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County wants CT scanner for Highlands

By Lisa Gervais

Coun. Walt McKechnie renewed calls for a CT scanner for the Highlands during County budget talks Jan. 11.

McKechnie commented on the Haliburton and Minden hospitals "not being properly equipped with a CT scanner" during discussions on the EMS budget.

The Dysart deputy mayor said they were discussing spending millions of dollars in 2023, for things such as new trucks and fixing bridges, but when it comes to a CT scanner, "it's a priority for a lot of people, especially those getting older.

"To me, this is a high priority. This is something we should be taking a hold of and trying to help get these machines in our hospitals. It just makes so much sense."

He didn't have to convince director of emergency services, Tim Waite, or County CAO, Mike Rutter, who both spoke of the need during the meeting.

Waite estimated his service transported 230 people out of the County for CT scans in 2020. That number jumped to 357 in 2021, or nearly a person a day. He added 78 per cent of those calls involved taking someone to Lindsay or Peterborough, having them scanned to rule out certain medical conditions via negative test results, then bringing them back. Waite said it amounted to about 2,000 hours of ambulance time a year.

The problem, though, is when ambulances are out of the County, they can be dispatched to 911 calls in other jurisdictions. When taking patients to larger hospitals, he said they can be stuck in lineups for hours – essentially taking that ambulance out of service for Highlands residents.

"I think it's a very important tool for here for a couple of reasons," the paramedic chief said of CT scanners. "Number one, people in Haliburton County can get the

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Not having diagnostic tool a deterrent to doctors

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diagnostics locally without having to travel. Number two, for physicians now, a CT scan is just a routine part of their assessment. It's almost like getting regular blood work.

"So, I think it is an important tool to not only keep our vehicles in the community, but also to help diagnose people in the community quicker and determine the proper facility for them to go to."

Warden Liz Danielsen said one barrier to recruiting physicians to the County is not having a CT scanner.

Rutter said when Campbellford got its diagnostic machine, its physician recruiter commented on how much easier it was to attract new doctors. "Because the young ones in particular, that is just a basic tool, they felt really isolated without having it."

He added he has aging parents, and his dad has had to go out of the County three times for non-emergency CT scans. While there, he said they'd shopped, gassed up and spent money.

"If they were giving that service locally, they would be less likely to do that. They would shop, fill up, do everything locally and that money continues to circulate in Haliburton County. There are hundreds of CT scans done for residents of Haliburton County each year.

"So, there are many, many benefits outside of just the ambulance service. It's in physician recruitment. It's in economic development. For an aging population to drive half-an-hour, or 15 minutes versus two

to three hours. There are lots of benefits of having those machines here," Rutter added.

Waite said while communities usually purchase CT scanners, the province must approve it and also fund the annual operations. He indicated there is work going on "in the background" but did not elaborate.

Coun. Cec Ryall said Haliburton Highlands Health Services is well aware of the situation.

Coun. Bob Carter added, "just because you have a CT scanner here, doesn't mean you have it staffed." He added CTs can reveal medical conditions that Haliburton County hospitals cannot treat and some patients will still need to be taken elsewhere. Overall, he said there are many pressures on the ambulance service.

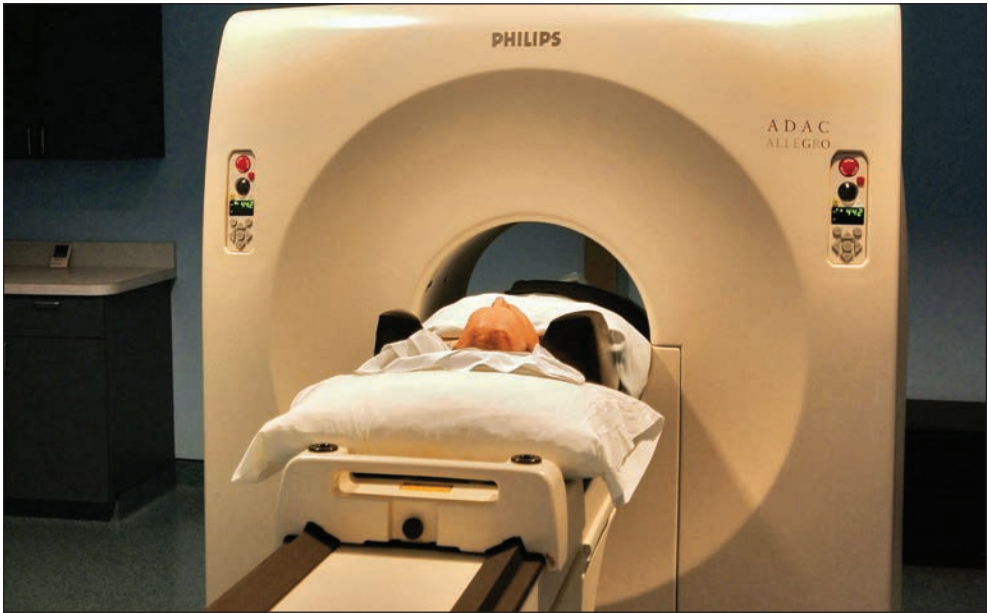
"No doubt, as far as I'm concerned, our ambulance services are going to have to expand ... the population aging, population growing, and less medical services available locally," he said.

HHHS explores feasibility

HHHS said on Jan. 16 it is exploring the possibility of bringing a CT scan machine to the County.

"HHHS had planned to include the addition of a CT scan machine as part of our master planning process," said president and CEO Carolyn Plummer. "We know it would make such a positive impact in the community and that this is something the community has wanted for some time."

As part of the exploration, HHHS has taken



A CT scanner. *Piqsels.com*

steps to conduct a feasibility study, she said. The study will help determine if it is possible to proceed now, rather than wait for the master planning process to be completed.

If the study demonstrates that a CT scan machine is feasible for HHHS, a full application to the Ministry of Health will be required.

"While we hope to be successful in this effort, we know we have a long way to go," Plummer said. "We do see so many benefits of having a CT scan machine for everyone in Haliburton County. It would support our patients with quicker diagnostics, help to

better meet the needs of our community in terms of screening and prevention, help attract new healthcare workers to the area, and reduce the number of EMS hours currently spent transferring patients out of the County for services."

If an application is made to the Ministry of Health, it will require strong community support, Plummer said.

HHHS believes the cost could be in the range of \$2.5 to \$3 million for the project, which would include estimated renovations, "but the feasibility study will give us a better idea of the cost."





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Owners of Fast Lane Bowling pull the pin

By Lisa Gervais

The owners of Fast Lane Bowling in Minden said they will continue to operate until the season ends, however, they are planning to sell and relocate to Sault Ste. Marie.

Ron Crump told *The Highlander*, “we’re here until April and then I’m going to put it up for sale.”

He said they have family, including grandchildren, in Sault Ste. Marie.

Crump, who owns the business with partner Debbie Gerzymisch, said landlord Hazma Khalid informed them of a substantial rent increase on Dec. 2. Initially, they said it was put at \$2,850 a month, and then reduced to \$2,100, but still a 75 per cent jump from what they had been paying.

Crump said at that time, “we just don’t make that kind of money.”

Gerzymisch added, “especially in the summer. We’re dead. And in the winter, we have an extra high hydro bill because of the heating.”

Resident Trina West organized a GoFundMe that raised \$1,980.

As for plans to put the business on the market, Crump said, “it’s spreading by word of mouth right now. I’ve told a few people. Hopefully someone will pick it up and keep going with it.”

Last week, they notified various bowling leagues of their plans. The winter bowling season now boasts four leagues, including Red Wolves Special Olympics, as well as parties, fundraising events, and drop-ins.



Fast Lane Bowling owners, Ron Crump and Debbie Gerzymisch, play pool. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Khalid told *The Highlander* last month that Bank of Canada interest rate hikes had forced his hand and even with the rent increase, he is still charging less than market rent.

Managing the bowling alley had been Crump’s retirement plan, to supplement income if there were any profits, but also to give himself something to do. Gerzymisch added they had enjoyed getting to know the County bowling community.

Pet store and hair salon

Two other businesses in the complex also had their rents hiked. Another had already moved out.

Susan Andresen of Pet-Tyme-Animal Krackers! was facing a 150 per cent jump, to \$1,250 a month from \$500.

