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## A-mushing we will go

Winterdance Dogsled Tours' guide Ciara Pisano carries a dog preparing to depart for a recent half-day tour in Haliburton. *Photo Courtesy Darren Lum Photography. (Instagram page hello\_haliburton).*

## Work continues on floodplain mapping

**By Lisa Gervais**

With words such as 'bathymetric' and 'LiDAR,' the process of flood mapping the Burnt and Gull River watersheds may sound complicated to residents, but the end goal is simple, County director of planning Steve Stone says.

He told council Feb. 22 the main purpose

of the project "is to prevent loss of lives, property and land caused by flooding."

Following 2013, 2015, 2017 and 2019 floods, the County has partnered with the Ganaraska and Kawartha Region conservation authorities on the work that began in 2017 and is poised to be completed in 2024. The Ganaraska Conservation

Authority's Cory Harris and Ian Jeffrey updated council on the project last week.


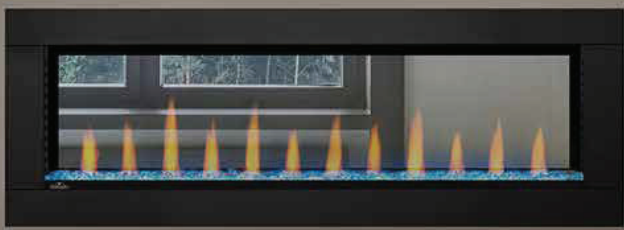
It started with phase one when they got money under the National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) for LiDAR, an acronym for light detection and ranging, which is laser imaging used to get elevation data. It was done in 2018-19, with data

delivered in 2020.

It was also in 2020 that the province launched its flooding strategy in Minden. It called for understanding flood risks, strengthening governance of flood risks, enhancing flood preparedness, response and recovery, and investing in flood

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# Flooding most significant natural hazard in Ontario

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risk reduction.

Phase two of the local project involved bathymetric data, which the partners also got NDMP money for. It's the measurement of the depth of water in rivers or lakes. Bathymetric maps look like topographic maps, with lines to show the shape and elevation of land features.

Work on that was done in 2021-2022.

Phases three and four involve technical work, developing hydrologic and hydraulic models, and the flood mapping itself.

The study area is huge, with more than 2,800-square-kilometres of drainage; 400-plus kilometres of channels; 23 lakes, 42 dams and key areas within the Parks Canada-TSW system.

It's expected the County will be ready for public consultation in late 2023 and early 2024, when the results of the work can be unveiled.

Stone noted in the province's flooding strategy, flooding is the most significant natural hazard in Ontario in terms of death, damage and civil disruption and the costliest natural disaster in Canada in terms of property damage.

He said this project will address the number one priority of understanding flood risks and how they can be mitigated and risk-managed.

"The deliverables of this project will include updated, and where applicable, the creation of new flood plain mapping for the reservoir lakes and the connecting rivers that



A sample floodplain map. *Ganaraska Conservation Authority.*

are frequently impacted by flooding," he said.

"Updated floodplain mapping will be used to reduce the impact of flooding by directing new development to safer locations and

regulating legacy development within the floodplain and flood fringe areas.

Enhanced knowledge of the location of the flood susceptible areas will allow the County and local municipalities to plan the

most efficient emergency response efforts, reducing the impact of flooding on the population and make our communities more resilient."



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# What Dysart opting out means for shoreline bylaw

By Lisa Gervais

The fact Dysart et al has chosen not to buy into the shoreline preservation bylaw does not prevent the remaining lower-tier municipalities from adopting and enforcing it, director of planning, Steve Stone, told County council at its Feb. 22 meeting.

Referencing a legal opinion, he said if Algonquin Highlands, Highlands East and Minden Hills give the go-ahead to an amended bylaw, it would need to reflect the fact it's not in full force throughout the County, but within the geographical jurisdiction of those lower-tier municipalities only.

The three townships will have to again delegate authority to the County to enforce the amended bylaw on their behalf.

Stone also outlined the financial impact. He said Minden Hills, with 4,984 shoreline lots, would have to pay 25.52 per cent of the cost, or \$53,801.88 yearly.

Algonquin Highlands, with 4,186 shoreline lots, would be on the hook for 21.43 per cent, or \$45,187.53, and Highlands East, with 3,453 shoreline lots, 17.68 per cent, or \$37,274.85. Stone has estimated it will cost \$136,264.26 in expenses, including one full-timer staffer, in the first 12 months.

He recommended they start with seven months of 2023, at a reduced cost of nearly \$90,000, to be funded from reserves.

"Alternatively, each of the three participating townships could adopt the amended bylaw independently and implement it themselves in their own jurisdiction," Stone said.

Coun. Bob Carter said they should be looking at fees and charges for 2024.

"If it's \$138,000 to run the program, we should be looking to recoup most if not all of that."



A typical Highlands shoreline in winter. *File.*

## Short-term rental talks continue

Possible short-term rental registration and licensing bylaws were back before County council Feb. 27.

After more than four hours of pouring through the proposed bylaws, and making some amendments, council did not ratify either.

Stone, director of economic development and tourism, Scott Ovell and CAO, Mike Rutter, took notes, including items that will require a legal opinion.

Carter said, "it would be nice to have the bylaws passed and get this well underway in this calendar year."

Warden Liz Danielsen said it was taking a while but was one of the most important things the council was doing and they needed to get it right.

She also queried a discussion about whether the bylaws should live at the County or lower-tier level after Coun. Murray Fearrey had talked about the townships' roles on the file. But Fearrey said he suspected it would be a hybrid model, with both bodies of government working together.

Council passed a resolution to receive the planning report, incorporate amendments, and direct staff to get a legal opinion.

## Registration open for County of Haliburton FoodCycler program

County residents will have the opportunity of piloting an at-home composter to reduce the amount of organic waste headed to landfill sites, climate change co-ordinator Korey McKay said.

In partnership with Food Cycle Science,

the County will be offering 500 FoodCycler units at a subsidized price.

If more than 500 households apply, there will be a lottery.

Participants have to gather data over a three-month period.

Two units are being offered: the FC-30, for \$100 plus tax, and the larger capacity Maestro, for \$200 plus tax.

To register, visit [bit.ly/FCHaliburton](https://bit.ly/FCHaliburton).

Registration closes March 17.

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status of their participation. Questions can be directed to McKay at 705-286-1333 ext. 242 or [foodcycler@haliburtoncounty.ca](mailto:foodcycler@haliburtoncounty.ca) (Lisa Gervais).



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**DYSART ET AL NEWS**

**Boat races approved for August return**

Parts of Head Lake Park will be closed off to the public Aug. 19 and 20 as the Toronto Outboard Racing Club (TORC) brings its powerboat racing series back to Haliburton.

The event was approved by Dysart et al council Feb. 28, with the municipality granting TORC private access to the town dock and parking lot beside Head Lake Park. Organizer Barb Hammond said the event is a major economic driver for the Highlands, bringing hundreds of visitors to the community. She estimated there would be at least 80 racers competing this year.

Money will be raised throughout the weekend for Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) and the Haliburton 4Cs Food Bank. Judy Skinner, a volunteer with the event, said the races have raised almost \$20,000 for HHHS since their inception.

Hammond said she was conscious of some complaints made by the public last year, notably surrounding noise, and unavailability of the town’s EV charging stations. She said she’s working on sourcing an alternative for locals to charge their electric vehicles, while also noting later morning start times for the races. It was also noted that people will be able to use the boat ramp at Haliburton RPM on County Road 21 to access Head Lake.

Races will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 19 and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Aug. 20, and are free to attend.

**Farmers market move discussed**

Volunteers with the Haliburton County Farmers Market (HCFM) are kicking tires on a potential new location for its weekly event in Dysart.

The market has been held at Head Lake

Park for several years, though many vendors and attendees have recently raised concerns over the condition of the site during bad weather.

“We’re always going to have a problem with water in the park. It’s on a very poor base, and it was never intended to have vehicles driving on the grass there... as they can tear things up pretty good... To me, that is always going to be an issue,” said mayor Murray Fearrey.

He felt an ideal location for the event would be the parking lot at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, though that would require Trillium Lakelands District School Board approval. He also suggested moving the event to the Head Lake boardwalk, with stalls lined up along the walking path.

Council directed staff to work with HCFM to come up with a long-term solution. A recommendation is expected to come back to council in the spring.

**Party time**

One of the Highlands’ longest summertime traditions is returning in August after a four-year hiatus.

The Haliburton Rotary Carnival will take over Head Lake Park Aug. 11 and 12. In a letter to council, Rotary president, Ursula Devolin, said the event will feature a midway, carnival games, and several specialty food vendors.

“This is a cherished community event, and has been for three quarters of a century,” Devolin said.

Council were happy to oblige, though Fearrey wondered if Head Lake Park was the appropriate location for heavy midway rides, such as a ferris wheel. Andrea Mueller, the township’s recreation coordinator, said the parking lot at A.J. LaRue Arena could house the midway, though the arena will be used by the Hockey Haven camp that week, so could cause a conflict. Council advised that



Powerboat races presented by the Toronto Outboard Racing Club (TORC) will return to Head Lake this summer. *File.*

midway rides be situated in the parking lot at Head Lake Park, with all other attractions sprinkled throughout the park.

**Town rubber stamps financials**

Dysart’s 2023 budget has been officially approved, with local ratepayers seeing a 2.34 per cent jump on the municipal portion of their tax bill this year.

That equates to a \$7.22 increase per \$100,000 of MPAC assessment for residential property owners, \$10.71 for commercial units, and \$12.41 for industrial

units. Budget deliberations were wrapped up Feb. 10.

