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# County getting bigger and older

## By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton is not only the fastest growing county in Ontario, it's also the oldest, consultants for a paramedic services master plan told councillors at their Feb. 8 meeting.

Michael MacIsaac, of Emergency Management Group, said the Ministry of Finance does population projections and has estimated 40 per cent of Highlanders will be seniors by 2046, making it "the oldest county in the province percentage wise." While nothing new, he added the County has to plan its paramedic service with that in mind.

The Highlands is the fastest growing in

Ontario, and fourth in Canada, according to the 2021 Census. The population has expanded by nearly 14 per cent.

MacIsaac and co-consultant, Keith Kirkpatrick, said people 65 and older make up 35 per cent of the Highlands population but account for 60 per cent of ambulance calls. While not abnormal

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# St. George's has flipped its final pancakes

## By Mike Baker

An 84-year Haliburton tradition is coming to an end this month after St. George's Anglican Church announced it is cancelling its annual Shrove Tuesday community pancake supper.

The news was first delivered to the church's congregation late last month, with Louise Sisson, who has helped out with the event since the 1970s and been lead organizer since 2015, saying a significant drop-off in volunteers was to blame.

"It takes about five weeks of planning to get a list of people together, see what's coming in for donations and determine what we need to buy or source from elsewhere... we haven't been able to get very far with that process this year, because we don't have enough people," Sisson told *The Highlander*. "Usually, we have more than 50 volunteers help us. This year, I only had 15 sign up."

The beginnings of the event date back to 1939, when it was launched by the congregation's Women's Auxiliary. Back then it was held at the town hall on Maple Avenue, though was later hosted at the old Orange Hall, the church building on Mountain Street and, finally, the Haliburton Legion.

It was the "perfect way" for churchgoers to kick off their Lenten season, Sisson said, which involves 40 days of fasting, and generally prohibits those practising from consuming meat, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, and oils.

"Pigging out on pancakes the night before was always great, because it allowed us to use up all our [food] reserves, and also helped your mind get where it needs to be for the 40 days of Lent," she said.

Phyllis Bishop is another who poured her heart and soul into the event. She has been volunteering, in some capacity, since the 1960s. During that time, she has held near enough every position – from general helper to pie cutter, greeter to server. In the late 1990s, she assumed leadership of the supper from Aveline Petch.

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## 2 Highlander news

# Highlander short-listed for eight awards

## By Lisa Gervais

*The Highlander* has been short-listed for eight awards by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association (OCNA).

The OCNA named the top-three finalists in all categories Feb. 14.

The paper is in the running for general excellence in the 6,500 to 12,499 circulation size. We are pitted against the *Glanbrook Gazette* and *Niagara This Week/Fort Erie Post. The Highlander* has been named best paper of its size in Ontario in six of the past seven years.

We are also being recognized for the online special initiative category. This is for the local election podcast that we launched late last summer and into the fall. We focused on issue, and candidate, interviews and were able to provide excellent context to listeners and voters.

Co-owner and former publisher, Simon Payn, told the judges, "the community received our work very well. We have frequently received comments about the excellence of our coverage. We've heard of readers who have changed their minds over who to vote for based on listening to the audio of our candidate interviews. We are enormously proud of our work on this project."

Editor Lisa Gervais has been given a nod in the reporter of the year category. Payn told the OCNA, "she has consistently written accurate, interesting, community-minded stories." He put forth Is it time to discuss County governance?, County convoy about hope, and Devastating call inspired better policing as samples of her work

Former reporter Sam Gillett received three nominations, for arts and entertainment

reporting (Left for Dead revived, Minden man's punk history remembered), best news story (Couple seeks answers after dogs killed) and sports and recreation (This reporter was hurtin' in Haliburton).

Assistant editor Mike Baker is up for the best health and wellness coverage. His story, 'Celebrating another chance at life' was about a woman successfully battling Lyme Disease.

Tania Moher, head of production, and sales team members Laurie Johnson and

Dawn Poissant, are up for the local retail layout advertising award, for an ad they did for London Trading Post.

Winners will be announced at an awards gala in April.

"We know we do good work, but it is always nice to be recognized on a provincial stage," publisher Heather Kennedy said. "Although we are a small team, we stand up against the best when it comes to editorial and advertising. But, of course, we couldn't do that without our dedicated readers and advertisers."

Two of the nominated pieces in the OCNA awards. *File*.





## to discuss County governance?

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model across the Haliburton municipalitiwhile maintainia adequate service levels Haliburton County CAO Mike Rutter said, "The focus of saff is really not on the governance question. Our focus has been on ensuring there is a process in place that will provide our councils with sufficient information to make decisions on the [service delivery review's] recommendations. Warden Liz Danielsen said they are

the [service delivery review's] commendations. Varden Liz Danielsen said they are eady working to eliminate duplication of streamline the way things are done the ongoing service delivery review which is expected to take until 2023 to

at every municipality is taking part in the discussions. For example, the warden said they know contractors who work in all four townships are in some cases dealing with four different sets of rules. "Even if we can resolve something like that, we've made

progress," she said.

Service delivery

She emphasized the service delivery review will have to play out before there is talk of a governance review.

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# Family reunion 109 years in the making

**By Lisa Gervais** 

A series of small photographs are attached to the inside stair railings at Nazar Fratsovir and Olha Shcherban's home in Carnarvon.

There is one of Olha in her wedding dress with her brother. Others are from the couple's time in Poland, the Czech Republic, and home in Ukraine with family and friends.

The pictures depict other lives as the two settle into a new one. Their stay is being sponsored by Bill and Ginger Kulas.

Nazar and Olha arrived at Toronto's Pearson International Airport Dec. 13, 2022 and are a little over two months into their incarnation as new Canadians.

"It's a big change," says Olha, sipping tea and eating an oatmeal and raisin cookie, courtesy of Ginger. But she adds, "there are people helping us, and it's easier because we have relatives here. We are happy here."

"Big family. It's cool," adds Nazar.

Nazar is the son of Bill's distant cousin,
Ivan, who remains in Ukraine. When Nazar
and Olha expressed an interest in coming
to Canada in April 2022, Bill and Ginger
discussed the prospect of sponsoring
the young couple. It wasn't much of a
discussion. They looked at each other and
declared "absolutely."

With the assistance of MP Jamie Schmale's office, they began to put the wheels in motion to bring Nazar and Olha to the shores of 12 Mile Lake. One of the big things was finding them a place to live and the couple is now comfortably ensconced in an A-frame just up the road from the Kulas family. The first two weeks leading up to Christmas were busy as they needed social insurance numbers, health cards, a post office box, phones, internet and a bank account.

The young couple had moved for work to the Czech Republic only a month before Russia invaded Ukraine.

Olha recalls her brother, who was living with them at the time, coming in to wake them up with the news. They were in disbelief. They constantly watched the news as their family and friends were still in their home country. They contemplated going back but were told men were being sent to military stations that were woefully short of weapons. They realized sending Nazar into that situation would not be helpful to them or their country.

They speak with family and friends daily



Nazar Fratsovir and Olha Shcherban in their Carnarvon home. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

and describe the conditions in Ukraine. Olha says, "there is no electricity for the most part of the day and it's cold." Nazar says it is now -15C and more snow is falling. Their friends and relatives stock up on water when the power is on. There are food shortages in the shops. Nazar lost his best friend in the war and constantly worries about his dad and 14-year-old brother.