She told *The Highlander* last week that the landlord had agreed to negotiate rent, “so we have no plans to move at this time. We love

what we do and want to continue to serve the pet and animal lovers of Minden and area.”

Sonya Smith, of Sonya’s Unisex Hairstyling, told *The Highlander* she is going to try to stay put for now. Her rent increase was more than double. “They’ve come down a little bit. I’m going to try and stay if I can.”

She said she had to raise her prices a little bit, “because I have to do something. If I’m just working here to pay the rent, that’s no good. I need to pay my bills just like everybody else.”



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County considering Foodcycler program

By Lisa Gervais

The County of Haliburton is expected to decide by the end of the month whether to support a Highlands Foodcycler program. Climate change coordinator, Korey McKay, tabled a report to the Jan. 11 committee of the whole meeting, with options for a potential countywide program utilizing combined federal and local funding. She said 77 per cent of municipal greenhouse gas emissions are a result of organic waste breaking down at landfill sites. She added managing the waste is very expensive for small townships. Three of the four municipalities have run Foodcycler pilot programs, including Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al and Minden Hills. They offered subsidized Foodcycler units and McKay said the trials were successful. She said some feedback was the size of the bucket was too small and even the cost of

subsidized units too expensive. She said the County program would address those two issues. The units used today could be offered at \$50, with a newer, double the capacity, unit at \$150, the coordinator said. She presented three options, noting Impact Canada funding timelines call for a decision by month's end. Coun. Murray Fearrey said, while a great idea, he felt it was being presented in the wrong place. "I don't understand what we're doing as a County, trying to do something that private enterprise should be doing ... I just don't think that we're in the appliance business here." He said it takes a lot of staff time in Dysart and the feedback he has received is the units are loud. He added people who can afford them should buy them rather than municipal government providing subsidies paid by for County taxpayers. Coun. Walt McKechnie concurred, saying a lot of staff time was taken up "basically selling" the product and explaining how it worked. "It is a lot of money in this day and age, \$100,000 for us to subsidize this. "It's a great project, but people who want it should go out and buy it." Coun. Bob Carter said the way the project is set up makes it a "take it or leave it" proposition for councils. He said the difference is paying \$50 or \$150 if subsidized, versus \$500 on the open retail market. "There's a huge savings for people. But it comes down to whether or not this is something that we need to do in our budgets." Coun. Jennifer Dailloux asked for a breakdown of waste management reduction costs. For example, she said option one appeared to show savings of \$112,500, while investing \$102,000. McKay said for every tonne of waste reduced, there is a \$150 savings. "That's really impressive," Dailloux said.

Coun. Lisa Schell acknowledged while the County would be spending \$120,000, they would be saving on landfill costs. Looking at the numbers, she said, "it's almost a wash at the end of the day so I think that's something to consider as well." Warden Liz Danielsen said they did a pilot at Algonquin Highlands, "and it was extremely successful. I heard not one negative comment about it." She said the unit does take up counter space but she had not heard noise complaints. "I think this is an excellent program." She added, "it could be considered to be the appropriate place here (at the County)." However, with some councillors voicing concerns, she suggested holding off until more budget talks. Dailloux said AH councillors were able to trial units and McKay said there was one in the kitchen at the County office. Council received the report and deferred a decision to a council meeting at the end of the month.

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Minden discusses cutting public winter sand

By Lisa Gervais

For the past number of years, Minden Hills has provided winter sand at the community centre as a courtesy to residents.

However, director of public works, Mike Timmins, told council Jan. 12 he had serious concerns about continuing, including cost, health and safety as well as taking staff and vehicles off the road at critical times.

During the 2021-2022 winter season, it's estimated the department delivered two loads per week, on average, for public use.

"This quantity rises quickly during major winter weather events," Timmins said. "This process likely cost the township between \$7,000 and \$10,000, but more importantly it takes our sand trucks off the road during the most critical weather events of the year."

After snow and freezing rain, he said demand skyrockets and department phones get flooded with calls when sand runs out. He added they have "to react by pulling a truck off the critical road routes to deliver sand ... this adds stress to public works staff and spreads the equipment thin during the most critical weather events of the year."

Timmins added policies around sand use - such as a person only taking one five-gallon container, and no commercial use - are being abused, with no way to monitor or control it.

"What started as a courtesy to the small local community is being abused by property owners with lengthy laneways, or contractors and business owners who are taking advantage of the free sand provided by the

township. It is also known that residents and contractors from neighbouring townships come ... to get access to free sand," he said.

He's worried about people getting hurt when they come to pick up sand and suing the township. He said the only recourse to absolve the township from liability would be to have an attendant at the community centre.

As for timing, he said he'd like the program discontinued after this spring.

Coun. Ivan Ingram said he fills a recycling bin full of sand when he needs it. However, he understands there is abuse, including some people selling the sand. He asked about putting the sand at the landfill, or another site, but Timmins noted there would still be liability issues. Mayor Bob Carter said the Ministry of Environment would not allow relocating to the landfill.

"I think, in all honesty, the average person uses it properly, but I agree contractors are in there like crazy," Ingram said.

Coun. Bob Sisson said in his opinion, "people need sand somewhere, so I'm not in favour of cancelling it altogether."

Coun. Pam Sayne said she has an icy driveway but every time she goes to the community centre there is no sand because people are taking it away in pick-ups, so she buys it at a store. She said it does not seem like a lot of money for the safety it provides residents but there is no staff to regulate it and it is being taken and resold.

"Unless we can find another way to do this safely and equitably, I don't know how we



Winter sand for the public may be on the chopping block in Minden Hills. *File.*

can continue it," she said.

Ingram suggested using the township's sandbagger and then charging a fee per bag to pay for the cost of an operator on site.

"It's a tough one. At the end of the day, if we're going to do it, shut it down, let's give them lots of notice that it's going to happen.

If we know by spring that we're not going to do this anymore, let's get something out there so people are aware of it."

Carter said they should further discuss it during budget deliberations. Council received the report for information only.

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON NEWS

Community policing advisory committee

Council agreed it was a good idea to revive the community policing advisory committee (CPAC) while they wait for the province to create a local detachment board.

Haliburton Highlands OPP acting detachment commander, staff sgt. Rob Flindall, was supposed to speak at the meeting but was unable to, however Warden Liz Danielsen said he was asking for the reinstatement of CPAC.

“It sounds to me like the province is not going to be establishing a detachment board until late year, if this year at all, which is disappointing to hear, so I think this is a timely suggestion,” Danielsen said.

She said she informed Flindall that the matter would have to go back to individual councils. In the past, CPAC has comprised meetings between the detachment commander and the mayors of the four lower-tier municipalities.

Danielsen said it would be up to Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Highlands East and Minden Hills to agree, and then schedule meetings.

“I think we all look forward to better communications because we’ve been kind of off the rails for almost two years I think now,” she added.

New ambulances

EMS director Tim Waite sought pre-budget approval for the purchase of a new ambulance.



The County is hoping for better communication with OPP. *File.*

He said the vehicle that needs replacing has 330,000 kilometres on the odometer, which is 30,000 over what the service likes. Waite said the problem is wait times for ambulances.

“I hope to get that before the end of the year, but it might be later than that. It’s

causing expensive repairs to keep these vehicles on the road. Hopefully, we can catch up a bit, but the sooner we get this order in, the sooner we can get this new ambulance,” he said.

Waite added with supply chain issues, they’ve had extensive delays in receiving

new ambulances. For example, two new ambulances they ordered in September 2021 have still not arrived. They are expected in March. *(County of Haliburton news compiled by Lisa Gervais).*

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Schmale expects hard times to continue this year for Highlanders

By Mike Baker

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale believes issues surrounding inflation and cost of living are likely to get worse in 2023.

After a tumultuous 12 months that has seen the country come out the other side of the COVID-19 pandemic, another very different threat has emerged forcing most Canadians to re-think their household budgets.

Inflation hit a new 39-year high last June, rising to 8.1 per cent. Increased prices at the pumps led to a drastic rise in grocery prices, while much higher interest rates, bumped up seven times by the Bank of Canada since March, has seen accommodation costs, whether through home ownership or rentals, spike considerably.

"These are challenging times for most Canadians," Schmale told *The Highlander*. "The cost of living crisis looks like it will be with us for the foreseeable future. Food bank usage is up, with the number of first-time users through the roof in Ontario. More and more people are making tough decisions over whether to pay their rent or mortgage, pay their electricity bill, or buy food. That is extremely concerning."