The municipality projects to spend just over \$21.5 million this calendar year, with transportation services the highest department spend at \$7,837,645 – 36.4 per cent of the total budget. Environmental services are pegged at \$4,404,970 (20.5 per cent); protective services \$3,791,443 (17.6 per cent); recreation and culture \$2,908,304 (13.5 per cent); general governance \$1,659,148 (7.7 per cent); planning and development \$697,644 (3.2 per cent); health services \$190,250 (0.9 per cent); and social and family services \$20,501 (0.1 per cent). *(Dysart et al news compiled by Mike Baker).*

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Please take notice that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will consider adopting Water and Wastewater Rate By-laws related to the 2023 Municipal Budget.

The 2023 Water and Wastewater Operating and Capital Budget and By-laws will be reviewed on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 9:00 AM during its Regular Meeting of Council, held virtually, via web conference, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

The proposed By-laws to be considered are as follows:

By-law 23-28 Wastewater Rates - Minden  
By-law 23-29 Water Rates – Lutterworth  
By-law 23-30 Water Rates - Minden

Dated this 27th day of February 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact: Greg Bedard, Director of Finance/  
Treasurer 705-286-1260 ext. 504 [gbedard@mindenhills.ca](mailto:gbedard@mindenhills.ca)

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# Council questions housing in Corridor

By Lisa Gervais

Expressing concern about the need for affordable housing in the Highlands, County council passed a watered-down resolution of support for the Highlands Corridor at its Feb. 22 council meeting.

Shelley Hunt of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and Paul Heaven of Glenside Ecological Services Limited made a delegation to council about the corridor. The 100,000-hectare swathe of land connects Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park, Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park and Silent Lake Provincial Park.

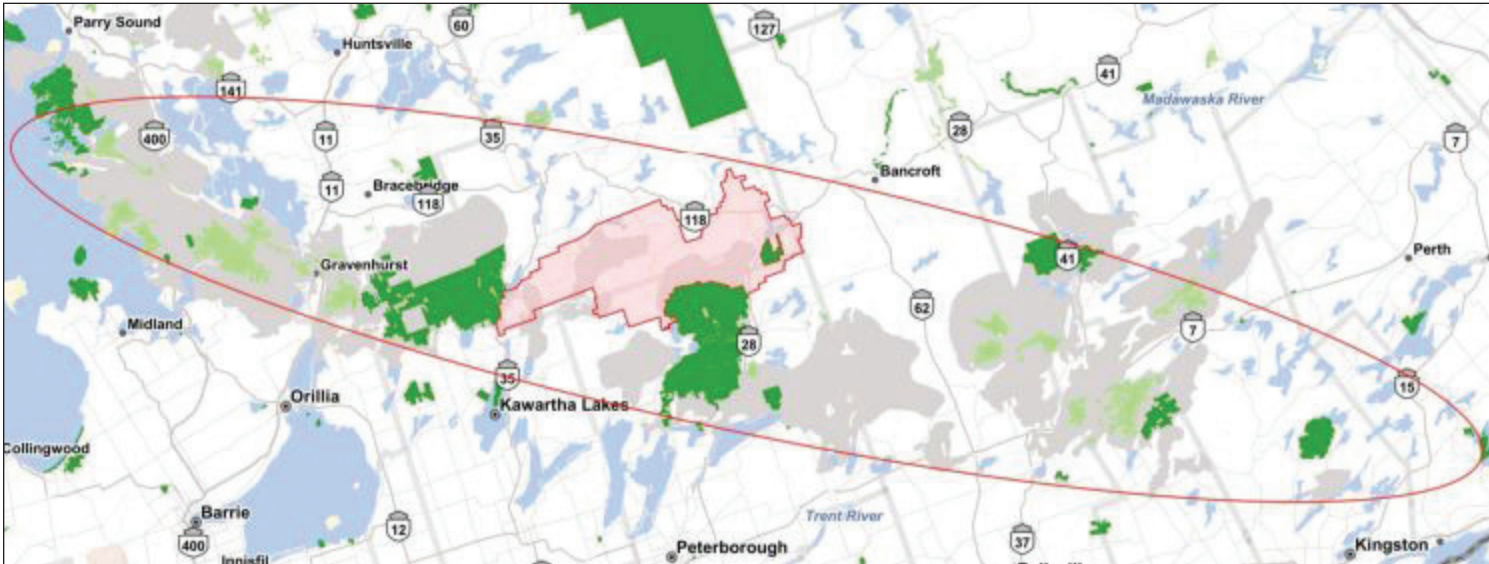
Heaven said the natural environment in the corridor provides critical services required for building climate change resilience.

“We know we’ve experienced serious flooding in 2013, 2016, 2017 and 2019, at which point we’ve had declarations of emergency in three of those years,” Heaven said. “Wetlands have the ability to soak up water, absorb them during times of high water, and then slowly release that water as the landscape dries.” He said they had mapped wetlands in Snowdon, Lutterworth and Glamorgan and discovered the corridor is 17.9 per cent wetlands. He said any further loss of wetlands would only exacerbate the flooding situation.

He said there is also high carbon storage, due to fens and bogs. Heaven added 71 per cent of the corridor is forested, with 75 per cent being mature, including the largest stand of old growth Hemlock in Ontario.

Heaven said wildlife is under stress due to disease, insect infestations, droughts and flooding and species can only survive if they can move, so connectivity between the parks is key.

The Highlands Corridor is also home to



A map of the Highlands Corridor. Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and Glenside Ecological Services.

39 federal and provincial species at risk, 25 provincially-significant species, and 42 regionally or locally significant. To that end, Heaven said a three-year project, with 5,500 volunteer hours, was dedicated to a turtle barrier wall and underpass on Gelert Road.

Hunt and Heaven said maintaining that biodiversity is critical to keeping healthy ecosystems. In the end, they added the local economy needs healthy lakes and ecosystems to sustain itself.

Their strategy for building the corridor includes seeking protection of uncaded Crown Land as a conservation reserve. They want to build partnerships with private landowners to promote good stewardship and enhance connectivity. They also plan to liaise with other stakeholders, including government and First Nations, as well as continue their ecological research.

In their delegation, they wanted the County to pass a resolution and letter of support of their efforts to better protect the Crown lands and waters in the corridor.

## Affordable housing

Coun. Cec Ryall said he thought the work the Land Trust and Heaven are doing is “unbelievable.” However, he said Highlands East is entirely in the corridor, and there may be land suitable for affordable housing.

“If we support this particular resolution ... is that going to restrict what we’re capable of doing, or lobbying the Crown for that kind of property to be used for affordable (housing)?” he asked.

Hunt said they understand the need for housing and could look at establishing a reserve in key parts of the corridor, not all

of it. “I think there’s room for side-by-side conservation and room for people and room for smart development within the corridor as well.” Heaven added they are aware there are forestry and mining claims. “So, there’s lots of discussion to move forward and it’s going to be a long process.”

Council passed a revised resolution of support in principle and that the Land Trust and Heaven consult with the County as corridor boundaries are further refined, and Crown lands to be protected as a conservation reserve be identified.

Hunt said they will be holding a reception at Queen’s Park May 4, hosted by MPP Laurie Scott, and will be having a local event this Friday, March 3 at 7 p.m. at the fish hatchery. Scott will be in attendance. Admission is free. Register at [haliburtonlandtrust.ca](http://haliburtonlandtrust.ca) or call 705-457-3700.

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**MINDEN HILLS NEWS**

**Minden's greenhouse gas emissions down**

Korey McKay, the County's climate change coordinator, told Minden Hills council Feb. 23 its corporate greenhouse gas emissions had decreased four per cent since 2018.

Delivering an update on the progress of the upper-tier's climate change action plan (CCAP), McKay said the installation of electric vehicle charging stations and rollout of the FoodCycler indoor composting pilot program had been big factors in the reduction. She noted the township was also making good progress on various other 'green' policies and initiatives, most notably in upgrading the municipal fleet and retrofitting buildings to make them more energy efficient.

Approved by the County and all lower-tier municipalities in 2020, the CCAP is designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across municipal operations. Minden Hills is targeting a 10 per cent reduction in emissions created by the municipal fleet, 15 per cent by municipal buildings, and 10 per cent by landfill sites, by 2030.

The plan has been split into three phases – corporate climate change mitigation, corporate climate change adaptation, and the development of a community-wide action plan. McKay said work on the first two phases was going well, with more news to come on a more community-centric rollout in the spring.

"We've formed a community climate action plan advisory group, performed two community-wide engagements, and interviewed some organizations that are already working on climate action in some form," McKay said, noting this was a major priority at the County level and would require buy-in from all levels of government, and the local community, to meet emissions targets.

**Abuse against women on the rise**

"The numbers just continue to grow," said Nycole Duncan, YWCA Peterborough Haliburton women's shelter manager, about cases of violence against women and children in the Highlands.

Between 2019 and 2022, the organization has seen a 17 per cent increase in the number of women enrolled in its counselling programs, and a 26 per cent increase across its various outreach initiatives. Demand has increased again this fiscal year, Duncan noted. During its previous 12-month term, the organization assisted 76 women with long-term counselling – five months into this fiscal year, they've already helped 58 women. It's the same on the outreach side – 117 women received services last year, with 84 helped so far this year.

Demand through the Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace (HERS) program has spiked too. During the previous fiscal year, the operation ran at 99.7 per cent occupancy. The space provides emergency housing for women and children looking to escape violent, potentially dangerous situations at home.

Since opening in 2006, the facility has served 10,187 women and children.

"We'd like to request YWCA be considered for any available funding... to continue providing for the safety and wellbeing of women and children in Haliburton County," Duncan said, noting the organization is on the hook for fundraising around 30 per cent of its annual budget.

Coun. Pam Sayne said she recognizes the importance of the YWCA, noting she was a part of the committee that helped bring HERS to the community. She encouraged Duncan to apply for funding through the township's community grant program.

"Some funds might be available... but it's first come, first served," Sayne said, noting decisions are typically made during budget



Haliburton County climate change coordinator, Korey McKay, said greenhouse gas emissions in Minden are down four per cent since 2018. *File.*

deliberations, which are currently ongoing. No financial commitment was made at last week's meeting.