Asked how they cope, Nazar and Olha find each other's hands on the kitchen table. Bill says they have a strong Orthodox belief, and each other.

They both also have work, Nazar in building and Olha at a bakery. Olha speaks good English and Nazar is learning. Olha is teaching him. He is working with only English speakers all day long. Bill said Nazar's new language is vastly improved. When they drive and approach big snowbanks, Nazar pronounces the "all clear."

Ginger said when she first met Bill, his family spoke Ukrainian and she vowed to carry on the culture's traditions. Bill said they have always kept in touch with family in Ukraine, including sending packages.

However, "there's never been a face-to-face meeting until Dec. 13 of last year. The last time a family member met face-to-face with a family member from Ukraine was 1913 – 109 years ago."

From applying for their visa, to being sponsored by Bill and Ginger, Olha said the process went fast for them. And since they had moved countries before, it has not been a huge culture shock. "It was easy to get used to because people are very friendly here and everyone wants to help."

"Bill and I are just super people," Ginger chimes in with a laugh, while Nazar and Olha say Bill reminds them of Santa Claus. "They are the best," Olha says of Bill and Ginger. "It would not be so easy if they were not here. When you come to another country, new language, all new..."

As for her thoughts on the war, she said the most important thing is her country needs weapons in the fight against Russia.

"Many countries help but there is not much

"Many countries help but there is not much time... it's hell now in the eastern part of Ukraine."

Bill said they are all naturally "upset, sad with what Russia is doing to their country, it's pure evil what's happening."

Olha said home is always the best place to be, but they cannot be there now. However, "if there will be prosperity in Ukraine in the next 10 years, maybe we will be able to earn money here and open our own business in Ukraine."

Bill adds, "help to rebuild the Ukraine."



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## **ALGONOUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS**

## **Snowmobiles** take centre stage

Algonquin Highlands council has signed off on a new multi-season pilot project to create a staging area on Heron Landing Road that can be used by snowmobilers during the winter.

Chris Card, the township's parks, recreation, and trails manager, told council Feb. 2 that a request had come in from the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) to establish a site riders could use to park vehicles and trailers. The organization initially asked to use parking lots at Stanhope Museum and the township office on North Shore Road, but Card felt they were unsuitable.

Following a discussion with public works manager Adam Thorn, the pair felt a municipal lot just off Hwy. 35 near Boshkung Lake would be ideal. The location would give riders direct access to OFSC B – one of the County's primary snowmobile

There are two designated staging areas in the County – both in Dysart, with this becoming the first in Algonquin Highlands. Card said the initiative will cost approximately \$2,000 a season, with that money being used to keep the area clear of snow. There's enough space to house up to 12 trucks and trailers.

"I am worried for the 11 residents along that road. This would be a big change for them. Do we have any sense of the impact this would have on their lives?" asked deputy mayor Jennifer Dailloux.

Card said he hadn't done any public correspondence, but suggested the township send out notices to residences in the area informing them of the change. The pilot will run for the remainder of this season and the entirety of the 2023/24 season.

Mayor Liz Danielsen felt it was important to move ahead, noting anyone with concerns would have an opportunity to relay them to council in the future.

"HCSA has been asking about this for a couple of years now... this appears to be a good solution, so let's see how it goes," she

## Green committee formed

A new committee made up of Algonquin Highlands councillors, a township staffer, and representatives from the Haliburton Highlands Green Burial Society (HHGBS) was formed last week, with a mandate to further investigate the feasibility of green burial sites at St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Terry Moore, HHGBS president, delivered a terms of reference agreement Feb. 2,



Algonquin Highlands has approved a staging area for snowmobiles off Hwy. 35. File.

outlining the committee's mandate to come up with a design for green burials and move towards eventual implementation.

"We're making some progress and putting flesh on the bones," said Moore.

Algonquin Highlands first supported the idea of green burials in 2019. Last July, the former council approved a change to its cemetery bylaw to embrace the practice.

Moore said there was still work to be done, avoiding putting any timelines on the project, though said he could now "see the light at the end of the tunnel."

He said his group was also in discussions

with Highlands East about green burial at Deer Lake Cemetery. He suggested organizing a winter burial workshop, like the one held in Dysart in 2020, bringing representatives from Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East together to come up with a plan.

"Part of me thinks there are unique circumstances in both municipalities. but there are always things to be gained through working together," Danielsen said. (Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Mike Baker).

## HIGHLANDS EAST NEWS

## Third time lucky at pool

Highlands East council, at its Feb. 14 meeting, awarded the contract for the Cardiff Pool change room building replacement.

Property supervisor Jim Alden

recommended Trilith Contracting Inc. at a cost of \$218,733.33 plus HST. He further suggested council use a transfer from reserves in the 2023 budget to cover the price.

There was one other, higher, bidder. The

project has been on the books since 2021. In their initial attempt, the township had no bidders. A second crack, in which the project was broken down into three separate components - construction and finishing of the building, plumbing, and electrical - also

drew no interest. But a third attempt this winter finally produced results.

It is expected work will begin April 17 and be finished June 16, in time for the summer swim season. (Highlands East news compiled by Lisa Gervais).

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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 be towed away and/or ticketed at the owner's expense.

## PARKS AND RECREATION UP-COMING EVENTS

Join us on February 20th for some Family Day Fun! Parent & Tot: 8 am, Jr. Shinny (7-9Y): 9 am, Public Skating: 10 am, 6 & under Stick' n Puck: 11 am Each program is 50 minutes, except Stick n' Puck which is 30 minutes. We also have parent/child floor hockey (4-6Y) 9 am, and parent/child basketball (11-14Y): 10 am.

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## NOTICE - 2023 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commer its 2nd round of the 2023 Budget deliberations during its Special Council ng scheduled for March 2, 2023. The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

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## (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:

> February 23 - Regular Council Meeting March 9 - 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/ 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/. Please note the live stream file/video will be available to the public for the duration of one week after the Council Meeting.



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## DYSART ET AL NEWS

# Wigamog Inn process dragging on

Dysart et al's chief building official, Karl Korpela, told the township's council Feb. 14 that staff are getting closer to putting out an RFP for the demolition of the Wigamog Inn, but owners, Aurora Group, has informed *The Highlander* they have already started that process.

As reported by *The Highlander* last year, owners the Aurora Group failed to meet an Oct. 3 deadline to present a demolition plan of its own for the site after it was deemed to be in a state of disrepair. Bylaw officer Rob Mascia had previously outlined 47 infractions of the township's property standards bylaw, with issues varying from downed power lines to smashed windows, damaged doors, and collapsed decks.

Updating council Feb. 14, Korpela said the demolition plan would cover the main lodge structure and 36 accessory buildings.

"It's not moving as fast as I anticipated, but we are moving ahead," Korpela said. He later told *The Highlander* that there is no timeline for project completion, noting that will be established through the RFP process. Staff continued working on a draft RFP Feb. 15, though Korpela didn't state when he hoped to issue it.

Asked for cost estimates, Korpela said "we can only guess" at this point, though he told Dysart's previous council that an unnamed developer had informed him the project would likely come in "well over \$1 million." He said staff were currently determining whether to place a cap on bids based on the value of the land.

Korpela noted Aurora Group would be billed for work completed, with any unpaid

amount being added to their annual property tax bill. He noted, in the event of an unpaid bill, the property could be sold, with proceeds going to the township to recover unpaid taxes.

When contacted by *The Highlander*, Ravi Aurora, president of Aurora Group, suggested his company was proceeding with their own demolition plans.

