropriate; how to find the right residency; tips on how to apply; how to prepare your work plan; and tips for taking art supplies.

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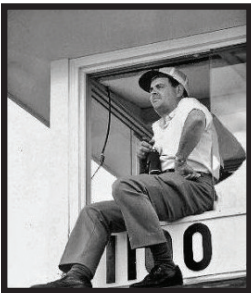
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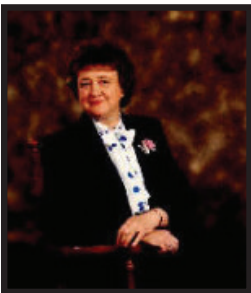


*In Loving Memory of*  
**Derek Rolfe**

Peacefully at Hyland Crest in Minden on Tuesday morning, October 4, 2022 in his 93rd year. Beloved husband of Pamela Rolfe (nee Mitchell). Loving father of Paul and David (Julie). Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Bronwen (Brian) and Derek Kenneth. Predeceased by his brother Raymond and nephew Meryvn. Also remembered by his niece Yvonne. Derek enjoyed flying, fishing, trapping and most of all, time spent with the family. He had a wonderful sense of humour and saw the best in every situation.

**Visitation & Celebration Of Life**

Friends and Masonic Brethren are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Wednesday afternoon, October 26, 2022 for a Celebration of Derek's life in the Chapel at 2 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Parkinsons Canada & the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada would be appreciated by the family.



*In Loving Memory of*  
**Marvel Eager**

At Hyland Crest on Tuesday evening, October 11, 2022 in her 89th year. Beloved wife of the late Leroy Eager (2006). Loving mother of Karen and Thomas (Patricia). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Matthew, Sara & Caroline. Predeceased by her brother Ray. Also lovingly remembered by her sister-in-law Marylene Welch and by her nephews Leigh, Scott and Wayne.

**Visitation & Celebration of Life**

Friends are invited to call at the **ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH** 1273 St. Peter's Road Maple Lake, Ontario on Friday morning, October 21, 2022 for a Celebration of Marvel's life at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). Interment later St. Peter's Anglican Church Cemetery, Maple Lake. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.



*In Loving Memory of*  
**Patricia Simiana (nee Kerr)**

*(Resident of Wilberforce, Ontario)*

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Wednesday morning, October 12, 2022 in her 88th year. Pat is survived by her sons James (Margaret Crook) and David as well as her life-long beloved friend, Gwendolyn Saunders, and Gwen's brother Bob. She is also survived by grandchildren Patsy, Kathleen, Olivia, and Robin, and great-grandchildren Joshua, Faith, Cooper, Kole, Chelsey, Brooklyn, Dalton and Kendal. Pat was born in Toronto and was a long-time employee of the Ontario government. In her retirement, she was an active and vocal member of the Wilberforce community. She loved her dogs and cats like they were family, and together with her best friend Gwen, enjoyed crafting and following the Royal Family.

**Visitation & Funeral Service**

Friends were invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Monday morning, October 17, 2022 for a Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). Interment South Wilberforce Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.



*In Loving Memory of*  
**Ilse Schmidt (Saretzki)**

Passed away peacefully in her sleep while at her home on Sept 29, 2022. Born on December 31, 1927 in Labuhn, Germany, she was the daughter of the late Max and Berta (Villmov) Saretzki.

Born in the former German state of Pomerania in the village of Labuhn, she became a refugee during WWII. She was temporarily settled in Reichenbach, Thuringen where she first met her future husband, Willie. She was reunited with him after the war in southern German town of Kenzingen where they were married in 1952. She immigrated to Canada with her husband in 1954 and settled in the Toronto area. She worked briefly before her children were born and then spent the majority of her time raising her family and looking after the family home and cottage. Ilse and Willie toured Haliburton County in the early 1960's, looking for a place to build a cottage. They were struck by the natural beauty of the area and its terrain likeness to southern Germany.