**Summer skating a-go**

Summer ice will be installed at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena a few weeks ahead of schedule this year, paving the way for various user groups to get a head start on its late-year programming.

The township's director of community services, Craig Belfry, said ice would be installed in mid-July, generating between \$5,000 and \$6,000 in additional revenue.

He had been in negotiations with Top Draft Hockey, a premiere hockey development group that runs high-level camps for youth across North America, to run a program in Minden this summer, but a deal fell through. He estimated that camp could have earned the township around \$16,000.

"They backed out due to having troubles finding reasonable accommodation for participants," Belfry said. "We still want to have a summer ice season. This is a good start for us, we have some groups that want to run, so we'll see how it goes." (*Minden Hills news compiled by Mike Baker.*)

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Laurie Johnson said between 50 and 100 pigeons congregate daily on the roof and solar panels at Haliburton's Parklane Apartments. Photo by Mike Baker.

# Building manager seeking solutions to pigeon problem

By Mike Baker

Haliburton's Laurie Johnson has had a fowl experience with a flock of pigeons she says are running roughshod over the affordable housing complex she manages on Victoria Street.

Johnson estimated that as many as 100 pigeons congregate around the Parkland Apartments building daily, causing thousands of dollars' worth of damage and deterring many of her senior residents from going outside.

The birds have been a "major problem" since Johnson assumed her role in 2020. She believes they were attracted to the area by people feeding ducks and deer in nearby Head Lake Park and have now identified the site as a reliable source of food. While Johnson implemented a no wildlife feeding policy at the building in 2021, she says she can do nothing to prevent area residents from feeding animals on municipal property.

"They are a major pest... their excrement is damaging the shingles on our roof and canopies. It's messing up the solar panels we have on site. Their effectiveness is down 60 per cent from three years ago," Johnson said, noting she relies on the income they generate – usually around \$5,000 a year – to fund special projects for residents.

"It's a health risk too – pigeons are known carriers of several diseases, which are spread through their droppings," she added.

She estimates she's spent around \$7,000 trying to combat the issue over the past two years. That includes bringing in a pest control company to conduct on-site hawking, which she says serves as more of a temporary

deterrent than any type of fix, hiring someone to power wash the solar panels, and the extra hours maintenance staff are putting in to scrape waste off shingles and clean the sides of the building.

The problem is getting so big that Johnson feels she needs a concrete, long-term solution to remove the pigeons from the area. While there's around 100 birds to deal with now, each female lays between 10 and 12 eggs a year, and since they imprint on their young, it's likely any hatchlings will join the flock.

She said she's identified three potential options – purchasing and installing a net on the south side of the building to protect the solar panels; bringing a company in to trap and remove the pigeons; or setting up OvoControl feeding stations around the

*"It's such a high cost to deal with this issue. We're a non-profit... it would be nice if we had a bit of help."*  
**Laurie Johnson**

building, which will sterilize the birds.

"We couldn't find any trappers that would release the pigeons elsewhere. They would be euthanized, so we want to avoid that. The sterilization program takes two to three years to have an impact and is quite expensive at \$10,000... so the netting would be our preferred route," Johnson said, noting she has a quote of \$20,000 to complete the work.

"This would take a huge chunk out of

our budget. For \$20,000 we could do a renovation inside the building or fund some special events or outings for our seniors. There's a lot of good we could do with that money," she said. "It's such a high cost to deal with this issue. We're a non-profit... it would be nice if we had a bit of help."

## Issue spreading to downtown

Johnson has also reached out to the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Haliburton Village BIA, believing the pigeons to be a problem for downtown businesses.

Laurie Bonfield, owner of Country Pickin's, said she'd like to see something done to divert the birds from the area.

"It's heartbreaking to see what they're doing to our downtown appearance," she said.

She agreed with Johnson, noting the birds pose a risk to public health and called on the township to take action. There is precedent in the County - Minden Hills council contracted pest controllers in 2020 to address the pigeon population in its downtown, to some degree of success.

After just recently replacing the roof of her downtown location, Bonfield is worried about the potential impacts the growing pigeon population will have on its lifespan.

"They're destructive - some other businesses in the downtown are having major issues dealing with this issue too," she said. "I don't know what the solution is... but the situation is only going to get worse if it's not dealt with."



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ZOOMED OUT  
Getting away and bringing it all



By Simon Payn

The Highlands sure is getting bigger. As we've reported, our County has the fastest-growing population in Ontario and fourth fastest in Canada.

Whether it's people retiring to the family cottage, buying a second home or purchasing a property to rent to others for August weekends, this place is booming.

There's certainly an allure in getting away from it all. This was highlighted by the pandemic, when being locked down in your city home must have felt like jail. But it's a trend that's gone on for decades: we want to escape our lives to somewhere in nature, in the peace and quiet. Technology is now allowing us to do that without leaving our jobs, greatly expanding the number of people who can move here.

But here's the big irony: many of those trying to get away from it all are bringing all of it here.

TV shows and magazines lavish hours and ink on the lakefront lifestyle, claiming you can live in a cabin in the woods, if you hire the right designers and buy the best gadgets.

So, people's desires to escape the 'keeping up with the Joneses' lifestyle of the city end up importing that very lifestyle to the Highlands.

The traditional values of cottagers who respected this place and engaged with the community are getting overwhelmed.

Deep down, we know all this doesn't make us truly happy.

Perhaps we don't realize it, but when we ache for the lake, we're actually aching for distance from a society that is detrimental to human flourishing.

Escaping to the Highlands is never going to work if people bring the GTA here.

And what's more, if we don't stand up for ourselves, we're going to be flattened by the values this wealth brings. We've never been a place to judge people by the size of their house or make of their car; that doesn't mean we won't become that.

Perhaps they don't articulate it, but our local governments' moves on shorelines and short-term rental bylaws are aimed at combating this shift to selfishness.

What's missing is leadership: the voice standing up for our smallness, for the values of being a modest place that puts people before money.

Live here long enough and you know it. The energy of Haliburton is in our service clubs and non-profits. It's in the random encounters with friends and acquaintances at the grocery or hardware store, in the waves exchanged between passing trucks. It's in knowing each other and in a community that treats every member as important and worthy.

It's about place and it's about people.

As we look at the future and plot our economic development strategy, maybe we need to think about who we are and what makes us happy.

I've never met a Highlander who wanted an Airbnb or monster cottage next door to them. But I've met plenty who care deeply about this place and the people in it.

Maybe that's a clue as to where we should be heading next.

*Zoomed out is a new column that looks at the stories behind the stories.*

CLIMATE CORNER  
From oil to renewable energies

Editor's note: This is the third in a series.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO**

"Less is more" is the guiding principle to reduce greenhouse gases. Less travel, less flying, less buying, less consuming, less wasting.

My parents were non-consumers. I grew up in a house made from a log barn. Our furniture was pre-used or homemade (my bed was a foam mattress on plywood and cement blocks). Clothes were homemade or refurbished. My mother made laundry soap from lye and pig fat. At mealtime it was common to hear her say, "everything on this table is from our land." She dug food waste back into the garden to compost. My father switched his gas-burning Volvo to run on fuel alcohol.

These were lifestyle choices; my father earned a good living in the 1970s and 80s. In the 90s, a solar panel contributed to my parents' household energy, limiting vacuuming to sunny days.

Our behaviours today decide the health of our planet tomorrow. Our homes, use of power, travel, transportation, what we eat, how much we throw away all contribute to greenhouse gas emissions. So does our consumption of clothing, electronics, and plastics.

Some people worry there won't be enough energy to maintain our existing consumer society as we transition from fossil fuels to renewable energies. But planet Earth's climate stabilizing systems are collapsing at an accelerating rate, dictating our behaviour, like it or not. The wealthiest bear the greatest responsibility; the richest one per cent of

the global population accounts for more greenhouse gas emissions than the poorest 50 per cent.

Each one of us is a participant in this journey.

- Choose items without packaging. Email manufacturers and stores; request less wrapping.
- Growing food locally saves transport and improves nutrition. Join community gardens (contact Minden Community Food Centre).
- Adjust your thermostat. Reduce heat/AC when not at home. Close doors to unused rooms.
- Install a water efficient shower head. Shorten showers.
- Fix drafty doors, windows, chimneys, floors. Home improvements can be eligible for government funding (Environment and Climate Change Canada).
- Wind, solar and other renewables minimize greenhouse gases and pollutants. Are you eligible for Ontario's Solar Panels Program? Geothermal? Heat pumps are encouraged for new builds and retrofits.
- Don't throw it out. Refurbish. Use SIRCH's Thrift Warehouse Haliburton and the Repair Café.
- Be responsible for your waste using the Haliburton County Waste Wizard App.
- If it is garbage, send it to the right place. Drop old or non-usable clothing at Dysart's landfill textile recycling program. Food waste that isn't leftovers? Investigate Haliburton County's FoodCycler program and composters.
- As electric vehicle battery sizes and car dependency decrease, lithium demands will drop (up to 66 per cent). Plug in to one of

the County's EV charging stations.

- Review the Community Climate Action Guide on Haliburton County's website to reduce your carbon footprint.
- Research and reduce "vampire energy" drains in your home.
- Consider internet use. Google's energy consumption reached 15.4 terawatt hours in 2020, prompting higher efficiency servers, advanced cooling, and AI.
- Refer to Canopyplanet.org to reduce fossil fuel uses in fashion, food, beauty care products.
- Become politically active. My father would say, "enough baby fingers can move the elephant." Contact Environment Haliburton (EH!) and make our voices louder.
- Join thousands endorsing the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.
- United Nations Climate Change website has a "Race to Zero" page.
- Check out *The Energy Transition Show*, a podcast about transitioning from fossil fuels.
- Look at your investments; eliminate funds investing in fossil fuels.
- Bitcoin remains moderately coal-heavy, prompting organizations within the mining industry to launch the Crypto Climate Accord.
- Follow 440Megatonnes.ca to track Canada's progress toward net zero by 2050. Canada committed to cut greenhouse gas emissions to 440 megatonnes in 2030.



