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The call of the forest

Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve's Malcolm Cockwell and Nature Conservancy of Canada's Kristyn Ferguson have made an historic conservation announcement.
Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Haliburton Forest to protect old-growth trees

By Lisa Gervais

When Kristyn Ferguson first saw 20-hectares of old-growth at South Freezy Lake in Haliburton Forest, she was impressed by the 150-year-old trees.

The Nature Conservancy Canada (NCC) employee remembers bird song ringing out from the canopy, butterflies fluttering around

her, an amazing diversity of plants around her feet, and the wetlands that ringed the site.

"I remember how special this place was. I could feel it. I could feel the history there and it just immediately became apparent that this was the project to be working on," she told a gathering at the Wolf Centre April 27.

The project between NCC and the Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve has

led to the first recognized 'other effective area-based conservation measure' (OECM) within a privately-owned commercial forest in Canada.

It means the old-growth forest, which features sugar maple, eastern hemlock, American beech and white pine, has been set aside from timber harvesting and other industrial activities.

It's all part of reaching Canada's goal of protecting 30 per cent of its lands and waters by 2030.

Ferguson said she first visited the Forest in 2019 and the South Freezy Lake old-growth in 2020, and the designation was recently made. She added it was precedent-setting so took a bit of time.

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Cockwell: ‘ecological significance immense’

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“This is important. This is the country’s first OECM on private, managed forest, and it’s also the first that is led by the forest industry. These are huge. This gives a chance to inspire others to come along for a similar journey.”

The forest within a forest will be monitored on an ongoing basis to ensure it continues to deliver conservation outcomes. This includes things such as the presence of certain wildlife, forest structure and lack of disturbance.

Managing director of Haliburton Forest, Malcolm Cockwell, said the Forest has been on the leading edge of sustainable forest management. For example, tree marking and being the first in Canada to be certified as sustainable by the Forest Stewardship Council. However, while proud of their accomplishments, he said they had not been satisfied.

“We always want to continue to do better and to find new ways to innovate and be more sustainable in our practices.” He said their motto is, “we haven’t figured it out yet, we have to try

something different.”

That’s when the partnership with NCC came along and Cockwell said, “we have figured it out.”

He said South Freezy Lake has never been subject to industrial activity, and only minimal hiking and hunting. “As a result, this area has many of the classic old-growth features. It’s quite impressive when you get into,” Cockwell said, “with big old trees, a lot of dead wood, critical habitat and the soil structure.

“While the geographic area represented by the South Freezy Lake old-growth forest may be small in the grand scheme of Haliburton Forest, its ecological significance is immense and we hope its conservation inspires other landowners in the future.”

The province acknowledged the celebration. Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, David Piccini said, “the OECM is an innovative way to support and strengthen our province’s rich biodiversity and conservation of our greenspaces through partnerships between the forest industry and conservation organizations to promote healthy spaces for generations to come.”



A photo of a section of Haliburton Forest. The South Freezy Lake old-growth is quite remote. Submitted.



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County pushes HHHS for long-term plan

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) was “just one step away” from temporarily closing one or both County emergency departments with very short notice more than 20 times last summer, CEO Carolyn Plummer told Minden Hills council last week.

Plummer and board chair David O’Brien asked to attend the April 27 Minden Hills council meeting as a delegation. Later in the day, they met with County council behind closed doors.

HHHS announced on April 20 that it would be consolidating all ER and acute care at the Haliburton site effective June 1.

Plummer described how they had asked nurses more than half way through very long shifts if they could go home to get a few hours of sleep, and then return to commence a second shift to avoid an ER closure. She said they inevitably said ‘yes’ as they did not want to be responsible for an ER being shut down. Plummer called it, “a huge weight to carry on their shoulders.”

She said that had been the case for 18 months and “staff can’t go on like that.” She said HHHS needed to give them clear direction on an ER plan going forward.

O’Brien also clarified that it was the hospital services board that made the “operational decision” based on staffing, with HHHS management supporting it.

Mayor Bob Carter said HHHS may believe it consulted with the townships and County but, “we did not hear what you thought you were telling us.” He said they may have discussed temporary ER closures in the past but “at no point was there a discussion that

one of these facilities would have to close permanently.”

Plummer said heading into the summer, HHHS was facing multiple, short-term, short-notice, unexpected closures of one or both sites, which posed a risk to the community. She said some of the closures could have occurred with just two hours’ notice.

Deputy mayor Lisa Schell pushed Plummer and O’Brien on the 20-plus near misses, asking which ER was under threat of temporary closure. Plummer said it was the Haliburton site.

Carter asked if they would consider pushing back the June 1 date, to Nov. 1 or later. However, Plummer and O’Brien indicated they would not.

County weighs in

Following HHHS’ meeting with the County, the upper-tier government said in a press release, “council remains extremely concerned and dissatisfied” in the decision and its timing.

“We also continue to be disappointed in the absence of communication between County council, the community and HHHS over the last number of months while this step was being considered.

“We will continue to advocate on behalf of our residents to ensure that HHHS responds to questions about reorganization and ongoing service delivery in the County, including identifying and attracting services to work out of the Minden site.”

It went on to say council will be asking HHHS to present its implementation plan at a special meeting in May.

“Council has voiced a willingness to



Minden councillor Shirley Johannessen sported this T-shirt at an April 25 community meeting. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

advocate with upper levels of government for improved financial resources to ease pressures and help with the implementation of improvements. We will also continue to review how our EMS (emergency medical services) and community paramedicine programs can assist, as well as how they may be impacted.”

The County said HHHS has agreed to

involve them in the completion of their operational strategic plan as well as working on the capital master plan due to be finalized this fall.

“Council is committed to ensure that effective health care services continue to be provided to all residents of Haliburton County and the visitors we welcome.”

Citizen group continues to fight Minden ER closure

By Lisa Gervais

The Save Minden ER grassroots group this week demanded an urgent public meeting with HHHS’ CEO and board chair, calling for full transparency on the decision-making process, a reassessment of timing and access to a transition plan.

Spokesman Patrick Porzuczek said the community also wants information on the impact on vulnerable populations,

healthcare staff, regional growth, and local infrastructure.

“It is crucial to postpone the closure of Minden hospital and engage in a transparent and inclusive decision-making process that involves the community, local elected officials, nursing professionals, EMS personnel, and other stakeholders,” Porzuczek said.

On April 26, more than 3,300 signatures were gathered to deliver to the Provincial

Legislature with plans to continue collecting signatures and making another trip in May.

Meanwhile, Minden resident Sandra Bradley has filed a complaint to the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario, seeking \$1 million and a moratorium on the closing on the basis of age, disability and access to goods, services and facilities.

The statement in the filing to substantiate the monetary compensation reads, “I believe this is the value of my life if I die due to an

unreasonable delay in being transported to my closest emergency ward.”

Bradley lives 18 kilometres from the Minden ED and the closure will add an additional 25 to 30 minutes to the next closest emergency ward in Haliburton.

“We all have the right to safe and accessible health care and that includes emergency department services,” Bradley said.



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Harburn developer awaits possible appeal

By Mike Baker

Although Haliburton County council officially ratified an amendment to its Official Plan April 26, opening the door for Harburn Holdings to proceed with a proposed 88-unit development fronting Grass Lake, landowner Paul Wilson is anticipating a lengthy court battle before the project can go ahead.

Through the project, which was brought forward in 2021, Wilson is seeking to repurpose 2.5 hectares of land along Peninsula Road in Dysart et al into four lots that would each house multi-storey apartment and condo buildings, with one unit featuring a commercial component.

Dysart's previous council supported the build last September. County approved the project last week, after being satisfied that a lingering issue between Wilson and adjacent property owner - Dr. Aimee Coysh, who owns and operates Haliburton Veterinary Services – over the long-term impacts the development could have on well water quality, will be addressed.

Speaking to *The Highlander*, Wilson said the next step is to apply for severances for the four lots. He's holding off on that until a 20-day appeal period, where any opposing party can file with the Ontario Land Tribunal, has passed. Any grievance must be submitted by May 16.

Carolyn Langdon and Catherine Swift, representing the Friends of Grass Lake advocacy group, told *The Highlander* last month they intend to file an appeal. Because the Friends group isn't a registered corporation, it cannot file an appeal, leaving it up to an individual to complete the process. As of May 2, Langdon said an appeal had not yet been submitted.

"We have 20 days to respond. We have had initial conversations with an environmental lawyer and will be following up [before the deadline]," she said.



Don Ross, Lynda Williams and Carolyn Langdon of the Friends of Grass Lake activist group. *File.*

Wilson noted if no appeal is forthcoming, he will immediately proceed with his severance application. The developer has gone on record to state he isn't interested in building the units himself, and will instead look to sell the property once all approvals are in.

Addressing County council last month, Wilson said his primary focus is ensuring the land is managed properly through the construction phase. He noted he'll "be picky" over who he sells to and will retain final say on any development proposal.

Planner 'excited' by provincial policy changes

County planner Steve Stone said the "fulsome changes" implemented to Ontario's provincial policy statement last month could bring far reaching benefits to the County.

"It's been changed to promote and streamline planning approvals to allow for more homes to be built in Ontario," Stone said. "I'm quite excited about them."

Some of the more significant changes deal with the timely examination of settlement areas for potential modification and

expansion. He said this would allow for local and regional councils to implement changes in these areas without the need for a lengthy municipal review process.

Stone said the province is also loosening restrictions for rural development.

"There may be greater opportunities for this area to look at things like rural subdivisions... this could all allow for some additional growth [in the County]," he said.

Warden Liz Danielsen asked Stone to bring a full report back to council, outlining the full range of benefits and any negative impacts the new legislation may bring.

