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## Bird's eye view

Andrew Carroll and Amy MacAlpine with Sky, a Gyrfalcon. They have opened Royal Canadian Falconry in the Highlands. See the story on page 13.  
*Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

## Winter tourism an 'endangered species'

**By Lisa Gervais**

Barrie Martin sits in his Yours Outdoors office on a rainy January morning. He's on Instagram trying to promote some of his business's indoor activities while he, the rest of the Highlands winter tourism industry, and the visitors, wait for the snow to fall.

At the moment, it's flameworking that

Martin is selling. "It's like glassblowing but it's tubes and rods," he explains. "Anything to do to throw them (tourists) this way," he adds.

Like many businesses that rely on winter weather, Martin, who works in conjunction with Haliburton Forest, said it's been a tough season to date.

He thinks fewer visitors are in the area

than during the height of the pandemic. "So, I think demand is down a little bit and that certainly is exacerbated by a winter that has yet to arrive."

He said Yours Outdoors and Haliburton Forest have had to cancel "all kinds of things."

For example, the Forest's snowmobile trails have been closed. It means less

accommodation booked. Yours Outdoors has had to scrap things such as igloo building, ice climbing, skijoring, and skiing.

Martin jokes he should change the business name to Yours Indoors, since he is spending a lot of time at the computer marketing, booking, cancelling, issuing refunds, and

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Eight kittens abandoned off of Bingham Road this week. Submitted.

# Abandoned kittens being cared for in Minden

By Lisa Gervais

Eight kittens, seemingly abandoned down an isolated road in Minden Hills, are now being cared for by Paulmac's Pets in Minden. Owner Amanda Dykstra said that as of Jan. 10, four black kittens were in the shop and another four tabbies were in the temporary care of a foster home. While they appear healthy and were eating and drinking water, Dykstra said they were

headed to the vet for a check-up Jan. 13. She added once they have seen the vet, they can be adopted out. She's encouraging locals to phone the store if they are interested. One has already been spoken for. There is an adoption fee to offset costs of \$90 for kittens. Former Algonquin Highlands mayor, Carol Moffatt, posted to Facebook Jan. 9 about the kittens being apparently dumped down Bingham Road, off of Scotch Line. She said

they were in a cage on a winter's day. "Huge thanks to the person who came upon them and took them to the good folks at (Paulmac's Pets)," she said. Dykstra said she did not know about the circumstances surrounding the finding of the kittens, but said the OPP dropped them off at her store. She was reluctant to discuss the person or persons who left the cats.

She said she didn't want people in similar circumstances to necessarily call the pet store because they have people on a waiting list wanting to surrender cats and kittens, so circumstances such as this create an emergency situation. "It means everybody on the list gets bumped down and that just puts pressure on the other people to dump their kittens."

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# Robinsons General Store in Dorset closed

By Lisa Gervais

The owner of Robinsons General Store told *The Highlander* they ran into financial hardship, which forced them to close the business Jan. 8.

“We tried everything,” Mike Hinbest said in an interview.

He said they did not release a statement to the community because they were devastated and did not know what to say. They also wanted to talk to staff first.

Hinbest added interest rates going up so dramatically and so fast had a major impact.

“When you buy a new business, you have a lot of liabilities.” He added the concurring drop in the real estate market put their assets at risk. What was “always a safe investment this year [2022] wasn’t and the perfect storm came.”

He said he and wife, Katie, have suffered personal financial losses. “We gave up every cent we had to our name to try to save this [the store] for the town.” An emotional Hinbest added, “we didn’t just run away.”

He said 90 per cent of people have been empathetic, and sad for the owners, staff, and community. He said other business owners in Dorset have reached out to lend support. However, he said 10 per cent of people had

been unkind, even threatening, saying things such as, “don’t show your face around this town again.”

“They don’t know that we gave everything. My staff know. Even in this hardship, when we told them, the first thing out of their mouths was, ‘I feel so sorry for you guys, and I’m concerned about you and your family’,” Hinbest said. “We cared so much about them [staff], that they cared about us back.”

The marina and coffee and gelato shop are also closed.

## Talking to the Robinsons

Hinbest said he had been talking to Joanne Robinson throughout the past year.

“When we started seeing that this might actually not work out, we phoned them [Joanne and husband Willie Hatton, who previously operated the store].”

“I just want people to know that we did everything for them. We tried everything.”

Joanne Robinson told *The Highlander*, “I don’t have any information to give you at this time, just because it’s so early, we don’t know how this is all going to play out.”

The Robinson family sold the 100-year-old general store to the Hinbests effective May 1, 2021.



Mike Hinbest, pictured at Robinsons Marina this past summer, speaks out on the Robinson closures. *File.*

## EMS NEWS

### ATV fatal collision

OPP say they will not release the name of the 43-year-old Dysart man killed in a Jan. 8 fatal ATV collision “to respect the privacy of the family.” They had no further updates on the accident this week.

Members of the Haliburton Highlands detachment were called to the scene on Hwy. 35 in Algonquin Highlands just before 7:30 a.m. this past Sunday. They said it was near Matabanick Road and, “the lone rider was pronounced deceased at the scene.”

OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Re-constructionists were assisting with the investigation and Hwy. 35 was closed in both directions between Hwy. 118 and Kushog Lake Road for several hours.

Anyone with any information in relation to the investigation is asked to call the

Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

### Highlands East fire

A structure fire at the Homestead Trailer Park in Highlands East Jan. 5 is still under investigation, with fire chief Chris Baughman saying there was nothing new to report as of now.

“We did respond to a structure fire at the Homestead Trailer Park at approximately 7 p.m. (last) Thursday evening,” he said. “The park was closed for the season, so there was no winter maintenance and access was difficult. There was no one on site, so no injuries. Exact cause still under investigation.”

Baughman added that Stations 1, 2, 4 and

6 responded to the call with approximately 20 firefighters. He said they accessed the scene using side-by-sides and portable pumps to draw water from the lake.

### Opioid overdose alert

An opioid overdose alert is being issued for the City of Kawartha Lakes, County of Haliburton and Northumberland County after what the health unit deems a “noticeable” increase in overdoses over the past 30 days.

“The recent increase in overdoses is troubling, so we’re issuing the alert to inform the community to take precautions,” said Leslie McLaughlin, the Substances and Harm Reduction Coordinator with the health unit.

The health unit says there have been 22

overdoses within the HKPR region since Dec 10, with 20 per cent taking place this past weekend.

She said contributing factors may include people using alone, or a potentially contaminated or poisoned drug supply, that is leading to more severe overdose reactions.

The HKPR District Health Unit reminds anyone who uses drugs (or those who know someone who does) to: test a small amount of drug before use; never use alone. If alone, call the National Overdose Response Service (NORS) virtual safe consumption at 1-888-668-NORS (6677), or use a buddy system and call a friend; call 9-1-1 in the event of an overdose; avoid mixing drugs and keep a naloxone kit on hand. You can get a naloxone kit at most pharmacies and needle exchange sites.

(EMS news compiled by Lisa Gervais).

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# Scott outlines 2023 priorities for County

By Mike Baker

Finding solutions for Haliburton County’s housing problems is a “major priority” for local MPP Laurie Scott in the new year.

Speaking to *The Highlander* Jan. 9, Scott said she believes Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, that was introduced in November, will cut out a lot of “unnecessary” bureaucratic red tape at the municipal level, enabling developers to progress new builds quickly.

Some of the new legislation’s key features include reducing developer charges for affordable housing builds, allowing more livable units on one residential lot, and introducing programs promoting modular homes and rent-to-own properties. Through the new bill, up to three residential units, including basement apartments and garden suites, are now permitted on one lot without requiring any municipal bylaw amendments.

“The status quo wasn’t working. We are so far behind on our build targets, a million homes behind province-wide, that we needed to do something to move the needle. We have a new expectation; everyone needs to move faster and find ways to bring as much housing as we can, as quickly as we can.”

Asked how Bill 23 would help bring more affordable housing to Haliburton County considering one of its primary features is the reduction, or removal, of development charges – something the County doesn’t currently impose – Scott said the most important thing was to reduce wait times for development permits and rezoning applications.

“It’s about removing barriers... I’ve been hearing very positive things [about Bill 23] from developers and non-profits,” she said.

Scott believes staffing issues plaguing many industries in the County can be resolved by creating more places for people to live.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services has been struggling for months. Threats of emergency department closures at the County’s two hospitals have lingered, and Scott said alleviating these issues is another primary concern for her this year.



MPP Laurie Scott says the Ontario government is committed to lowering the tax burden on residents in 2023. *File.*

She said the province is continuing to offer free training for PSW courses, while supporting students looking to get their RN and RPN designations. She hopes a new provincial program designed to encourage people to work in rural communities can benefit the County.

“We’re paying for an RN’s education if they agree to go to an under-serviced area once they’ve graduated. Hopefully that will take effect in our area [this year],” Scott said.

Conversations are also ongoing with Ontario’s post-secondary institutions to expedite the process for overseas-trained nurses and physicians to be more quickly assessed and accredited.

The cost of living for most Ontarians has spiked substantially over the past 12 months. Scott said the province recently passed legislation to help vulnerable seniors by doubling the Guaranteed Annual Income System (GAINS) payment for 12 months, starting in January. This will increase the maximum payment to \$166 per month for single seniors, and \$332 per month for couples – an increase of almost \$1,000 per person in 2023. Scott said around 200,000 seniors will benefit.