By Dr. Nell Thomas

## LETTERS

### On 'dropping the ball'

Dear editor,

Really, Mike Baker, you are blaming a Mulroney government from 40 years ago for the current housing affordability problem?

It is not up to governments (taxpayers) to build homes. It is up to governments to create the environment for developers, independents and people to build homes.

Taxpayers are doing their best to buy their own homes, pay their mortgages, to save for their children's education, and to save for their own retirement.

There are a few very important factors in determining the affordability of home ownership. Of course, interest rates and inflation are fundamental to the affordability equation. The mortgage lending equation has not changed over the decades but interest rates that are core to that equation with personal income do change. Don't dismiss the federal government's financial management influencing interest rates and inflation as you did.

Under the first Trudeau's government, inflation hit 12 per cent and mortgage interest rates hit 20 per cent. The previous Harper government kept interest rates and inflation in check. New home buyers were getting unprecedented mortgage rates as low as 1.5 to 2.8 per cent. Regrettably, some buyers may have over-leveraged themselves, encouraged by lenders based on those low rates.

Once again, interest rates and inflation are rising. Developers will not build new housing if they feel the financial climate is not conducive to selling them. High mortgage rates and inflated building material prices are not encouraging for developers to build and sell.

The current federal government has given away more than \$20 billion of Canadian taxpayer dollars to foreign countries, and you chose to blame Mulroney for today's affordability issue. Where have you been?

Tom Edward  
Clear Lake

*Editor's note: References to affordable housing in last week's column focused solely on government subsidized units.*

### Lobby for more healthcare providers

Dear editor,

Thank you for publishing our story about the new doctor in Kinmount. It has been a long, complex and expensive journey to get a new doctor. We are so fortunate to have great community support for fundraising efforts, which made international physician recruitment possible.

In light of the well-documented national shortage of family physicians, we are extremely grateful that Dr. Ponraja chose Kinmount when he decided to make the

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Ken Rivest shared this photo of the skating oval at their cottage in Minden Hills.

move to Canada.

Through the recruitment process, we learned a considerable amount about the healthcare system in Ontario and encourage everyone to advocate through local and province government representatives for more action to improve access to primary healthcare providers.

The Ontario Medical Association and the Ontario College of Family Physicians have proposals for improvements which you can read on their websites.

Susan Forrester  
Minden Hills

## GUEST COLUMN

# Haliburton County does not need a CT scanner

By Dr. Diane Duff RN PhD

Even a cursory look at the evidence does not support a CT scanner in our community. It will not improve the community's health or attract a single health care worker. Instead, it will be yet another expensive white elephant in the Haliburton Highlands Health Services arsenal we do not need and can't afford to operate.

HHHS does not manage its own radiology (X-Ray, ultrasound, and bone density); does not even do routine X-Rays after 8 p.m.; and does not manage most of its essential hospital services. Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay manages diagnostic, radiology, IT, pharmacy, sterile processing and supply services on behalf of HHHS. High-level oversight for finance, human resources, and clinical services are also provided by the Ross.

We have access to three CT scanners within 72-98 km, at Muskoka Algonquin Hospital, the Ross and Orillia Soldiers' Memorial Hospital. All emergency cases requiring a CT scan are seen on an immediate basis and will require care at a regional hospital. Muskoka Algonquin (91 per cent) and Orillia Soldiers' Memorial (95 per cent) are meeting provincial wait times for CT scans. Even a routine scan at either is taking less than two

weeks. At the Ross, the wait time can be up to 45 days.

Ontario has 169 of Canada's 549 CT scanners, most in cities. The smallest site is Elliot Lake. In 2021, at a cost of \$1.8M, St. Joseph's Hospital was the beneficiary of a \$1M donation from the Edward and Suzanne Rogers Foundation. With a population of around 12,000, they may seem to be a reasonable comparator to Haliburton County. However, Elliot Lake is 160 km from Sudbury and 200 km from Sault Ste. Marie, the nearest centres with CT.

St Joseph's is a 58-bed hospital that provides surgical, ICU, cancer, obstetrical, pediatric, ambulatory care, medical, palliative and alternative level of care in-patient services. While HHHS provides excellent care in its Emergency Departments, patients who need any significant level of ongoing care, even minor surgery and treatments, need to be transferred to affiliate hospitals.

Transfers have nothing to do with a lack of a CT scanner. Transfer is necessary because we do not have specialists, and these common hospital services are not offered at HHHS. Even if we had a CT scanner and someone to operate it, the scan would have to be read by a radiologist at a larger centre.

A CT scanner would require extensive building renovations. Would the scanner be sited at the Minden or Haliburton site? Transportation would still be needed, as there is 25 km between the two. Additionally, the fixed capital cost of purchasing and building renovation for a CT scanner is a drop in the bucket compared to the ongoing costs of warranties; maintenance to meet quality standards and accreditation; annual operating costs; and recruitment, training and personnel costs, including salary and benefits.

Unless the scanner could generate revenue in excess of \$250,000 per year, it would become a drain on other hospital and community services, as CT scanner costs come out of hospital budgets. According to the current rate of 125 CT exams per 1,000 people in Canada in 2020, we could at best project a rate of 1,250 CT scans per year for Haliburton County. Many would be done on Highlanders being treated at other hospitals due to strokes, cancer, and heart disease.

Even if all of these were done at HHHS, it would only amount to perhaps three CT scans per day, with likely only three per month being required on an emergency or emergent basis. Compare this to the estimated minimum of 25 patients per day

needed to justify a CT scanner or that most CT scanners in Canada operate on average 80 hours per week, including weekends, and some 24 hours per day, seven days a week to get a notion of how far we are away from justifying the need for a CT scanner here.

While the Canadian Medical Inventory report notes academic teaching and research-intensive hospitals benefit from access to "cutting-edge" technology to attract specialists and research scientists, this is hardly a benefit for recruitment to HHHS. Instead, "remote or rural centres may face challenges in attracting and retaining highly-trained professionals, or in providing training and continuing education for existing staff". HHHS has dozens of vacancies, many they have been unable to fill, or retain staff for, over many years.




There are other investments we could make in our communities to improve access to health services and population wellness. I vote for a community recreation and therapy pool, free health appointment transportation, local student scholarships for health and medical studies, and joining HHHS with either the Kawartha Lakes or Muskoka and area Ontario Health Teams...if they will have us.

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Minden Hills staff will review several municipal policies and procedures this term. *File.*

# Staff to overhaul Minden hiring policies

By Mike Baker

Minden Hills council will undertake a thorough review of all municipal policies and procedures this term after some members raised concern that the township's current guidelines were outdated and not being followed.

CAO Trisha McKibbin brought a report to council Feb. 23 outlining the township's current hiring practices, which she says differ from Policy 16 – legislation addressing all aspects of municipal recruitment. She noted the policy should be revised to reflect new methods staff have been using since 2015.

The policy mandates that two members of council, selected from the now defunct personnel committee, assist the CAO, reeve (now mayor) and deputy reeve (now deputy mayor) in identifying and then selecting a candidate for department head positions, with the CAO, department head and two members of the personnel committee taking an active role in recruiting for all supervisory positions.

McKibbin said that, since she assumed the CAO position in 2020, she has been working with the practice that a council member will sit in on interviews for director-level positions, with all other hires being left strictly to the CAO, human resources staff and department heads.

She indicated this unofficial method had helped the township fill several positions over the past 12 months.

"During COVID, many municipalities have seen challenges with recruitment and hiring. We are in a very improved place than where we were a while ago in terms of vacancies," McKibbin said.

The municipality is still looking to recruit a director of planning, building, and bylaw; building inspector; bylaw enforcement officer; manager of waste facilities; and clerical assistant for the clerk's department.

Coun. Tammy McKelvey said she had

an issue with staff choosing not to follow directions outlined in official policy.

McKibbin said a report on Policy 16, recommending changes, would be coming to council in March, and asked that council allow staff to use its current hiring practices until then.

Mayor Bob Carter and Coun. Pam Sayne said they would be in favour of that.

"We haven't been following this policy because it didn't work. We had staffing issues and had to move forward. I strongly support the practice we have now. This is the way we're finally getting some even footing with our staffing," Sayne said.

Carter said the current practice was approved by a previous council in 2015, but the policy wasn't changed. Coun. Ivan Ingram said that was "ridiculous", saying council needed to pay attention to its policies and make sure they're regularly updated and relevant. He wasn't in favour of extending this practice, telling council that staff should follow policies as they're written.

"They're there for a reason. We can't just decide 'oh, we're going to skip that one this week'. We have to be consistent with this. If we're not [going to follow our policies], then why have them at all?" Ingram said. "If we have it written down, we have to follow it."

Carter said this would put a "fairly large burden" on staff, as it would necessitate bringing forward amendments to large files like the township's procurement policy and procedural bylaw.