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Dysart working on site alteration bylaw

By Mike Baker

Dysart's chief building official is looking for public input as he drafts a site alteration bylaw he says will enhance protection and encourage the preservation of natural shorelines across the municipality.

Addressing council April 25, Karl Korpela said the new legislation, which he hopes to table later this month, will work with the County's tree preservation bylaw to establish clear restrictions on what property owners can and cannot do on land fronting water and environmentally protected (EP) areas.

This comes months after council refused to sign on to the County's new shoreline preservation bylaw, with mayor Murray Fearrey and deputy mayor Walt McKechnie telling *The Highlander* in a previous interview they believed a made-in-Dysart solution was the best way forward.

Outlining his current plans, Korpela is pushing to establish restrictions and permissions in the new bylaw that people can follow, rather than including permit requirements.

"Staff don't have the time to deal with permits for site alterations," Korpela told council.

He said the legislation would include penalties for non-compliance, but that a heavy emphasis would be placed on educating people about the new rules first. He wants to establish set fines for consistent, or flagrant abusers, which he believes should be high enough to act as a significant deterrent to would-be rulebreakers. He's also suggesting a clause for restraining orders, which would only be used in "very serious matters" that required legal intervention.

Regarding shoreline setbacks, Korpela said "we're not going to debate the science."

He noted Dysart's existing zoning bylaw requires a buffer zone of between 20 and 30 metres for most new development on the water, hinting he would be looking to maintain that.

That bylaw does have some exemptions. Structures such as drop awnings, clothes poles, flagpoles, gates, garden trellises, retaining walls, stairways and walkways, boardwalks, decks and patios up to 20 square metres, fences less than 1.2 metres high, and plumbing fixtures such as water intake lines are all allowed within the buffer zone.

The County's tree preservation bylaw also allows for the clearing of a five-metre-wide path to provide access to the water; clearing for approved new construction (with a building permit) and five metres around those structures; and clearing for any approved accessory structures.

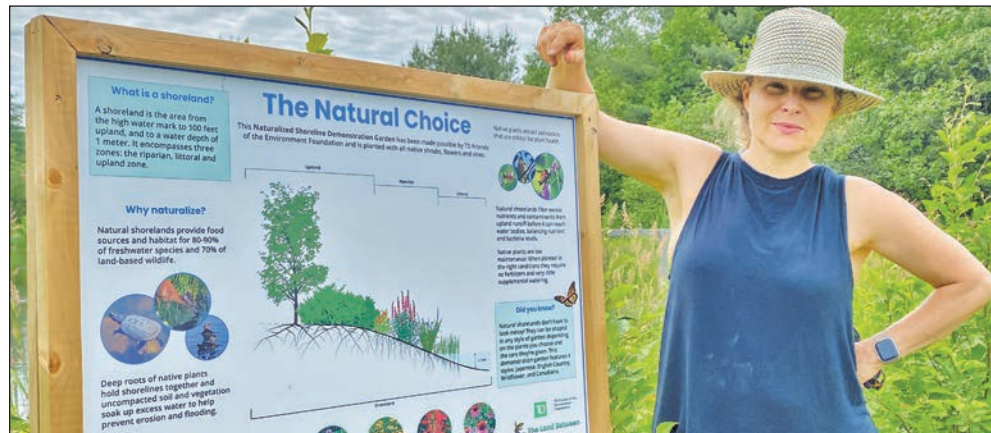
Korpela noted these allowances do not apply to lands adjacent to any recognized fish habitat areas and spawning grounds.

He didn't outline precisely what this new bylaw would allow, saying he wanted to receive feedback from the public before making a final recommendation to council. A public meeting was held at the West Guilford Community Centre May 3, while responses to an online questionnaire, posted on the municipal website, are being accepted until May 10.

Korpela openly wondered if the township should include specific requirements around retaining walls, slope stabilization, erosion control measures and the type of equipment and machinery permitted for use on a shore front.

"I'm looking for feedback on all of this... and more... to see if it needs to be in the bylaw."

The building official said this new bylaw



Environmental technologist Leora Berman, of local non-profit The Land Between, said Dysart's proposed site alteration bylaw needs some work. *File.*

would greatly improve protections of EP zones.

"There's a lot of EP zones in our municipality, but we currently have no regulations for site alteration within them," he said. "So, anything we do is going to be better than what we currently have."

Still work to be done

Leora Berman, an environmental technologist and COO of non-profit The Land Between, said she was pleased the township was engaging with the community, noting she has high hopes for the new bylaw.

She did highlight some areas of concern, largely surrounding the definition of EP zones, and what she perceives to be two key accountability and transparency issues.

"I want to know who the township is going to use as experts to determine fish habitats... because the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry doesn't have that capacity anymore," Berman said, noting she would be

willing to partner with the municipality.

"Also, who will be making the decisions over applications for adjustments [to the bylaw for work along the shoreline]? Is it council? Will it be a committee? I think that needs to be clarified.

"There needs to be more clarity provided on EP zones. They are defined in the provincial policy statement... as being significant wildlife habitats, flood zone hazard lands. They are clearly defined, and Dysart is missing that whole piece," she added.

Fearrey said he was pleased to see Korpela's draft include several "encouragements" for things like leaving existing natural shorelines undisturbed or restoring them back to a natural state.

"Based on conversations I've had, I think the best thing to do is to keep this thing general – go out to the public, get feedback and massage this into something that works," he said. "I don't want something that's going to be onerous... the biggest thing is to make this as practical as we can."

MINDEN HILL NEWS

Budget passed

Minden Hills finalized its budget April 27 with director of finance Greg Bedard breaking down the numbers for taxpayers.

He said the township will collect more than \$10.2 million in taxes this year, up about \$560,000 from 2022. While that equates to a 5.76 per cent tax increase, it's been offset

by population growth, bringing the final Minden Hills figure to 4.79 per cent.

For a single-family home, assessed at \$209,000, it means a \$40 increase this year. For a seasonal dwelling, assessed at \$316,000, the impact is a \$61 increase. A small commercial office building, assessed at \$235,000, is looking at a \$67 jump.

He noted the township accounts for only

51 per cent of residential taxes, with the remaining 49 per cent going to the County of Haliburton and the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

Bedard said they are also making some important spends, such as fixing the boardwalk and Village Green, adding fire safety equipment, doing road resurfacing, and major works on Scotch Line and

Bobcaygeon roads.

Mayor Bob Carter said, "everybody has done a wonderful job of getting us to where we are ... it was a path fraught with danger, and, of course, the situation we have inherited with infrastructure is something we had to address in this year's budget and next." (*Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais.*)

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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON NEWS

Rutter to retire

County of Haliburton CAO and clerk, Mike Rutter, tabled a letter to council April 26 saying he will be retiring at the end of December.

Rutter will have been with the County for eight years this July but has been doing municipal work for 32 years, all but two-and-a-half as a CAO.

He told *The Highlander*, “I really just feel like it is time.”

He said he would like to stay connected to the municipal sector but doesn’t know what that will look like yet.

“I would like to spend more time with my family and doing things I have always wanted to try but have never really had the time. Things like curling, and improving my golf game,” he said.

“I would also like to volunteer to help address some of the challenges I have been so close to in my job, things like mental health, housing, access to care.”

He added, “these are really interesting and challenging times, and I think it will be good for council to have someone advising them who has a different perspective and energy. A couple of weeks ago, I had some back-to-back-to-back meetings. The first was about housing and possible development of a County-owned property. The second was the community safety and well-being plan advisory table, and the third was with staff discussing how the EMS master plan could be implemented. I left feeling like there were

so many exciting possibilities, but leadership would need so much energy to accomplish what needs to be done.”

Rutter said it will be interesting to watch from the sidelines as council and staff tackle challenges. “I know they will. I truly believe the County’s best days are ahead.”

Council has begun developing a recruitment plan that will involve establishing the kind of skills they want in a replacement, deciding on how to advertise the job, developing a position profile that can be shared with interested applicants, and determining who will be involved in interviews.

“I am sure the ads will be placed in the next few weeks, and they will go through a thorough vetting process. It will take a number of months to complete,” Rutter said.

FoodCyclers have arrived

Director of planning, Steve Stone, said the County received its first batch of FoodCyclers April 26 and they’ll soon be in residents’ homes.

“Some exciting news on the climate change front,” he told last week’s County council meeting.

“The uptake of it has been quite thrilling,” Stone added. “It was a matter of weeks, maybe two, and all the units were spoken for. Over the course of a couple of weeks in May, we’ll be starting to distribute them.”

The County is subsidizing the purchase of the 500 units, which are considered an easier way of composting. (*County of Haliburton news compiled by Lisa Gervais*).



County CAO Mike Rutter will retire on Dec. 31, 2023. *File*.



The river is flowing fast through downtown Minden. *Submitted*.

Flood watch for Gull River watershed

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) issued a flood watch bulletin for the Gull River watershed May 1.

A flood watch means there’s potential for flooding within specific watercourses and municipalities.

Water levels and river flows are expected to rise over the next several days with runoff from recent rainfall.

Residents in areas that are susceptible to flooding should take necessary precautions to protect property and continue to monitor developing conditions.

Residents are advised that sand and sandbags are available for use at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, at 55 Parkside St. Minden (upper-level parking lot). This resource is self-serve, so remember a shovel.

Residents are encouraged to think of their neighbours, don’t forget about those around you that may have

difficulty with this task. Visit the flood information page at mindenhills.ca/floodinformation/ for help and resources regarding the proper procedures for the filling and placement of sandbags.

The public is advised to use caution around area lakes, rivers, creeks and other water sources such as ditches, as high-water levels and swift currents can create unstable conditions. Avoid driving on any roadways that are under water, as road conditions may be unstable and dangerous.