The MPP added the province is also renewing the Low-Income Individuals and Families (LIFT) tax credit, which provides a one-time payment to individuals earning less than \$50,000 and families bringing in

less than \$82,500. Cuts to gas and fuel taxes are also being carried over into 2023, saving Ontario households an average of \$195 a year.

More supports for children’s daycare are also being rolled out. A new \$213 million grant program for childcare operators to create new spaces was unveiled in December, an extension of the province’s previous commitment to partner with the federal government on \$10-a-day daycare. Ontario has committed to creating 71,000 new childcare spaces by 2026.

“That’s a biggie for a lot of people,” Scott said. “There will be more details surrounding daycare investments and enhancements later this year.”

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### WINTER PARKING

From Nov 1st to Apr 30th, overnight parking is prohibited between the hours of midnight and 8:00 AM on township roadways and parking lots. Furthermore, parking in the turning circle of a cul-de-sac is prohibited during all hours. Vehicles parked in these areas that prohibit the removal of snow will be towed away and/or ticketed at the owner's expense

### RECYCLING TIP OF THE WEEK

Drink pouches, chip bags, straws and disposable cutlery are not recyclable. Please place these items in your garbage. For more info on recycling in Minden Hills, download the Haliburton County Waste Wizard mobile app on your Apple or Android device.

### SNOW REMOVAL

Pushing snow across roads and streets is not only a safety hazard; it is also against the law. The Ontario Traffic Act states: No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s. 181.

### (VIRTUAL) COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Members of the Public will participate electronically, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

January 12 – Regular Council Meeting  
January 26 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at [mindenhills.ca/council/](http://mindenhills.ca/council/) or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting; please download by visiting our website at [mindenhills.ca/council/](http://mindenhills.ca/council/). Please note the live stream file/video will be available to the public for the duration of one week after the Council Meeting.



# County draft budget at 6.24 per cent hike

By Lisa Gervais

The County of Haliburton started budget talks Jan. 11, beginning at a 6.24 per cent tax rate increase.

The budget increase was lessened by a 0.9 per cent Municipal Property Assessment Corporation increase, director of corporate services, Andrea Robinson, said.

The County needs \$1,481,668 over last year's levy - \$22,308,802 from \$20,827,134. Every \$210,000 increase represents a one per cent rate increase.

Warden Liz Danielsen told *The Highlander* council is faced with a particularly challenging budget this year, "starting with a rather unprecedented 6.24 per cent increase. The cost-of-living increase, which was hovering around 6.8 per cent at the end of the year, combined with staffing shortages across the country, and resulting supply chain issues, is having a very real impact," she added.

Robinson said some funding areas are down, including the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (a \$26,190 decrease), and a \$94,550 cut to the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund.

There have been increases to the federal gas tax rebate (\$24,906); the investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (\$100,000); \$1M in LTC community paramedic funding and \$117,565 in community paramedic HHHS funding; as well as \$84,000 for a flood hazard identification and mapping program.

Robinson said of the significant budget impacts this year – amounting to almost \$1.3 million – there is more than \$50,000 for pension money for part-time staff; \$163,300 for the 1.75 per cent cost of living wage increase for employees; a 15 per cent jump in insurance costs (up more than \$55,000); the cost to upstaff the Tory Hill ambulance station, at just over \$200,000; \$74,000 for the community safety and wellbeing plan and \$84,000 for economic development and tourism.

She noted line painting costs are up \$50,000; fuel \$65,000; computer licensing and cyber security \$170,000; nearly \$70,000 more for the health unit; and more than \$174,000 for the City of Kawartha Lakes housing and social services.

When it comes to reserves, Robinson said the County has just over \$7.7 million. She



County warden Liz Danielsen says it's a challenging budget for staff. *File.*

said the first draft had \$364,681 going into reserves, and more than \$1.8m coming out, leaving about \$6.25 million at the end of 2023. As for debt, it has risen since 2015, now at just over \$4 million.

Danielsen said that in many areas, their work is guided by provincially mandated asset management plans that dictate how and when many of their larger projects or acquisitions must be completed or made.

"Should council consider deferring projects that maintain our infrastructure in good condition, we face even greater increases in costs. Putting off increased taxes during challenging times can often lead to even greater increases down the road, making it even harder for ratepayers to bear the cost."

Director of public works, Robert Sutton, said his biggest budget pressures are the volatility and uncertainty in material and

labour costs, as well as delivery dates.

He added climate change and evolving technological and regulatory challenges are also having an impact.

His department is recommending spending about \$3.2 million on roads, with most of that being road resurfacing. Work would include parts of County Roads 3, 648, 10, 11 and 18. Another \$1.1 million would go towards rehabilitation of the Gooderham bridge on CR 507, at a cost of more than \$1 million, with engineering on Paudash Lake bridge on CR 9 for \$40,000.

Director of planning, Steve Stone, said his budget demands include what the County is going to do with its shoreline preservation bylaw. He said \$253,611 in expenses is proposed to be included in the 2023 budget, with money to hire staff to implement a new compliance monitoring program and

purchase a vehicle to be shared.

He is looking for \$120,000 to put towards a climate change adaptation plan, that includes implementing a Foodcycler program, to reduce 1,968 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions. He is looking for money to update the County's official plan due to growth projections.

Danielsen said County staff have encountered many challenges as they developed the first draft of the 2023 budget. She added it's always more difficult in the first year of a council's term, as staff don't yet have a full understanding of the new members' priorities and goals.

She added council will provide direction to staff over the next few meetings, "and I know we all sincerely hope that tax increases can be kept as low as possible."



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# Climate change impacts local tourism and economy

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promoting alternate adventures.  
He reckons his business relies on winter for 50 per cent of its revenue so, “it’s fairly significant.”  
For example, on this day, he has changed an itinerary for a couple who came to ice climb and snowmobile. They’re now geocaching, going to a water spa, the wolf centre and a sip, swill, savour event. “We try to make the best of what we have.” It requires being “nimble,” he said, but admits that after a while “it does wear on you.”  
“I think in the longer term, winter tourism is going to be an endangered species ... with climate change. Are we prepared for five months of November weather? It’s very worrisome being in the tourism industry, and for the winter tourism industry, for sure.”

## HCSA still optimistic

John Enright is president of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA). He noted they didn’t start grooming last year until Jan. 18, so, “we’re not behind the eight-ball. The sky is not falling in. We hope it does with snow. No doubt it’s a setback, but the season is not over. It hasn’t even started yet,” he said.  
Enright added if history repeats itself, data indicates they’ll have a 70-day riding season.  
In the meantime, volunteers are “crazy busy” preparing trails since there are several steps, including removing fallen trees on hilly terrain, and, when winter weather returns, staking 17 lakes with 900 orange stakes.  
We need several days of cold to dry out all the water and then snow, snow, snow,” the HCSA president added.  
He half-jokingly encourages people to do a snow dance. “Put a white crayon in your freezer, wear your pyjamas inside out and put a spoon under your pillow,” he said.  
Doug Wilkinson, who owns Sir Sam’s Ski/Ride, said they had to postpone the planned ski cross for this past weekend and they also had to close some of the slopes. However,



HCSA president John Enright is looking forward to getting the groomers out on the trails. *File.*

he said they opened a week earlier this year and had two winter camps over the school holidays.  
“If you look at our guest count ... it’s pretty much flat or a little bit up from last year.”  
They also have the advantage that they can make snow, unlike those who make money from other sports, including ice fishing and dog sledding. Sir Sam’s was planning to make more snow this past weekend.  
“It’s just part of the business,” Wilkinson said. “I actually take it in stride because there’s nothing we can do about it. Not all doom and gloom. You have to stay optimistic.”  
He is looking forward to sun and cold going forward, anticipating a fully open hill as of Jan. 12. They are eagerly awaiting 1,500 kids, booked through school trips, to show up over the next month or two.

## Climate change

County climate change coordinator Corey McKay said, with climate change, “we are seeing warmer winters with more precipitation falling as rain instead of

snow. This impacts snow and ice cover for winter-based recreation such as skiing, snowmobiling, and snowshoeing, which in turn has impacts on tourism and our local economy.”  
McKay added, “the impacts that we will experience in the future depend on global action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. According to the Climate Atlas of Canada, if emissions continue to rise at current rates, the average winter temperature in the Haliburton area will increase by approximately 5°C toward the end of the century.”

# Highlands snowmobilers asked to ride on available trails only

**By Lisa Gervais**  
Haliburton Highlands OPP and the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) are asking residents and visitors to be patient and stay off local Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) trails that remain closed.  
In a Jan. 5 media release, the two said riders who ignore closed trail signs, or attempt to go around closed gates, are placing themselves, club volunteers and the local OFSC club at risk.  
They said riding trails before they are opened can damage private property and may result in loss of riding opportunities in the area.  
“Much of Haliburton County’s trails are on private property. We are there as a courtesy of the landowner,” HCSA president John Enright said.  
Other tips included staying on trails, as

off-trail riding can lead to closed trails. Enright added snowmobilers should ride within their abilities and understand trails are un-engineered, and conditions and snow surfaces can change rapidly without warning despite regular grooming.  
He says people should always remember to ride sober and obey speed limits. Drive within your abilities and always adjust your speed to changing weather and trail conditions. You must also wear an approved snowmobile helmet that is properly fastened, the OPP and HCSA said.  
“Plan your ride, tell a friend and make sure the trail you choose is available on the OFSC interactive trail guide. It’s your online resource 24/7,” Enright said.  
To check to ensure trails are available and passable, go to [ofsc.on.ca/trail-maps](https://ofsc.on.ca/trail-maps). More information is also available through the HCSA website at [hcsa.ca](https://hcsa.ca).