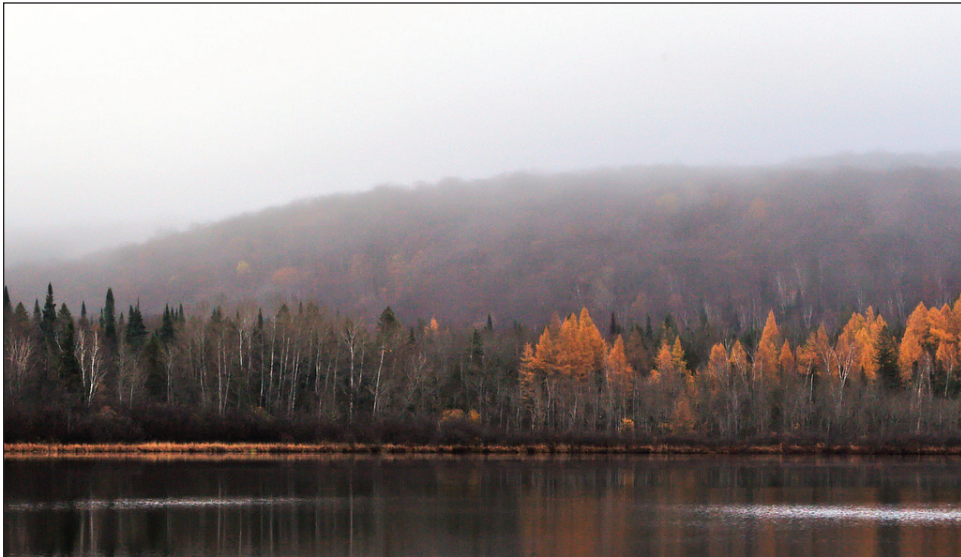
"They should have been done right [and updated] in the first place, then we wouldn't be here talking about this," Ingram said. "We are where we are... it's important that we do this right."

Sayne's motion to continue with current practices was defeated, with council approving McKelvey's suggestion that staff revert to following existing policies until they are amended.



Capturing fog, haze and rain

The Haliburton Highlands camera club has revealed the winners of its latest competition, ‘fog, haze and rain.’ First was Misty Forest by Hana Curtis (above); second Rising Fog, also by Curtis (top right) and third Water Window by Gordon Sheehan (right). The club recently announced new topics for upcoming competitions. “This year, we have a wide variety of topics that we hope will challenge our members regardless of their experience level or type of camera,” Curtis said. “We are looking forward to all the creative and beautiful submissions.” The club invites photography enthusiasts to join their monthly hybrid meetings. See [highlandscameraclub.ca](http://highlandscameraclub.ca) or follow them on Facebook. (Lisa Gervais).



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Here’s what the current board members have to say:

**“As someone who genuinely believes in empowering others to take care of themselves, I joined the SIRCH board in order to do just that. Serving this organisation, which works relentlessly to better the social and economic reality of our community, is a privilege.”**  
(Petra Hamann)

“I am blessed to be a part of an organization that cares so deeply about the needs of our community and ‘SIRCHes’ for ways to alleviate hunger and unemployment, alternatives for waste management, and so much more.” (Barb Fawcett)

**“After retiring, I volunteered with SIRCH in the School’s Cool, CAPC/CPNP and Community Kitchen programs. When I saw the opportunity to become a SIRCH Board member, I knew I was ready to become more involved in all that SIRCH does. I now have a greater understanding of how SIRCH continually pivots to meet the needs of our community and I am grateful that I have a voice in helping so many.”** (Lynn McGillivray)

“People helping people is the hallmark of a compassionate and caring community. As a member of the Board of Directors, I feel privileged to be a part of an organization which lives out this mandate through *creating resilience, reducing poverty, encouraging connection.*” (Marc Beisheim)

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# Frame store finishing piece to artist's growth

By Mike Baker

Ever since artist Scott Walling relocated to Haliburton County in 2015, he's dreamed about finding a way to serve and support an arts community he says has given him so much.

Now, he gets to do just that three days a week after taking ownership of Haliburton Framing and Photo. Walling purchased the Highland Street store from former owner, Luke Schell, in January and has spent the past month putting his own spin on the long-tenured operation.

"It was just too good of an opportunity to pass up," Walling told *The Highlander*. "I had been talking to Luke for a while about the space, and what he was going to do with it when he retired... as an artist, I've always been so enamoured with framing. It almost felt like this was meant to be, like the next natural step in my evolution."

While Walling, who was born and raised in Peterborough, was only intending staying in the community for a few months after moving north to take some classes at the Haliburton School of Art + Design, he kept finding reasons to stick around. After finishing his third program at the college, he was hired to manage the bookstore and creative centre, a job he maintains on a part-time basis.

Soon after, Walling found himself volunteering with organizations such as the Haliburton Sculpture Forest and Arts Council Haliburton Highlands. He bought a home in the area and opened his own art studio.

"I just felt an immediate sense of belonging in Haliburton. It was the college that brought me here, but the community that made me stay," he said.

It's been smooth sailing for Walling so far – while this is his first venture into entrepreneurialism, he's found he has a knack for centering in on a customer's wants and needs. He's enjoyed working closely with people on some personal projects, like creating a photo album for a family of a recently-deceased pet, building a stylish,



Scott Walling said the community support has been amazing since he took over Haliburton Framing and Photo. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

custom-fit six-foot by four-foot frame for a painting an artist had spent months perfecting, and breathing fresh life into a vintage frame that had been damaged in a house fire.

No matter the product – whether a work of art, vintage poster, photograph, or memorabilia, Walling feels anything can be improved with a good frame.

"By framing something, you're really taking pride in whatever it is you want to show off. It's almost like the finishing piece,"

Walling said.

He also offers matting, glass repair, laminating, and mounting services. He's maintaining the photography studio, and can also do passport photos.

As for future plans, Walling said he wants to introduce a 'starving artist' corner, offering framing supplies to students and up-and-comers at a discounted price, seeing it as his way of giving back to the community.

"This town has been so unbelievable with me, whether it was providing me with

opportunities over the years, or even just stopping in and calling at the business here, congratulating me for taking over," Walling said. "Haliburton is home, and getting to take over and run this business, it's just been the best experience so far."

Haliburton Framing and Photo is located at 177 Highland St. unit 1 and is open Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit [haliframesphotos.com](http://haliframesphotos.com).

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# A little Mexican in the Castle to spice things up

By Lisa Gervais

What started as Tacos and Tunes on a Friday night has morphed into Poquito Loco making Castle Antiques its permanent home.

After the Mexican restaurant closed in the Silver Maple Motel, co-owner Claudette Pitre said Castle Antiques' Anna Lowes and Amanda Manary approached her and asked if she and Mark Christiano would be interested in doing Friday nights. Christiano, who is with the Ya Ya Baby's, was onboard and Taco and Tunes began Nov. 11.

"Friday nights were so much fun, people dancing and eating Mexican food, and it just kind of snowballed from there," Pitre said.

Lowes agreed. Looking at Pitre on one of the couches in Castle Antiques, she said, "the nights were so good and you were looking for a permanent place. Friday nights weren't enough. And we certainly didn't want to lose them, so we figured something out that was going to work for everyone in the community," she said.

Pitre calls it a "combination" and Lowes a "perfect collaboration."

How it will work is the bakers will still come in early to make the treats Castle has become famous for, including its vegan and gluten-free line of products. They plan to add some savoury baking. They'll still do soups and salads and their signature drinks. They will continue to make cookies during the day but the plan is to get out of the kitchen by 11 a.m. so Pitre and her team can get in to do their food prep for the lunch crowd.

Lowes said, "Claudette is gracious enough to accommodate our other clientele as well and offer some vegan and gluten free options, so everyone's happy."

Pitre said they have a gluten free wrap on the Mexican menu, for example.

The business was closed for five days of renovations, mostly in the kitchen.



Anna Lowes and Claudette Pitre are looking forward to their collaboration.

Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Lowes said they essentially had to make two work areas with shared fridge, freezer and lots of ovens.

"I think it's going to be good," Pitre said. "It feels good, the flow of it...for me anyway." She begins working full-time March 3. "It's amazing for me. It kind of feels perfect. We have a spot in a prime location. We have each other's customers."

Lowes agrees, "our customers have been loyal throughout, and that's why we're accommodating them, but Claudette is going to really see that shift. She is going to be really busy. And she has a really loyal following as well. We're hoping it's the beginning of something fun at Castle."

# Help ACM Designs choose the restaurant needing a makeover

By Lisa Gervais

ACM Designs has announced the three finalists in its HALI Restaurant Makeover competition.

Maple Avenue Tap and Grill, The Mill Pond, and Truss Foodworks Smokehouse have been short listed for the \$25,000 prize.

Public voting has opened and will close March 19. The winner will be announced March 20.

ACM Designs marketing coordinator, Sophie Creelman, said it's a project for the community, by the community.

"We want to not only build and maintain community partnerships but provide assistance to local businesses after challenging years of COVID," she said.

Creelman added they had 14 restaurants apply, which was then narrowed down to three.

The money goes towards a redesign and

transformation of the interior dining area. In addition to ACM, other partners are Churko Electric, Kegel Heating & Cooling, Cordell Carpet, Emmerson Lumber Limited, Yours Outdoors, Quartz Co Surfaces and Cambria Surfaces.

People can vote at [acm-designs.com/restaurantmakeover](http://acm-designs.com/restaurantmakeover).

After a winner is selected, the design of the renovation will start. ACM will collaborate with the restaurant owner, develop a design, and connect with their campaign partners for the sourcing and execution of the makeover.

Creelman said their previous social responsibility campaign was Big Lobby Makeover, which saw the transformation of the lobby at Bonnie View Inn.

"We're excited to be doing another campaign and working with so many amazing members of the community."