The township will continue to communicate in media and on its website.

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County endorses \$50K economic development plan

By Lisa Gervais

Some councillors expressed concern as the hired guns paid \$50,000 to prepare the County's economic development strategy presented their report to County councillors April 12 – endorsing the final document April 26.

Strexer Harrop Consulting Group (SHCG) did the work for director of economic development Scott Ovell and the County. They paid \$42,300 plus HST from Safe Restart Funds.

After SHCG's Tonya Kraan presented her firm's work, Coun. Murray Fearrey commented while it was a "very extensive report ... I don't think there's hardly anything there that any of us around this table didn't already know."

Some of the highlights in the report included recurring themes, such as employers having a hard time finding workers, succession planning, the need for all four municipalities to standardize policies and procedures, a call for public transit and support for businesses and entrepreneurs.

Kraan said when it comes to residents, there is a demand for more apartments, year-round recreational opportunities, such as an indoor swimming pool, increased business hours in the Highlands, and educating employers about the need to pay a living wage as well as a shift to a greener economy.

This sparked Coun. Bob Carter to comment that it costs more to live in the Highlands than cities. Yet, "it seems an awful lot of asks from the businesses. Get us apartments so we can hire more staff ... what are the businesses willing to do? Are the businesses willing to pay more than minimum wage?" He added if paying minimum wage and offering seasonal jobs, how can employers expect employees to afford apartments and the cost of living in the County.

Kraan said as part of their work, they have put together information on what other employers across the broader region are paying their workers. She said the plan will be for Ovell to attend AGMs of various employer groups and share data on average



Scott Ovell is the County's director of economic development and tourism.
Photo by Lisa Gervais.

wages, "not to shame anyone, but show there is room for improvement." She said pay for agricultural and tourism jobs, in particular, are well below average in the Highlands.

Fearrey said he would like someone to talk to high school graduates about going into the trades. "I think that's a huge opportunity locally. It hasn't been done and I don't know why it's not being done, but I'm looking to our staff to initiate that."

He also took exception to some of the suggestions, such as businesses expanding hours, when they have already said they don't have enough staff.

"These things are easy to talk about, but they're not easy to solve...same as transportation. We know about it and we're trying to figure out how to do it but we just haven't found it yet."

Ovell told council, "we tried to tie the strategy and the timelines to your term in council so we can make this economic development journey together." He added there were key performance indicators towards an action plan "to ensure this isn't a document that sits on a shelf."

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux also noted a mix of low-hanging fruit and big-ticket items and sought direction.

Kraan said one "big quick hit" would be convincing County residents it is okay to have basement apartments. She said people hear horror stories, but not positive stories, of good tenants, such as nurses and lab technicians, leasing apartments.

"We want to do those quick wins. Some of those communications tactics are quick wins. Big ticket items need to be invested in, but we don't want you to sit on your thumbs."

Ovell added he and director of tourism, Tracie Bertrand now have a starting point and can work with council towards achieving its desired goals.

He added objectives in the next 18 months are to help employers fill current and future job vacancies by increasing housing availability. He said they will be able to do that through a number of marketing initiatives, including supporting the townships with their outreach to developers and looking to connect employers with the green economy, which is a strong driver for the younger workforce.

Other goals include bumping up communication, the need for secondary suites, and showcasing the Highlands as an environmental, social and governance leader.

Coun. Cec Ryall felt they had received consolidated direction across the County to make things happen." He said the first step was hiring Ovell, and the second now having an economic development strategy.

You can see the entire plan on the April 12 County agenda.



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Take a collective deep breath



By Lisa Gervais

It's been two weeks since Haliburton Highlands Health Services announced it would be closing the Minden emergency room and consolidating ER and acute care services at its Haliburton site.

There has been an outpouring of shock, anger and fear ever since. There has also been a lot of information dispersed.

Might I now suggest we all stop for a minute and take a collective deep breath.

I applaud politicians and grassroots groups for being so passionate in their fight to delay – or reverse the decision. We'd all love for that to somehow happen.

If it cannot, we all want to feel assured that the Haliburton site will be ready for the thousands that will pass through its doors starting June 1. Towards that end, we all anxiously await the plan that HHHS has in place.

And while the various Facebook groups that have sprung up give a voice to the shock, anger and fear, there are many misplaced comments, untruths, and words that are simply fanning the flames.

We urge everyone in the community to think before they post. Is what you are saying helping the situation or hindering

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A slippery slope to privatization?

Dear editor,

As a U.S. citizen and Canadian permanent resident who lives in Minden, I am particularly concerned with the decision to close the Minden Emergency Room and the concerns it raises about Doug Ford's intentions to privatize healthcare.

Consider the U.S. healthcare system. If you're wealthy or have employer-provided health insurance, it's fine, but for about 27 million Americans without insurance, it can be financially, and medically, devastating.

The U.S. is one of the world's only developed countries that doesn't provide universal healthcare to all citizens. The private insurance industry lobby spends over \$1 billion a year to keep it that way and it's easy to understand why. According to Becker's Healthcare, the top six U.S. private healthcare insurance companies made a combined \$41.5 billion in profits in 2022. That's \$41.5 billion that's being diverted from the delivery of healthcare.

I'm sure government-run universal healthcare programs have inefficiencies. But consider the amount of Americans' healthcare money that goes into the pockets of private healthcare insurance companies. That money could be used to pay doctors, nurses, buy medical equipment, and ensure every citizen has access to healthcare.

Consider who really benefits from privatized medicine. In the U.S. it's insurance companies, pharmaceutical companies and the politicians who maintain the system. While public healthcare may be flawed, at least it is not designed to create huge profits for private businesses.

If Doug Ford intends to privatize Ontario's healthcare system, then what's happening in Minden, while already a terrible crisis,

it? Do suggestions such as boycotting the Foundation or the Kinmount Fair due to MPP Laurie Scott's affiliation with Kinmount, really help? Or does soliciting support from the likes of actors Michael J. Fox, or Ryan Reynolds really contribute to the cause?

By all means, we should see if there is any way to have a sober second look at the situation. In the meantime, we also have to consider how we might turn our collective angst into better planning for our health care future. After all, some might say our history did not serve us well in the initial building of two hospitals just 25 kilometres apart. What can we do now to ensure we get the best result for our County going forward?

It's been suggested to me that mobile ERs are a thing. A quick online search reveals that a mobile ER is a modern, mobile medical unit that provides preliminary treatment for a broad spectrum of illnesses and injuries, potentially life-threatening and requiring immediate medical care. Imagine if something like that existed here and patients could already be en route to a bigger hospital when needed.

In Dorset, the late Herb Hickling launched the health hub, bringing accessible primary

is even more alarming. With each small-town hospital closure, momentum toward privatization will build and we may all soon find ourselves slipping into the American model.

Tim Bahr
Minden Hills

Negative repercussions for everyone

Dear editor,

The closure of our Minden ER is unbelievably short-sighted, particularly in the suggested time frame.

Combining the busiest ER in the County with an also busy ER in Haliburton, at the beginning of the most hectic time of year, will, very likely, result in overcrowding, long wait times and incredible pressure on all the caregivers.

This will have negative repercussions not only for Minden people but for everyone in the County and beyond. I can envision the crowded waiting room, stretchers in the hallways, and chaos we see and read about in city ERs happening right here in our own backyard.

Let's hope tragedy is not part of the new reality.

Pat Brezina
Minden Hills

It's always about the money

Dear editor,

We are seasonal residents in Algonquin Highlands, and we joke that I have a 'frequent user' card to the Minden

and preventable health care closer to citizens of that County. He facilitated community efforts to join with the District of Muskoka and begin discussions with the province, seeking and achieving their support. He built a strong alliance with Lake of Bays and Algonquin Highlands. Could something such as this be done in Minden? Herb worked with community groups, and got monetary and volunteer time donations.

These are just two examples. Maybe it's time to stop the finger-pointing and start doing what has been, perhaps, lacking to date – look at our health care services and plan for what it will look like in five years, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years and beyond.

Clearly what we have, not only locally, but across Ontario and much of Canada, is not working. Maybe Haliburton County can set an example of how we, and other communities, might do better in future.

emergency department.

In every case, the treatment I have received in the emergency department there has been fantastic.

I also read your excellent paper year around online.

In your latest edition, which focuses on the proposed closing of the emergency department, your lead article has the HHHS CEO, Ms. Plummer, stating the closure is not about the money, and in the next breath saying that the service has a \$3 million deficit. Just how stupid does she think the citizens of Haliburton County are? It is always about the money.

Richard Ronchka
Halls Lake (and Carlisle, Ontario)

(Editor's note: *The Highlander* asked Plummer about the \$3 million deficit. She did not raise it as cause for closure).

Auxiliary reacts to news

Dear editor,

As members of the Minden Health Care Auxiliary (MHCA), we were shocked and saddened to hear that our Emergency Department would be closing permanently.

Twenty-three years ago, when the new Minden hospital opened, five local women formed the MHCA. They opened the gift shop, started fundraising for new equipment, and began volunteering at Hyland Crest Long-Term Care Home. We have funded equipment for all departments in the building but the emergency was always the key to our success. Every time we would "hit the streets" for tag day or Canada Day, or to sell our Wine on Wheels raffle tickets, we would hear so many heartwarming stories about the wonderful treatment that people in the community, permanent residents and cottagers alike, had received in our ER.

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Our fundraising has been successful because of the number of people who have used the Minden ER and who were happy to know that it was there.