Schmale blamed the federal government for printing too much money and overspending throughout the pandemic. He said federal printing presses had created \$400 billion of new money since February 2020. He has been critical of several recent federal investments, including a five-year \$30 billion plan to subsidize childcare options across the country, and a \$5.3 billion spend to improve dental care services for medium to low-income families.

While he was supportive of programs such as the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy and Canada Emergency Business Account, he feels the government didn't do a good



MP Jamie Schmale believes 2023 is going to be a difficult year for many Canadians. *File.*

enough job policing who qualified for supports and who didn't.

"Tens of millions of dollars went to prisoners and people outside the country that should not have gotten those supports... when you consider that, and that half of the \$400 billion printed did not go towards COVID-related supports, we could have printed significantly less money, and as a result our inflation rate would have been a lot less."

The Consumer Price Index, used to determine inflation, was up 6.3 per cent in December.

Asked what the Conservatives would have done differently to support Canadians while also staving off inflation, Schmale said "we would have been more diligent. We wouldn't have spent beyond our means. We wouldn't have printed so much excess currency,

devaluing everyone's dollar."

He's remaining optimistic that Canada can avoid a recession this year, and said his primary focuses in 2023 will be bolstering housing, health care and internet connectivity options in the riding. He also wants to see the federal government assisting provincial partners to provide greater mental health supports for Canadians.

"There was definitely a problem before, but the pandemic has exasperated things. It's been a difficult few years for everyone," Schmale said. "I know the provinces are responsible for providing a lot of these services, but the feds have to step up and deliver on some of their election promises [to invest in mental health supports]. People are struggling, and they feel like they don't have anywhere to turn."



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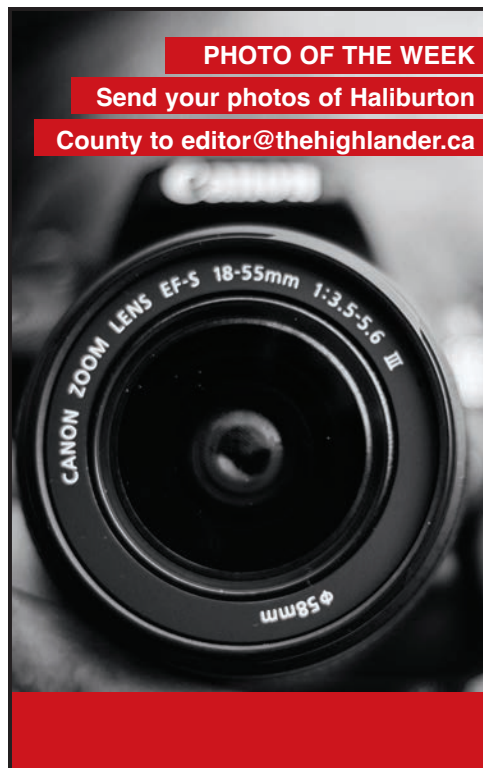
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Time for a CT scanner

The push is on for a CT scanner for Haliburton County.

County of Haliburton staff and councillors have been talking about it for a few months. And, on Monday, Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) waded into the conversation.

HHHS said it had planned to include the addition of a CT scan machine as part of its master planning process.

CAO Carolyn Plummer said HHHS knows the diagnostic tool would make a positive impact in the community, and is something Highlanders have wanted for some time.

HHHS said it's taken steps to do a feasibility study, to determine if it's possible to proceed now, rather than waiting for the master planning process to be completed.

We think the answer to that question is start now. Do the study to demonstrate whether a CT scan machine is feasible and put a full application in to the Ministry of Health.

The County's director of emergency services, Tim Waite, and CAO Mike Rutter, would be more than happy to sit down with HHHS staff to work on a feasibility study and application.

For months, they have been telling council the same story. County ambulances are driving south daily to take patients for CT scans. While in other jurisdictions,

such as the City of Kawartha Lakes and Peterborough, they are being called to 911 emergencies. In some cases, they are sitting outside Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay and Peterborough Regional Hospital waiting to discharge their patients due to long off-loading times.

Having a machine here would also mean people who have to take HHHS transportation or private vehicles for scans would not have to take half a day to do that – spending money out of County in the process.

It would hopefully mean quicker diagnoses, allow us to be a healthier community with screening and preventative medicine, and attract the health care workers we so desperately need.

County officials talked about how their recruitment efforts are being hampered by the lack of a CT scanner. New doctors, in particular, don't want to come to areas where there isn't one. The machine is akin to a blood test in today's diagnostic world.

Plummer said it would be a long journey requiring strong community support.

We don't doubt the community's willingness to help out. After all, it raised the money to build two hospitals. It supports the HHHS Foundation.

We can't express the same confidence in the

ministry of health or Ontario government - which have landed Haliburton County and other rural and regional hospitals in the mess they are in.

For example, we find it unfathomable that the provincial government allows private agency nursing companies. Having them in our hospitals to cover for nursing shortages is costing HHHS an exorbitant amount of money every month. Further, it is creating tensions between HHHS nurses and agency nurses since the agency nurses are making at least double the money of permanent staff.

The provincial government should instead have a pool of its own nurses that it can make available to rural and regional hospitals - and urban ones if needed - when they go through staffing shortages to ensure wage equity.

But that is another battle for another day. For now, we encourage HHHS and the County of Haliburton to work together on finding out if we can get a CT scan machine, estimated to cost \$2.5-3 million, figure out how to raise the money, and get going.



By Lisa Gervais

CLIMATE CORNER Oceans – and global warming

PROBLEM

The ocean is the Earth's largest carbon dioxide reservoir. As CO2 levels increase in the atmosphere, they increase in the ocean, critically changing the pH and affecting marine life through ocean acidification. This process is increasing at an accelerated rate, now 10 times faster than at any other time in the past 300 million years.

At the same time, the vast majority (90 per cent) of heat from global warming ends up in the ocean. The top few metres of the ocean store as much heat as the Earth's entire atmosphere. And since more than 70 per cent of Earth's surface is ocean, the effects of ocean warming are extensive.

Heat stored in the ocean causes expansion, responsible for nearly one-half of global sea level rise. Record ocean temperatures were measured in 2021, followed by record sea water levels in 2022. According to the World Bank, there will be 143 million climate refugees by 2050 due to rising seas.

Coral reefs are especially vulnerable to ocean acidification and warming. They are projected to shrink 70-90 per cent at 1.5°C of warming and over 99 per cent at 2°C. The Status of Coral Reefs of the World 2020 report states 14 per cent of the world's corals were lost between 2009 and 2018.

With the loss of Arctic Sea ice, the jet streams are slowing down and becoming erratic, greatly increasing the frequency, severity, and duration of extreme weather.

The Pacific Ocean is expected to become the biggest heat reservoir because of its large volume. Water currents will carry this ocean's heat to the far reaches of the planet, further distressing the balance of weather patterns.

Lobster on Nova Scotia's sea coast are migrating north to follow the colder temperatures. A Canadian study published in July 2022 showed 41 per cent of 90 fish stocks were at serious risk.

SOLUTIONS

A recent global study calculated the speed of ocean warming. Using temperature sensors placed on boats, buoys, and in the ocean, thousands of measurements from around the world calculated the global ocean heat content back to 1950. With no action taken to reduce greenhouse emissions, the rate of ocean warming is projected to quadruple by 2090. By limiting global surface temperature to 2°C above the pre-industrial level, the acceleration of ocean warming will stop around 2030 (Nature Reviews Earth & Environment).

Dr. Ruth Musgrave, physicist and oceanographer at Dalhousie University, is researching ways to capitalize on the ocean's ability to remove CO2 from the atmosphere. By adding alkalinity to seawater it enhances the ability to absorb and dissolve carbon dioxide. They hope to remove one gigaton of carbon from the atmosphere annually.

Daniel Boyce, a marine ecologist at

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is lead author of the climate risk scorecard for marine life (August 2022, Nature Climate Change). The scorecard will triage the most vulnerable fish, providing a picture of how marine life will fare in a warmer ocean. Cold-water species such as lobster are projected to lose much of their habitat. They are preparing the first-ever Climate Adaptation Framework for Fisheries, encouraging climate-smart infrastructure such as wharf designs that withstand sea-level rise.