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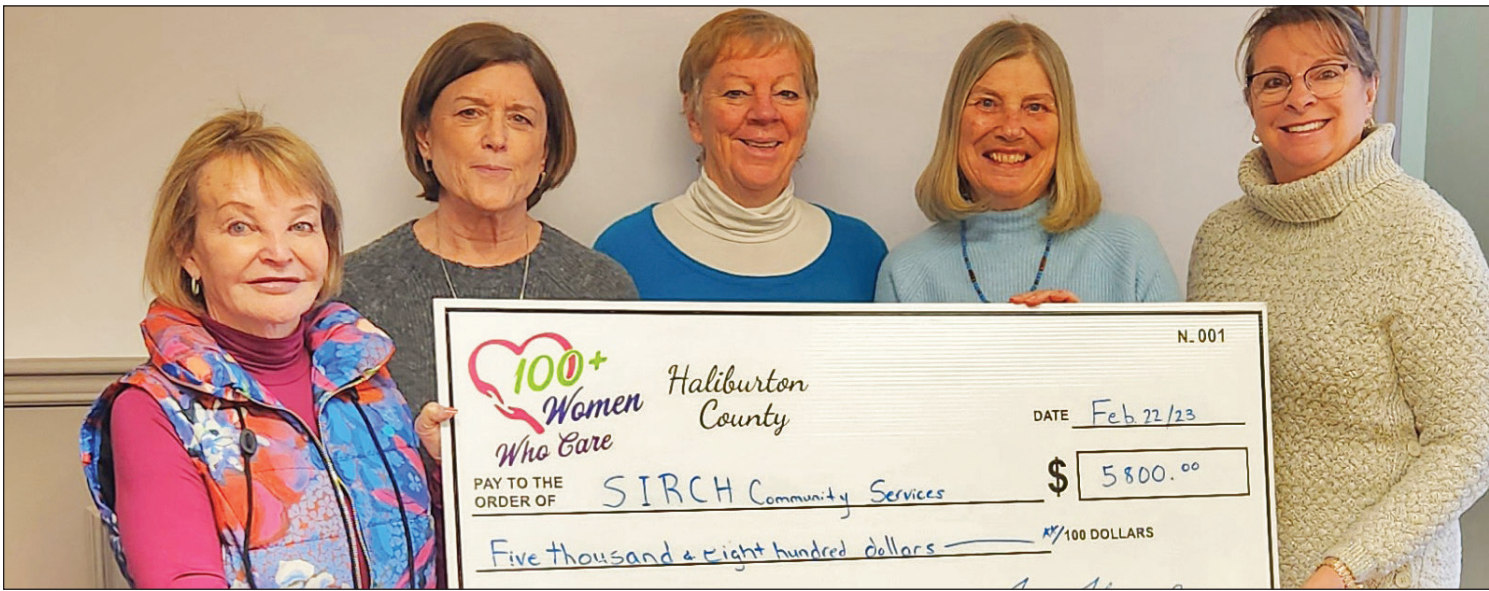
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**100 Women select SIRCH**

On Feb. 15, the 100 Women Who Care Haliburton County group voted to choose a charity to donate to. This was done by selecting three nominated charities, then having members vote to select a winner. The recipient this time around was SIRCH. On Feb. 22, a cheque for \$5,800 was presented to SIRCH. Gena Robertson and Linda Kay of SIRCH are pictured with (l-r) Pat Bradley, Tina Palmer and Sandra Slauenwhite-Box of the 100 Women group. Anyone who would like to join their group can go to [100wwchaliburton.wixsite.com/mysite/learn-more](https://100wwchaliburton.wixsite.com/mysite/learn-more) and download a membership form. (Lisa Gervais).

**‘Spectacular’ Forest Poker Run**

Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve Ltd. general manager, Tegan Legge, said it was a “spectacular” weekend for the annual poker run. “The weather was amazing, snow held out and trails were in great shape.” She added they were expecting about 500 participants and ended up with 730. Legge said the only other year that beat that was years ago, “when legend has it we hit 800 participants, but we usually average about 350-400.” The prize-winning sled was won by Adam Kennedy, a Kashagawigamog Lake cottager. Legge said \$17,000 was donated to support firefighter operations in the community. (Lisa Gervais).

The Dysart et al fire department picked up its cheque for \$17,000, courtesy of the Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve Ltd. poker run. Submitted.





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Haliburtonians do the Kolomeijka

The Kolomeijka for Ukraine fundraiser at the Haliburton Legion Feb. 25 was a success, raising more than \$3,500 to support the arts in war-torn Ukraine. Organizer Jim Blake said more than 100 people attended the event, which featured traditional Ukrainian dancing from Jenn and Paul Droniuk, of the Winnipeg-based Verba Ukrainian Dance Company. A perogy supper was also served. Those in attendance watched a video put together by Volyn State Ensemble, thanking the community for its support. People then gathered in the middle of the dance floor for a Haliburton rendition of the Kolomeijka. “It’s something everybody can do together – we had little kids, teenagers, people in their 80s taking part. It was such a nice moment,” Blake said. *(Mike Baker).*

Top left: Jenn and Paul Droniuk welcome attendees to the Kolomeijka for Ukraine fundraiser. *Photo by Mike Baker.* Top right: Paul Droniuk led several local youth through a traditional Ukrainian dance. *Submitted.* Bottom right: More than 50 people came together at the end of the night to perform the Kolomeijka. *Submitted.*



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## STARS OF THE WEEK



★ Maddex Reynolds has been working hard this season improving his passing during practice and it showed Saturday, with some crispy passes.



★ Kora Reid's tough grinding style of play helps her team every time she's on the ice. Kora wins the races and the battles along the boards.



★ Reed Brown has come a long way this season. He's put in the work and it's showing on the ice and the scorecard. Photos by Tim Tofflemire.



Reed Brown sets himself during a faceoff. Photo by Mike Baker.

## U11 Storm blow away Huntsville Otters

The U11 Up Right Roofing Highland Storm ran riot in their final regular season game Feb. 25, defeating the Huntsville Otters 10-1 at A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Storm put a lot of pressure on the Otters - the only team in the division to beat them this season - early in the first, keeping them hemmed in their own end, but couldn't find a way past the impressive visiting goalie. They maintained the forecheck and increased puck possession in the offensive zone during the second, tiring the Otters. Rowan Little took advantage, finding some extra room to work early in the second period, firing in the go-ahead goal. The Storm would go on to score an additional nine times,

from six different players before the final buzzer: Reed Brown helping himself to a hat-trick, Liam Milburn netting two, and Jaxon Demerchant, Callum Merritt, James Gooley and Corbin Elliott also scoring. The Otters were only able to get the puck past the solid Bobby Walker once through three periods of play. The constant forecheck and tough battles won along the boards from Kora Reid, and the fantastic puck distribution of Maddex Reynolds, who had five assists, propelled the Storm to victory. The win solidified first place for the local team, who head to their end-of-year championship series in Parry Sound this weekend. (Submitted).



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Top: Kora Reid battles for the puck. Bottom: Goaltender Bobby Walker limited the Otters to a single goal.  
Photos by Mike Baker.

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# Pair of losses leave Huskies in fight for third

By Mike Baker

A disastrous penultimate weekend of the OJHL regular season saw the Haliburton County Huskies fall to back-to-back defeats, leaving the hometown team clinging to third place in the league's South/East conference.

A tempestuous tilt with the Toronto Jr. Canadiens Feb. 25 at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena culminated in a 7-1 defeat for the blue and white, who followed up with a 6-4 road loss to the Milton Menace Feb. 26. The results saw the Huskies drop below the Wellington Dukes in the race for second place, with one game left to play – this Saturday on home ice against the North York Rangers.

A win would clinch third, and likely seven-game playoff series with the Toronto Patriots – though the Huskies have a chance to move up a position if the Dukes lose both of their remaining games. Should the Huskies lose to the Rangers, and the Trenton Golden Hawks win their final two games, the home team would drop to fourth – setting up a first-round series with the rival Cobourg Cougars.

“Our season, and where we finish, really comes down to one final game. We can still control our fate,” head coach and general manager Ryan Ramsay told *The Highlander*.

There was a playoff feel to Saturday's contest, which was marred by a violent third period that featured two line brawls and saw the Huskies finish the game with a heavily depleted bench.

After a tense opening two periods, where

the Canadiens established a 2-0 lead, the Huskies came out flying in the final frame. Aggressive on the forecheck, the home side controlled the puck during the early going, creating several big chances. Forwards Sam Solarino, Luca Rea and Marco Iozzo went close, but couldn't find a way past a dialed-in James Norton in the visiting goal.

With the Huskies pushing, the Canadiens landed a sucker punch at 6:10 – Cameron van Weelie scoring on the team's first notable attack of the period. Owen Saye followed with a powerplay marker a minute later, giving the visitors a 4-0 lead.

Frustration grew in the stands and on the bench, and after officials missed a blatant crosscheck on Huskies blueliner Isaac Sooklal, only to call a slashing penalty on Leo Serlin seconds later, emotions spilled over. Ramsay and Stevens were ejected for abuse of officials, with Rea, Josh Currie, Sooklal, Josh Sordo, Lucas Marshall and Boyd Stahlbaum kicked out for fighting. Solarino was then handed a five-minute major and game misconduct for charging after a vicious hit against the boards.

The Huskies played the final eight minutes on the penalty kill, giving up three more goals. Solarino notched the sole tally for the home side.

“Obviously, things escalated pretty quickly in the third – I think it was just guys sticking up for each other and themselves, which I'm fine with,” Ramsay said, feeling the officials could have done a better job. The crowd agreed, booing the officials, and throwing



Sam Solarino has a breakaway opportunity in the second period. Photo by Mike Baker.

plastic cups and popcorn onto the ice after the final buzzer.

Ramsay was handed a two-game suspension for his actions, with Marshall, Solarino, Stevens, Sordo, Rea and Stahlbaum also sanctioned.

That led to a much-changed lineup Sunday against the Menace, which included a pair of

15-year-old affiliate players, and the Huskies dropped a second consecutive game.

“We played a pretty sound game, we just ran out of gas late in the third, which can happen when you're running three forward lines and five defencemen,” Ramsay said.

Puck drop for the decisive season finale March 4 in Minden is 4 p.m.



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Hockey heroes meet bowling superstars

Players from the Haliburton County Huskies stopped by Fast Lane Bowling Feb. 22 to play a few frames with members of the Haliburton Red Wolves Special Olympics program. Alex Cunningham, Nicholas Dowling, Will Gourgouvelis, Lucas Stevenson, Christian Stevens, and Josh Currie were on hand to chat with players, sign autographs, and bowl. “The athletes were very excited to have the team come and bowl with us... everyone had a great time talking about bowling, hockey and many other topics,” said Red Wolves volunteer Tracey Pratt. The Red Wolves bowl every Wednesday in Minden, with the season running until April 26. Pratt said new bowlers are always welcome. Planning is underway for the summer season, with bocce, shuffleboard, and softball on the schedule. For more information on Red Wolves activities, contact haliburton@specialolympicsontario.ca. (Mike Baker).