"Wigamog demolition is in full effect for us... we awarded the bid to a contractor company back in September/October of 2022," he wrote in an email. "The contractors were up there in January to start mobilizing and assessing the total equipment required on-site for the large job. Due to weather conditions in January, they were unable to move large equipment up there, but were able [to] start on some interior items.

"Our anticipation is that this will be completed fairly soon, and we can be underway for what new and exciting is in store for future developments for Wigamog."

Aurora said his office had contacted the township Feb. 14 to provide updates on where they were with the project.

"There should be no reason for [Dysart] to issue RFPs, as this project has already started and been contracted out months ago. We hope that [Dysart] will be supportive in this monumental change for Wigamog and help us build a newer version of the iconic property that will elevate the experience for locals and tourists," Aurora wrote.

"Although it has been a bumpy road during

"Although it has been a bumpy road during rough times of COVID for hospitality, which is the hardest hit industry, our team at Aurora Group is optimistic and resilient. Aurora Group has extensive plans for both Wigamog and Pinestone (which the group also owns). We hope to receive cooperation from council and the local community for new and



Municipal staff are still working on an RFP for the demolition of the Wigamog Inn. File.

exciting plans to come."

Attempts to reach Dysart et al staff for a response were unsuccessful as of press time.

## Landfill stats

A collection of new waste management programs introduced in 2022 helped divert more than five tons of garbage from local landfills, while helping the municipality gain more of an understanding of user habits in Dysart.

John Watson, the township's environmental manager, told council that a four-season composition study completed at the Haliburton landfill last year found food waste and organics make up 38.03 per cent of the garbage being collected at the site.

A new textile recycling program, introduced at all five landfill sites in August, successfully diverted 5.12 metric tons of waste by year-end.

In 2022, Dysart managed 8,866 metric tons of waste across its sites – a 23 per cent increase from last year. Vehicle counts were down 15 per cent, to 174,024. Watson said this was inline with pre-pandemic levels.

## Hazardous waste days

All four lower-tier townships will again join forces in 2023 for household hazardous waste collection events. Watson noted there would be 12 this year, with three in Dysart.

Haliburton landfill will host its event July 8, with others scheduled at the Harcourt landfill Aug. 19 and West Guilford landfill Sept. 16.

Events held in Dysart last year were attended by 485 local households, helping to divert 25.5 metric tons of hazardous waste materials, such as automotive batteries, gasoline, paint, pesticides and used motor oil. The net cost in Dysart was just over \$44,000. (Dysart et al briefs compiled by Mike Baker).

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# Church remains committed to its fundraising efforts

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By that point, the dinner was "a well-oiled machine" being held at the Legion. Bishop said that, for many years, the pancake supper was one of the biggest winter events in the County, attended by hundreds of people. As well as being served two or three hearty pancakes, attendees were also offered sausages, homemade coleslaw, and pie for dessert.

The volunteers always ate too, said Lindsey Coates, who has been assisting since 1990.

"One of my favourite memories was about 20 years ago, we had such a huge turnout for the supper that we ran out of pancakes and sausages. Fortunately, we did feed the community before this occurred," Coates said. "What to feed the hungry and weary volunteers? Thanks to a generous parishioner, we ordered pizza."

While the event was always free, the church started to collect donations around the time Bishop took over. In the early years, they would raise a few hundred dollars, which was used to support a variety of church initiatives. In the 2000s, with demand growing at places like the 4Cs Food Bank in Haliburton, the congregation switched gears, making more of a concerted effort to support organizations, and people, in need.

"We decided that we wanted to stand for something, rather than just be," Sisson said. "We focused on local outreach. We found there was such great need in our community."

The church would raise around \$10,000 per year, with a sizeable chunk of that coming from the pancake supper – between \$2,000 and \$3,000, according to Sisson. That money has filtered through to organizations such as Places for People, the Youth Hub operated by Point in Time, Volunteer Dental

Outreach, the 4Cs, the Pregnancy Care and Family Support Centre, and Heat Bank Haliburton County.

Even though the pancake supper is no more, Sisson said the church remains committed to its fundraising efforts.

"It is the end of a tradition that has served the community for many, many years. We are sad, but our church will continue to support local charities. This year, the 4Cs Food Bank will be the recipient of all donations received in support of our new Shrove Tuesday Fundraising Campaign," Sisson said.

Since launching a couple of weeks ago, the new operation has raised more than \$500. Sisson is confident of bringing in at least \$2,000 by Feb. 21. People can donate by visiting the church on Sundays or making an e-transfer to office@haliburtonanglican. ca. Charitable tax receipts are available upon request



Phyllis Bishop, Louise Sisson and Lindsey Coates have spent years helping to organize the annual St. George's Anglican Church pancake supper. *Photo by Mike Baker.* 

## Consultant recommends interfacility transfer working group

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compared to other parts of the province and country, "you need to be aware of that and plan for it."

They prepared a 10-year strategy for council, identifying six major challenges.

As has been reported extensively in *The Highlander*, interfacility transfers, or taking patients from Haliburton or Minden hospitals to regional hospitals, nursing homes or long-term care facilities, "is the largest call type by far, four times greater in volume than the next closest call." It accounts for one-third of calls, and about half of the service's time.

The hired hands reiterated that call time is being used up taking patients for CT scans and MRIs out of the County. MacIsaac said he is pleased there is some talk of getting

a CT scanner for the Highlands since ambulances are out of the County for "hours and hours of time" and it's been stressing the service for years.

"Critical coverage is when you have your ambulance fleet depleted due to various reasons. The reason could be call-volume, but also doing work that is truly not 911 work," MacIsaac said. He added County ambulances are getting stuck at regional hospitals due to off-loading issues.

Another challenge they identified was a lean management team. "I would say your paramedic service is giving 150 per cent," Kirkpatrick said, "they're really working beyond the means that they have."

The two said the service could use another ambulance. While the Minden paramedic station is relatively new, they said it is

cramped with the community paramedicine program also housed there. They added the Haliburton station is maxed out for the number of vehicles it has and Tory Hill is crowded. They further said another station could be added at either Stanhope or Carnaryon to better service the northwest.

With recruitment and retention, Kirkpatrick encouraged, "fostering some homegrown talent" via working with the high school. When he was the chief in Kawartha Lakes, he said they brought CPR training to the Lindsay high schools, as well as co-ops and career days.

The consultants recommended an interfacility transfer working group, a deployment plan review, key performance indicators, an administrative assistant, two new superintendents and an additional

ambulance in the short-term. In the mid to longer term, they said a third and fourth supervisor should be added, a new headquarters, and a space in Algonquin Highlands.

Kirkpatrick said the County has a very good paramedic system. "It's just stressed and it needs a little bit of help."

Warden Liz Danielsen told the consultants they had, "hit us where it hurts ... we're in the budgeting phase and we can see that there's a lot of money associated with the recommendations you're making and yet we need to take those seriously."

Director of emergency services, Tim Waite, will come back to council with a staff report in the next couple of months.







# Minden food bank seeks \$10K grant for 'challenging year'

## By Lisa Gervais

Minden Community Food Centre chairman, Don Veno, asked Minden Hills council Feb. 9 for additional financial support, "as we prepare for a challenging 2023.

In asking for a \$10,000 grant, he said the centre provided food and necessities for more than 2,600 people in 2022. Of that, nearly 40 per cent were children under the age of 12 and more than 20 per cent were between the ages of 65 and 95.