Before the pandemic, we had 50 members and were raising a large amount of money each year. We managed to re-group last year, and are now the only hospital auxiliary in the County. But our future is uncertain. We would very much like to keep working to support local healthcare, but without the Emergency Department, it will be much more difficult to raise funds and recruit new members. We will discuss what we should do at our meeting in May. We stand with our community to ask that this decision be reviewed, and hopefully delayed, or changed to a temporary closure.

Donna Monk, founding member and past-president, MHCA, Mickey Bonham, past-president, MHCA, Gail Simon, current president, MHCA

Why Conservative voting in County?

Dear editor,

It never ceases to amaze me that the people in Haliburton continue to elect the Conservative candidate – presently Laurie Scott as the provincial rep.

Since coming to power, the Doug Ford government has failed the County at every turn. They have given millions to Ford's cottage county – Muskoka – for watershed management, with none to Haliburton.

They have failed to support, retain, and hire new nurses through a ham-fisted approach to wages.

They did not keep the 'iron ring' of safety around retirement homes during the pandemic – to the contrary.

They promote increased private sector investment in all aspects of healthcare, despite studies that show non-profits offer better care because more resources go directly to the running of the system, not to shareholders. The list goes on.

And now they're going to close the Minden ER. When asked, Laurie Scott responds with all the right government talking points. She supports the consolidation. She is not defending what her local constituents want. She's a yes-woman. Shame on her. Shame on the Conservatives.

So why, why, why do people keep voting them in? Is it because they always have?

**Carol Town
Hamilton (60-year Haliburton cottager)**

Astounded by news

Dear editor,

I was astounded to hear of the permanent closure of the Minden Emergency Department effective June 1.

After receiving an injury, I waited more than two hours in a waiting room and ended up leaving the Haliburton hospital Emergency in frustration and without seeing a physician.

I am sure there are many other individuals

who have endured the same frustration. I am told it is due to the lack of staff and so many people seeking emergency help.

Due to these issues, I am at a loss as to why the Minden Emergency Department would be closed when we need every opportunity to receive much-needed assistance when required.

I have been at the Minden Emergency Department in the past and at no time did I have to wait such long periods of time to receive medical assistance. This should tell the Haliburton Highlands hospital board every emergency department in each location is a must, especially with our population growing extensively, to be able to accommodate those who require services.

To even anticipate such a Minden Emerg closure without public input and participation is outrageous and unconscionable.

Whatever happened to all the talk about growing our area by providing opportunities to entice people to relocate here, and yet we're losing a major contribution to our area that serves so many and has done so for so long.

This brings back memories when the board I was on was discussing the closure of the long-term facility at Minden hospital and enlarging the one in Haliburton.

Needless to say, those of us who disagreed with such a decision, seeing our elderly population was growing leaps and bounds, two facilities would be required in order to serve those who need long-term care then and in the future and so it exists.

**Beverly MacDuff
Gooderham**

Asking for a disaster

Dear editor,

It is appalling and frightening that the HHHS board has decided to permanently close the Minden hospital emergency department with six weeks notice and without any prior collaboration or even sharing of information with the EMS services, the doctors, nurses or the mayors of the affected townships, which include both Minden, Haliburton and surrounding areas.

This is cottage country. We have an exponential population growth starting in June of each year and lasting until fall. Both the Minden and Haliburton emerg departments are very busy. Thousands of seasonal residents appear, many expensive kids' camps are in the area, housing countless children. To make this decision at this time of year without concrete planning is asking for a disaster.

**Leslie Brown
Minden**

Why vote Conservative?

Dear editor,

Although I wholeheartedly agree that closing the Minden Emergency Department is a bad mistake, I see little point in putting up lawn signs in the County or blaming the board and CEO of the HHHS.

This is not a local issue and can only be

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Van Roylance captured this shot of a plane crossing in front of a full moon on April 6.

solved at the provincial and federal level.

For many years, the policy seemed to be to control health care costs by restricting the supply of services and people to do the work. Whether it is restricting enrolment in medical training programs, making it too difficult for foreign trained people to qualify to work in Canada, or restricting wage increases for provincial employees, including healthcare workers, a splendid way to discourage burned out people.

This County has consistently voted Conservative. Although the Liberals have their share of the blame, we have to quit blindly supporting parties that don't have our best interests at heart.

**Jim Bertram
Minden**

You are hereby sentenced

Dear editor,

Bad news, I'm afraid. One of you reading this letter will suffer a premature and preventable death because of the closure of the Minden Emergency Department.

It's inevitable. A statistical reality. And sooner or later, it will be another one of you (or me) and then another. And another.

This should not be a surprise. Carolyn Plummer and the HHHS board of directors, who oversee her work, surely must have taken this into consideration when they rendered their decision. Our MPP and MP are in full support. So, judging by their silence, are our minister of health and our premier. After all, everybody dies, right? So, what's the big deal?

Well, the big deal is that we have all become insignificant data points in an economic analysis. A price has been placed on premature death and it has been found to be acceptable and justifiable. Except that it isn't acceptable or justifiable, no matter how you tally up the numbers.

An existing, well-functioning and

depreciated community asset that we pay for and need is being taken away from our community and we have not been consulted. Even though the Minden ER has been easier to keep staffed and has been by far the busier ER in the County, it is being sacrificed along with the people of Minden Hills and its surrounding area.

Shifting emergency response 30 minutes further away from acute care facilities in Lindsay, Peterborough and Bracebridge doesn't make sense. It's a potentially fatal decision and I cannot fathom how the people who made it are going to be able to live with their burden of responsibility.

It is not too late to reverse this bad decision. Let's find a better way to solve the problems. Lives depend on it.

**John du Manoir
Minden Hills**

Robotic response not good enough

Dear editor,

I appreciate that MPP Laurie Scott's inbox is being filled with dismayed constituents, but a robotic response that has been sent out to hundreds is not good enough.

We deserve to be heard and respected. HHHS is not acting in our best interests and is not providing high-quality care.

The people of the County would much rather have a Minden ED than a CT scanner. Shouldn't the choice be ours? Not a small board of people who want what's best for Haliburton ED - not Haliburton County as a whole?

I am appalled with the entire situation and you should be ashamed with yourself for how you are handling it. The blood of those who die because you supported the closure of the Minden ED will be on your hands.

**Aurora McGinn
Minden**



First Responders Day recognized throughout County

On May 1, members of Haliburton County paramedic services, municipal fire departments and the Haliburton Highlands OPP came together to host the public during a Haliburton County community open house. It was to learn more about the critical role professional and volunteer emergency responders have in keeping our communities safe. Residents visited bases, halls and stations. They met emergency personnel, learned more about programs and services, heard about volunteer and career opportunities, were informed as to how to prepare for emergencies, and got an up-close look at emergency equipment and vehicles. (Lisa Gervais).

Top left: Noah Barry tries out a gurney in the back of an ambulance in Haliburton while paramedic Vlad Marchenko looks on. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.* Top right: District chief Brian Homer, Angie Grant, Cody Lawrence and Donna Simmons, with Jasper the fire dog, at Highlands East station three in Gooderham. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.* Bottom left: Stanhope training officer CJ Shelly shows off a fire truck to a young visitor. *Submitted.* Bottom right: The public got to check out emergency rescue equipment, such as this in Algonquin Highlands. *Submitted.*

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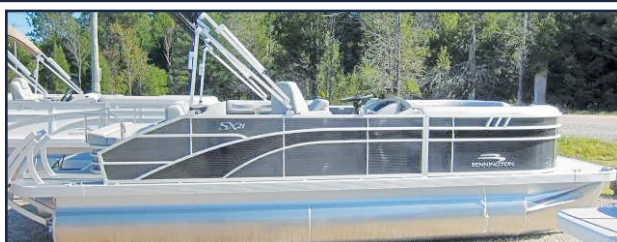
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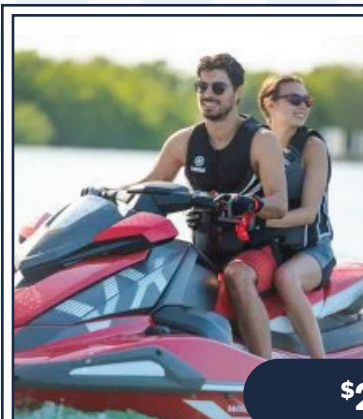
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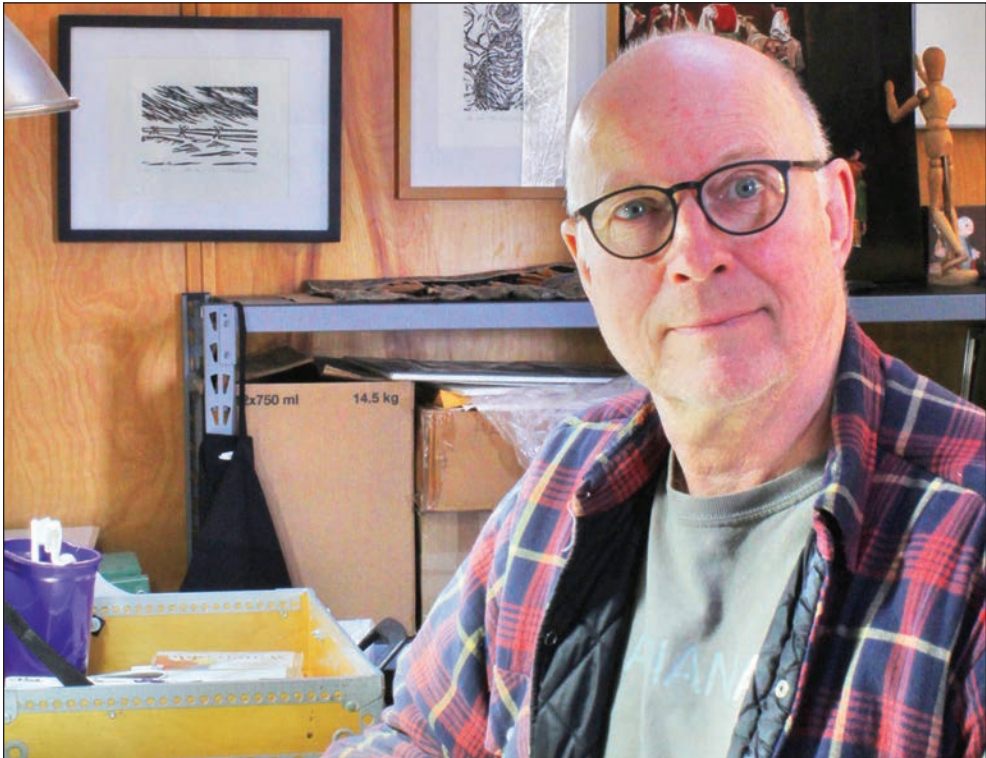
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Left: Peterborough-based musician and artist Rob Niezen brings his *Cross Cut* exhibition (right) to Minden's Agnes Jamieson Gallery May 4 to July 1. *Submitted.*

Exhibit offers look at rural 19th century life

By Mike Baker

A new exhibit debuting in Minden this week will shine a light on traditional folk music depicting what life was like for settlers in rural 1800s Ontario.