Memorial University engineer, Dr. Baiyu (Helen) Zhang, is developing new technologies for the capture and conversion of carbon using marine algae. Based in St. John's, her team is examining the deep North Atlantic and its essential role in the ocean carbon cycle.

Efforts to recover and protect coral reefs are paramount to ocean health. United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) lists coral reefs as a priority ecosystem. There are numerous initiatives to support marine life and ecosystem health: Regional Seas Programme, Glowing Gone, Clean Seas, Global Fund for Coral Reefs.

Next week: What you can do



By Dr. Nell Thomas

Correction: In 'Abandoned kittens being cared for in Minden,' *The Highlander*, Jan. 12, p. 2, we said Amanda Dykstra is the owner of Paulmac's Pets. She is the operator. Nancy Crowther still owns the store. *The Highlander* regrets the error.

SEPTEMBER

A new Haliburton riding

Highlands East mayor Dave Burton said his municipality is lobbying hard to ensure a proposal to split the township between two new federal riding boundaries does not happen. While Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, and Minden Hills would remain in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, a portion of Highlands East would become part of a new Hastings-Lennox and Addington-Tyendinaga riding. Public consultation is ongoing, with new boundaries to be unveiled in September.

Back to school

Students across Haliburton County returned to school in a “normal” fashion Sept. 6, with most COVID-19 safety protocols eliminated for the new academic year. Rules surrounding masking, cohorting and social distancing were dropped, while shared spaces such as libraries, tech labs, theatres and music rooms were reopened for the first time in over two years.

Mourning a monarch

Tributes poured in from across Haliburton County Sept. 8 following the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Canada’s former head of state, Queen Elizabeth was the United Kingdom’s longest-serving monarch having sat on the throne for more than 70 years.

New season

The Haliburton County Huskies made a winning start to the 2022/23 Ontario Junior Hockey League season, defeating fierce rivals the Cobourg Cougars and St. Michael’s Buzzers over the opening weekend. The Dogs bested the Cougars 5-2 on home ice Sept. 10, before a 5-3 road win over the Buzzers.

Funeral for Grace

It was a sombre morning on the playing fields at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Sept. 24 as more than 100 people commemorated the life of Grace, a 125-year-old Snapping turtle that hadn’t been seen in almost a year. Leora Berman, of The Land Between and Turtle Guardians charities, said the filling of wetlands near the school in 2021 had buried many hibernating animals, included Grace, alive. “Some people have called today’s ceremony a funeral, and it could be,” Berman said.



Highlanders remember Grace the turtle.

OCTOBER

A rebirth

Reese Wood was one of many Highlands’ children with smiles on their faces Oct. 1 as the new Skyline Dance Studio opened its space in Haliburton. A committee of eight

women came together during the summer to ensure dance would continue in the County, following the closure of the Haliburton Dance Academy. The new studio is located at 229 Highland St.

Municipal backing

In one of its final moves of the previous term, Dysart et al council expressed support for a proposed 88-unit housing development near Grass Lake. Brought forward by developer Paul Wilson, the project is the most significant residential development to cross council’s table in several years. It would repurpose 2.5 hectares of land along Peninsula Road into four lots that would each house multi-storey apartment and condo buildings. The project is still to receive the County’s support – one of several requirements needed before construction can begin.

Wigamog action

Dysart et al bylaw officials were directed to seek cost estimates to bring the Wigamog Inn property up to municipal standards after owners Aurora Group failed to meet an Oct. 3 deadline to present a demolition plan to the township. Earlier in the year, bylaw officer Rob Mascia presented a report to council outlining 47 infractions of the township’s property standards bylaw, with issues varying from downed power lines to smashed windows, damaged doors and collapsed decks. Staff estimated it would cost “well over \$1 million” to demolish the 37 buildings on the Wigamog site.



The Wigamog Inn will be demolished.

The results are in

Liz Danielsen was elected mayor of Algonquin Highlands Oct. 24, replacing the retiring Carol Moffatt, while Dave Burton was voting in for a fifth term as mayor in Highlands East. Murray Fearrey (Dysart et al) and Bob Carter (Minden Hills) had already been acclaimed as top dogs in their respective municipalities. Fifteen members of council across the County were re-elected or acclaimed, with nine newbies coming on board.

Public getting say

The County rolled out a public survey Oct. 11 as it sought opinion on a new economic development strategy. The upper-tier government hired Strexer Harrow Consulting Group to develop a five-year plan for the municipality. The survey asked questions such as: how would you describe the current economy in Haliburton County; what should Haliburton County focus on to grow jobs; and what is the County’s biggest economic challenge for the next five years. A new plan should be adopted later this year.

NOVEMBER

‘A necessary divorce’

Haliburton County non-profit Places for People (P4P) pulled the plug on its planned development on land facing Wallings Road in Dysart, quashing a project that was expected to bring 48 new rental units to the community. Jody Curry, president of P4P, said changes to the deal on Dysart’s end, as well as NIMBYism of nearby property owners, killed any chance of a build.

County can support new centre

A new feasibility study commissioned by the Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation found the local community could support a new performing arts venue that could seat up to 400 people. Fundraising is ongoing, with a new facility to cost several millions of dollars. HHACF president, Dan Manley, said the organization hoped to break ground on a new centre by 2027.



Study finds new arts centre feasible.

Maintaining the Rez

A year after selling the downtown Rez in Haliburton, former owner Nick Adams returned to the community in November to try and save the property from going into foreclosure, and prevent the eviction of 15 vulnerable, at-risk residents. Adams sunk \$25,000 of his own money into paying off some debts and completing some renos at the space, while working on a deal to buy it back. He eventually closed a deal in December and moved back to the community to manage the property in January.

Changes on the horizon

After Ontario’s Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry proposed new legislation that would outlaw ice fishing of Brook Trout and Lake Trout on all lakes in Haliburton County considered to have low natural fish populations, several local entrepreneurs said the move would “kill” a large portion of winter tourism in the Highlands. The new rules, which could come into effect as early as next January, would severely limit ice fishing options across FMZ 15, which includes Haliburton County.

‘Canada’s moon landing’

A documentary prepared by Highlands’ filmmaker Helen Parker recounting the story of a famous ice hockey series between Canada and Russia was shown in Haliburton County for the first time Nov. 10. *Ice Breaker: The 1972 Summit Series* aired at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, with Gary Smith, Canadian ambassador to Russia at the time of the series, brought in as a special guest. Canada won the series 4-3.

Mourning a loss

Dysart et al fire chief Mike Iles passed away Nov. 26 following a year-long battle with

lung cancer. He was 61. Dozens attended a commemorative service at A.J. LaRue Community Centre Dec. 2, honouring Iles’ contributions to the Highlands region.



The community remembered Mike Iles.

DECEMBER

Community rallies to find missing man

Dozens of volunteers assisted members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP in their search of an 89-year-old local who went missing Dec. 3. Joseph McGee was last spotted driving a 2015 dark green Subaru Outback in the Minden area prior to his disappearance. His body was later recovered Dec. 7.

Record growth

With more than 2,500 newcomers to Haliburton County since 2016, the County’s director of planning, Steve Stone, informed the new term of upper-tier councillors that the Highlands had exceeded its growth rate by 10 years. The province last approved an official plan for the County in 2015, predicting the local population would grow to 21,420 people by 2036. As of the 2021 Census, the Highlands population was 20,571. “We are growing at probably twice the rate that we expected to grow,” Stone said.

Changes at The Highlander

After three years in the director’s chair, Simon Payn stepped down as publisher of *The Highlander* in December, being replaced by Heather Kennedy. There were changes in the editorial department too, with reporter Sam Gillett leaving to pursue new opportunities, and Mike Baker transitioning to the assistant editor role.

Radio host recognized

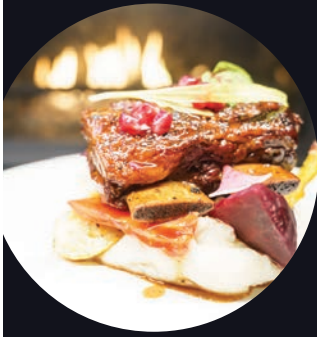
CanoeFM radio host Patrick Monaghan was named Blues Booster of the Year by the Toronto Blues Society in December. Host of The Buckside Blues Cruise on Tuesday nights, Monaghan is “well known as one of the biggest supporters of Canadian blues musicians,” according to the society. Monaghan will be formally presented with the award at the 26th annual Maple Blues Awards gala Jan. 30 in Toronto.