He noted Food Bank Canada had reported an average 35 per cent increase in usage over the past two years.

Locally, "the total demand in need drastically increased in the fourth quarter of the year and we anticipate that increase to continue by approximately over 30 per cent into 2023," Veno added. He said a decision by Loblaws to remove its price freeze on No Name products will impact shoppers at Valu-Mart in Minden, and Todd's Independent in Haliburton. Veno added they are seeing food prices far greater than the advertised eight per cent rate of inflation, more like 15 per cent in 2022 with another 20 per cent jump expected for 2023.

"This is simply unmanageable," Veno said. Their Christmas hamper project, their 28th, was the most expensive and most subscribed to date. More than 500 people were serviced, 187 children, who also received toys. It cost the centre \$24,000, with an even greater figure anticipated for this coming December. The 2021 program cost about \$20,000.

"Families are unable to sustain the cost of food locally as well as the cost of living. Economists predict interest rates will continue to rise, as will inflation, through 2023 before levelling off. We are just now starting to feel the impact. And as families and especially our elderly community, are trying to sustain the rising costs, it's simply nearly impossible to manage without assistance," Veno said.

In the meantime, the organization has made costly investments, including new freezers and a new generator system, required to ensure the safety of the food supply, that

could be upwards of \$80,000. There was also an unexpected \$8,000 cost for the lift. The food bank pays its landlord and will spend between \$12,000 and \$15,000 on its community garden project.

Coun. Lisa Schell asked what the township usually gives, and director of community services, Craig Belfry, said they waive rental of the community centre for the Christmas hamper program, equivalent to about \$2,000. He said they traditionally also give the centre \$3,000-a-year.

Schell said she's been a councillor for 16 years and didn't think the financial contribution had changed.

Coun. Pam Sayne acknowledged the need for food security, saying without it there is stress and an impact on mental health. She added if the township did increase its support, it did not mean the community should stop donating.

Coun. Shirley Johannessen said the food bank could investigate other revenue sources, as well, such as road tolls, collection boxes, contacting the lake associations, doing more bottle drives, soliciting media coverage and using social media.

Veno said, "it's true we need to get out there a little more" and it was part of the board's plan for this year.

The chair also invited councillors to come for a food bank day to see the operation. Mayor Bob Carter commented it was worth seeing, "how important an institution this is to our community."

The food centre ask has been referred to ongoing budget discussions.

## Horticulturalists want more money

Members of the Minden and District Horticultural Society (MDHS) - president Connie Walker, Karen Shirley and Carolyn Park - spoke to council's Jan. 26 meeting, also seeking more money.

Walker asked council for \$3,000 for 2023, up from \$2,000. She said the MDHS spent nearly \$3,000 last year on the town gardens



Volunteers at the Christmas drive. File.

and \$2,000, "doesn't cover current costs and we expect a significant shortfall next year."

Walker outlined a number of other concerns. She said while summer students water plants, they often don't start until June and leave before September. It means plants are dying when it would be nice to keep them until Thanksgiving weekend for tourists.

Walker added they would like to return the flower boxes to the bridge. She said the MDHS is committed to getting them, putting them in, and maintaining them, but need township permission. She said she knew there was a concern about blocking views to traffic but they could lower them.

Walker said they would like to freshen the gazebo in the village green and put up minilights. They want to know when the brick pavers will be fixed, since they are a safety risk with potential liability for the town. It is in the proposed 2023 budget. Walker added they would like to have trees pruned, benches or outside chairs, and an ashtray so cigarette butts are not strewn about. They have also found memorial plaques buried in garden beds. They have refreshed them and want to find a permanent home in the Village Green.

Sayne thanked the group for its volunteer hours and did not think they were "asking for the moon." This item was also coming back.

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# The Highlander Community vision starts now

Watching consultants tell County councillors what they should do with their paramedic service over the next 10 years was an eyeopener last week.

I knew the County was growing. The 2021 Census pegged that expansion at just under 14 per cent. I also knew that the Highlands was old. However, I didn't know that it is projected to be the oldest County in Ontario by 2046. We're well on our way now.

It got me thinking about all aspects of our community as we continue to have more newcomers who are getting older. Has anyone planned for that over the next 10, 20, 30, 40 or 50 years and beyond?

There is a lot of talk, but not much action. For example, there have been copious discussions about housing, but very few shovels in the ground. There has been discussion about public transportation, but as recently as this month, it's been nixed. There is endless chatter about worker shortages but nothing concrete to address that problem.

I started to wonder about other towns and cities. While it is very difficult to find apples to apples comparisons, I had a look at the Elliot Lake Retirement Living website. Let's start with that very concept, shall we? There is no Haliburton County Retirement Living

When the Elliot Lakes uranium mines were slated for closure in 1996, some in the town began to plan for the future and that future was retirement living. Unlike Haliburton County, Elliot Lake was blessed with an abundance of mining homes left by miners. If only we had the housing stock they did and still do. It allows one-bedroom apartments to be rented for as little as \$705-a-month up to a three-bedroom house for \$1,200-a-month. Imagine.

Let's look at health care. Elliot Lake has a complete continuum of care, from acute hospital care to assisted living and home care services. They have not only doctors, but surgeons. St. Joseph's Hospital has 54 beds. They do surgery and deliver babies. They host specialists' clinics. They even have a portable MRI machine.

The community has an excellent local public transit system. Bus service is provided throughout the city at very reasonable prices. However, to their favour, 95 per cent of Elliot Lake's residents are within five minutes' walking distance of a bus stop.

So, Elliot Lake had a community with a problem – its main industry was closing – and found a solution so it would not become a ghost town.

Here in Haliburton County, if we don't have

a vision of a healthy, resilient community in mind, we won't know how to plan for it.

The first question is, do we want to continue to grow, and to get older, or are we happy with



By Lisa Gervais

where we are at now? If the answer is stand pat, then we don't have to trouble ourselves with building oodles of housing stock. Let's just concentrate on ensuring we have the infrastructure to support the people we have now, and into our decidedly grey future. In which case, the answer is some sort of worker housing.

Then, we can talk about things such as better health care, and maybe even public transit.

If our vision is continued growth, then the planning becomes a whole lot more complicated.

Undeniably, this visioning should have started long before now and time is of the essence. It is imperative we begin now, today, to determine what kind of a community we want to be - and plan accordingly - or be left a skeleton of our former selves.

## **LETTERS**

## Fearrey and McKechnie deserve scruting

Dear editor,

In commending Dysart's representatives on County council for their on-going attempts to scuttle the County shoreline preservation bylaw, Tayce Wakefield claims that Murray Fearrey and Walt McKechnie made "efforts to propose a more effective and less expensive program."

They did no such thing.

The Dysart mayor and his deputy made no attempt whatsoever to, for example, amend the bylaw to include incentives to encourage shoreline landowners to renaturalize their properties - something Wakefield and Fearrey pointed to as a serious flaw.

Rather than moving to fix this or other flaws, Dysart reps made it crystal clear that the only thing they were interested in was defeating the entire bylaw.

The truth be known, Dysart council has been captured by a small, vocal and well-connected minority of shoreline landowners who privilege their own private property rights over collective protection of Haliburton's natural heritage. A natural heritage that the Love Your Lake project clearly established is in serious jeopardy.

The shoreline preservation bylaw, as proponents know only too well, is no silver bullet, being only one of a whole series of steps required to stop further decline of our natural shorelines. But first steps are essential in stopping things from getting worse and this is precisely what the shoreline preservation bylaw is designed to accomplish.