Peterborough-based artist Rob Niezen spent four years piecing together *Cross Cut*, a collection of 24 linocuts breaking down the meaning behind a host of historical ballads, including two locally sourced pieces. The project is more than a decade in the making and touches on the parallels Niezen, himself an immigrant, draws from his own life and the experiences of 19th century newcomers.

"This show has a special meaning to me... I wanted to show that humans haven't changed a whole lot over the years. Technology has changed, and we've become, perhaps, a little more civilized, but we're still people who do smart and stupid things," Niezen told *The*

Highlander. "There's still war, there's still love, death. These themes come up quite a lot."

Niezen leaned heavily on the work of Edith Fowke, a popular CBC radio host and folklorist who collected field recordings of traditional Ontario songs during the 1960s. The origins of these songs date back to 1820 to 1920. Lyrics and tunes were adapted to local experiences, Niezen said, offering a reflection of society at different moments in time.

One of those songs, *The New Limit Line*, focuses on a group of workers who travelled up the old railway line connecting Bobcaygeon and Minden to work at some of the County's lumber yards. Niezen said there's evidence the workers made it as far north as Dorset.

"They'd travel in teams, with horses, and

it would take them a good 12 or 13 hours to walk the route," Niezen said. "There are a few names mentioned in the song that people may recognize."

The other local piece is *The Ballad of Bill Dunbar*, retelling the tale of a now infamous Kinmount hotelkeeper.

"The story goes that, in the late 1870s, Bill and a few buddies went to the ice races on Little Lake in Peterborough, and coming back north they got a little lost in the fog... and ended up going through the ice," Niezen said. "Legend says Bill threw his mitts up onto the ice, so people knew where to search [for the bodies]. Those mitts are still in the museum's archives today."

Niezen will perform both songs during an opening reception at Agnes Jamieson Gallery May 6. The exhibit will run until July 1.

Attendees can also listen to modern

interpretations of the songs, performed by Niezen's band The Backwoodsmen, by scanning QR codes built into the linocuts.

Shannon Kelly, Minden Hills' cultural resource manager, said this exhibit is the first of three planned for the new season. In the summer, the space will showcase original paintings and limited-edition prints from the world-renowned Robert Bateman, a frequent cottager in the area. In the fall, there will be another show featuring works from the Ontario Society of Artists.

"We have some exciting things coming, but it's great to kick things off with Rob. I saw this exhibit at Lang Pioneer Village last year, and it's such a treat to bring it to Minden. Given the connection to the County, this is something anyone from this area can relate to. It's going to be a really good show," she said.

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Flying fish headed to County lakes

Fish stocking at Haliburton County lakes is in full swing. Officials from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry attended the local fish hatchery May 2, with a helicopter helping to transport 3,500 rainbow trout and 800 lake trout to Cedar, Monmouth, Sprat and Kabakwa lakes. Hatchery manager David Poirier said 18 lakes will be stocked with approximately 28,000 fish this year, with Loon Lake seeing the most rainbow trout, with 1,300, and Crystal Lake seeing the most lake trout, with 1,200.

Top: Pilot Rob Burns takes the MNRF helicopter out, with plans to stock rainbow and lake trout at Cedar and Monmouth lakes. Bottom left: Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association volunteers Dave Moss and Steve Belanger transport rainbow trout into the helicopter's holding tank. Bottom right: Fish hatchery manager David Poirier gave MNRF representative, Scott Bird, a tour of the facility. *Photos by Mike Baker.*



Emmerson Wilson and Avery Horner won silver at COSSA April 27, qualifying them for the provincial championships. Photo by Mike Baker.

Teens carrying HHSS badminton tradition

By Mike Baker

Student athletes Emmerson Wilson and Avery Horner will fly the Hal High flag at OFSAA next week, continuing the school’s long history of success in badminton. The Grade 12ers will travel to Port Hope for the four-day competition May 10. They will compete in the senior pairs bracket against the best up-and-coming talent in the province. Fresh off a silver medal at COSSA – the regional championships – last week, the two are excited to hit the court and test their mettle against their fellow shuttlecock enthusiasts.

“This is my first full year of playing badminton – I’ve loved it. It’s been a really exciting season for us. When we first started, we were just hoping to make it to the Kawartha championships. But we meshed well, started to find our groove as a team and then the belief kicked in,” Wilson said. “It’s so amazing to make it to OFSAA.”

Given this is the duo’s first year playing together, *The Highlander* asked about their secret to success.

“It probably helps that we’re best friends, so working together on the court hasn’t been a problem,” Horner said. “We’re able to play to one another’s strengths really well and help and encourage each other when we’re out there.”

The girls won three of their four games at COSSA, at St. Peter’s Catholic School in Peterborough April 27. They secured a silver medal with a hard-fought win over a rival school from Belleville.

Wilson said the pressure was on heading into the final set, with a place at provincials on the line.

“That’s when I perform at my best, though. I love the pressure, the big moments. I was

excited for us to show what we could do,” she said. “I didn’t let myself overthink it, we just focused on the basics, playing our game, and seeing where that took us. It was probably our strongest performance [of the season].”

The pair have been coached this season by Mike Gaffney and Bob Schmidt, with Jason Morissette assisting. Morissette said he was proud of the girls for achieving something they didn’t think possible at the beginning of the season.

He noted qualifying for the provincial championships sets a good example to the school’s younger players.

“It’s huge for the junior group, seeing what’s possible if you really put in the work. Emmerson and Avery have been excellent students of the game. They’ve put in the time during practices, and we’re seeing that pay off now. I couldn’t be happier for them.”

While securing another medal, this time at the provincial level, would be the stuff of dreams for the pair, Horner said they’re just savouring the moment and putting any ideas of winning to the back of their minds.

“I just want to see how we stack up, if we’re able to compete,” she said. “At OFSAA, we won’t be playing against other schools our size, we’re playing against the best players from the best schools. It’s going to be a great challenge.”

Wilson added, “Just getting to OFSAA is a bit of a dream. For me, it’s all about enjoying the occasion and experience... it’s a once in a lifetime kind of thing.”

OFSAA kicks off in Port Hope May 11, hosted by the Conference of Independent Schools Athletic Association. For more information, visit ofsa.on.ca/championship/badminton.



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To Participate: Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Meeting(s) must: pre-register by emailing admin@mindenhills.ca by Wednesday May 24th before 4:00 PM or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 8:30 AM

Participants registering after 8:30 AM will not be permitted into the public meeting. Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the meeting as permitted by the Chair.

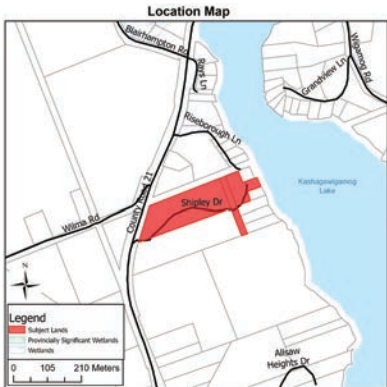
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Written Submissions either in support of or opposition to the applications must be received prior to the Public Meeting and can be submitted to admin@mindenhills.ca

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider zoning by-law amendment application **PLZBA2023025** pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act as follows:

PLZBA2023025 – Part Lot 26, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden, being a vacant lot on Shipley Drive and having roll numbers 4616-031-000-42700 and 4616-031-000-43100; and being on Kashagawigamog Lake (see Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The subject property is currently zoned ‘Rural’ and is located primarily within the Waterfront and Rural designation of the Township’s Official Plan. The zoning by-law amendment is submitted to fulfill a condition of consent application H-028-22, which would serve to sever a portion of Part Lot 26, Concession 6 for the purpose of a lot addition benefiting an adjacent property, being 1090 Shipley Drive. The proposed amendment would serve to rezone the lands from ‘Rural (RU)’ to ‘Shoreline Residential (SR)’ to provide uniform zoning on the resultant enlarged lot.



Additional Information regarding this application is available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department by appointment only.

Any Person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

If a Person Or Public Body does not make oral submission at a public meeting or make written submission to the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a Person Or Public Body does not make oral submission at a public meeting, or make written submission to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If You Wish to Be Notified of the decision of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must submit a written request to the Township of Minden Hills. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at admin@mindenhills.ca.

Accessibility: The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.