Award-winning Patrick Monaghan.




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Grooming for healthcare

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) kicked off its ‘Grooming for Healthcare’ campaign Jan. 16, inviting representatives from Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation for a tour of the HCSA shop on Mallard Road in Haliburton. Dozens of volunteers were on hand for the kick off. John Enright, HCSA president, said the organization would donate \$1 for every hour of grooming time spent this season along Trans Ontario Provincial B103, otherwise known as the County rail trail. This is the third year for the fundraiser, which raised over \$500 for the Minden Community Food Centre in 2022.

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association volunteers Margo Ross (left), Sherri Patterson (second left) and John Enright (right) pose for a photo with Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation executive director Melanie Klodt-Wong beside the ‘Pisten Bully’, the groomer HCSA will use to tend to the County’s rail trail. *Photo by Mike Baker.*



Radio bingo the gift that keeps giving

A December donation from CanoeFM's Radio Bingo proceeds was handed to SIRCH Community Services Jan. 10. SIRCH put the money towards its Gifts From The Heart Campaign, which raised money for its community kitchen program. SIRCH communications coordinator, Angelica Ingram, said the campaign is complete for the season and SIRCH thanked everyone who donated to make it a success. The presentation took place in SIRCH's Bistro, which is where all of its community kitchen meals are made. Currently, they are making approximately 1,000 meals per month, plus soups and desserts, which are distributed through community partners. *(Lisa Gervais).*

Left to right: Angelica Ingram, communications coordinator, and Linda Kay, office manager for SIRCH Community Services accept a cheque from CanoeFM's Roxanne Casey and Paul Vorvis. *Submitted.*



Jon Dannewald, Michael Conrathe and Jack Virgin have a combined service of 20 years with the Haliburton Highlands chapter of Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP). *Photo by Mike Baker.*

CARP looking for members

By Mike Baker

Issues surrounding housing, health care and long-term care have become widespread in Haliburton County in recent years, but volunteers involved with the Highlands chapter of the Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP) have been trying to drive conversations on those pressure points “for over a decade,” according to the organization’s local president.

Different from service clubs such as Rotary or Lions, CARP is an advocacy organization that promotes the needs of retired seniors, says Jon Dannewald. Initiated more than 20 years ago, the Highlands chapter has more than 700 registered members.

Dannewald joined in 2012, stepping up to help friends, and founders, Bob and Joan Stinson. He caught the bug quickly and has been trying to inspire positive change across Haliburton County ever since.

“CARP is a great organization. Unlike most other groups, our focus is entirely on seniors’ advocacy. We advocate on behalf of our members with all levels of government,” Dannewald said. “The largest cohort of people in Haliburton County is seniors. We are the poorest county in Ontario on a per capita basis. Somebody has got to speak and advocate for us – that’s why I got involved, and why I stay involved.

“We’re trying to turn the Titanic, but it’s tough going,” he added.

Last year, in the lead up to the provincial election, Dannewald and his small team of board members, which also includes Michael Conrathe and Jack Virgin, established a “CARP top five,” focusing on issues important to seniors.

That list includes funding better home care; transforming long-term care provincially; drastically cutting wait times at hospitals and for non-emergency surgeries; making vaccines more accessible; and establishing more fitness programs for seniors.

Several CARP members met with provincial officials in 2021 to discuss potential changes, or enhancements, to long-term care.

“They just want to build and bring more beds online. That’s not the issue. We’ve got plenty of beds, the problem is we can’t staff them. That’s the issue that really needs to be addressed,” Dannewald said.

“Ninety per cent of people would prefer to age within their own home. That’s where the government’s focus ought to be. That should be where they’re investing,” Conrathe added.

CARP meets four times per year. Prior to the pandemic, meetings would include a meal and guest speaker. Conrathe said the group is looking to host an in-person gathering in the spring. They are actively trying to recruit new members who are willing to pick up the proverbial baton and advocate for those most in need.

Annual memberships cost \$19.95 and include various perks, including a CARP coupon book, which provides discounts to various stores and services such as Rexall, Zoomer Wireless and Hilton Hotels.

Anyone interested in learning more is encouraged to attend the Highlands chapter’s AGM, taking place virtually Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. Diane Woodcock of SIRCH Community Services is the guest speaker. To pre-register, contact haliburtonhighlands@carp.ca.

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Why Your Opinion Matters TOURISM MATTERS



You may have seen the recent Resident Sentiment Survey (RSS) that was shared online last month. Over the next six months, we will use this space to provide details about the findings of this survey and how it assists us in making decisions for the development of tourism in Haliburton County. In this first installment of six, we look at why resident input matters.

In this ‘community of communities’ that make up the Haliburton Highlands, it is important we get the opinions of the people that call this place home, particularly when it comes to tourism. Through the RSS, we heard from many of you on how you view the future of tourism here – from tourism in the region overall, to your thoughts on how well the needs of the community are considered, and much more.

Your input is extremely important when it comes to how we manage the Haliburton Highlands as a destination, as any decisions made about tourism and how we develop it – including the infrastructure and programs designed to support it – may provide very real benefits to your quality of life.

This community-based approach to tourism was first identified in the County’s Destination Management Plan (DMP). In fact, it was flagged as a priority because tourism – and specifically tourism dollars – plays such a vital role in the overall economic and social success of our community.

The Haliburton Highlands relies heavily on the visitor economy. But what has been realized over the course of the pandemic is that it’s vital to identify specific markets, instead of taking an “invite everyone approach” to destination promotion.

The DMP aims to promote the Haliburton Highlands as a premier year-round destination. To do that responsibly, we need to identify what type of visitors to target; to ask ourselves what we, as residents, love so much that visitors would also love, and to target those people directly

Research shows that visitors don’t return to the same destination to feel

like tourists. They return because they want to feel like they’re part of a community. Optimizing that connection with the community is the foundation of this DMP.

The most important goal for any destination management plan is to drive home the idea that community isn’t something we have... it’s something we do. To build stronger communities based on what residents want, the first step is to understand their goals and values, and to obtain that information from real-time data. That’s why organizations of all sizes are developing resident sentiment surveys that provide the necessary data to benchmark, track, and address evolving public opinion year-over-year.

Through our RSS, we now have a measurable starting point that we can both refer to and build from as we develop sustainable, responsible, and community-based tourism practices where all stakeholders in the community have a say.

In total, 629 residents – full-time and seasonal – participated in the survey, which was online for a total of two weeks. Fully funded by the Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization’s Tourism Relief Fund, the timing on this pilot project was tight but it nonetheless provided us with valuable feedback. Going forward, we plan on releasing a new Resident Sentiment Survey every year for the next four years, with more time (approximately 10-12 weeks) given to complete it to encourage as many people as possible to participate.

Stay tuned for more details on the survey feedback, including what we’ve learned and how we plan to put that information into action.

If you have any questions at all,
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Peter Schleifenbaum with a decommissioned depth charge at his home in Haliburton County. *File.*

Film captures Haliburton Forest’s ‘maverick’ at work

By Mike Baker

For years, Peter Schleifenbaum’s innovations and outside-the-box thinking helped keep Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve at the forefront of an ever-changing industry.

Described as a ‘maverick’ by those who worked closest with him, Schleifenbaum transformed the 100,000-acre property from a sleepy collection of trees and brush into one of the largest tourism operations in the County. His story, highlighting his impact and contributions to the business over several decades, was captured in a 2016 documentary *Against the Grain – A Story of a Maverick and his Forest*. The piece was aired publicly for the first time in a Yours Outdoors speaker series event at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery Jan. 11.

“Haliburton Forest is a one-of-a-kind (operation), and that’s all down to Peter,” said Tim Gray, executive director of Canadian advocacy group Environmental Defence, early in the film. There were dozens of other similar testimonials sprinkled throughout.

Arriving in the Highlands in 1988 from Freiburg, Germany, Schleifenbaum immediately set out reshaping Haliburton Forest. One of his first moves was to open the property to visitors, introducing new features to make it a more attractive tourist destination.

He was the man behind such ventures as the wolf centre, tree canopy tour and astronomy program. He also commissioned the design and reconstruction of the world’s first commercial, freshwater submarine.