Wakefield decries the cost of moving ahead with the bylaw in spite of Dysart's obstruction – something she and her organization helped to orchestrate - but has nothing to say about the cost of doing nothing.

The vast majority of Haliburton residents, including those living or recreating in Dysart, want natural shorelines protected by their municipal governments and are in favour of this bylaw. Wakefield claims to be defending democracy but insists, aided and abetted by Fearrey and McKechnie, on doing everything she can to ensure that the will of the majority on this issue never sees the light of day.

Terry Moore Halls Lake

## **EH! writes Scott** on Bill 23

Dear editor,

EH! has written MPP Laurie Scott about Bill 23. In it, we say the 2018 "Made in Ontario Environment Plan" told the people of Ontario that "...climate change poses a serious threat to Ontario's natural areas and that conservation of these areas can play an important role in mitigating and adapting to climate change (p 46)."

You and your colleagues promised to: "...protect and enhance our natural areas, support conservation efforts, continue to conserve species at risk, develop adaptation strategies, and promote the importance of healthy natural spaces for future generations to use and enjoy.'

You also pledged to "...improve the

resilience of natural ecosystems by 'collaborating with partners to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, such as wetlands and ensure that climate change impacts are considered when developing plans for their protection." (p 47)

Instead, despite widespread opposition, we now have Bill 23.

- it places increased planning responsibilities on municipalities whose budgets are already stretched to the breaking point and whose staff are often not properly trained and supported in making such decisions.
- strips municipalities of the ability to hold developers to energy efficient standards in new buildings, which are crucial to meeting our climate targets.
- burdens taxpayers with paying for essential services, such as sewers, roads, and other necessary infrastructure (because of the freeze on municipal development charges).
- · encourages urban sprawl, making residents more dependent on private cars for transportation, which will, in turn, further increase our greenhouse gas emissions.
- and will result in property damage from flooding and will negatively impact both surface and ground water quality.

These are only a few of the negative impacts of Bill 23 in this letter. We encourage you to review Ontario Nature's recent analysis of the ecological impact of Bill 23.

(See the remainder of the letter on the EH! website.)

Susan Hay

President Environment Haliburton! (EH!)

# Ctrl-ART-Del to open theatre to young people

## By Lisa Gervais

Tim Nicholson has worked in theatre in the Highlands for years. A staple with Highlands Summer Festival, and Highlands Little Theatre, Nicholson said one thing he noticed was that talented young people were not gracing stages enough in the County. So, he and Amy Leis set about doing something about that. The result is Ctrl-ART-Del, a new theatre company with an emphasis on youth.

They are in the middle of rehearsing for a play, Cherubs, they will present at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Paviliion March 31 and April 1.

A long-time actor, who has appeared in North Bay and Toronto, it will be Nicholson's directorial debut.

"And, it's my first time being part of a brand new theatre company," he said in a recent interview.

He expands on his rationale, saying, "I've been working in Haliburton County for a number of years in theatre. I noticed that the majority of the young people, talented young people, in our community weren't appearing

"Most of the younger people that were appearing on stage were from out of the County, and I know we have very talented people in the community. I wanted to give them an opportunity to work on stage if they wanted to.

He added the new company is designed primarily to stage contemporary works, which means anything after 1990 and preferably after 2000, "that will get them interested in theatre in the community.

"That's our main goal, to eventually put me out to pasture, and let the young people have a theatre company that they can run on their own and do works they're interested in, and they can say to me, 'Tim, thanks for your help, but go away'.'

He said their first show, *Cherubs*, was workshopped in the U.K. in 2021. He added Leis, who is one of their actors and co-operator of the group, did the workshop online during the pandemic and played a character she will replicate this spring.

Written by Toby McShane, it's a "very dark comedy ... visions of Martin McDonagh or the Quentin Tarantino Pulp Fiction era," Nicholson said. "It's quite amusing, it's quite dark, and we're very lucky to have the Canadian premiere of it.'

The cast has been picked, although the plan is for open auditions in future.

"We chose a play that would feature these actors rather than doing an open audition. We were hoping with a closed audition that we could find something that holds up, or people that would be interested in working in theatre, if they could see that 'yes, there is the potential of doing exciting new theatre in the County for young people'.

Nicholson is excited about what lies ahead. "This is the first time, in a long time, that I'm very excited about theatre." He added it is meaningful as he ages.

"Everybody comes to the point in their lives where they realize that the knowledge that they gained over the course of their experience, if it hasn't been passed on, is



L-R Alex Kocot, Andrew Case, and Kelsey Crowe rehearse for Cherubs. Submitted.

going to die with the person. I ran into that when I retired from cabinet work and trim carpentry. I realized that I had this abundance of knowledge on how to do my trade really, really well and there was nobody to pass it

"I realized the same thing was happening with theatre. I have a lot of experience in theatre. I've worked with professional actors and directors. I've learned a lot. And if I don't pass this on, then that information, those skills for that craft, are going to die with me. That would be a shame. I'm hoping this new company gives me the opportunity

to pass on the information and the skills that go with the craft to a younger, brighter, population that can take that information and make it their own and run with it. That's really what I want out of this company. To stand on their own multiple feet and make this thing work and take the information I can give them and run with it.'

*Cherubs* will be performed at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on March 31 at 7:30 p.m., and April 1 at 2 p.m. For more information about Ctrl-ART-Del, visit ctrlartdel.ca or visit their socials media.

# Artist to shed light on navigating 'tough' industry

## By Mike Baker

After a 40-plus year career in the arts, seasonal Haliburton resident David McClyment knows all too well the fine margins between making it as an artist, or

"Often times, it comes down to basic presentation - how can you separate yourself from the pack. There are far more artists than there are venues to show work. Galleries typically get hundreds, if not thousands of applications every year for a space that might not even exist. So, how do you capture their attention?" he asked.

After having his work featured across Ontario - at the Red Head Gallery and David Kaye Gallery in Toronto, and spaces in Sudbury, North Bay, and Sault St. Marie - McClyment is switching gears in his retirement, helping aspiring artists to chase their dreams. He recently published a book, So You Want to Be an Artist, a self-help resource that he says unpacks more than four decades' worth of experience, breaking down how people can make their work stand out.

He will be presenting some of his ideas during a three-hour lecture at the Corner Gallery in Haliburton Feb. 18. It'll be like a trip down memory lane for a man who once taught at Haliburton School of Art + Design and, more recently, Centennial College.

"Photography is the base step in how to present your portfolio... the first step for many places is not to look at your actual piece, but to look at photographs of your work. If the photo is any good, then you might have a chance of getting your foot in the door," McClyment said.

The industry is much changed from the one he entered in the late 1970s. Then, there was more collaboration between artists – people seemed more willing to help one another, McClyment noted.

"It was a more positive time. If you wanted to get together with some friends to open a gallery, everyone would pitch in and make it happen... there's not so much of that anymore. Now, Toronto has developed a reputation, its nickname is 'Cold City'. If you don't represent a step up the ladder, nobody is going to talk to you, or work with you," he said. "That's a problem for young artists, because there aren't too many people out there willing to offer the kind of help they need to break through."

He considers his new book and workshop series to be his way of giving back to an industry that has provided a nice life for him and his family, "sort of like paying it forward." While there are copious materials out there detailing art styles and processes, there's very little information on how to navigate the business.

Saturday's lecture starts at 3 p.m. and is \$20 to attend. There will be space for up to 30 people. An eight-person workshop will follow, costing another \$20.