Privacy Disclosure: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

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Time Traveller offers tune-up tips

By Mike Baker

When that first splash of colour starts to push through in the spring after a long, cold winter, Camarvon's Larry Parsons is one of many locals just itching to bring their toys out to play.

President of the Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers vintage vehicle and social club, Parsons is the definition of a classic car enthusiast. He's spent the past 50 years tuning up rides, starting with the 1947 Ford Coupe he got when he was 16. Now, that vehicle serves as the crown jewel in the Parsons family collection, which includes six rare motors.

There's another 1947 Ford Coupe, this one a two-door sedan, which Parsons fixed up for his son. His wife, Cheryl, has two cars – a 1964 Checker Wagon and a 1947 Ford convertible. He also has a fully rebuilt 1937 Willys Jeep and is in the process of restoring a 1947 Studebaker.

"I just love old cars, the really classic ones," Parsons told *The Highlander*.

He does all the work himself, from fixing the body to replacing the mechanical components. He does all the paint jobs, too.

"Lots of trial and error – if you break something, you just keep doing it until it comes out right," he said when asked how he had learned.

His pride and joy is his stunning blue Coupe. While most people clamoured for a Camaro or a Mustang back in the 1960s, Parsons wanted something a little different. He stumbled upon the Ford while out in Whitby. It had been abandoned in a field, but the then-teen saw its potential.

Now kitted out with steel fixtures, a Mustang Mach 1 engine and custom-made grill, the Coupe is a head-turner whenever Parsons takes it out. He recalls one such time, shortly after getting it road-ready, while attending a car show in Buckhorn.

"I was pulling in and there was this guy

behind me trying to flag me down, so I got out and asked him 'what's up?' He said he had a car just like that when he was younger. At the time, I had 1962 Volkswagen taillights on there, and a Studebaker hawk dash. He took a closer look and decided this didn't just look like his car, it was his car," Parsons said.

Before taking any of his cars out onto the road, Parsons has a spring-cleaning checklist he likes to run through to ensure optimal performance.

The first step, he said, is to check the dip stick to make sure the oil level is where it should be. Top up if necessary. While there, he suggested a quick trick to make sure antifreeze hadn't gotten into the motor.

"If antifreeze gets into your oil and you try to run the car, it can destroy your engine, Parsons said. "Take a wrench and just crack the oil plug underneath the motor. Give it a turn and wait a minute. If there's any antifreeze in there, it's the first thing that comes out. If it starts dripping oil a little bit, then perfect, you're all good."

He suggested charging the battery, checking the master cylinder to make sure everything is OK – during the winter rodents and small animals looking for somewhere to hibernate may take up shop there, Parsons said he's had to replace several hoses and belt lines that have been chewed through.

Old wiring can become brittle, break or corrode and become a fire hazard, so Parsons suggests giving everything under the hood a once over. Check all fuel lines and hoses leading from the tank to the carburetor or throttle body. Look for leaks, corrosion and dry rotting. Make sure the throttle linkage is moving freely and not binding up.

Ensure your tires are in good shape and have enough air in them. Lube the chassis, check for play in the steering wheel, and move the front wheel by hand back and forth to see if there's any play in the wheel bearings or tie rods. Finally, make sure all lug nuts are torqued to spec.



Larry Parsons fixed up his wife's classic ride, a 1964 Checker Wagon. *Submitted.*

Parsons also suggested giving any aluminum intakes a once over with a wrench, making sure they're snug. After that, fire the car up and take it for a test drive.

The Time Travellers will gather for its first meet of the season June 8 in Minden. The group runs shows weekly on Thursday

evenings, alternating between Minden and Haliburton. The club has grown to more than 100 members in recent years, with Parsons saying anyone is welcome. Membership is \$25 per year.

For club updates, visit facebook.com/haliburton-highlands-time-travellers.



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Students remember veterans' sacrifices

By Mike Baker

Remembrance was front and centre on a special night at the Haliburton Legion April 28.

The local branch welcomed around 50 people for its 2023 student awards celebration, commemorating the 68 youth who participated in this year's Remembrance Day literary and poster contests.

The tradition has been running for more than 20 years, encouraging students from Stuart Baker and J.D. Hodgson elementary schools and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) to honour the sacrifices of Canadian veterans through personalized works.

Legion member Carolyn Millard organized this year's event – the first the Legion has run since 2019.

"There's so many ways that we can remember those who served our country... the students' participation helps make sure we never forget the sacrifices that have been made to keep our Canada strong and free," she told the crowd.

"Sometimes, it can be easy to think the war was long ago, but there's always a way to link the present to the past," she added.

Millard shared the story of her father, Jim, who served in the Navy during the Second World War. After enlisting in Hamilton, he completed basic training in 'Hammertown' and was assigned to be a submarine detector. He shipped out to Parry Sound and was eventually deployed to Europe.

Millard said her father spent years overseas and documented his service in a series of memoirs.

"My dad was a very humble man. He said he didn't do too much in the war – I guess being a submarine detector was not as dangerous as some other roles. But it's because of people like him that we have [the life we have] today. It's stories like this that remind us why it's so important for us to remember," she said.

HHSS student Sophie Longo won first place in both the zone and district competitions for her entry in the poem contest. Millard noted Longo's submission was now being judged at the provincial level. Results were unavailable as of press time.

Alivia Brown, a student at JDH, won first place in the local intermediate poetry category, for those in Grades 7 to 9, with classmates Azarra Steward and Brianna Vanderstarre finishing second and third. Brown also finished third in the zone competition.

JDH student Annika Gervais placed first locally and third at zone in the intermediate essay contest, with Macie Bielis finishing second and Alivia Brown third. Brooklyn Bielis won locally in the junior category, for Grades 4 to 6, while also placing first at zone and third at district.

Brown won first locally and at zone in the intermediate colour poster contest, with Gervais coming second and Dineke Versteegelsa third. Jordyn Braun placed first locally in the junior category, with



Front from left, Connor Iles, Anika Suke, Campbell Adlam, Mikayla Keller and Luna Scuhr Marziali, and back from left, Mazey Robinson and Annika Gervais pictured alongside Paul Sisson at the Haliburton Legion's student awards night April 28. Photo by Mike Baker.

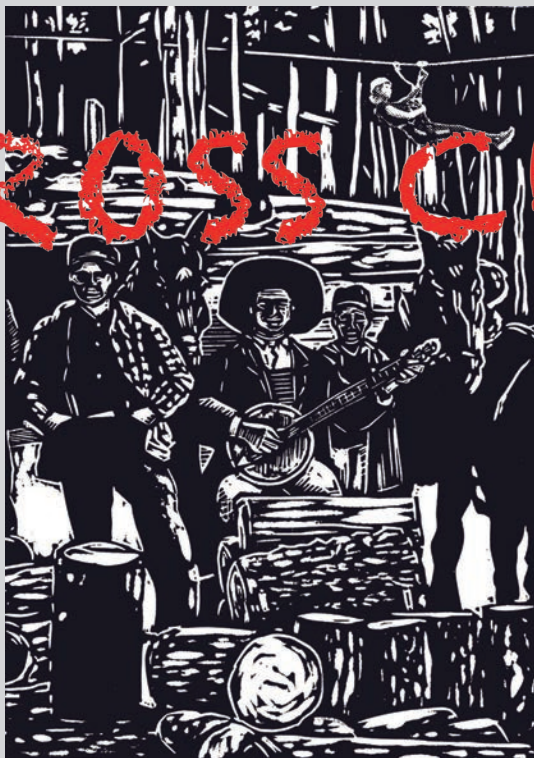
Mia McCarty coming second. Stuart Baker student Luna Scuhr Marziali secured first in the primary category, for Grades 1 to 3, and second in the zone competition, with Campbell Adlam coming second locally and Mikayla Keller third.

HHSS student Isabel Hill placed first locally and at zone in the senior black and

white poster contest, also finishing third at district. Brown won the intermediate category, with Mazey Robinson coming second and Connor Iles third. Claire Lynch won the junior category, with Anika Suke placing second and Claire Hamilton third. The primary category saw Melcolm Lynch finish first and Everly Cox second.

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Committee of Adjustment Vacancy

Council is seeking one (1) interested individual representing Ward 1 or Ward 3 to fill a vacancy as a Committee member for the remainder of the term of Council.

As a Committee Member you will:

- Be a Canadian citizen, 18 years of age or older;
- Be a qualified elector in the Township of Algonquin Highlands;
- Have a planning background by education or experience;
- Have knowledge of rural Ontario issues;
- Understand general land use planning concepts and processes;
- Have knowledge of the Township's Official Plan and Zoning By-law;
- Be available to attend meetings during the day; and
- Not be an employee of the Township of Algonquin Highlands or the County of Haliburton.

Note: Members are appointed to serve as individuals and shall not represent a specific interest group or agency. Members shall be chosen based on their interest, experience, availability, academic qualifications and expertise that they possess. Preference will be given to the criteria above, however applicants without the above listed technical background may also be considered. The public member appointments may be renewed once, but such member shall not serve more than 2 consecutive terms of Council unless explicitly authorized by Council due to continuity of function related to a specific issue or planning exercise.

Any person having an interest in being appointed to the Committee of Adjustment is invited to submit an expression of interest no later than Friday May 26th, 2023, at 4 pm, detailing relevant experience and skills to the attention of:

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A soulful celebration

The Highlands Festival Singers marked its 31st anniversary with 'A Gospel Celebration' at Haliburton United Church April 30. The community choir performed 16 songs for the packed crowd, with piano background and acapella, including *Swing Low*, *Sweet Chariot*, *Freedom Train*, *Go Where I Send Thee*, and *Down by the Riverside*. President Beth Kippling said the group had been rehearsing for the show since September.