There was a slightly rebellious nature to many of Schleifenbaum’s endeavours; the wolves arrived from the United States in 1993, but only after Peter had stepped in to prevent them from being destroyed. He pressed forward with the canopy tour even after being told it was a bad idea and wouldn’t stick, while stories of the submarine

still reverberate around the halls at Queen’s Park today.

The machine completed close to 1,000 dives at MacDonald Lake on the forest property between 2004 and 2006 before being shut down by Ontario’s Ministry of Labour.

During the movie, Schleifenbaum recalls the day that several Royal Canadian Navy officials stopped by to check out the submarine and determine if it was safe.

“Canada had four submarines at the time – one had burnt out, and the other three had been dry docked. So, when the Navy arrived, I said ‘oh, have you come to look at the only functioning sub in Canada?’... that didn’t go over very well,” he said, with a grin.

He was just as inventive on the forestry side. After a tornado wiped out nearly 5,000 acres of trees in 1995, Schleifenbaum began using the felled wood to design log cabins. Almost three decades later and Haliburton Forest is one of the world’s most renowned producers of personalized log homes.

Schleifenbaum believed in the naturalization of forests and operating sustainably for logging at its sawmill. In 1997, Haliburton Forest became the first Canadian operation to be certified by the Forest Stewardship Council.

Following a near 30-year career, Schleifenbaum retired from his role at Haliburton Forest in 2016. He maintains a residence in the Highlands, along with wife, Elke. His successor, Malcolm Cockwell, said many of the practices “the maverick” implemented remain today.

Despite seeing tremendous growth across most of its operations in recent years, Cockwell said the organization hadn’t been the same since Schleifenbaum’s departure.

“We knew we couldn’t replace Peter’s brilliance, his outside-the-box thinking. That’s something we really miss at Haliburton Forest; the avant garde visionary stuff he brought to the table every single day,” Cockwell said.

'It's what the Lord calls them to do'

By Lisa Gervais

Rev. Canon Joan Cavanaugh-Clark sits at her kitchen table, with a physical day planner as well as one on her phone.

She's got a newspaper interview at 10 a.m., then an Anglican Church women's lunch at noon, Zoom calls at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. and dinner out with husband Al's car club. It's a relatively light day for the woman who generally averages 12-hour work days.

The Diabetes Canada truck pulls up next to the manse, to pick up excess items from St. Paul's Anglican Church thrift shop, and Deacon Martha Waind - whom Rev. Joan calls her "right hand" - goes to take care of that.

Despite the day planners, Rev. Joan said, "there is very little organization to my day, which I've learned to live with because I'm pretty organized, things just come up, so I've learned to be flexible."

She's asked to reflect on the past year, and what she deems to be accomplishments, thanks to the thrift shop and The Gathering Place on Bobcaygeon Road.

They re-opened the newly-expanded thrift shop in February, 2022, after being closed because of COVID restrictions. Rev. Joan said it didn't take long for donations to start coming in. She notes the money raised from the thrift shop is not used for the operating costs of the church.

She said they were able to "share \$27,000 from their abundance" with the community last year. They donated \$10,000 to Places for People. Other donors have included Fuel for Warmth and Remedy'sRx to help with clients who could not afford medications. Every year, they give to the Bishop McAllister Anglican Church School in Africa, an orphanage for kids who have lost their parents to AIDS. They also purchased a fridge for a local medical centre.

Dr. Nell Thomas said the fridge was a perfect example of Rev. Joan's ability to see a problem and find a solution. Quickly.



Rev. Canon Joan Cavanaugh-Clark strums her harp, with Dr. Nell Thomas, Deacon Martha Waind and Rev. Joan's husband, Al.
Photo by Lisa Gervais.

She recalled her office was in a bit of a crisis because their vaccine fridge was malfunctioning. Rev. Joan and husband, Al, drove to Haliburton and bought a new fridge and arranged for Rev. Joan's son-in-law to help them deliver it to the medical centre in Minden that very day.

Dr. Thomas added that former crisis worker, Andrew Hodson, who is now working for Jamie Schmale's office, was her go-to guy for follow-up on crises, people experiencing physical or mental abuse, not having food, addiction issues or being suicidal.

"I found since Andrew's departure, more and more, I think, 'I bet Rev. John could help'."

And, she has, with Deacon Martha and Al. For example, they assisted a person who was homeless and living in a tent. They've bought gas cards for people, driven patients

to appointments and the pharmacy for medicine, helped people out of financial jams and made important connections.

"These are stories that are profoundly significant because these are really society's downtrodden individuals that could easily be in the gutter or in the back wood," Dr. Thomas said.

The Gathering Place

Rev. Joan's other baby is The Gathering Place on Bobcaygeon Road in downtown Minden.

She said homelessness is an issue that leads to loneliness.

"It's just overwhelming. So, what we're trying to create is a place where people can come with no strings attached. They know it's a God-centered place. There's Bibles. But we have computers. We have the internet.

We say it's a place for the young, the old, the bold and the shy."

It's open Wednesday to Friday. They are starting classes in January, things such as sign language, art, and knitting. They are looking for volunteers and have designed a course so helpers have the sensitivity that goes along with that type of work.

Rev. Joan said she's never been about pushing God at people but, "it certainly wouldn't trouble me if people came into a relationship of faith."

She recalls how one man told her he didn't believe in God, but donated \$3,000 because Rev. Joan did not force God down his throat and he believed in the work she was doing.

Through it all, Rev. Joan said it's not her, Al, or Deacon Waind that deserve the credit.

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Levi Rowe has shown tremendous growth as an overall player this season. Levi scored the final goal in Saturday's game.



Cruize Neave has been a proven leader throughout the season and wears the 'A' with pride. Photos by Tim Tofflemire.



Hunter Hamilton's speed assists in creating offensive rushes with the perfect defensive partner in Levi. He added two goals in Saturday's game.



A sea of white jerseys chase down the opponent. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

U13 local league teams square off before uniting

The U13 Cheryl Smith RE/MAX team took to the ice on Saturday, Jan. 14 against home team U13 Minden Pharmasave.

The stands were full of locals cheering on our hometown hockey players.

Minden Pharmasave came out strong with back-and-forth play for the majority of the first period.

Cruize Neave opened the scoring with three minutes left in the first. Linemates Neave, Landyn Simms and Jacob Sutton, mesh well together and Sutton started off the scoring in the second period, assisted by Neave.

This team shows very strong defensive play consistently with great game smarts from Hudson Meyer and size from Lucas Burke.

Defensive partners Levi Rowe and Hunter Hamilton show impressive speed and their ability to backcheck consistently shuts down the opponents.

Hamilton added to the scoreboard with a shot from the blueline, making it 3-0 going into the third.

Game play was back-and-forth with many great saves from Pharmasave goalie Carter Shaw.

Hamilton started the third period adding to the scoreboard,

assisted by Tyler Hughes. Hughes' linemates include Lyla Degeer, who fights strong in all puck battles, and Katie Lavalle, who had her best game of the season, standing her ground in front of the opponents' net and clearing the puck out of our end.

Rowe finished the scoring with an end-to-end rush, making the final result a 5-0 win for the Cheryl Smith RE/MAX team.

Minden Pharmasave had some great scoring chances throughout the game but goaltender Colten Simms earned his shutout with some quality saves. Simms has been impressive this entire season and has been a large part of the team's undefeated season so far.

As soon as this local home game ended, the U13 Select Team (which consists of members from both of these two teams combined) headed to Lindsay to take on the Lindsay Muskies Rep Team. After a full 1.5-hour game, the score resulted in a 0-0 tie. Goaltenders Simms and Shaw deserve a huge shout out for both their contribution to this game.

Check out both U13 Local League teams back in action against each other again on Thursday, Jan. 26, 7 p.m. at the Minden Arena. (Submitted).



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Top: Action between the two U13 LL teams. Bottom: U13 LL players compete in Minden. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

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Jan. 13 U15 Haliburton Timbermart Vs Mariposa 4-1 W	Jan. 15 U18 Tom Prentice & Sons Vs Kawartha 1-4 L
Jan. 14 U11 LL Up Right Roofing Vs Almaguin 4-4 T	U15 LL Sharp Electric Vs Huntsville 2-2 T
U11 LL Car Quest Minden Vs Huntsville 8-2 W	U15 Haliburton Timbermart Vs Millbrook 0-2 L
U13 LL Cheryl Smith RE/ MAX Vs U13 LL Minden Pharmasave 5-0	U11 Curry Chevrolet attended the Peterborough Lift Lock Tournament and came home B champs.
U13 Walker's Heating & Cooling Vs Millbrook 6-1 W	

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Huskies slip to ‘disappointing’ defeat

By Mike Baker

It was another missed opportunity for the Haliburton County Huskies Jan. 15 as the team stumbled to a second defeat in three games, dropping a 4-3 decision on the road against the Wellington Dukes.