OPP and HCSA ask sledders to use only open trails. *Source: County of Haliburton.*





Jennifer Mills is the new principal at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Photo by Mike Baker.

# ‘Dream come true’ as Mills transitions to new principal role at high school

By Mike Baker

When Jennifer Mills walks the halls at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS), she still reminisces about the good times she had there as a student in the late 1990s.

Now, 23 years on from her graduation, the Red Hawks alumni is trying to recreate the same supportive environment and high level of in-class and extracurricular programming that allowed her to thrive.

Mills was named new principal at HHSS in November, replacing Chris Boulay, who has moved on to a new management role within Trillium Lakelands District School Board’s (TLDSB) human resources department. This is Mills’ first principal posting, after spending almost three years as a vice principal at Haliburton County’s high school.

“I am honoured and excited to begin my principal journey at HHSS,” Mills told *The Highlander*. “Being able to learn from Chris these past few years, and to be mentored by him, allowed me to be ready to step into this new position... I am privileged that I get to work at HHSS with amazing staff and students every day.”

Mills has been with TLDSB for over 15 years, starting out as a supply teacher at several elementary and secondary schools across the district. Her first permanent

posting was at Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) in Minden, where she taught Grades 7 and 8. After leaving ASES, Mills became an instructional coach, working with Highlands’ educators and students.

While she enjoyed that work, Mills yearned for more. She had always dreamt of following in her mother, Debbie Wales’, footsteps and becoming part of the teaching fabric at HHSS.

“To me, this has felt like coming home,” she said.

There have been some major day-to-day changes for Mills since assuming her new role, but the same core values remain.

“The part I love most about my job is still at the heart of it – interacting with and helping students, while trying to make a positive difference in their school experience. I get to work alongside educators that care for students and find ways every day to engage, motivate and encourage our youth to be successful in their education pathway.

“The HHSS staff want what is best for students and works endlessly to achieve that. The interactions I have with students make me realize why I love the work I get to do. Whether it’s just a ‘hello’ or a smile in the hallway, a chat about making good choices, or a more in-depth conversation about supports a student needs to achieve

their goals... I’m grateful to be a small part of the team that nurtures the growth and development of our students.”

Another perk of this transition, Mills said, is that Martin Gage, a popular former teacher at HHSS, has returned to the school as a vice principal.

The past few years have been a challenging time for most students, with regular school activities disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Mills said it’s important that teachers, administrators, and support staff take an active role in helping youth transition back to life inside the classroom.

“We know coming out of COVID that there are different needs the students have, both around well-being and academics. We are working on ways to re-engage students who are struggling to be in a classroom setting, while still holding high expectations and standards for achievement,” Mills said.

“When I see that things we are doing are making a difference in a student’s life, that is the rewarding part. We, as educators, are not only teaching subjects, but we are also teaching students the skills they need to be successful in school and life. Every student is unique and comes with their own strengths and struggles,” she added. “It’s our job as a staff to help them develop into successful, capable, and kind people.”

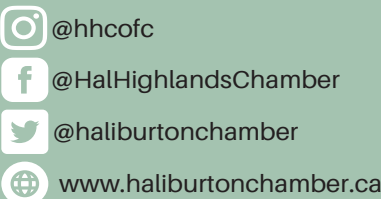


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A changing winter season



By Lisa Gervais

I recognize that Haliburton County Snowmobile Association president John Enright was joking when he said people should put white crayons in their freezers, wear their pyjamas inside out, and put spoons under their pillows, to bring snow to the Highlands.

And I respect that Sir Sam's Ski/Ride owner Doug Wilkinson says the winter-yet-to-come is part of his industry, that he takes it in stride because there's nothing he can do about it, and that it's not all doom and gloom. He is staying optimistic.

I think Yours Outdoors owner Barrie Martin is the one hitting the proverbial nail on the head, when he says that in the longer-term, winter tourism is going to be an endangered species in Haliburton County due to climate change. He anticipates that, one day, we will have five months of November-like weather. He's worried about the impact of climate change on winter tourism in the future.

And, from what County climate change co-ordinator Korey McKay has had to say in her reports over the past couple of years, he is right to be worried. All of us should be.

Let's look at some excerpts for McKay's report on our greenhouse gas inventory and climate projections.

- As the global average temperature increases, the County of Haliburton will see higher average temperatures and more extreme heat. The average annual temperature could increase by over 4°C toward the end of the century. Higher average temperatures will result in warmer summers and milder winters.

- Climate projections for our region from the Climate Atlas of Canada, based on a business-as-usual scenario where global greenhouse gas emissions continue to rise, would see the average winter temperature increase by 5.2°C toward the end of the century. We may see an additional 45 mm of winter precipitation toward the end of the century.

- The County is also predicted to see more variable weather conditions and extreme weather due to increased energy in the atmosphere from higher temperatures. This results in more storms, including ice storms, snowstorms, and thunderstorms.

While McKay's report speaks to the end of the century, we are already seeing evidence of this climate change trend. We had the big dump at Christmas, followed by the big freeze in the early new year. As I sit to write this column, on Jan. 9 at 5:15 p.m., it is 0

C outside. There is a freezing rain warning.

When we further look at excerpts from McKay's Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan, she comments that the impacts of increased temperatures will mean more mild winters that may lead to winter melts causing disruption to outdoor events and programming for winter-based recreation.

To this end, she suggests continuing to communicate weather dependency when planning for events that depend on snowpack and consider developing alternative programming for low snowpack conditions.

In other words, we are past putting crayons in freezers, wearing our pyjamas backwards and putting spoons under our pillows.

McKay says the impacts we will experience in the future depend on global action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. So, we are at the mercy of forces outside of our County. But, locally, it means those who plan traditional winter tourism activities in the Highlands have to plan ahead and pivot in future.

LETTERS

Banning GMO corn

Dear editor,

I read with great interest the Jan. 5 opinion by Dr. Nell Thomas entitled 'preventing loss of biodiversity'.

As chair of the board of the Grace Lake Association, I am recommending that the other board members read this article.

Linked to the issue of threats to biodiversity posed by herbicides and GMO crops, I would like to bring your attention to the recent letter to PM Justin Trudeau calling on Canada to support Mexico's position of banning the import of GMO corn, and the use of glyphosate by 2024.

You will find two URLs below, one containing the letter to Trudeau containing the endorsement of 28 Canadian organizations, including Environment Haliburton!, and the second a shorter release about this letter issued by the Council of Canadians.

- canadians.org/media/media-release-mexico-under-pressure-from-u-s-over-gmo-and-glyphosate-ban/
  - canadians.org/wp-content/uploads/Can.-support-Mex.-GMO-ban.pdf
- Please consider giving some coverage

to this letter initiative in the upcoming Highlander.

Rick Arnold  
Grace Lake

Feeling lucky

Dear editor,

We are so very lucky to live in Haliburton.

Glebe Park consists of 175 acres, which is looked after so well by Dysart et al.

It offers hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, toboggan runs, our great museum and the sculpture forest, that also has a geocache site, which makes it really informative and fun to explore.

We can enjoy the farmers market across the lake and the trail by the lake and right in town.

Thank you to our beautiful Haliburton and the vision it has created for a fun and gorgeous place to live.

I am in appreciation of all the town does. Thank you Dysart et al.

Karen Smith  
Haliburton

Likes co-living concept

Dear editor,

Re: Highlander Jan 5/23 co-housing.

Welcome to the wonderful group of people who are so enthusiastic and successful as they evolve their own form of co-housing.

It is a concept that may work best when the people involved already know, enjoy and trust each other on some level. The range of ages is also a positive aspect.

The advantage of co-housing as a concept is that it can be very flexible, and there are many examples available in Ontario alone. I hope that the Oakview people would be happy to share their experience and expertise with others.

This excellent project deserves every success, and should serve to inspire more co-housing in the Highlands.

Margery Cartwright  
Haliburton

Correction: In the story 'Sidsworth represents HHSS on G7 Student Senate' in the Jan. 5 edition of *The Highlander*, we stated the senate had been in operation since 2013. According to Trillium Lakelands District School Board, the G7 Student Senate has been running for several decades. *The Highlander* regrets this error.

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(300 words max)



## MAY

### Land donation

Harburn Holdings owner Paul Wilson said he plans to donate one of four potential medium-density residential lots fronting Grass Lake to local non-profit Places for People (P4P). Jody Curry, P4P president, said her organization could add up to 15 new affordable housing units at the site should the project be approved.



Harburn Holdings owner Paul Wilson.

### An aging Highlands

The average Highlander is more than 10 years older than the average Ontarian, according to new data released in the 2021 Census. Compared with the provincial average of 41.8, the average Haliburton County resident is 52.8 years old. Statistics Canada data released in May shows the Highlands' older age groups are growing, with 35.2 per cent of the population, or 7,250 people, over the age of 65. In 2016, 32.9 per cent of the population, or 5,940 people, were 64 or older.

### Water breach

A soil land bridge on the south side of Esson Lake collapsed May 3, causing flooding and low lake water levels. Highlands resident Mark Branham, who lives on a nearby property and was the first to report the breach, said the land bridge had been in a state of disrepair for some time. He said Parks Canada needed to invest more money to ensure issues like this are fixed before they become a problem. Parks Canada crews installed a temporary dam May 17.

### Sentence passed down

Haliburton man Norman Hart was sentenced to eight years in jail, less time served, after pleading guilty to manslaughter in the 2019 death of housemate Robert James Brown. Justice Michelle Fuerst delivered her verdict in a Lindsay courtroom May 9. Hart killed Brown after the pair got into an argument over a \$500 rent cheque from the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation.