In 2000, she moved to her retirement home at Kennis Lake where she enjoyed a quiet retirement, being close to nature. She enjoyed gardening and especially growing various perennial and annual flowers. Always a practical woman, she used a broom to chase a black bear out of the family cottage that had come in through a screen door in an attempt to eat a fully cooked turkey that was resting on a sideboard.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband Willie in 2020 and siblings Wilhelm, Max, Ewald, Hildagard and Gerhard.

She is survived by her sons Gordon, Kennis Lake who provided care to his mom so she could remain in her home. Kirk (Marjorie) Sutherlands River, NS; Grandsons William (Sutherlands River, NS) and Kaelan (New Glasgow, NS), Granddaughter Amy (Sutherlands River, NS).

The family would like to extend a heart felt thank you to the PCW's who provided comfort and care to Ilse over the past few years. The family is especially grateful to the team at GAIN which provided support and expertise.

A committal of ashes will be held at a later date.



*In Loving Memory of*  
**Vera Lucy Brown (nee Crook)**

Peacefully at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Sunday, October 16, 2022 in her 100th year. Beloved wife of the late Lloyd Neil Brown. Loving mother of the late George, Garry (the late Carol), Robert Bruce (Del), and Bryan Neil (Chris). Fondly remembered by her eight grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren. Always remembered in our thoughts and hearts.

**Visitation & Funeral Service**

Friends are invited to call at the **OAKWOOD UNITED CHURCH** 949 Hwy 7, Oakwood, Ontario on Thursday, October 20th, 2022 for a Funeral Service at 12 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). Interment to follow at East Oakwood Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Summit Wellness Centre or the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **COBOCONK COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 6644 Hwy. #35, Coboconk, Ontario (705) 454-3913.

THANK YOU

Thank you!



We would like to sincerely thank the First Responders, who came out to Fletcher Lake in the early morning hours on Saturday, September 3, 2022 to attend to our crisis call.

From the Fire Department, the Paramedics, the OPP and Monks Funeral Home.

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Reporting to the Chief Building Official, this position is responsible for exercising powers and performing duties under the Building Code Act, Ontario Building Code and other applicable law and related regulations. Responsible for reviewing plans, issuing permits, and performing site inspections. Provide customer service to the general public & contractors to answer zoning, building and septic permit application inquiries. Assist with the completion of applications including over the counter review.

The municipality is seeking an individual with a minimum of one (1) years' experience in a related trade with a minimum of one (1) years' experience working in a municipal environment. Applicants shall possess: 1) House, 2) General Legal/Process and 3) On-Site Sewage plus the following or be willing to obtain these within a reasonable time: 4) Small Buildings and 5) Plumbing All Buildings qualifications obtained through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The Municipality is willing to mentor and qualify the successful applicant upon hire. Formal academic training in an architectural or construction-based program or equivalent would be an asset.

If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications clearly marked "Application – Building Inspector" may be submitted on or before 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 31st, 2022 via mail, in person, fax or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

Shannon Hunter, CAO/Treasurer  
Municipality of Highlands East  
P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road  
Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0  
Fax: 705-448-2532 E-Mail: shunter@highlandseast.ca

A copy of the detailed job description is available upon request or on our website at [www.highlandseast.ca](http://www.highlandseast.ca)

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The Municipality of Highlands East is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants requiring accommodation are asked to contact the CAO/Treasurer.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for candidate selection purposes only. Questions about this collection should be directed to Shannon Hunter, C.A.O.



Haliburton County Council  
is seeking members of the public for  
Citizen Appointments to County Advisory Committees and Boards

The County of Haliburton benefits from the involvement of local residents who help County Council make decisions about the Library programs and services provided to our citizens. Applicants for this position must be:

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Joint Accessibility Committee

The County of Haliburton benefits from the inclusion of perspectives of those who live with, or who support those who live with, accessibility requirements in its program and service delivery decision-making.

You can find the detailed posting along with application instructions on our website at [www.haliburtoncounty.ca/careers](http://www.haliburtoncounty.ca/careers)

If you require assistance with the application process please contact Sarah Hume, Human Resources Manager at 705-286-1333 x 224 or at [shume@haliburtoncounty.ca](mailto:shume@haliburtoncounty.ca)

The application process will close on November 4, 2022.