Toronto-based artist David McClyment is hosting a lecture on how to present artwork at the Corner Gallery Feb. 18. Submitted.

"The best piece of advice I can give people is 'good enough is not'. What I mean by that is, when you're looking at the photograph you just took of your baby that you sweated blood and tears over, and you think 'yeah,

that's OK' – let me tell you, it's not," McClyment said. "You need to make your case emphatically, so paying attention to things you might otherwise overlook is really

# Falling for County Hook, Line & Sinker

By Mike Baker

Such was the rush when Hook, Line & Sinker "quietly" opened its doors Jan. 25, the restyled Haliburton eatery ran out of food after only four days of service.

Located on Highland Street in the spot that once housed Baked and Battered, the new restaurant has been a major hit with locals, say owners Veronica VanLeeuwen and Taylor Pridham. Since purchasing the site from Craig Gordon and Colby Marcellus in the fall of 2021, the mother-son duo has overseen a complete transformation of the space.

While key features such as the fireplace, outdoor patio and takeout window have been maintained, there have been several additions. A new rectangular bar sits at the heart of the restaurant, while garage-style doors have been installed beside the front entrance, paving the way for indoor open-air eating come summer.

A stylish, bright interior gives off a welcoming vibe. A map of Haliburton County sprawls across one of the walls.

"We wanted to create a cozy feeling, somewhere people would feel comfortable and at home," VanLeeuwen said. "The building has a lot of history for a lot of people, so we didn't want to lose that. The idea was to keep the community feel of the space, while adding a bit of a modern splash."

"It's been a big transformation," Pridham

And that doesn't just go for cosmetics.



Chef Doug Morey and owners Veronica VanLeeuwen and Taylor Pridham. Photo by Mike Baker.

Behind-the-scenes, the restaurant has gone from having two kitchens to one. The bakery is no more, paving the way for a new menu featuring some old favourites, as well as popular new additions.

Chef Doug Morey was brought in to help facilitate the change. He has more than 20 years industry experience, the past six in Haliburton County as a sous chef at Sir Sam's Ski/Ride.

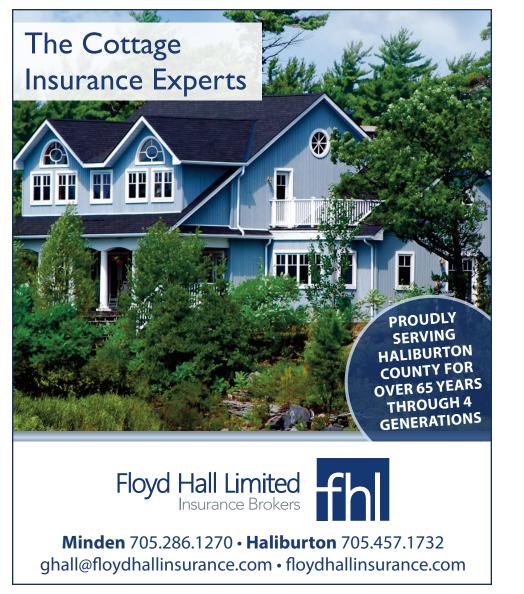
"We wanted to make sure there was a little

something for everyone on our menu – we have the fish and chips, but we've also added a gluten-free option, which is something nobody else has [around here]. We've got fish tacos, pasta dishes such as chicken alfredo, a new steak stack – good mood food that brings a smile to people's faces," Morey said.

Living in the community permanently since 2021, after cottaging on a property on Little Redstone Lake for 15 years, the pair say they

have fallen for Haliburton County hook, line, and sinker - which was the inspiration behind the name.

The new restaurant is open five days a week – from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, and from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For more information, visit facebook.com/ Thehookhaliburton.







## **Committee of Adjustment Notice of Public Hearing Application For Minor Variance**

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

Monday, February 27, 2023 9:30 AM

Location: This meeting will be held as an electronic hearing by way of a virtual meeting.

To participate:

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Enter Meeting ID: 883 4223 2289 and Passcode: 038234

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Members of the public are welcome to watch the Committee of Adjustment meeting by joining YouTube at: https:// youtube.com/live/\_NnItBYJ5Gg?feature=share

Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Hearing must pre-register by emailing dsisson@mindenhills.ca by Friday February 24th 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

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider Minor Variance Applications PLMV2022082, PLMV2022085, and PLMV2022099 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:

PLMV2022082 - Part Lot 32, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 2262 Soyers Lake Road and located on Soyers 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 reconstruction and enlargement of an existing deck and the construction of an enclosed area under the enlarged deck to serve as a basement entry and porch area. The effect of the application would permit a new deficient water yard of 18.2 metres for the dwelling and 18.2 metres for the attached deck, where the existing water yard is 22.8 metres for the dwelling and 20.4 metres for the attached deck, where a water yard of 23 metres is

PLMV2022085 - Part Lot 23, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1153 Halikash Lane and

**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 two storey, 39.96 square metre addition to an existing one storey, 84.43 square metre dwelling. The proposed addition is to be located within the footprint of an existing 91.53 square metre attached deck. The application also entails the partial removal of the existing attached deck and the reconstruction of 16.24 square metres of decking within the existing footprint for a total deck area of 57.4 square metres The effect of the application would be to permit an increase in height of 3.45 metres, and to permit an increase in ground floor area of 47.32%, whereas only an increase in height of 1.2 metres and an



increase in ground floor area of 25% is otherwise permitted. The effect of the application would also permit an increase in size and height of the dwelling, being a structure located in part within 15 metres of the high-water mark, where no size increase is otherwise permitted.

PLMV2022099 - Part Lot 25, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1027 Quill Lane and located on Kashagawigamog 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 construction of one-storey, 95.31 square metre addition to an existing one-storey, 129.7 square metre dwelling. The effect of the application would be to permit an increase in ground floor area of 73.49%, whereas an ncrease in ground floor area of 25% is otherwise permitted.



Additional information regarding this application will be available online. Links to meeting agendas and full reports can be nd 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@mindenhills.ca.

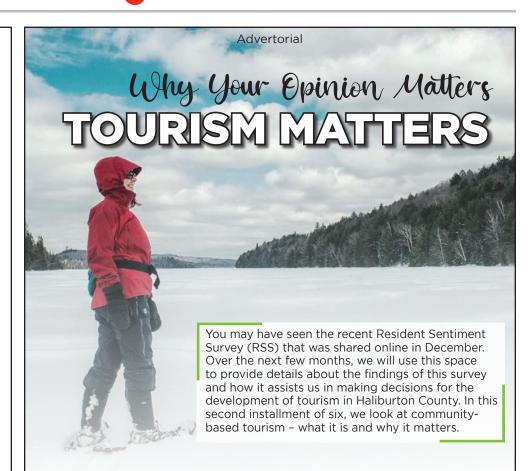
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Community-based tourism is one of the most significant parts of the tourism industry and key to destination sustainability. Despite their importance, communities are often overlooked in tourism, something we are looking to change here in Haliburton County. We believe tourism should serve as a tool to improve destination development and locals'

The Destination Management Plan (DMP), supported by the recent RSS and the answers we received as part of it, identified community-based tourism as a way to sustainably and responsibly build the Haliburton Highlands as a year-round destination, encouraging deeper connections between residents (both permanent and seasonal and visitors, while also promoting environmental protection, social responsibility, and the enhancement of

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. They are also looking for authentic experiences that create benefits locally. Optimizing a visitor's connection with the local community is the foundation for any DMP, and it is integral to the community-based tourism model that we are working to implement.