The hometown team started slowly in Sunday’s tilt, surrendering possession of the puck for large spells of the opening period against a team looking to chase them down in the OJHL’s South/East conference. Following the result, the Huskies sit second with 59 points from 39 games, with the Dukes breathing down their necks in third, with 56 points from 39 games.

Head coach and general manager, Ryan Ramsay, wasn’t happy with his team’s application through the opening half of the game.

“The first 30 minutes, we didn’t play well at all. Any time you’re playing a team that’s four or five points behind you in the standings, and you’re not giving your all, they’re gonna sense that, and feed off that,” Ramsay said. “The compete level just wasn’t there for us. They came out much harder than we did.”

While goaltender Aidan Spooner was able to keep the Dukes at bay through the opening period, the floodgates opened early in the second. Jacob Vreugdenhil made it a 1-0 game 90 seconds into the second frame, with Ryan Cutler doubling the Dukes’ advantage a minute later.

Down two goals, the Huskies finally hit

their stride. They peppered Jacob Osborne in goal, scoring a quick two to tie the game – first Leo Serlin from Isaac Sooklal and Luca Rea at 15:14, then affiliate player Ben Hofstetter, making his Huskies debut, from Joshua Currie and Patrick Saini at 15:59

The relief was short-lived, though, with the Dukes re-establishing a lead at 16:43 through Lucas LaPalm.

Ramsay mixed things up heading into the third, and it paid almost immediate dividends. Jack Staniland scored the game-tying marker, unassisted, at 1:51. While the Huskies huffed and puffed in the offensive zone, they couldn’t find an answer for a game Osborne. LaPalm tallied the eventual game-winner, his third point of the night, at 16:32.

“Our slow start really hurt us, but you can’t expect to win if you’re only showing up for half a game against good, quality teams,” Ramsay said. “I’m looking for a little more consistency from our top players in these situations.”

He reserved praise for Currie, who was seamlessly slipped into the Huskies top six and put up three points across his first three games, and Hofstetter, who was a late call-up to stand in for the injured Zack Terry.

“Josh is a great hockey player, very offensively gifted and also mindful in the defensive zone. He’s stepped into a leadership role with the team right away,” Ramsay said. “Ben is a 20-year-old defenseman that has a lot of experience. If



Huskies blueliner Jack Staniland was on the scoresheet in the team’s 4-3 loss to the Wellington Dukes Jan. 15. *Photo courtesy of OJHL Images.*

we can get him some games, and call him up when a player goes down, or we need another body, that will be a big help to us. He’s a veteran back there, and played really well.”

The Huskies will be in action Jan. 21 at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena when they take on the Lindsay Muskies in the battle of Hwy. 35. Puck drop is slated for 4 p.m.

A perfect five-game winning run in December was enough to earn the Huskies

starting netminder, Aidan Spooner, the OJHL Warrior Goaltender of the Month award.

The six-foot-six Spooner posted a 0.80 goals against average, .971 save percentage and two shutouts in wins over the Cobourg Cougars, Toronto Patriots, St. Michael’s Buzzers, Mississauga Steelers and Aurora Tigers. Statistically, he ranks as the third best goaltender in the OJHL this season, behind James Norton (Toronto Jr. Canadiens) and Reece Proulx (Pickering Panthers).

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Rea credits ‘pro atmosphere’ in Highlands

By Mike Baker

Toronto-born winger Luca Rea has settled well into his new surroundings in Haliburton County over the past couple of months, injecting some extra speed and skill into the Huskies’ forward corps.

The 19-year-old has featured in 15 games for the Dogs since arriving via trade from the Milton Menace Nov. 18, scoring three goals and registering six assists. He’s been deployed largely on the second and third forward lines, and is one of the first players off the bench when things aren’t going to head coach, Ryan Ramsay’s, liking on the ice.

Born in Burlington, Rea spent most of his childhood between his hometown Eagles and the North York Rangers, where Ramsay was his coach for two seasons. He credited the Huskies executive, and his dad, for moulding him into the player he is.

“I’ve been skating since I was about three, and my dad has always been my biggest influencer and supporter. I’ve been training with him my whole life, he’s always come onto the ice with me and helped me out with drills – he still does that now,” Rea said.

Born with a voracious need to succeed, Rea stopped at nothing to develop his skills while progressing through the minor hockey ranks. He and his father, Derek, attended a hockey camp in Sweden in 2016 so that Rea could work on his skating.

“My dad actually played overseas when he was younger, and he knew a skating instructor there he used to work with. So, we went out and stayed two weeks. It was such an unbelievable experience, and really helped with my development. I’ll remember that trip for the rest of my life.”

After winning an OJHL championship with



Forward Luca Rea has nine points in 15 games since joining the Haliburton County Huskies in November. Photo courtesy of OJHL Images.

the Menace last season, Rea was looking for a new challenge this year, with the bulk of that Milton squad aging out of junior hockey. He had several offers from teams around the league, but said it was an “easy decision” to join the Huskies once the team made their interest known.

He made a near instant impact after joining, scoring the opening goal in just his second

game with the team, a 4-2 win over the Toronto Patriots. Rea said his highlight with the team so far was his two-goal effort Dec. 11 in a 5-1 win over the rival Cobourg Cougars.

Now, Rea said he’s all-in on repeating as an OJHL champ and said he would do whatever it takes to help the Huskies claim gold come spring.

“Coach Ryan has created a professional environment here that gives us, as a team, every opportunity to succeed,” Rea said. “Everybody is here to win, and we’re all pulling together in the same direction. Coach has brought the guys in; we’re all buying into the system and I definitely believe we will win a championship this year. I’m not thinking about anything else.”



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Trapper's workshop returns

The Minden District Fur Harvesters held their first trapper's workshop since COVID-19, when they gathered at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce Jan. 15. Spokesman Ted Nottage said it was good to be back. He said attendance was a lot better than he thought it would be "considering the change of venue and being the first one after three years." He added they would have had more vendors but there were some last-minute cancellations. The workshop featured pelt preparation and fur handling. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and The Land Between also had booths.

Top left: Ernie Pemberton and Doug MacKenzie at the MacKenzie Wood Products booth. Top right: John Loveman sold his handmade crafts on behalf of the Canadian Heroes Foundation. Bottom right: Bill Bowers and Anita Bowers with Bucky the beaver. Photos by Lisa Gervais.



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JANUARY EVENTS

Jan. 19, 6 p.m.
Haliburton Farmers Association/Vet services committee AGM at Castle Antiques (223 Highland St., Haliburton).

Jan. 23, 7 p.m.
The Wilberforce Heritage Guild invites you to attend its 2023 annual meeting at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum, 2314 Loop Rd. Everyone welcome. For information contact Barb Schofield 705-448-2598 or wilberforcebarb@yahoo.ca

Jan. 27, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Join the Haliburton County Public Library in celebrating Family Literacy Day with parachute time at the Dysart branch. Children will get to shake their wiggles out as they listen to music and shake the ‘chute. For children ages 2 to 5, with a caregiver.

Jan. 28, 2 p.m.
Drop by the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library for a screening of *The Amazing Adventure of Marchello the Cat*. Family-friendly film screenings will continue throughout the year, on the last Saturday of each month.

Jan. 28, 1-4 p.m.
Aging Together as Community, a volunteer group in Haliburton County,

is inviting you to attend its next open community meeting at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery at 6712 Gelert Rd. Dr. Barbara Clive, medical director of senior services of Trillium Health Partners will present ‘What is Dementia? How to Keep your Brain Healthy’. There will be a Q and A following the presentation. Refreshments will be served, donations are accepted and masks are encouraged. To RSVP, contact David Buwalda at david.buwalda@barnesmanagementgroup.com. The meeting will also be streamed via Zoom.