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Self-motivated applicants must be able to work outdoors in all weather conditions with minimal supervision. A valid Ontario Class 'A' or 'D' licence with Air Brake 'Z' endorsement is required along with an acceptable abstract. Pursuant to CUPE Local #2142 the rate of pay is \$25.99 per hour consisting of a 40-hour work week.

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

Laura Casey, Manager of Payroll and HR  
hr@dysartet.al.ca  
**No Later Than 12:00 pm Wednesday, November 2nd, 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.



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- Across**
- 1 Fernando's friend
  - 6 Bear whose porridge was too hot
  - 10 Make Jack Sprat-friendly
  - 15 Via ocean liner, e.g.
  - 16 JVC rivals
  - 17 "Don't mind \_\_\_"
  - 18 Apartment of an environmental group?
  - 21 Room to bask in the rays
  - 22 Hobby farm size, maybe
  - 23 "Thou \_\_\_ villain" (Tybalt's words to Romeo)
  - 26 Opposite of 'neath
  - 27 \_\_\_ in stone (permanent)
  - 29 Aldous Huxley book about a futuristic Atlanta baseball pro?
  - 33 Speaker's clarification
  - 34 Down \_\_\_ (the Maritimes)
  - 35 Modern map
  - 38 "Later"
  - 39 "Darn it all to heck!"
  - 41 Hasn't calculated correctly
  - 43 Trip-taker's guesstimate
  - 44 Nerve-wracking scores
  - 46 Like Limburger cheese
  - 47 Money for meals?
  - 50 Becomes unthreaded?
  - 53 "Such good news!"
  - 54 Grooved slot in a board
  - 55 Sounds of enlightenment
  - 56 Inability to speak
  - 60 Penalty for filling a large trout pot?
  - 65 Jazzy Jones and James
  - 66 Comme il \_\_\_ (as it should be)
  - 67 Left ventricle outlet
  - 68 Utters, Shakespeare-style
  - 69 Wartime comrade
  - 70 Prepare to leave Vancouver's Wreck Beach, perhaps
- Down**
- 1 Lincoln played by Daniel
  - 2 R&B diva with a 4-octave range
  - 3 Netanyahu's nation: Abbr.
  - 4 Outruns the law

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- 5 U.S. isle called "The Gathering Place"
- 6 Push ahead, as a boat
- 7 Honda mid-size model
- 8 Sync, as phone to speaker
- 9 "Just \_\_\_ , almost ready!"
- 10 T.O.-based network for tinkers
- 11 Erase away
- 12 Snatch on the sly
- 13 Do on \_\_\_ (react to "Bet you can't")
- 14 Carried a heavy load
- 19 Lily Tomlin's "Laugh-In" laugh
- 20 Oakland ball team, to fans
- 23 Licorice-flavoured seed
- 24 Convened again
- 25 Professor's material?
- 28 Sitcom-watching stint, say
- 30 Using Crime Stoppers info
- 31 Big name in London?
- 32 Ripped shirt now, maybe
- 35 Meir portrayed by Ingrid, 1982
- 36 Whined softly
- 37 Beginning to foam?
- 39 Crime investigator: Abbr.
- 40 Comm. syst. for the deaf
- 42 Summons, as a servant
- 45 Unhelpful reply to "Who's there?"
- 46 They may cause heavy eyelids
- 47 Hilltop views
- 48 About all one can bear to see
- 49 Compos mentis condition
- 50 Spirits served with sushi
- 51 Eta-iota connector
- 52 Unkempt and run-down
- 57 Edmonton post-sec. sch.
- 58 Big name in nonstick pans
- 59 Rapper who once hosted CBC's "Q"
- 61 W.W.II beach assault vessel
- 62 Raging sensation?
- 63 Texter's "personal memo" abbr.
- 64 "It's \_\_\_ as in 'elephant'"

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We found Linda and her group to be professional, committed to their clients and thoroughly effective in all aspects of the sale of our cottage. Highly recommended for your real estate needs - purchase or sale

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