Top left: Jaicob Wagg, Ava Clark and Andrea Austin took some time out of bowling to pose for a photo with Huskies blueliner Will Gourgouvelis. Submitted. Top right: Jason Kitchener and Russell Whetstone were excited to meet Huskies forward Josh Currie (middle). Submitted. Bottom right: Huskies captain Christian Stevens, second left, flashes a thumbs up alongside Special Olympians Emily Boccitto, Lisa Burke and Alyssa Whitaker. Submitted.



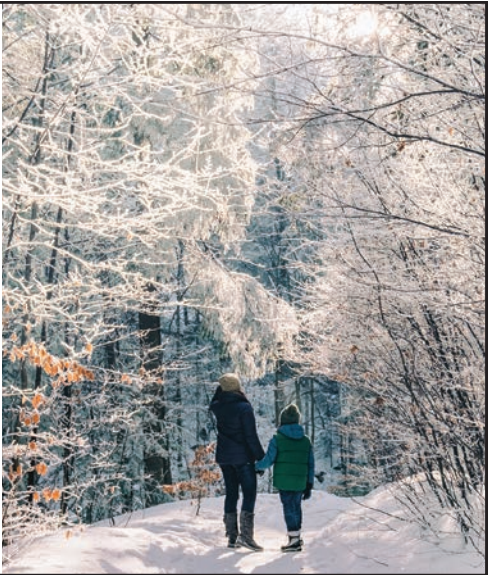
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The HHSS Nordic ski team had a successful show at OFSAA. *Submitted.*

### High school Nordic team ‘very successful’ at provincials

Coach Karen Gervais said the HHSS Nordic team had a very successful showing at OFSAA Feb. 23 and 24. “Our junior girls team performed very strongly overall, finishing fourth as a team in the individual distance races and fourth in their sprint relay, competing against some schools that field very large teams and ski programs,” she said. Gervais added that Violet Humphries and Olivia Humphries both had a podium finish in their individual races in the high school division, finishing eighth and sixth respectively. *(Lisa Gervais).*



Noa Yates follows through on a late free throw to extend the Red Hawks’ lead. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

### Hawks ousted in playoffs

The HHSS Red Hawks senior boys’ basketball team clinched a playoff spot with a 28-21 win over the St. Thomas Aquinas Titans in their final game of the regular season Feb. 9. The team put on a dominant display, capitalizing on their scoring opportunities, and playing good lockdown defence at the other end of the court. The team played the number one seed Kenner Rams Feb. 14, fighting valiantly in a losing 62-27 effort. *(Mike Baker).*



Ron Bobbie, Victoria Lawson and Nancy and Brian Lemire scored an eight-ender during a game at the Minden Curling Club Jan. 17. *Submitted.*

# Eight-ender recorded at Minden Curling Club

By Mike Baker

When the pressure was on, Minden’s Ron Bobbie took a deep breath, peered down the ice and let his instincts take over.

Bobbie skipped his team to a rare eight-ender at the Minden Curling Club during a local league game Jan. 17. It was the first time he had accomplished the feat in his more than 30 years of playing the sport. Likened to a hole-in-one in golf or a no-hitter in baseball, an eight-ender is considered the pinnacle of curling accomplishments.

It was a first too for Nancy Lemire, lead, Brian Lemire, vice, and Victoria Lawson, second.

“There’s a reason it’s so rare – so much has to go right for it to happen,” Bobbie said. “The winning team has to make all of their shots, and then the opponents have to adopt what we call a draw game. What that does is try to minimize the damage, and gives them a chance to score, and maybe even win the end if they make the right shot.

After the opposition missed its last shot it all came down to Bobbie, who was tasked with throwing the final rock.

“Now that was pressure. I had to change direction because my route was blocked on the one side, so having to shoot on unknown ice wasn’t ideal. And I always say it’s hard to throw with your fingers crossed,” he said with a smile.

Brian Lemire, who has been curling for around 10 years, said it took him a few moments to realize what had happened.

“I didn’t know we had an eight-ender and so I moved to start taking the rocks off the ice,” Brian said. “It was only after someone yelled ‘no, no, don’t do that. You need to get a photo,’ that I looked down and just said ‘oh my god’.”

Club president Robert Peacock said this was the first eight-ender the Minden club had seen in several years. Also known as a ‘snowman’, the trick has never been achieved in Olympic competition, nor at premiere Canadian events such as the Brier or Tournament of Hearts.

The score was extra special for Lawson, as her husband, Jim, was skip on the opposing team.

“I’ve had so much fun with this. I’ve only been curling for a couple of years, so to be part of an eight-ender so early on is incredible. People get excited when I tell them, then they just lose their mind when I say ‘yeah... and it was against Jim’s team’,” she said.

The quartet will have a nice piece of memorabilia to remember the occasion – the Canadian Curling Association has an award to recognize any eight-ender scored in Canada. Brian said he and his teammates will each receive commemorative pins.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**1. File No. PLSRA2022033:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front 1004 Minstrel Court located within Lot 13, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Minden

**2. File No. PLSRA2022065:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of 1045 Disk Drive located within Lot 9, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Lutterworth

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**You can provide input** by making a written submission to the Township. To provide input in writing, please contact the undersigned or e-mail [adougherty@mindenhills.ca](mailto:adougherty@mindenhills.ca) no later than **March 25, 2023**.

The Council meeting to consider a by-law to stop up, close and convey those parcels listed above will be scheduled for a later date. Should you wish to be notified when a Council meeting has been scheduled, please contact the undersigned or email [adougherty@mindenhills.ca](mailto:adougherty@mindenhills.ca) no later than **March 25, 2023**.

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Discovery Days back in-person for 2023

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) has announced that Land Trust Discovery Days will be offered in 2023 thanks to a grant of \$7,095 from TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, and its HHLT volunteer committee. Land Trust Discovery Days is a series of educational events held through the year at various locations in Haliburton County. “We hope to educate people of all ages, particularly our youth, about the species, land and water that are in need of protection and conservation. Our events are family friendly and most are offered by donation,” said spokeswoman Joan Duhaime. Their first event of 2023 is a live Speaking of Wildlife presentation at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery Mar. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon. Wildlife experts from Speaking of Wildlife and their animal ambassadors will offer fun facts through an interactive presentation. Tickets must be purchased in advance at [haliburtonlandtrust.ca](http://haliburtonlandtrust.ca) or by calling 706-457-3700. Adults \$15, children \$10, family \$35. Future programs include the Don Smith Memorial Bird Walk, plein air painting, a geology walk and more. All registration and event information will be posted on the Land Trust’s website as events are confirmed. Along with these public events, the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation grant will also fund a project to create a virtual tour of their trails, Duhaime said. (Lisa Gervais).

MARCH EVENTS

March 3, 7 p.m.  
Join Shelley Hunt, chair of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, and wildlife biologist, Paul Heaven, to learn more about the significance of the Highlands Corridor, HHLT’s strategies for protection and how you can help. Taking place in-person at the Haliburton Outdoors Association’s fish hatchery at 6712 Gelert Rd. Admission free/donations welcome. Register at [haliburtonlandtrust.ca](http://haliburtonlandtrust.ca), or call 705-457-3700.

March 3  
Visit your local library for PA Day fun. We’ll be building forts in the children’s area at the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the Wilberforce branch from 2 to 4 p.m. Register for a 3D pen workshop at the Minden Hills branch from 2 to 3 p.m., or watch online at [haliburtonlibrary.ca](http://haliburtonlibrary.ca).

March 4, 1:30 to 4 p.m.  
Join the Aging Together as a Community, Haliburton Highlands group for its next open community meeting. Taking place at the West Guilford Recreational Centre. New participants are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Donations are gratefully appreciated. Event can also be attended virtually. For more information, contact Bonnie Roe at 705-457-6579.

March 7, 1 p.m.  
Minden and District Horticultural Society invites you to come and learn how to grow habitats for bees and

butterflies. Guest speaker is Shelley Fellows, a member of the Haliburton County Master Gardeners. Taking place at the Minden Community Centre.

March 8, 7 p.m.  
Yours Outdoors presents ‘Exploring a Changing Canada One Stroke at a Time’, featuring James Raffan from the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough. Raffan will discuss his passion for canoes and where they’ve taken him. Event is being held at the Haliburton fish hatchery on Gelert Road. Admission is \$15. To reserve a seat, email [info@yoursoutdoors.ca](mailto:info@yoursoutdoors.ca), or call 705-457-7557.

March 11, 2 to 4 p.m.  
Adults are invited to the Minden Hills branch of the Haliburton County Public Library for an altered-book craft. The March project is a folded book cover. No registration required.

March 14, 2 to 3 p.m.  
Do you have questions about internet safety? A free tech help session is being held at the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library focusing on online shopping. Register at [haliburtonlibrary.ca](http://haliburtonlibrary.ca).

Have a non-profit event you want included? email [mike@thehighlander.ca](mailto:mike@thehighlander.ca).

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH  
Mon: Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Room. Tues: League darts starting at 7 p.m. • Wed: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall & bingo, doors open at 6 p.m., bingo starts at 7 p.m. \$1,000 Jackpot last Wednesday of the month. Thurs: General meeting third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. Fri: Meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards. Sat: 50/50 draw 4 p.m. Tickets \$1 each available in the Clubroom. • Clubroom hours: Mon 3-6 p.m., Tues 3-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m. & Sat 3-6 p.m

MINDEN BRANCH  
Monday - Thursday: Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with regular menu and daily special including Liver Lovers’ Tuesday. • Friday: Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner 4-7 p.m. • Saturday: All day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with meat draws at 11:30 a.m. Call ahead any day for take-out: 705-286-4541.