### Turning heads

A new program pioneered in Haliburton County in 2021 is receiving global recognition due to its success ridding around 20 area lakes of harmful, invasive snails. Brook Schryer, an aquatic program specialist with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, said around 300 volunteers came together to remove approximately 553,000 Chinese mystery snails and Banded mystery snails. He presented the program at an international conference in Belgium in the spring.

## JUNE

### Pro reflection

Haliburton native Matt Duchene said there were plenty of positives for him to take away from the 2021/22 NHL season, where he put up a career-high 86 points in 78 games for the Nashville Predators. Speaking to *The Highlander* following the Preds' opening round playoff loss to eventual Stanley Cup winners the Colorado Avalanche, Duchene said "this year, between my minutes, linemates and how great our powerplay was, the table was set for me to succeed."

### On top of the world

Highlands resident Liliya Ianovskaia made history last summer by becoming the oldest Canadian woman to conquer Mount Everest. The 62-year-old mother of three took several weeks to scale the mountain, the highest point on earth at 8,849 metres, accomplishing the feat alongside her youngest daughter, Dasha.



Highlanders conquer Mount Everest.

### Back again

Re-elected MPP Laurie Scott promised further investments in housing, health care, skilled trades and rural broadband over the next four years after securing a sixth term in office representing the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding. Scott recorded another sweeping victory June 2, garnering 52.8 per cent of the local vote. The riding was one of the first to be declared blue following the closing of polls, with the result taking just 11 minutes to come through.



MPP Laurie Scott was re-elected in June.

### Exit stage left

Haliburton Dance Academy called time on its 10-year run in the Highlands following a three-day season-ending recital at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion June 17 to 19. The effects of COVID-19, as well as health challenges facing the birth of owner, Chyna Schell's, third child, Mabel, factored heavily into the decision to shutter the studio. At the time of closing, HDA had around 100 registered dancers.

### Sporting heroes immortalized

June 18 will forever be a special day for siblings Taly Williams and Lesley Tashlin. The pair, who grew up in the Highlands,

were added to Haliburton's sports wall of fame June 18, with murals unveiled paying homage to the pair's sporting accomplishments. Tashlin represented Canada at the 1996 Olympic Games, competing in the women's 4x100 metres relay, while Williams was the first County resident to play in the Canadian Football League, suiting up 17 games across two seasons with the Toronto Argonauts and Hamilton Tiger-Cats.



Taly Williams beside his mural.

## JULY

### One last hurrah

There were smiles and tears at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School as 99 graduating students closed the book on high school. An in-person ceremony, the first to be held at the school in three years, celebrated the achievements of the graduating class of 2022, with principal Chris Boulay expressing confidence the group will go on to do "great and wonderful things."



A smiling HHSS graduate.

### He's back

Murray Fearrey said he has unfinished business in Haliburton County after announcing July 12 that he's planning another mayoral run in Dysart et al. One of the most experienced municipal politicians in the country, Fearrey spent almost 40 years with the municipality, serving as councillor, reeve and mayor from the 1970s to 2018. After running unopposed, Fearrey officially replaced outgoing mayor Andrea Roberts in the fall.

### Demand soars

A record-breaking number of people sought help from Haliburton County food banks over the summer as inflation hit a new 30-year high. In a presentation to Highlands East council July 12, executive director of the Central Food Network, Tina Jackson, said the service was providing food to about 184 people per month in 2022. The 4Cs Food Bank in Haliburton saw demand double from 2021, up to 130 monthly visitors from 65, with the Minden Community Food Centre reporting a 25 per cent increase in people served from January to June 2022 compared to the previous year.

### Work begins

Ontario's Ministry of Transportation kicked off a months-long project along Hwy. 118 between Haliburton and Carnarvon. Workers cut down trees from more than 300 feet of waterfront adjacent to the roadway beside the Gardens of Haliburton retirement residence, installing a temporary roadway down to the shore of Head Lake. The project features pavement rehabilitation, slope stabilization and improvements to intersections, drainage and guide rails. Work will continue through to fall 2023.

## AUGUST

### Pride in service

When Shain Duda was a kid, he knew he wanted to be a police officer or firefighter. He turned that dream into a reality in the summer when he was named Minden Hills' new fire chief. He was promoted to the position after spending two years as deputy chief, working under Nelson Johnson, who has relocated to Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories. Duda has eight years of service with the department.



Minden Hills fire chief Shain Duda.

### Businesses upset

After three Highlands resorts had their hot tub facilities closed, owners said Ontario's hot tub regulations unfairly target small operations. Buttermilk Falls Resort, Sandy Lanes Resort and Lakeview Motel and Resort received provincial orders to close hot tubs as Ontario Regulation 565 Public Pools "does not permit the use of private backyard domestic spas to be used at hotels, travel accommodations or resorts that have six or more units or suites." After appealing the decision, the three businesses were told in October they could operate the hot tubs again.

### Years in the making

Haliburton County council approved a shoreline preservation bylaw Aug. 24 following more than two years of debate, study, consultation and community backlash. The new bylaw will come into effect April 1 and will restrict certain activities within 20 metres of a shoreline, while introducing new permitting processes for lakefront properties.

### Loud and Proud

Pride festivities kicked off in Haliburton County Aug. 22 with the raising of the Pride flag at Minden Hills township offices. Last year's lineup included Drag Storytime in partnership with the Haliburton County Public Library, Queer Comedy Night at the Haliburton Legion, Pride Trivia at the Dominion Hotel, Viva Burlesque Ball at the Pinestone Resort, and a street festival in downtown Minden.

*Next week: September to December*



# Austens behind ‘full-serve’ cottage rentals

By Mike Baker

The Austen name has been synonymous with the Highlands’ real estate industry for decades. Now, brother-sister duo, Troy and Skye, are branching out into a growing market – offering property management services under their new business, Haliburton Cottage Rentals.

Positioning themselves as an alternative to online giants such as Vrbo and Airbnb, the Austens said there are many benefits to going local when it comes to managing your cottage rental.

Since soft launching last April, the Austens have built a portfolio of around 30 clients and aim to double that number by the end of this year.

“We’re very excited to do this... our uncle ran a cottage rental operation a couple of years ago and it kind of tweaked us. This is a massive industry in our County and there aren’t a lot of local options to help people navigate it. That’s where, and why, we’re stepping in,” Troy said.

While the real estate industry is showing signs of cooling heading into 2023, cottage rentals are booming, according to Troy.

“There are two reasons for that – first, a lot of people visited Haliburton County during the pandemic. They fell in love with the area and just keep coming back,” he said. “We also saw a huge influx of buyers and investors pouring money into properties up here, and now, whether they need to or just want to, they’re renting their places out when they aren’t here.

“It can be very lucrative,” Troy added. “People can make \$30,000, \$50,000 even up to \$100,000 a year if they’ve got a nice spot. If you have a rental in 2023, it’s almost becoming your own little business.”

That’s where the Austens can step in. Unlike Airbnbs, which require owners to be available should an issue arise, Haliburton



Siblings Troy and Skye Austen came together recently to launch a new business, Haliburton Cottage Rentals. *Submitted.*

Cottage Rentals provide an all-inclusive service.

“We handle all aspects of a rental. We’ll advertise and find bookings, we’re available at all times if there’s a problem, we take care of all cleaning services, linens, and staging. We’re going to get into maintenance” Skye said. “We’ve also started offering ‘Haliburton experience’ packages where we’ll organize outings and activities, and then things like

having a private chef come in to cook a meal, a local brewer to serve up beer tastings.”

Summer is the busiest time, but the Austens said there’s a growing demand for winter getaways.

A three-person operation right now, Skye said she’s already looking to grow the team. Renovations are ongoing at the Halco Plaza in Haliburton, which will serve as Haliburton Cottage Rental’s new home.

“We’re doing this because we enjoy it. We know Haliburton County, and we know we can be a big help to those looking to rent their property, and to those looking to escape the city and come up here for an experience,” Troy said.

For more information, visit [haliburtoncottagerentals.ca](http://haliburtoncottagerentals.ca).

# Wine Store uncorks new era in Minden Hills

By Sam Gillett

After she graduated college, Kristina Percy worked at the Wine Store in Minden as an “in-between” job for a few months.

“When I left, I said ‘one day I want to own that business’,” she recalled.

Sixteen years later, Percy heard owner Colleen O’Byrne was looking to sell.

“I was on their doorstep the next day,” she said.

Now, Percy has taken the reins of the wine-making locale, helping hundreds of Highlanders ferment various types of wines.

Those customers and O’Byrne’s leadership made Percy fall in love with the job 16 years ago.

“They’re all wonderful, and everyone’s happy. I like the work in here, and Colleen made it an enjoyable experience,” she said.

Percy’s partner, Logan Percy, will be helping out in the shop when his work schedule permits. “What I’ve seen is that customer service is the most important part of this,” said Logan.

When customers come in, Percy and

her staff guide them through the entire winemaking process, starting with the flavour they hope to achieve at the end.

“If they’re not ready to make the [flavour] decision when they come to see us, they can take a brochure home and do their own research,” Percy said.

After the wine ferments, it’s packaged into sterilized bottles in the front of the shop.

While Percy said they would like to expand the store’s retail area, she’ll focus on continuing the store’s traditions for the time being. O’Byrne will stay on until the spring to help with the transition.