Some of the benefits of this type of model are:

- Facilitates local employment
- Directly benefits locals financially
- Is relatively easy to develop with the right network
- Creates and empowers resilient and strong communities
- And many more

In the RSS, one of the questions centred on what activities respondents had engaged with in the Haliburton Highlands over the last 12 months. Going out to a restaurant or bar, visiting local shops, using lakes and waterways, using a trail, and visiting an artist studio were among the top results, which is no surprise. These are also the activities visitors to our community appreciate and engage in. The community-based tourism model amplifies, enhances, supports, and builds upon these common interests.

Here are a couple of comments we received as part of the RSS that support involving the community more as we look to grow and enhance the visitor economy in a responsible

The Haliburton Highlands need to put a lot of effort into finding its identity and getting residents to understand & appreciate the value of visitor tourism. Haliburton feels like a county that doesn't really know what it is. Residents need to understand that they are an important part of making Haliburton a destination. People make the place what it is; people make Haliburton.

"I think the Highlands is a wonderful treasure, and we need to be careful to develop the tourism with long term sustainability (both ecologically and from a business sense) in mind.

People want to visit a destination for the exact same reasons that people want to live in a destination. Only through deep development of Haliburton County as a year-round tourism destination in concert with the community can meaningful competitive advantages be

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, please get in touch with **Tracie Bertrand, Manager of Tourism** for Haliburton County, at tbertrand@haliburtoncounty.ca.



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# Planning underway for Minden's first community garden

## By Lisa Gervais

Plans are well underway for the establishment of a Community Garden at the Minden Fairgrounds this spring. Sponsored by the Minden Community Food Centre and supported by the Minden Rotary Club, it will provide a minimum of 20, four-feet by 12-feet raised beds for planting by individuals.

Gary Stoner of the Food Centre said the project will provide fresh produce for food bank clients and the general public, many of whom do not have the physical space to create a garden on their own property, or who live in rented accommodation.

Dave Woodcroft, president of the Rotary Club of Minden, said his club supports the initiative "as a tremendous benefit to the community." He, along with Lynda Litwin, also of Rotary, are encouraging other service clubs in Minden to hop

on board with their support.

Litwin said, "many organizations have already indicated they are behind this most worthwhile project."

Applications for a spot in the garden are already being accepted by contacting the Minden Community Food Centre at 705-286-6838 or by email mindencommunityfoodcentre@gmail.com.

"The organizing committee would like to see more involvement from the community and lists the following opportunities for volunteers to get involved: garden co-ordinator, provision and erection of perimeter fencing, garden hoses, construction of a small garden shed, site preparation and top soil, plot construction, providing and putting up signs and financial help.

Further details will be provided at an upcoming meeting for anyone interested, Feb. 21 at the Dominion Hotel at 7 p.m.



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L to R - David Blodgett, David Zilstra, Eric Recalla, James Lee, Melanie Klodt Wong, Susannah Moylan (Submitted).





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Deagan Davidson fires one home. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

# U15 Storm shut out the Thunder

The U15 Highland Storm ended their week with a Friday night tilt vs the Sturgeon Lake Thunder. From the second the puck dropped, the Storm were off to a fast start. With some solid backchecking from Austin Latanville and Jace Mills, the puck was quickly sent down the ice to the Thunder zone. The U15 Storm kept the pressure rolling and Deagan Davidson quickly buried the puck in the net just three minutes into the game, assisted by Josh Scheffee and Evan Jones. The Storm took the 1-0 lead into the second period.

The second period was laid out the same as the first, as the Storm kept the pressure rolling and kept the Thunder at bay. The Storm used their speed and strength to win battles along the boards, and even dished out some clean body checks. By the midpoint of the second, the Storm found themselves in a bit of penalty trouble. While on the penelty kill, Parker Simms made a nice heads-up play, gaining control of the puck and making a nice stretch pass to Owen Sisson. Owen skated the puck across the red line and made a nice pass to

Mills who was able to slide the puck under the goalie for a short-handed goal, giving the Storm a 2-0 lead. As the second came to an end, the locals were still leading 2-0 into the third.

The Storm took to the freshly-flooded ice in the third and were able to keep the same pace. The team went on the powerplay, when Parker dangled through a few players and sniped one over the goalie's glove, giving the Storm a convincing 3-0 lead with eight minutes to go in the game.

As play continued, the Thunder applyed some pressure, trying to gain access to the Storm zone. Latanville delivered a thundering hit along the boards and ended up drawing a penalty, sending the Storm back to the powerplay. With the faceoff deep in the Thunder zone, Mills delivered the puck to Latanville, who set up Jones for a one-timer slapshot goal from the point. The Storm rode the 4-0 lead till the final buzzer, giving Chase Winder the shutout and the Storm its 16th win of the season. (Submitted).





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Top: Jace Mills carries the puck up ice. Bottom: Evan Jones and Jace Mills celebrate a Storm goal. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

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# Cunningham has earned big role with squad

## By Mike Baker

After enduring a "frustrating" debut season in the Ontario Junior Hockey League last year, power forward Alex Cunningham is enjoying a stellar breakout campaign with the Haliburton County Huskies.

The 20-year-old native of Windsor, ON moved north to the Highlands in the summer after splitting time last season playing for the Pickering Panthers and Brantford 99ers. He's scored 17 goals and tallied 25 assists across 48 games in blue and white this season, becoming an increasingly influential presence for the Huskies at both ends of the

"I was so excited to get the call in the summer – I had a good start to the season last year in Pickering, I had 13 points in 10 games with them, but things dropped off after moving to Brantford... I knew I wanted to play on a winning team that could go far in the playoffs, so I jumped at the opportunity to move up here," Cunningham told *The Highlander*.

It's been a slow burn for the 6-foot-2, 200-pound wing, who had to play his way into prominence in Haliburton County. He started the season on the fourth line, but as he became more familiar with his teammates and coach Ryan Ramsay's system, he's flourished.

Now operating as a middle-six winger who also sees time on the powerplay and penalty kill, Cunningham has been a regular feature on the scoresheet. He's put up 10 points over his last four games, including a team-record six points Feb. 7 in an 8-3 win over the Markham Royals.

"On the way to the rink for that game, I just felt so locked in. I knew we needed to get the win, so I was laser focused. Once I got out there on the ice, everything seemed to go right - every shot I took went in," Cunningham said. "It was my first ever hattrick, so definitely an exciting moment."

With playoffs right around the corner, Cunningham said he's excited to get his first taste of OJHL post-season action.

"Hockey playoffs is the best playoffs in pro sports. I can't wait to experience it," Cunningham said. "I think it's going to suit my game well – I'm a big body that likes to hit, but I also thrive in those pressure situations. Whether it's going forward and trying to score or being defensively responsible. I'm ready to go in all situations."

With one more year of junior eligibility, Cunningham said he'd love to return to Haliburton County for his final season preferably with an OJHL championship under his belt.

"We have the oldest, most experienced team in the league – we can roll any of our lines out and know they can make a difference. If we play as I know we can, with confidence, we should be able to beat any team in this league," he said.

Alex Cunningham has become a key contributor for the Haliburton County Huskies. Photo by OJHL Images.



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# Huskies split weekend games in Minden

## By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton County Huskies bounced back from an overtime loss to the Stoufville Spirit Feb. 11 to beat the Collingwood Blues 3-1 Feb. 12 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden.