Thursday to Saturday
Visit the Agnes Jamieson gallery this winter to view a selection of artwork featuring Canadian artist Andre Lapine. The Gallery holds over 100 pieces by Lapine, which will be on display through the first few months of 2023. The Gallery, located at 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. in Minden, is fully accessible and open Tuesday to Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is by donation. For questions regarding the exhibit, call 705-286-1260 ext. 542, or visit mindenhills.ca.

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Committee of Adjustment
Notice of Public Hearing
Application For Minor Variance

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

Date: Monday, January 30, 2023
Time: 9:30 AM
Location: This meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by way of a virtual meeting.

To participate:
Join the meeting by telephone by dialing either: 1-647-374-4685 OR 1-647-558-0588
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Join the meeting using a computer or smart phone at:
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Members of the public are welcome to watch the Committee of Adjustment meeting by joining YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/6OhC44XbAnI>

Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Hearing must pre-register by emailing dsisson@minderhills.ca by Friday January 27th before 4:00 PM or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 9:00 AM. Participants registering after 9:00 AM will not be permitted into the public hearing.

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

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider Minor Variance Applications PLMV2022072, PLMV2022073, and PLMV2022078 and the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act as shown below:

PLMV2022072 - Part Lot 10, Concession A, Geographic Township of Minden; located on Scotch Line Road East (See Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the construction of a 131 square metre two-storey dwelling with 24 square metres of attached decks. The effect of the application would be to permit a reduced eastern interior side lot line setback of 12.2 metres for the dwelling and a reduced western interior side lot line setback of 11.6 metres for the dwelling and 8.5 metres for the attached deck, where interior side lot line setbacks of 15 metres are otherwise required.

PLMV2022073 - Part Lot 6, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Snowdon; municipally known as 1020 Lapine Lane and located on South Lake (See Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the replacement of an existing 75.9 square metre one-storey dwelling having 47.9 square metres of attached decks with a new 93.6 square metre two-storey dwelling having 58.8 square metres of attached decks. The effect of the application would be to permit an increase in size for the deck, being a structure located in part within 15 metres of the high water mark, where no size increase is otherwise permitted. The effect of the application would also permit a new deficient water yard of 16.4 metres for the dwelling and 13.7 metres for the attached deck, where the existing water yard is 13.7 metres for the dwelling and 10.5 metres for the attached deck and a water yard of 23 metres is otherwise required.

PLMV2022078 - Part Lot 7, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1083 Rundle Lane and located on Mountain Lake (See Key Map).



Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the replacement of an existing 90.6 square metre one-storey dwelling having 14.1 square metres of attached decks with a new 111.5 square metre two-storey dwelling having 14.1 square metres of attached decks. The effect of the application would be to permit an increase in height of 2.1 metres, whereas a height increase of 1.2 metres is otherwise permitted. The effect of the application would also permit a new deficient water yard of 15.9 metres where the existing water yard is 14.9 metres and a water yard of 23 metres is otherwise required.

Additional information regarding this application will be available online. Links to meeting agendas and full reports can be found on our Minden Hills Civic Web. A copy of the complete application will be available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail adougherty@minderhills.ca.

Any person or agency who is of the opinion that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause them significant prejudice, may make a submission to the undersigned, and if the Committee is satisfied that holding the hearing as an electronic hearing is likely to cause the party significant prejudice then the hearing will be re-scheduled as an oral hearing. If a person or agency does not make a submission to the Secretary-Treasurer prior to the electronic hearing, and the person or agency does not participate in the hearing in accordance with this Notice, then the Committee may proceed without the party's participation and the party will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

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For more information about this matter contact at adougherty@minderhills.ca or 705-742-2297 ext. 278
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• **Wed:** First of the month Big Buck Bid Euchre 10 a.m. • **Sat:** Music and Meat Roll, music starts at 2 p.m., meat roll at 3 p.m.

Upcoming events

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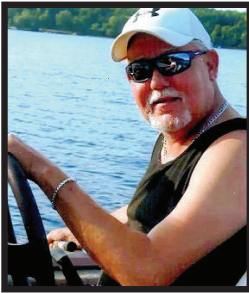
In Loving Memory of
Wayne Frederick Toye

Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Sunday, December 25, 2022 with his loving family at his side, in his 77th year.

Beloved husband of Dale (nee Barry). Dear father of Tracey and her husband Brian Morrissey, Stephanie and her husband Craig Crowe. Loving grandpa of Colin and Jamie, step-grandpa of Josh (Vivian). Brother of Gwen (deceased), Judy (Dennis-deceased), Marilyn (deceased) (Harry), Brian (Gail) and Ian (Judy). Brother-in-law of Beryl (Murray), Bryan (Anna), Wayne (Linda), Grenville (Brenda) and Phil (Sharon). Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Thursday from 4:00 until 7:00 pm and on Friday, December 30, 2022 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Service to Celebrate Wayne's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow at the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.



In Loving Memory of
Troy Briggs

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Troy Cordell Briggs on January 13th, 2023, at the age of 58, surrounded by his loving family at the Grand River Hospital, Kitchener. Born in

Guelph General Hospital and raised in Erin, Ontario, and later moved to Haliburton County where he made his home for over 30 years. He is predeceased by his parents Sandra (2000) and Ken Briggs (2008).

Cherished father of Kendra (Nathan), Larry (Brooke), and Kenny (Taylor). Dearly loved by his grandchildren Hartlee, Blaklynn, Gabriel, and the newest addition to the family Loxton. A much loved brother to Tammy Briggs Barnhart and brother-in-law John. He will be lovingly remembered by Kelly and Tanya. Also, fondly remembered by his nephews Cody, Ryan, and nieces Marissa and Brianna. Troy will be missed by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Troy became an avid hunter and fisherman following in the footsteps of his father and his maternal grandfather. He was happiest when in his boat fishing or in the woods hunting. He certainly passed on his love of the outdoors to his children and his sons accompanied him on many fishing and hunting excursions. He was a devoted Maple Leafs fan and loved following all the NHL teams. As well, he thoroughly enjoyed watching NASCAR racing and keeping "tabs" on the driver's and their teams. He loved cooking and creating new meals and recipes with many different gadgets that he acquired over the years. We will miss him dearly.

Celebration Of Life

A Celebration of Troy's Life will be held at the **PINESTONE RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE**, 4252 Haliburton County Rd 21, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0, on Saturday afternoon, January 28, 2023, from 2 to 7 o'clock. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, Diabetes Canada, or The Grand River Hospital in Kitchener 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.



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SOLUTIONS FOR JANUARY 19

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Across

- 1 Spread units
6 Marvel man Lee
10 ___ large (clearly)
14 Sponge that doesn't work?
15 Mexican moola
16 Table d' ___ (set price meal)
17 Omitted 13th, in most hotels
18 Start-up person
20 Status of an unaccounted huffy soldier?
22 Lookout's duty, for short
23 Avril Lavigne's "Sk8er ___"
24 Everything but this rat?
30 Namesake of many earthy brands
31 Hägar the Horrible's daughter
32 "___ geht's?" (German greeting)
33 Wisconsin city name on kid's clothes
37 Clandestine quality
39 Update from the cockpit
40 One way to open a door
42 "___ Tu" (song meaning "it's you")
43 Resume an autobody task?
48 Mouse surface
49 Fruit that anagrams to another fruit
50 Bethlehem trio disguised as their spouses?
57 Grasp the gist (of)
58 Shawinigan school
59 ___ Dinesen (Karen Blixen's pen name)
60 Biol. and chem., for two
61 "The Jungle Book" wolf
62 Kismet
63 Out of Drafts?
64 Interest rate, to an economy wonk

Down

- 1 Versatile, radio-wise
2 E. ___ (bad bacteria)
3 Mouth palate, to laymen
4 Over-the-top environmentalist
5 Terrified scream
6 Urn turn-on
7 Small size at Canadian 2 for 1 Pizza
8 "Shall I stay? Would it be ___ ..." (Elvis lyric)
9 Essay words meaning "note well"
10 "Supposing ..."
11 Roasted, on a French menu
12 "Am ___ late?"
13 Graceful gull
19 Culturally classic
21 Crime series initials before "S"
24 Something to do with your buds
25 Twin cymbal set
26 Claus chortles
27 "If ___ you ..."
28 Better, in Santa's books
29 Vandalizes, as a car door
30 Attendee
34 ___ Book Club (Winfrey's picks)

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