“Christina has worked for us before and knows the business,” O’Byrne said. “She’s very bright and she’s the one I would choose to buy my business.”

O’Byrne said the friendships she’s made with the clients have been the best part of the store’s 25-year history, and she’s confident Kristina and Logan will keep that tradition alive.

“They are the right people to have this business and grow it,” she said.



Logan and Kristina Percy said they’re excited to continue the customer service traditions at the Minden Wine Store. *Photo by Sam Gillett.*



# HOS thanks funders and volunteers

By Lisa Gervais

The Highlands Opera Studio (HOS) acknowledged its Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) resilient communities grant during an event at the Haliburton Highlands Museum Jan. 5.

HOS received a two-year, \$92,100 grant this past summer.

The money will support the purchase of digital equipment for use inside and outside the theatre, along with the hiring of personnel to operate the equipment and train HOS staff in its use.

HOS general and co-artistic director, Valerie Kuinka, said the impact of the grant cannot be overstated.

“For some people, the pandemic has created a lasting apprehension to return to live events in confined spaces, and has also resulted in a serious lack of qualified professional theatre technical personnel, impacting the ability to prepare and present live staged events,” she said.

“Through the purchase of strategic digital equipment, this grant will enable HOS to streamline and upgrade all our activities and re-connect to our community, not only through the unequalled experience of live performance in indoor venues, but also online, or even outside, therefore serving our community better.”

MPP Laurie Scott attended the event.

She said the grant is creating more opportunities for the community to get involved with the arts.

“These funds will ensure that the Highlands Opera Studio is able to share the gift of



Lauren Margison performed some music selections. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

experience and creativity, in-person and virtually,” Scott said. OTF volunteer Klara Oyler also spoke.

There was a screening of a short video featuring Cree First Nation’s Andrew Balfour who composed and created *Mishaboos’s Realm*. It was commissioned by the HOS and

written in the County. The HOS used its new projector to show the 15-minute video. They will next purchase a sound system.

The night was also an opportunity to show appreciation for HOS volunteers from the 2022 season. Soprano Lauren Margison performed three songs, accompanied by

pianist Melissa Stephens.

See [highlandsoperastudio.com](http://highlandsoperastudio.com) for more information. Holiday promo reduced tickets for the 2023 HOS season are still available until Jan. 20. They can be purchased through the website or by calling toll-free: 1-855-455-5533.



## Snap happy

These are the top three images from the Haliburton Highlands Camera Club’s latest competition, the pictorial category. In this category, members can submit images of any subject. First place, Airplane in the Mountains by Timothy Yano; second place, Flowers on Stone by Gordon Sheehan and third place, Damsel Fly, by Sheehan. The club is a small group of photography enthusiasts of varying experience capturing images of the Highlands and beyond. New members are welcome, whether they use a smartphone or high-end camera. For more information, go to [highlandscameraclub.ca](http://highlandscameraclub.ca) or check them out on Facebook. (Lisa Gervais).







Left: Shelley Houser and Marilyn Rydberg do some hand stitching. Bottom left: Sewers hard at work. Right: Barb Smith-Morrison and Shelley van Nood show off a quilt.  
*Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

## A warm hug from the Highlands

More than 20 people gathered at the Abbey Retreat Centre Dec. 3, as ARC officially launched its first community volunteer quilting day for its new program - A Warm Hug from the Highlands! The helpers arrived with sewing machines, a willingness to learn and serve, and big hearts to create quilts together for local and seasonal residents who are living with cancer. Shelley van Nood said they are planning to hold similar events this Saturday, Jan. 14 and in March. "There's so much excitement in here today, it's palatable," van Nood said. "From the time the first person walked in the door, we knew this was going to be a fabulous day. I love to have that community of makers together. Our plan is to wrap everybody who's had a cancer diagnosis in a nice warm quilt." The goal is to make 60 quilts this year. They are placed in bags donated by Glecoff's, with a card signed by everybody who worked on a quilt. For more information, reach out to [awarmhug@abbeyretreatcentre.ca](mailto:awarmhug@abbeyretreatcentre.ca) or call 705-754- 2966.

## Community spirit award presented to 'tireless' volunteer

By Sam Gillett

Gooderham resident Denise Winder said she was "surprised and honoured" to be given the Gooderham Community Action Group's 2022 Community Spirit award.

She joined the group 12 years ago and has since served as chair, helped organize a slate of new events and was key in setting up the group's \$500 bursaries, which go to local high schoolers pursuing post-secondary education. She helped grow the group from four members to 14, and introduced the annual Earth Day cleanup, as well as the Gooderham Music Festival.

Highlands East deputy mayor Cec Ryall presented Winder with the award at the community Christmas dinner Dec. 3.

Ryall said Winder was, "tireless in her leadership of the group as she has organized, staffed and photographed just about every Gooderham town event."

Winder said she is most proud of her work on the student bursary, as well as the town's Christmas exchange tree at which people leave and take gifts during the festive season.

She added that the group's website and enhanced social media presence are also a result of months of hard work.

"I think by listening to the people that actually live here, that's made some of our events quite successful," she said. "With a larger group of people, it's wonderful because everybody has different ideas and comes from different backgrounds of work and social lives," Winder said.

She added that after joining the group she realized how important volunteers are in community life, especially in a small town such as Gooderham.

"There were a lot of things that did go on many years ago and for whatever reason they stopped," she said. "If you don't keep things going like this and you don't get community involvement, [local activities] just disappear."

Winder said volunteering has been a great way to get to know the community.

"It's amazing how many people I've met, just to keep coming out and supporting everything that we do... it's just amazing how many people I've met that normally wouldn't come out to events."

She encouraged Highlands East residents to check out the group's website at [gooderhamontario.ca](http://gooderhamontario.ca) to learn more about future events and to get involved.



Highlands East deputy mayor Cec Ryall presented Denise Winder with the Gooderham Community Action Group's Community Spirit Award Dec. 3. *Photo by Rick Evans.*





A hunt photo of Amy MacAlpine with one of her birds of prey. Photo by Janet Griffin.

# Sky’s the limit for new birds of prey business

By Lisa Gervais

A new Highlands business is hoping the sky’s the limit for its pending venture. Royal Canadian Falconry has set up shop on Irish Line, and owners Amy MacAlpine and Andrew Carroll are looking to fully launch in the spring. Their enterprise will involve experiences and workshops. They also do bird abatement and control. MacAlpine started Royal Canadian Falconry in 2017, but the couple only recently relocated to Haliburton County with their two-year-old son and three working dogs. She is a registered vet technician, who worked at a clinic for years, and has experience with wildlife. “I was just fortunate to meet someone who was willing to take me on as an apprentice so I could become a falconer,” MacAlpine says. In Ontario, falconry is legal but people have to have a hunting license. “Falconry is hunting,” MacAlpine explains. She said Royal Canadian Falconry is different than other raptor centres. “All of our birds are trained to fly, but hunt as well. They don’t just fly post to post. They’re predators that get to exhibit all of their natural behaviour, while benefitting from captivity. It’s a very rare relationship because birds of prey are not domesticated. They’re not tame as we see in other relationships between humans and animals. The way that falcons work is we hunt with them. We make ourselves very useful to them so they want to work with us,” MacAlpine said. There is positive reinforcement using food. She added a lot of people romanticize the wild and wilderness, “but nature is very brutal and very tough and birds of prey are just hardwired to know that and understand that.” In addition to falcons, they have hawks, and an owl, 17 birds in all. They also breed birds of prey so that number fluctuates. They are in the process of cleaning up the

100-acre property and building enclosures for the birds. When fully-operational, people can come by appointment to learn about the birds. When they arrive, MacAlpine said she will talk about the enclosures, then pull out the birds. “We hold them and talk about each of the birds, as a species, their natural history, how they hunt and what they hunt, and then talk about that bird as an individual. For example, this is Petunia, and her job is to protect blueberries in the orchard from nuisance birds.” They then do demonstrations, with one or two of the birds taking flight. “Our guests will have the opportunity to put their gloves up and have the bird land on them. We try to make it a very personal experience, not like going somewhere with 20 or 50 or 100 people,” the falconer said. They have done programs all over Southern Ontario and the GTA. Carroll said when it comes to bird abatement or control, they have worked to eradicate nuisance birds. For example, they have brought their birds of prey to oil refineries and GTA roofs to deter seagulls, and to blueberry orchards to scare away birds such as starlings, which can decimate a crop. MacAlpine and Carroll said they were looking for a specific type of property for their business and the place on Irish Line fit the bill. She grew up cottaging at an uncle’s place in the Highlands, and Carroll, whose background includes whitewater guiding, and lifeguarding, says his grandfather was Dr. Louis Carroll. You can find them at royalcanadianfalconry.com, or on Instagram, Facebook or Tik Tok.

## Predator Prowl

Haliburton Forest and Yours Outdoors have partnered with Royal Canadian Falconry for a live animal experience. It will be at the Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre this Saturday, Jan. 14 from 3-5 p.m. See more at [yoursoutdoors.ca/event/4884/predator-prowl](https://yoursoutdoors.ca/event/4884/predator-prowl).



## Public Notice

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

**1. File No. PLSRA2021012:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of South Lake, lying in front 1112 Hamilton Road located within Lot 6, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Snowdon.



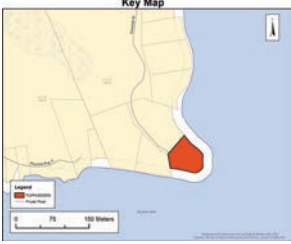
**2. File No. PLSRA2022062:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of 1197 Canuck Trail located within Lot 10, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Lutterworth.