Zack Terry opened the scoring Sunday afternoon from Leo Serlin and Lucas Stevenson at the 9:50 mark.

After a scoreless second period, Luca Rea bulged the twine on a powerplay at 3:53 to put the Dogs up 2-0, with helpers from Alex Cunningham and Will Gourgouvelis.

The Colts made it a 2-1 game at 17:40 with their goalie pulled, but Lucas Marshall found the empty net a little over a minute later, at 18:52, to seal the deal and a 3-1 victory.

Head coach Ryan Ramsay said he thought it was their most complete game of the season

"Everyone bought into the game plan. It was like a playoff hockey game. Their team's fifth in the country, so we played really well. Guys stepped up and guys played their part and are buying in, so it's really nice to see."

## Huskies lose in OT

On Saturday, the Dogs came up against brick wall goaltending, as the Spirit's Ayden Bulmer turned aside 43 of 44 shots.

In this game, the Huskies opened the scoring late in the first, as Isaac Sooklal buried the puck at 19:53 from Terry.

But Stouffville scored late in the third, at 16:55, to send the game into overtime. And the Spirit buried the puck at 3:28 of the extra frame to put the game away.

"It could have been 5-1, 5-2, 6-2 but sometimes that happens," Ramsay said. "We ran into a good goalie. We had a couple of good chances to score. We hit a couple of



Christian Stevens behind the Spirit net. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

posts. I think we outplayed them pretty good. I think they had a lot of perimeter shots. Spoons (Aidan Spooner) played well when he needed to but we couldn't score."

With tight weekend scorelines of 2-1 and 3-1, Ramsay said they had been working on their defensive game.

"Last year in the playoffs, I don't think we did a good enough job as a team. I think there were individuals that bought in and played really well in playoffs, because it's

stingy hockey.

"It's something we're really trying to stress and get into the guy's heads now, rather than in another three weeks. It's something we've stressed in the last two to three weeks and pretty much all season. Our message from training camp was 'this is the way you have to play in playoffs and there's no switch once you enter playoffs, so get it into your head now and your habits'.

"Last year, we had a better team than

Cobourg, but they just played a better playoff style - something we're trying not to do again this year.'

Next up: The Huskies are on the road against Georgetown Feb. 18 before hosting Lindsay for a Family Day tilt Feb. 20. They will be at home again on Feb. 25 versus the Toronto Junior Canadiens. Puck drop is 4 p.m. at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.





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# A nice way to break up the winter blues

**By Lisa Gervais** 

Minden Hills sees the return of its popular Fire and Ice event, Feb. 19 with a few twists.

The town's Cultural Centre Foundation is organizing the night out after being shelved since 2020 due to COVID-19.

Foundation member, Emily Stonehouse, recalled that event was "a sold-out success." She said at the time, she was working for the cultural centre, and was looking forward to running it again.

In addition to being paused due to the pandemic, she said, "during that time, there was a shuffle-around with the foundation. There are now new foundation members, myself included, and we bring a unique variety of skills to the table, so I believe this event will be successful once again."

One of the shifts, she added, was taking a step back from it being an exclusive Scotch tasting.

"We are opening up some opportunities for cocktails and mocktails, created and provided by Ommmh boutique.'

She added there will also be representatives from local restaurants providing "yummy' food. There will be food and drinks through the gallery, as well as bonfires outside.

"The whole event is designed to allow people to taste-test some local foods, and mix and mingle with good company," Stonehouse

It is a 19-plus event, and a fundraiser for programming at the Cultural Centre. It is also done in collaboration with local businesses, "so that we can showcase the talent and variety that we have available in our community. It's always been a great event, and a nice way to break up the winter

The event goes 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$40, at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Up River (in Minden and Haliburton), Ommmh Boutique, Beauty Basics and Castle Antiques. For more information, email mindenhillsccfoundation@gmail.com.

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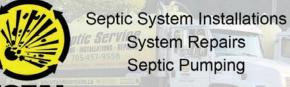


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If that sounds like something you could do, drop a line to publisher Heather Kennedy at heather@thehighlander.ca.

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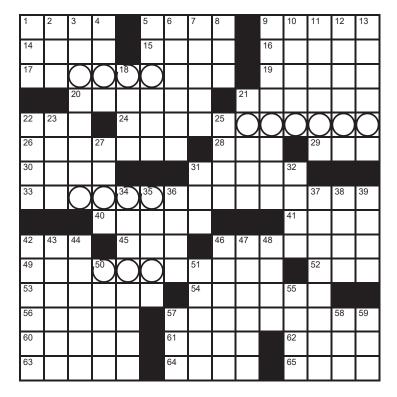
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## **Lateral Thinking**

### Across

- 1 Bit of fishtank greenery, perhaps
- 5 Football role for Reagan
- 9 "\_\_\_ fightin' words!"
- 14 Cookie cream in an Oreo brand
- 15 Harem rooms
- 16 Split, as a board
- 17 Artificial grass brand
- 19 With "in," as yet unborn
- 20 Available for tenants
- 21 Keen worker's declaration
- 22 "\_\_\_ importe" ("No matter," in French)
- 24 Photo art stretched on a frame
- 26 Loud yet broody music genre
- 28 "You can't mean me!"
- 29 Sainte-\_\_\_ (Quebec City suburb)
- **30** Words often following "If only"
- 31 Reduce to a pulp, casually
- 33 Stage piece for one actor
- 40 China's so-called "Las Vegas of
- 41 CC on an email, with "in"
- 42 Jamaican with the hit single "Cheerleader'
- 45 Offshore oil structure
- 46 Collie's little cousin
- 49 Six-string hybrid played by Springsteen
- 52 Stout alternative
- 53 Sums up
- 54 Satellite radio named for a star
- **56** Based on story
- **57** Happen upon ... or a directional hint to this puzzle's theme
- **60** "This \_\_\_ for the records"
- 61 Heart tests, for short
- **62** Troubadour's strings
- 63 Fits one in the other
- **64** "The the limit!"
- 65 Whacked, or a whole whack

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#### Down

- 1 Simile "glue" words
- 2 Some C.F.B. officers
- 3 Like German, to an Anglo's ear
- 4 Curl La La user's do
- 5 Sidelines refrain
- 6 Spoken shrug
- 7 Original tale's fourth sequel
- 8 Part of a cost calc. in real estate
- 9 Term for far-right populism, since
- **10** \_\_\_ Miss (Ontario lotto game)
- 11 Regardless of whether
- **12** Spanish sheep breed, or its wool
- 13 Haisla rap duo \_\_\_ Nose Rez Kids
- **18** Creature on the Canucks logo
- 21 This \_\_\_ Happy Place (family cottage sign, say)
- 22 Three-pronged Greek letters
- 23 Speaker system for Alexa
- 25 Magazine articles?
- 27 Biblical land given to Esau

- 31 Van. school named for an explorer
- 32 School locker location
- **34** Ones who don't finish sentences?
- 35 Smokeless smokes
- 36 Spaghetti sauce brand
- 37 Nobody at the Pearly Gates?
- Slinky, essentially
- 39 Sport from the French for "sword"
- 43 China's -tung
- 44 Preambles, in brief
- 46 Unlikely to share
- **47** Badger
- 48 Idle Monty Python member?
- 50 Pleasant little outing
- 51 Comment from a chronic loser
- 55 Web addresses
- 57 Almost-obsolete ph. line
- 58 Room in an office bldg.
- 59 Do a darn thing?

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