Weekly events  
Mon: Rug Hookers every second week. • Tues: Euchre 1-3 p.m. • Thurs: Cribbage 1-3 p.m., Darts 7-9 p.m. and euchre 7-9 p.m. • Fri: Karaoke every second Friday.

COBOCONK BRANCH  
Tues: Euchre 1 p.m. Open darts 7 p.m. • Wed: First of the month Big Buck Bid Euchre 10 a.m. \$15 p.p. • Sat: Music and Meat Roll, music starts at 2 p.m., meat roll at 3 p.m.

John Coulton Memorial Ice Fishing Derby, Sat. Mar. 4 Gull Lake, Deep Bay Rd. \$25 p.p. Register at the Coby Legion. For more information contact the Legion 705-454-8127.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH  
Mar. 3: Pool at 2 p.m. Fish and chips, or chicken fingers and fries, from 5 to 8 p.m. Mar. 4: open 2 to 6 p.m. Meat draw at 3 p.m. Mar. 5 and 6: Closed. Mar. 7: Closed. Executive meeting at 7 p.m. Mar. 8: open 2 to 6 p.m. Darts starting at 2 p.m. Mar. 9: open 2 to 6 p.m. HHHS social recreation from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m, featuring exercises and a trivia game.

If you are planning a function for social or other event, providing our guidelines/conditions are met, please feel free to contact us at 705-448-2221.

Friday dinners are in jeopardy due to lack of volunteers. Please reach out as soon as possible to help. Young people, come out and show the elders how it’s done.



## Minden Hills Advisory Committees Call for Committee Members

The Township of Minden Hills is looking for volunteers to participate as members on the following Advisory Committees for the 2023-2026 term of Council:

Community Services Advisory Committee  
Cultural Centre Advisory Committee  
Events Advisory Committee  
Lochlin Community Centre Advisory Committee  
Irondale Community Centre Advisory Committee  
Planning and Development Advisory Committee

If you, or someone you know, are interested in participating in any of the above committees, please submit a completed application form in person, by mail or email to:

### Advisory Committee Applications

Clerk's Department,  
Township of Minden Hills  
7 Milne Street, PO Box 359  
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sprentice@mindenhills.ca

Application deadline is **Friday, March 17, 2023**, by 12:00 noon.

For an Application Form or for more information, please visit our website [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca) Local Government/Committees and Boards, or contact [admin@mindenhills.ca](mailto:admin@mindenhills.ca) or call the Clerk's Department at 705-286-1260 ext. 512

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*In Loving Memory of*  
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*passed away Feb 28, 2022*

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A cure was not to be  
He wrapped his arms around you  
And whispered come with me  
You didn't deserve what you went through  
He gave you a needed rest  
His garden must be beautiful  
Cause he only takes the Best.  
I will hold you in my heart  
Till I can hold you again.  
I love you Tommy  
- Kat

OBITUARIES




*In Loving Memory of*  
**Edward John "Jack" DeFinney**

Passed away peacefully at home in Kinmount on Sunday, January 8, 2023, in his 90th year.

Loving husband for 64 years to Shirley. Dear father of Ford and his wife Judy, Brad and his wife Jane, Jeffrey and his wife Tracey, Michele and her husband Scott. Loving grandpa of John, Megan (Steve), Katie, Briar, Tyler, Logan, Jackie and great grandpa of Eleanor. Dear brother of Peter and predeceased by Thad, Jim, Patricia and Mary. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A Memorial Mass to Celebrate Jack's Life will be held at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 4026 County Road 121, Kinmount, on Monday, March 13th, 2023 at 11:00 am with visitation starting at 10:00 am. A reception will follow at the Galway Hall, 388 Galway Rd., Kinmount.


Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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*In Loving Memory of*  
**Charles "Bruce" Caves**

Charles Bruce Caves (Bruce Caves), age 81, passed away peacefully in his sleep on the morning of February 22, 2023, due to ongoing medical issues. He was born April 26, 1941, in the small town of Streetsville Ontario to his father Charles, and mother Viola. In 1963 he married his high school sweetheart Sandra Mae Caves and they began their lives together.

Bruce had a passion for three things in life; family, friends, and music. These three passions could frequently be found together creating memories on Redstone lake at the family cottage and around the campfire. It was also common to find Bruce, his family, and his friend snowmobiling through the Haliburton highlands during the winter seasons settling after a long day's ride to warm up, play cards and listen to some John Denver or Charley Pride.


Music was always in his life and he enjoyed writing and playing music with many folks over the year but more recently in the town of Haliburton as a supporting role with a number of local talents and entertainers such as Gord Kidd & Friends.


Bruce (Pupup) was also a proud grandfather, who loved watching his two grandchildren, Chantal and Cody grow and develop into amazing young adults.

Helping people was part of Bruce's character and after spending time as an auto mechanic and police officer, he settled into a long and rewarding career as a fire fighter on the Mississauga Fire Department helping and supporting the community.

Bruce is survived by his wife Sandra Caves, his eldest son Carl Caves, his youngest son Brad Caves and his wife Josee Lacasse-Caves, and finally by his two grandchildren Cody Caves and Chantal Caves. All of who he loved deeply and was very proud of.

Please join us to Celebrate his Life on May 6th between 2 PM and 4 PM at the Vic Johnson Community Centre, 335 Church Street, Streetsville Ontario L5M 2C2. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.






*In Loving Memory of*  
**Gerald Egon Zimmerling**

Passed away peacefully at home on Monday, February 20, 2023

Husband of the late Ada, Gerry is survived by his siblings, Astrid (John) and Lydia, his children Sandra (Loris), Colin, Ronald (Laura) and grandchildren Kyle, Samantha, Stephanie (Nathan), Zachary and Aidan.

Prior to settling into the Minden/Haliburton area, Gerry was a longtime resident and employee of the City of Oshawa. He emigrated from Ireland with his wife, Ada, in 1957, where he briefly settled in Toronto. He was a long time parishioner of Saint Anthony of Padua Parish and member of the Knights of Columbus Council # 12326 in Haliburton. He was also involved with the Farmers' Market in Haliburton.

Donations can be made to: Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



SOLUTIONS FOR MARCH 2

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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Please submit your resume and cover letter by  
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Dawn Mugford-Guay  
Human Resources Coordinator  
Township of Algonquin Highlands  
1123 North Shore Road  
Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1  
Email: [dmugfordguay@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:dmugfordguay@algonquinhighlands.ca)



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by Barbara Olson  
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- Across
- 1 Pull sharply, as a muscle
  - 6 Classic trenchcoat wearer
  - 9 Plumber's cracks?
  - 14 Opposite of piano, on a piano
  - 15 Not just any
  - 16 Doing a slow boil
  - 17 What makes Pinocchio move, in a way
  - 19 Onetime "SNL" regular Cheri
  - 20 Smartphone network std.
  - 21 No from Legault
  - 22 Like always
  - 23 Breakfast box depicting a Pennsylvania puritan
  - 26 Smart phone on a sitcom?
  - 29 Kicks in to a Kickstarter
  - 30 Area of Ancient Greece
  - 32 "Jeez, dude, let's go!"
  - 33 Pharm. orders
  - 36 Screen-free activity for mom, dad and the kids
  - 40 "\_\_\_ it, you'll like it!"
  - 41 Dance pair male, traditionally
  - 42 Coffee station bowlful
  - 43 Be glued to
  - 46 Postage-paid mail encl.
  - 47 Date span on a headstone
  - 51 Wax-winged flier of myth
  - 52 Street in Ste-Foy
  - 53 Babe on screen
  - 56 Gift tag words in May, maybe
  - 57 This puzzle title's meaning ... and a hint to 17-, 23-, 36- and 47-Across
  - 60 Butter wt., typically
  - 61 Absorb, as a loss
  - 62 Diet cleanse target
  - 63 "Joyeux" times
  - 64 Minor concern in a bar?
  - 65 "Proud of myself!"

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- 5 Filmdom's Reeves who grew up in Toronto
- 6 Wazooed
- 7 Vietnamese broth
- 8 Hankering
- 9 Final few tasks
- 10 Keyboard's largest keys
- 11 Tylenol rival
- 12 "M\*A\*S\*H" setting
- 13 Circulate, as rumours
- 18 Croaker in the reeds
- 22 One in a cast
- 23 Nickel back head, for short?
- 24 Written in ciphertext
- 25 "\_\_\_ Lama Ding Dong" (1961 hit)
- 26 Baker's often-ignored recipe direction
- 27 Frosty buildup
- 28 "I swear \_\_\_ mother's grave"
- 31 Lacking dexterity
- 33 Mumbai music style
- 34 Dec. 25, for short
- 35 Desert-dry
- 37 He wrote "What rough beast ... slouches towards Bethlehem ..."
- 38 Prefix meaning "pressure"
- 39 Bubble with praise
- 43 Perambulation
- 44 Poke holes in
- 45 Like guitar strings
- 47 Sunk one's teeth into
- 48 Prefix with -clast or -graph
- 49 Writer Marie Louise de la \_\_\_, a.k.a. Ouida
- 50 Having a short fuse, so to speak
- 53 \_\_\_ Stix (powdered candy)
- 54 "..., \_\_\_ not mistaken"
- 55 Wilder performer?
- 57 Mad Hatter serving
- 58 Baba Yaga or Broomhilda
- 59 The "long" Mauna

- Down
- 1 Nonstick kitchen brand
  - 2 Isn't going to
  - 3 Leamington, Ontario's lake
  - 4 Brinks route stop

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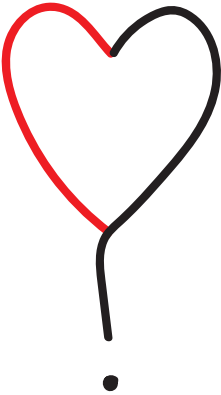
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