**3. File No. PLSRA2022001:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of 1233 Celestial Drive located within Lot 27, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Minden.



**4. File No. PLSRA2022002:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of 1233 Celestial Drive located within Lot 27, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Minden.



**5. File No. PLSRA2022025:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of 1033 Rays Lane located within Lot 26, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden.



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# Dobson hopes to seize ‘opportunity of a lifetime’

By Mike Baker

Haliburton’s Jacob Dobson added another medal to his growing collection over the holidays after striking gold at the Canadian Junior Cup, earning a spot at an upcoming international event in Switzerland.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) graduate led his team to an unbeaten 7-0 run at the event, held in Oshawa Dec. 27 to Dec. 29. It was the first major win of his junior curling career, following success at the high school and college level.

Speaking to *The Highlander*, Dobson said the result was the culmination of years of hard work, spanning almost a decade.

“I’ve been curling since middle school – I signed up for the youth program with the Haliburton Curling Club to play with a friend and just stuck with it... It’s been a long journey since then, but I’ve had a lot of fun learning the sport and it’s allowed me to visit some incredible places, and play in some amazing venues,” he said.

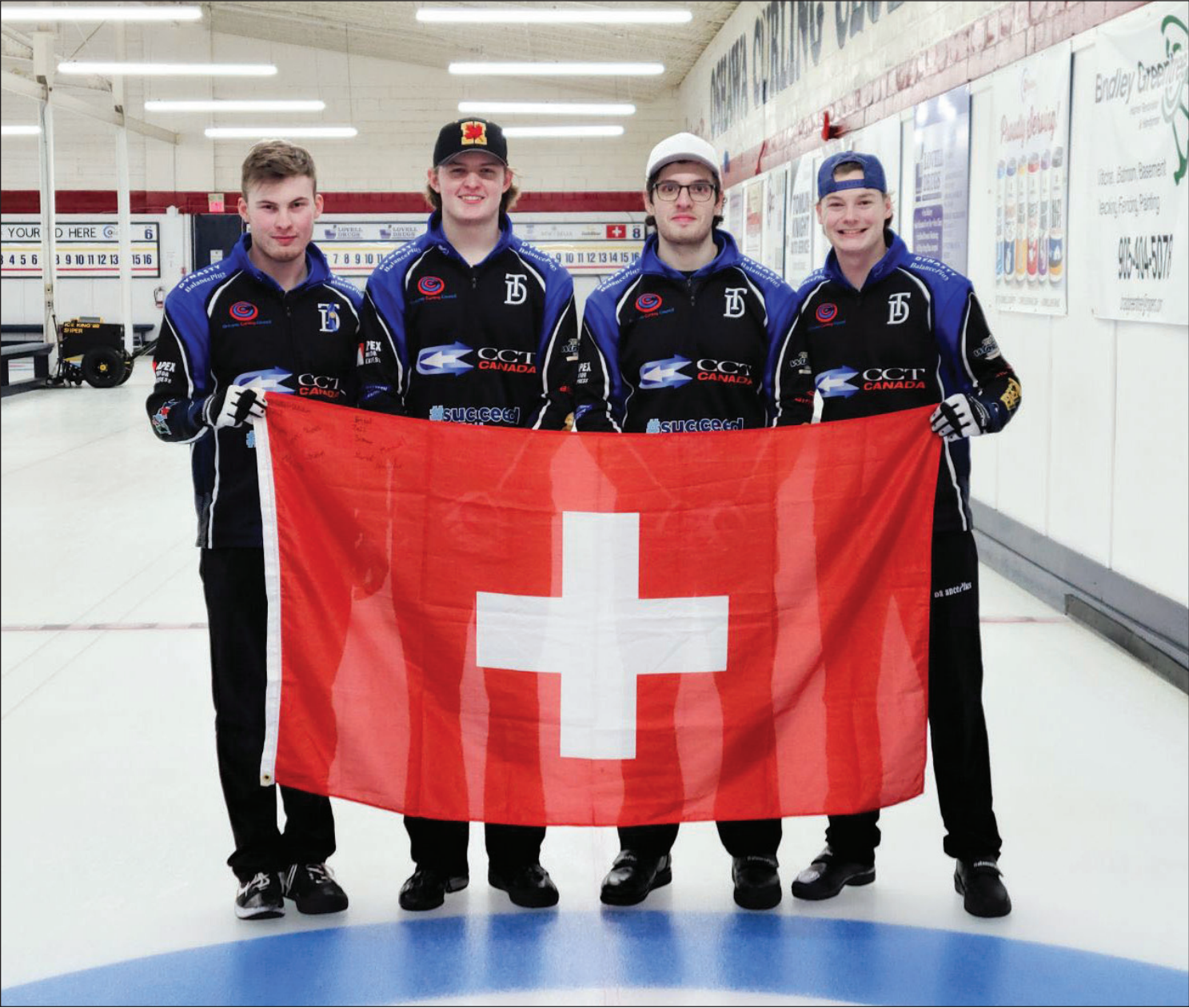
Dobson skipped his HHSS team to an Ontario School Curling Provincial Championship in 2020 and followed that up with a silver medal at last year’s Ontario College Athletics Association (OCAA) curling championships, representing Humber College.

Dobson formed a new team this season with several other elite up-and-coming curlers with the goal of winning the Canadian Junior Cup. Heading into the December event, Dobson felt his squad was one of the favourites to win it all, and they had the opportunity to showcase their skills early on.

They opened the tournament with a 5-4 win over Team Landan Rooney, the defending champions, and followed that up with a 7-3 victory over Team Jermann, a visiting elite development squad out of Switzerland.

“That really set the tone for us. I knew if we wanted to have a chance, we needed to start strong, and going 2-0 against two of the best teams involved really gave us confidence to keep pushing. We stayed focused, grinded things out and just didn’t look back,” Dobson said.

After two more wins in round robin play, Dobson’s squad edged out another Canadian team in the quarter finals, before besting the Swiss again in the semis. That set up a



Haliburton’s Jacob Dobson, left, will travel to Switzerland in February for an international event after winning the Canadian Junior Cup in December. *Submitted.*

championship tilt with Team Stratton, playing out of London. There was a familiar face on the ice for that game – Dobson’s former HHSS teammate Owen Nicholls.

“I’ve known Owen a long time, so it was pretty special having the opportunity to play against him, especially in a championship game,” Dobson said.

The 20-year-old guided his team to a

narrow 3-2 win, securing the first victory of his junior curling career. He’s now preparing to head to Europe next month to compete in the Swiss Juniors Cup. Dobson is hoping for another strong showing as he attempts to build his resume, with the ultimate goal of turning pro.

“I’m just going to take things one game at a time, and make sure I really make the

most of the experience... it’s always been a hope of mine to turn pro one day. I want to see how far I can go in the game. So I’ll be pushing myself. Heading overseas to test myself against some of the best prospects in the world is the opportunity of a lifetime,” he said.



## Notice of Procedural By-Law Amendments

As per Policy No. 24 – Public Notice Policy, notice is hereby being provided that Dysart et al Council, at their regular meeting to be held on January 24, 2023, will be amending the Procedural By-Law to reflect changes to Council and Committee meeting structures and schedules.

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Aliyah Cox was a force on the forecheck and backcheck. She was key in helping on the offence with a couple of assists.



William Brown was effective at both ends of the ice. Helping contribute a couple of goals.



Wyatt Braun led the offensive charge and potted four timely goals. A one-timer from the slot capped off an impressive game. Photos by Tim Tofflemire.

## U9 LL Storm defeat divisional rivals

The Highland Storm U9 LL team took to the ice on a sunny Jan. 7 afternoon, taking on their divisional rivals, the Huntsville Otters.

William Brown got the Storm on the board in the first minute of the game and they never

looked back.

Their offence was led by Brown, Wyatt Braun, Nolan Frybort, and Beau Gilmour, for a couple of tallies apiece, and a four-goal effort for Braun.

The defence was also as stellar as the offence, limiting chances and skating hard on the backcheck.

Strong games by Olivia Emmerson, Brody Alton, and Aliyah Cox allowed goalie Mason

Bishop to stymie the opposition to three goals.

Great job Storm on a 13-3 effort.

• See this week's scoreboard at [highlandstorm.org](http://highlandstorm.org). (Submitted).



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Left: Thomas Johnston is a skilled left wing who put up 35 points in 124 OHL games for the Ottawa 67's and Windsor Spitfires. *Photo by Natalie Shaver/OHL Images.* Right: Joshua Currie joins the Huskies after playing three seasons in the OHL. *Photo by Terry Wilson/OHL Images.*

# Huskies add two pieces for championship run

**By Mike Baker**

Haliburton County Huskies coach and general manager Ryan Ramsay laid down the gauntlet to his team following a surprise 2-1 road defeat to the Toronto Patriots Jan. 7. He told them they needed to “treat every game as if it were a game seven” if they want to bring a first OJHL championship to the Highlands.

In the midst of a four-game road stand, the Huskies defeated the Caledon Admirals 5-4 in a close game Jan. 5 before their disappointing loss in the city. The team rebounded with a 3-2 overtime win over the rival the Cobourg Cougars Jan. 9.

“Caledon was one of our worst games of the year. We played down to their level, and it was very disappointing. Then against the Patriots, we just got flatly outworked,” Ramsay said. “We talked after those games and I made it clear what our expectations were as a team and organization.”

The Dogs got off to the worst possible start

against the Admirals, finding themselves down 2-0 five minutes into the game. Leo Serlin bridged the gap late in the period, assisted by Nathan Duplessis and Declan Bowmaster. Caledon scored the only goal of a drab second period, giving the home side a 3-1 advantage heading into the third. Patrick Saini scored his 20th goal of the season a minute into the final frame, teed up by Boyd Stahlbaum and Isaac Sooklal.

With the Huskies pushing to find a game-tying tally, the Admirals hit them on the break, finding a way past Aidan Spooner – brought on in relief of Tyler Hodges in the opening period – to make it a 4-2 game.

The Dogs kept fighting, with Stahlbaum providing hope of a late comeback after burying a penalty shot 12:51 into the period. It took the team 50 seconds to find the tying goal, Alex Cunningham finishing off a move from Luca Rea and Will Gourgouvelis. With overtime looming, top scorer Ty Collins ruthlessly dispatched the puck past Admirals

goaltender Antonino Rizzo with just 30 seconds remaining, assisted by captain Christian Stevens and Saini, to spare the Huskies’ blushes.

Things started well against the Patriots on Saturday – Gourgouvelis gave the Dogs a 1-0 lead early in the first, assisted by Stahlbaum and Jack Staniland, but that was as good as it got for the hometown team.

Following the disappointment of that defeat, Ramsay made some changes to his roster. He added Joshua Currie, a 20-year-old left wing who has spent the past three seasons playing in the OHL for the North Bay Battalion, Windsor Spitfires and Kingston Frontenacs, posting 61 points in 167 games.

He drafted straight into the lineup Monday against the Cougars, posting assists on the game-tying goal, scored by Staniland, and the overtime winner, scored by Collins. Sam Solarino had earlier opened the scoring for the Huskies, assisted by Cunningham.

Ramsay made one final tweak to his team

at the OJHL deadline Jan. 10, bringing in skilled forward Thomas Johnston from the Spitfires. Wary not to carry too many players, Ramsay dealt Serlin to the Stouffville Spirit and released checking forward Duplessis.

“I’m excited with the moves – Tommy scored 15 goals with the Ottawa 67s in the OHL last season. He’s a really good hockey player – small, but fast as lightning. He’s coming to us hurt, he’s probably a couple of weeks away from playing but he’ll be a great addition once we get him into the lineup,” Ramsay said. “Currie is a big body, with a lot of experience. He’s played a lot of playoff hockey at the OHL level, so I’m hoping he can help us on the mental side once we get into the post-season.”

The Huskies will complete their road trip Jan. 15 against the Wellington Dukes before returning home Jan. 21 to host the Lindsay Muskies. Puck drop at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena is 4 p.m.



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# Rookie goaltender 'learning a lot' with Dogs

By Mike Baker

While most young Canadian hockey players spent the bulk of their childhood dreaming up innovative ways to score a goal, Haliburton County Huskies netminder Tyler Hodges was instead obsessed with keeping pucks out of the net.

The 17-year-old goaltender has made quite the impression during his debut season in the Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL). Through 13 games with the Dogs, he's tallied 10 wins, one overtime loss and two regulation defeats, posting a league-leading goals against average of 1.40 and a save percentage of .950.

Splitting the crease this season with veteran goalie Aidan Spooner, Hodges believes Haliburton County is the perfect spot for him to hone his craft and make a name for himself on the junior circuit.

"I really couldn't ask for a better place to play my hockey," Hodges told *The Highlander*. "As a younger guy, getting to surround myself with some of guys we have in our locker room has taught me a lot about being a leader, how to elevate my game and maintain my focus and the mental aspect of the game."

While this is Hodges' first full season with the Dogs, he was in and around the team last year as an affiliate player. He earned that role after attending the team's prospect camp in summer 2021, catching the eye of head coach and general manager Ryan Ramsay.

He spent most of the year between the

pipes for the York Simcoe Express U18 AAA team, appearing in 14 regular season games and five playoff tilts. He would sometimes travel up to the Highlands to participate in practices and was rewarded with a first start against the North York Rangers Oct. 10, 2021 – backstopping the hometown team to a 3-1 win.

"I had never felt so alive on the ice. It was a road game and was just the most amazing experience. I loved everything about it," Hodges said. "I knew then that I had to do whatever I took to sort of earn my spot and try and get some more game time."

He practiced hard throughout the summer and was impressive during training camp, earning the backup goalie spot for this year. He's since taken that opportunity and ran with it, standing out as one of the league's best goaltenders through the first half of the season. He was selected to play for Team Jake Evans in the OJHL InStat Top Prospects Game Jan. 14 in Collingwood.

Hodges grew up idolising Minnesota Wild goalie Marc-Andre Fleury and hopes to one day follow in his footsteps and make it to the big leagues. In the short-term, though, he wants to do his part to help bring a championship to Haliburton County – a place he's come to call home.

"My parents bought a cottage up here last summer, so we've been spending all of our time up here. It would be incredible to win with the Huskies. This is a great hockey community, and I love playing up here... getting to win here would be super special."



Haliburton County Huskies goaltender Tyler Hodges is enjoying a fine rookie season in the OJHL. OJHL Images.

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# Terra Lightfoot to rock the Legion in January

By Lisa Gervais

Musician Terra Lightfoot has been a Haliburton County resident since 2020, but has yet to perform for a hometown crowd. She'll soon rectify that thanks to the Haliburton County Folk Society, which is presenting Lightfoot and her band during a show at the Haliburton Legion Jan. 28. "We love it. There's nothing better," Lightfoot said of her chosen home. She relocated from Hamilton. She added, "I am so excited for my neighbours to come and see the show. I'm excited to play locally after so many times being involved in the community but not in the music community, so that'll be really good. And I know that there are a lot of local musicians around, too, and I'm excited to meet some of those folks and the Folk Society."

Lightfoot said they are a rock band, "so we will be playing some rock and roll." She is bringing bass player, Eli Abrams, and drummer, Glenn Milchem, who plays in Blue Rodeo.

The band will perform original music. "I guess some people would say I'm a little bit country and a little bit folk, too, so there will be some quieter moments but it's a lively

show. It's for dancing and having fun." Lightfoot said she played quite a bit through the pandemic, virtually from the very beginning, but her schedule slowed in the summer of 2021. One COVID-19 memorable moment was doing a recording of a Joni Mitchell song for CBC in the living room looking out at the back marsh, "so, that was really lovely."

She's also had time to write music from home, "so, that's been great." She is planning to release a new record in 2023. "Those songs were written in Haliburton, which is cool."

The Folk Society said that in the heart of winter, a show by Juno-nominated Lightfoot and her band, "is guaranteed to brighten the spirit and warm the heart."

The Folk Society's Barrie Martin agreed with Lightfoot that, "she's bringing something a little bit different ... more solo rock and roll and blues than anything. It should be a good event."

Lightfoot is a singer and songwriter with a "huge voice and big and gutsy guitar tone. In her music, you'll catch some rock, some soul, some blues...and a whole lot of heart," the Folk Society added.

CBC Music describes Lightfoot as, "one



Terra Lightfoot recently moved to the Highlands. Submitted by Mat Dunlap.

of Canada's best all-around musicians... an amazing tour de force, the complete package."

With three studio albums to her credit, along with Polaris Prize and Juno Award nominations, Lightfoot has performed with numerous artists, including Blue Rodeo, Willie Nelson and Bruce Cockburn, and recently completed a tour with Blackie and the Rodeo Kings.

Local singer and songwriter, Thom Lambert, will do an opening set. "I'm sure I'm going to be meeting a lot of people for the first time and I'm looking forward to that," Lightfoot said.

Tickets for the concert are available at [haliburtonfolk.com](http://haliburtonfolk.com). To find out more about Lightfoot, visit [terralightfoot.com](http://terralightfoot.com)

## JANUARY EVENTS

- Jan. 14, 10:30 a.m.**  
Join Canadian Parents for French for a family friendly bilingual storytime event at the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. A story will be read in French with fun songs and rhymes in both French and English to follow.
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A Trapper's Workshop will take place at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce. Admission is \$2, everyone is welcome! Non-perishable food donations will be gratefully accepted for the Central Food Network. For more information please contact Minden District Fur Harvesters - Ted Nottage 705-448-2877.
- Jan. 18, 10 to 11:30 a.m.**  
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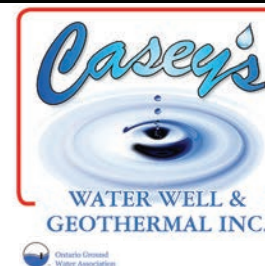
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Legion Branch #636 Minden)

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the  
passing of Norm Michael MacKinnon. Norm was born in Noranda,  
Quebec on September 16th, 1946. Norm fought a brave battle with  
cancer and passed away Sunday, December 18th with his family by his  
side at the Haliburton Hospital.

Norm will be missed by his loving wife and best friend Glad  
Mackinnon, his oldest son John (Jocelyn, Jack, Matt, and Maddy), his  
daughter Pamela (Dale, Colton, Clayton), and his youngest son Marc  
(Irina, Mischa, and Maya). Norm was a wonderful husband, father,  
grandfather, and cherished friend.

Glad and Norm were married for 56 years and bought their home on  
South Lake in 1979. Norm was an avid outdoor enthusiast and loved  
teaching his kids and grandkids how to fish and enjoy nature walking  
on the blue trail at his woodlot. Norm and Glad enjoyed spending  
time in Florida where they made many friends. Norm was a proud  
employee of Ontario Hydro for 28 years and subsequently owned a  
small business distributing Cottage Life in the Haliburton Highlands  
area. Norm will be missed by so many and never forgotten. His family  
will be holding a Celebration of Life in the spring.

There are no words to express how thankful we all are for kindness,  
support and helping us with so many unknowns during these difficult  
times and for all the love and support we all have felt from thoughtful  
neighbours, friends, doctors and staff at the Haliburton Hospital in  
both the emergency and hospital departments.

Life is much easier to accept knowing that Norm is in a better place.  
Pain free and as a family we will continue to make him proud of us all.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services  
Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated  
by the family and can be arranged through  
the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127  
Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario  
K0M 2K0.






In Loving Memory of  
**Bryan Barry**  
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at the Haliburton  
Hospital on the afternoon  
of January 4th, 2023 in his  
79th year. Beloved husband  
of Anna Barry, loving father  
of Curtis Barry, and his wife  
Zobie Ghany. Loving stepfather of Paul Cowen and  
his wife Lisa Robertson and Liesa Morson (deceased)  
and her husband Steven Morson. Cherished papa of  
Keira and step-papa of Ava. Brother of Beryl (Murray),  
Wayne (Linda), Grenville (Brenda), Dale (Wayne-  
Deceased), and Phil (Sharon). Fondly remembered  
by his nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Bryan  
was a musician who enjoyed singing and playing  
guitar for residents of Extendicare for many years and  
jamming with his friends in the band Northern Jam.

Graveside Service

A Graveside Service will be held at the Maple Lake  
United Church Cemetery in the Spring. As an expression  
of sympathy, donations to the Royal Canadian Legion  
Branch #129 would be appreciated by the family.  
Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the  
**HALIBURTON COMMUNITY  
FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118,  
Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.





In Loving Memory of  
**Anne Bates  
(Vallery)**

Anne Bates (Vallery), 74,  
passed away peacefully  
at Hospice Peterborough  
on Friday, January 6th with  
her family at her side, and  
surrounded by love. Anne is  
survived by Harvey Bates, her loving husband of 52  
years. She will be deeply missed by many, including  
her children Nancy Tapajna (David), Steven Bates  
(Kelly), and Jennifer Larkin (Jason). Sister to Mary  
Carpenter (Roy), and Susan Vallery (Rick). Anne was  
the proudest "Nana" and will be remembered by her  
6 Grandchildren: Megan, Taryn, Peyton, Reese, Ryan,  
and Finlay, and of course her loving dog Maddi. Anne  
was an aunt to many nieces and nephews and will be  
missed dearly by all. Anne will always be remembered  
for being so incredibly active in all her family's lives,  
enjoying her time on the dock, sipping on a nice  
glass (bottle) of wine, and her unforgettable laughter.

We would like to thank everyone we encountered  
during mom's battle during the last year,  
especially the doctors, nurses and support staff  
of Peterborough Regional Health Centre, Dr.  
Morelli and the Palliative Care Team, and all  
the incredible staff at Hospice Peterborough.

As per Anne's wishes, we will be holding a  
Celebration of Life. Details will be  
made available in the coming days.

In lieu of flowers, donations to a cancer charity  
of your choice to further cancer research  
would be appreciated by Anne's family

Online condolences can be made through  
www.highlandparkfuneralcentre.com

SOLUTIONS FOR JANUARY 12

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HELP WANTED



The Municipality of Highlands East  
is Currently Seeking A Full-Time Building Inspector

Situated on the Eastern side of Haliburton County, Highlands East covers 758 square kilometers with over 70 lakes, pristine scenery and is only a 2.5-hour drive from the Greater Toronto Area. Highlands East is a predominately rural community and is comprised of the amalgamation of the Townships of Bicroft, Cardiff, Glamorgan and Monmouth as of 2001. The hamlets of Cardiff, Highland Grove, Wilberforce, Tory Hill and Gooderham are our settlement areas.

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., Friday, January 27th, 2023 via mail, in person, fax or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

Brittany McCaw, Deputy CAO/Treasurer  
Municipality of Highlands East  
P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road  
Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0  
Fax: 705-448-2532 E-Mail: [bmccaw@highlandseast.ca](mailto:bmccaw@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.



Seeking A  
Chief Building Official

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Reporting to the Chief Administrative Officer/Treasurer, the Chief Building Official will be responsible for providing administration and enforcement of the Ontario Building Code Act, and Municipal Building By-laws relating to the issuance of permits, inspections and compliance.

The Municipality of Highlands East Building Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Chief Building Official.

Preference will be given to candidates who have the following experience:

- Minimum of five years in a municipal building department setting with extensive working knowledge of the Building Code.
- Must have passed the examination program administered or authorized by the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing relating to the powers and duties of Chief Building Official and the categories of qualification set out in Division C of the Building Code.
- Formal academic training in an architectural based program, civil engineer or equivalent would be an asset.
- Experience managing staff in a unionized environment
- Strong management skills
- Excellent record management skills
- Must be computer literate and experienced working with Building Permit Software and Municipal Financial Software
- Excellent communication and proven ability to work in a team environment
- Valid G Licence

If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications **clearly marked "Application - Chief Building Official"** may be submitted on or before 12:00 p.m., Monday, January 16, 2023 via mail, in person, fax or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

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

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If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications **clearly marked "Application – Public Works Manager or Application – Public Works Operations Supervisor - Landfill"** may be submitted on or before 12:00 p.m., Monday, February 6th, 2023 via mail, in person or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

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Please submit your resume by  
**3:00 p.m. on Friday, January 20, 2023 to:**

**Dawn Mugford-Guay,  
Human Resources Coordinator**  
Township of Algonquin Highlands  
1123 North Shore Road  
Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1  
Email: [dmugfordguay@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:dmugfordguay@algonquinhighlands.ca)

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- 1 Tootled in a marching band
  - 6 Pendulum partner in a Poe title
  - 9 \*Dive with a mid-air toe touch
  - 14 Italian violin maker
  - 15 When doubled, gung-ho
  - 16 Give a lusty once-over
  - 17 \*Landline or modem plug-in
  - 19 Places with hens and pens
  - 20 \_\_\_ faire (hands-off policy)
  - 21 Abandon, slangily
  - 23 Booked-up spot in the Bible
  - 24 \*Versatile worker
  - 29 "Wing" prefix, in dinosaurdom
  - 31 Game with Plum and Mustard
  - 32 Direct line abbr.
  - 33 Crank (up)
  - 36 Hopeful rock star's sendout, once
  - 39 \*Slang for a heroin dealer in a Billy Joel song title
  - 43 \*Pirate played by Depp
  - 44 Thinks over overnight
  - 46 "Either you \_\_\_" ("one of us")
  - 47 Station airing "Puzzlemaster" Will Shortz
  - 48 Motown singer India,\_\_\_
  - 50 Vocal pearl-clutch
  - 54 \*Video game series of pop culture trivia
  - 59 Vardalos or Peeples
  - 60 Toronto rockers in a hurry?
  - 61 Frog imitator, say
  - 63 Rub in a win
  - 66 Card game represented by the blocks beside the starred clues' answers
  - 68 Negative option on a French/English survey
  - 69 Annie Oakley asset
  - 70 "Copperhead Road" singer Steve
  - 71 \*British red-white-and-blue
  - 72 "Yew betcha!"
  - 73 Hoops athlete

- Down
- 1 Big mouth resulting from a big mouth, maybe
  - 2 Words of clarification
  - 3 Bambi's sweetie
  - 4 Somme summers
  - 5 Slang for boozier, from "thirst"
  - 6 Big name in happy pills
  - 7 CBC newsmen Hanomansing
  - 8 Whine lover's music genre?
  - 9 Trendy yogurt drink
  - 10 Spiral-horned antelope
  - 11 "Y," in comparatives
  - 12 Word before "I smell the blood of ..."
  - 13 Mini music albums, briefly
  - 18 Bunny boss Hugh, for short
  - 22 Back up to speed, on a music score
  - 25 Honorary legal deg.
  - 26 Letter starter, often
  - 27 Big do in Montreal, 1967
  - 28 Crockpot comfort food
  - 30 Post a podcast review, say
  - 34 Hard-to-fold guide

- 35 Citizens of the leaning tower site
- 37 Dingy thingy
- 38 Abbreviated math course
- 39 Folky foursome at Woodstock, for short
- 40 Brand in a lab?
- 41 Lima's land
- 42 Ontario's Nipissing University city
- 45 Suffix with neat or beat
- 49 Set up tents, etc.
- 51 Turkey's capital
- 52 Century: Fr.
- 53 \_\_\_ Brothers of games
- 55 Liquid-Plumr shelfmate
- 56 Go \_\_\_ a limb
- 57 Middle-earth menace
- 58 Shaken from slumber
- 62 Take \_\_\_ at (insult)
- 63 Bearded grass grazer
- 64 Chaney mentioned in "Werewolves of London"
- 65 Common pasta ending
- 67 Trip the polygraph

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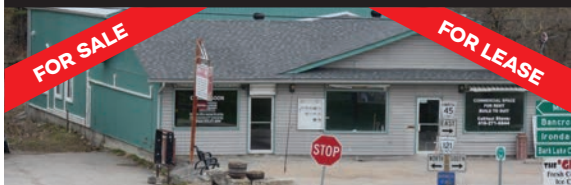
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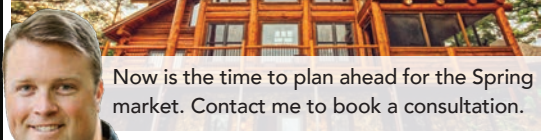
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