Top: Director Melissa Stephens leading the choir through a song. Inset: David Moore performing a powerful solo. *Photos by Mike Baker.*



Mary Jane Mosquito buzzes onto stage

It was a full house at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton April 30 as Razzamataz Kids' Shows welcomed The Carousel Players to town. The travelling troupe brought their hour-long three-person show 'The Incredible Adventures of Mary Jane Mosquito' to life, using music to show how to overcome issues like isolation, discrimination and bullying to make friends and adapt to new places. This was the final Razzamataz show of the season.

Shane O'Regan, Brianne Tucker and Catherine Teichman commanded the stage.
Photo by Mike Baker.

Schleifenbaum scratches itch

By Lisa Gervais

When Peter Schleifenbaum retired as general manager of Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve a few years ago, he enthusiastically pursued an opportunity to scratch a long standing, metaphorical, “itch.”

Retirement gave him the time and opportunity to travel to exotic, dangerous and inhospitable locations.

Yours Outdoors, which is presenting the story as part of its speaker series, May 10, said Schleifenbaum’s interest, “clearly is not the ‘holiday’ tourism featured in the weekend editions of the daily newspapers. This is small group excursions to some of the most difficult places to get into, and get out of. These expeditions are not booked through a local travel agency, and they don’t come with glossy brochures.”

Schleifenbaum will be talking about visits to North Korea, Eritrea and El Salvador.

“These countries, for a variety of reasons, are some of the least visited nations in the world,” the Speaker Series team said.

“For example, North Korea and Eritrea issue fewer than 10,000 visas per year - some even suggest the number is as low as 5,000. Yet all three countries have a lot to offer to western travellers, if, in the case of North Korea, it is only to experience in-person Orwell’s 1984.

“Eritrea’s capital, Asmara, has some of the best art-deco architecture in the world and El Salvador is probably, Afghanistan and Venezuela notwithstanding, as close as you can get to a failed state with all the consequences,” organizers said.

“Peter Schleifenbaum is an outstanding, passionate public speaker and a very accomplished, expert photographer. For all of those who haven’t been out of the Highlands for so long due to the virus, and who may also harbour a travel ‘itch’, this will be a wonderful way to see and hear about these intriguing and exotic countries from someone who has been there.”

The event takes place at the Fish Hatchery 6712 Gelert Rd., at 7 p.m. May 10. Admission is \$15. Reserve your seat by booking online at yoursoutdoors.ca.



Peter Schleifenbaum, pictured at his Haliburton home, will share travel stories next Wednesday. *File.*



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Helping Kathy celebrate books

By Lisa Gervais

Authors Marie Gage, Kathy Purc, Janet Trull and Brenda Peddigrew joined Kathy Stouffer in celebrating Canadian Independent Bookstore Day April 29 in Haliburton.

It is an annual day when readers, writers, illustrators and publishers come together to celebrate indie bookstores across Canada.

“In Haliburton, we are lucky to have Master’s Bookstore, owned and operated by Kathy Stouffer for over 30 years,” Trull said. “Her extensive inventory is stacked to the ceiling with international best-sellers, Canadian literature, and children’s books. Kathy maintains this welcoming space for readers, and she generously supports authors and poets by featuring their novels, memoirs and poetry collections.”

There was a snack table, a chance to meet and learn from the authors, and prizes.

“Over the years, Kathy has been carrying books that reflect our Highlands spirit,” Trull added. “This was our chance to show our appreciation.”

People came in to browse, have a snack, select their summer reading material, and meet with the authors.

“It was a time to exchange reading suggestions with other book lovers, chat about their favourite authors, connect with readers and writers, and say thank you for this important service in our community,” Trull said.

Kathy Stouffer, left, has owned and operated Master’s Bookstore in Haliburton for more than 30 years. She was joined by authors April 29. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*





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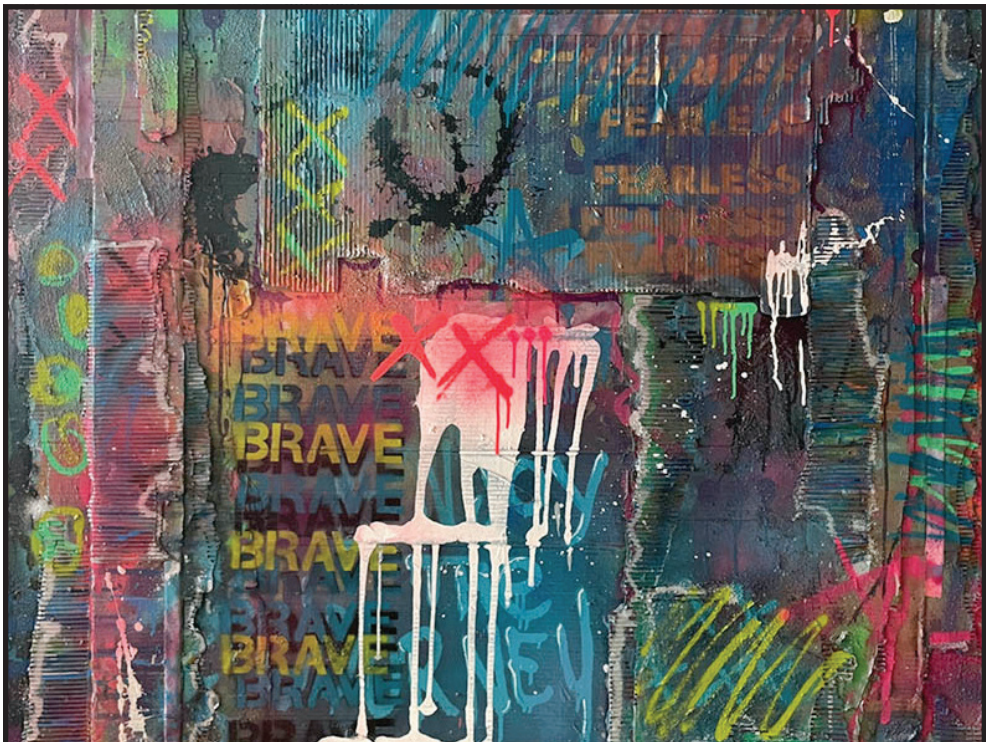


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- May 4, noon.**
The Haliburton Highlands Long-Term Care Coalition invites you to attend its health care privatization referendum information session in Minden along Deep Bay Road (by the HHHS sign). For more information and to volunteer, email hhlcoalition@gmail.com or call Bonnie Roe at 705-457-6579.
- May 6, 13 and 20.**
The Arts Council Haliburton Highlands is inviting families with children to join local artists for a hands-on collaborative project - Community Cardboard Village Workshops. The event will see people construct cardboard buildings of local landmarks to recreate our villages, featuring scenery, roads, vehicles, and villagers. The events are free. Register ahead of time at haliburtonarts.on.ca.
- May 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
Places for People is hosting its 'Biggest Book Sale Ever' fundraiser at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery. There will be over 3,000 titles available covering topics such as gardening, martial arts, spirituality, alternative energy, permaculture and more. By making a \$100 donation, you get an exclusive first-pick of 10 books between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. To pre-register, email info@placesforpeople.ca.
- May 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**
Spring Craft and Vendor Market at the Burnt River Community Centre. Over 25 vendors participating, so there will be something for everyone. Free admission, prizes to be won, parking available on-site.
- May 6, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
The Arts Council Haliburton Highlands is inviting families with children from five to 12 to join them for a hands-on collaborative project. Taking place in the training centre at SIRCH Bistro.
- May 9, 2 to 3 p.m.**
Join Mona Lam-Deslippe at the Dysart library as she discusses social media safety tips for adults and seniors. Register for this free program at haliburtonlibrary.ca or by calling 705-457-2241.
- May 10, 5:30 to 8 p.m.**
With persistent poverty, rising inequality and the changing nature of work, a livable basic income guarantee can address economic insecurity and contribute to a dignified life for all. Attend a seminar at Haliburton United Church to deepen your understanding of basic income, discuss the benefits and challenges of this approach and learn about the growing movement. To register, contact joanegrant99@bell.net.
- May 10: 7 p.m.**
Join Environment Haliburton! for a virtual conversation with Jamie Kneen, from MiningWatch Canada, on the impact of mineral extraction on humans and the larger natural world as we transition from fossil fuels to renewables. To register, visit environmenthaliburton.org, contact Terry Moore at tmoore7031@gmail.com.
- May 10, 7 p.m.**
Yours Outdoors' The Speaker Series welcomes Peter Schleifenbaum to recount his recent travels to some of the most difficult and dangerous places on earth to get into, and out of, including North Korea, Eritrea and El Salvador. Event taking place at the Haliburton fish hatchery building. Admission is \$15 per person. To reserve a seat, call 705-457-7557, or email info@yoursoutdoors.ca.
- May 11, 4:15 and 7:15 p.m.**
Those Other Movies presents *I Like Movies* at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. This crowd-pleasing movie is a witty dramedy about a socially awkward 17-year-old cinephile who takes a part-time job at a video store to earn enough money to attend film school at New York University. For more information, email pattilourobinson@gmail.com or tamm.1.rea@gmail.com.
- May 13, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
Haliburton Lions' Mother's Day Food Drive at Haliburton and Wilberforce Foodland locations. All donations will support the 4Cs Food Bank in Haliburton and the Wilberforce Food Bank.
- May 13, 10 to 11:30 a.m.**
Kids of all ages are welcome at SIRCH Community Services in Haliburton to make a craft for mom for Mother's Day. Please RSVP with your child's name and age at info@sirch.on.ca, or calling 705-457-1742.
- May 13, noon to 2 p.m.**
Free Live music at SIRCH Bistro, featuring popular local musician Gord Kidd. Soup and baked goods will be available for purchase.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

- Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129**
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Mondays: Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Room.
Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall & bingo, doors open at 6 p.m.
Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: 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.
Saturdays: 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.
- Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, call the Legion at 705-457-2571, email rcl129@outlook.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com.
- Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden**
Monday - Thursday: Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with regular menu and daily special including Liver Lovers' Tuesday.
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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 activities:**
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Monday: Rug Hookers every second week.
Tuesday: Euchre 1-3 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1-3 p.m., Darts 7-9 p.m. and euchre 7-9 p.m.
- Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624 Wilberforce**
May 5: Wing night and jam session, 5 to 8 p.m.
May 6: Open 2 to 6 p.m. Meat draw at 3 p.m.
May 7 and 8: Closed
May 9: Open 4 p.m. General meeting at 7 p.m. Elections. All 2023 membership dues must be paid to attend the meeting and vote.
May 10: Open 2 to 6 p.m. Darts at 2 p.m.
May 11: Open 2 to 6 p.m. HHHS social recreation 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
May 20 is the Lou Moody Rainbow Trout fishing derby. Tickets are \$20 per fish. Register by May 19 at the Legion.
June 23 to 25 is the 50th anniversary celebration for Branch 624. Everyone welcome.
- Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519 Coboconk**
Tuesdays: Euchre - 1 p.m. Open Darts - 7 p.m.
First Wednesday of the month: Big Buck Bid Euchre from 10 a.m. \$15 per person.
Saturdays: Music & Meat Roll - Music starts 2 p.m. Meat Roll at 3 p.m.
- Elimination draw May 20, grand prize is \$600. For more information contact Legion 705-454-8127.



Committee of Adjustment - Notice of Public Hearing (Rescheduled Meeting) Applications For Minor Variance

TAKE NOTICE THAT due to technical issues, the public hearing scheduled for April 24, 2023 was cancelled. In accordance with By-law #20-84 a Special Meeting of the Committee of Adjustment is being scheduled to otherwise proceed with the public hearings.

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

Date: Monday, May 15, 2023

Time: 9:30 AM

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

To participate: Join the meeting by telephone by dialing either: 1-647-374-4685 OR 1-647-558-0588

Enter Meeting ID: 831 7329 0508 **and Passcode:** 843561

Join the meeting using a computer or smart phone at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83173290508?pwd=M3hkOFdseVB0d0NsczZHYXhzVXZDdz09>

Members of the public are welcome to watch the Committee of Adjustment meeting by joining YouTube at: <https://youtube.com/live/ot2CSHem8-Y?feature=share>

Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Hearing must pre-register by emailing dsson@mindenhills.ca by Friday May 12th before 4:00 PM or by attending and registering the morning of the meeting before 9:00 AM. Participants registering after 9:00 AM will not be permitted into the public hearing.

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

The purpose of the Public Meeting will be to consider Minor Variance Applications PLMV2022100, PLMV2023002, PLMV2023006, PLMV2023014, PLMV2023018 and PLMV2023021 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:

PLMV2022100 - Part Lot 18, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1017 Canfield Lane and located on Canning 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 a two-storey, 44.6 square metre addition to an existing two-storey, 69.11 square metre dwelling on an existing undersized lot. The effect of the application would be to permit an increase in the ground floor area of the existing cottage by 64.5% whereas an increase in 25% is otherwise permitted. The effect of the application would also permit an increase in size of the dwelling, being a structure located in part within 15 metres of the high-water mark, where no size increase is otherwise permitted.



PLMV2023002 - Part Lot 22, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Lutterworth municipally known as 1244 Wessell Road and located on East Moore 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 tear down of an existing one-storey dwelling with attached decks and having reduced water and front lot line setbacks to construct a new 1.5-storey dwelling with a partial walkout basement and attached deck and covered porch. The effect of the application would permit an increase in the dwelling height of 3.93 metres whereas otherwise an increase of 1.2 metres is permitted, together with an increased dwelling size of 205.6% whereas a maximum of 25% is permitted. The application will also serve to recognize high-water mark and front lot line setbacks for the covered porch, being a new structure, of 15.24 metres and 4.03 metres, respectively whereas otherwise 23 metres is required.



PLMV2023006 - Part Lot 27, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Lutterworth; municipally known as 1022 Passing Grade and located on Moore 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 expansion of a one-storey dwelling in the form of a new sunroom and to enlarge an existing attached deck having a setback to the high-water mark of 14.5 metres. The effect of the application would permit a reduced side yard setback of 4.2 metres to the sunroom whereas otherwise 4.5 metres is required and to further permit an increased deck size of 45.9% whereas no increase in size is permitted within 15 metres of the high water mark; and to further permit a roof overhang of 2.46 metres over a portion of the existing deck.



PLMV2023014 - Part Lot 19, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1048 Masters Lane and located on Canning Lake Kashagawigamog Lake Narrows (See Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose and effect of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended to permit the addition of a second story on a portion of the existing dwelling having a deficient water yard setback of 7.6 metres, together with construction of a screened porch, on an undersized lot. The effect of the application would permit an increased height of 6.86 metres and increased size of 108.6 square metres, whereas otherwise no increase in size or height is permitted within 15 metres of the highwater mark.



PLMV2023018 - Part Lot 5, Concession A, Geographic Township of Snowdon; municipally known as 1031 Howland Junction Road (See Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose and effect 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 single storey detached garage having a ground floor area of 47.6 square metres, to located in the front yard, being closer to the public road than the main dwelling.



PLMV2023021 - Part Lot 17, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1640 Reynolds Road (See Key Map).

Purpose and Effect of the Application: The purpose of the application is to provide relief from the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, to permit the construction of a 2-storey detached garage having a ground floor area of 95 square metres. The effect of the application would permit a new deficient side yard of 3 metres whereas a setback of 10 metres is otherwise required, and being located being closer to the public road than the main dwelling; as well as to permit the upper floor of the proposed garage to be used as an exercise area and home office.



Additional information regarding these applications will be available online. Links to meeting agendas and full reports can be found on our Minden Hills Civic Web. A copy of the complete applications 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.

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

Accessibility: The Township of Minden Hills is committed to providing services as set out in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005. If you have accessibility needs and require alternative formats or other accommodations, please contact the undersigned.

Privacy Disclosure: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record and may be disclosed/made available by the Township as deemed appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Township with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

For more information about this matter contact at adougherty@mindenhills.ca or 705-742-2297 ext. 278

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OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of Tim Casey

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday evening, April 25, 2023, surrounded by his loving family in his 74th year. Beloved husband and best friend of Lornell Casey. Loving father of Pat (Angie), Joanna, Jason (Ashlee) and Pam. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Regan (Christine), Parker (Emily), Reese (Amelia), Kiera (Brady), Devonte, Kemauhl, McKinnon (Nick), Hannah (Jackson) and by his great grandson Frankie. Dear brother of Dennis (Roxanne) and Nedeane (Dennis). Predeceased by his sister Joanne and his parents Earle & Jean Casey. Also lovingly remembered by his many nieces and nephews. Tim was a Big Brother to London Reynolds. Tim was a renowned educator in rock drilling and blasting and many other construction fields. He enjoyed reading, camping, fishing on the Great Bear Lake, and most of all spending time with his grandchildren. Birch Point Lodge on Lake Kashagawigamog was one of his most favourite places growing up.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Sunday afternoon, April 30, 2023 from 1-4 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held on Monday morning, May 1, 2023 in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). A Private Family Interment will take place later at Evergreen Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peterborough or Haliburton Library would be appreciated by the family.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Celebration of Life for Charlotte Pellerin



Saturday
June 3, 2023
11 am - 3 pm
15 Austin Drive,
Kinmount

Charlotte passed on March 24, 2023 after her latest bout of Cancer. She was in her year 73. Those who knew Charlotte remember her smile and positive outlook on life. Please come if you knew Charlotte, to honor her memory and share with others your memories and stories that you may have.

Charlotte has been cremated.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Please call her husband Ron to confirm your attendance 705 307-0384.



In Loving Memory of (Richard) Ben King

Who passed away suddenly as the result of a motor vehicle accident on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at the age of 47.

Ben, beloved son of Cathy and Murray and dear brother to Terry, his wife Jen and niece Emma. Beloved father to the love of his life Laine and friend of Laine's mother Tammy and her family. Loving "Step daddio" to Mellissa and Ashley, friend to their mother Tracy and Puterbaugh family, grampa to Logan and Bella. There was a special bond Ben and his brother Terry had with their cousins Mandy, Jason, Mitchell and Adam. Dearly missed by Aunt/Uncles Pat and Fred, Susan and Brent, Sandra, John, Wendy and Roy, and Great Aunt Barbara and Klich family. Predeceased by his four grandparents whom Ben is now reunited with in heaven. Ben especially loved his Grandpa Joes to whom he shared a special bond and who in Ben's words was his best friend and idol. Whether sitting by campfire, watching a movie, playing darts, sharing laughs or just chatting on the phone. Ben cherished time spent with many friends and will be dearly missed by special friends Benji and Crego family, Clinton, Liza, Sherry B, Scott and John. At a very early age Ben had a passion for finding out how things worked and his dream of becoming a great auto mechanic was meant to be. He had a kind heart, always willing to lend a helping hand to family, friends and neighbours.

A cremation has taken place and a private family interment will be held at Kinmount Cemetery. Friends are invited to join family for a celebration of Ben's Life on Saturday, May 13th from 1 to 4pm at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441, 11 County Road 503, Kinmount for refreshments and sharing stories, with words from family and close friends at 2:30 p.m.

Ben's love for his son Laine was great it would be his wish to make sure Laine was looked after. A trust fund is being set up for donations to the Laine King Trust Fund (cheques and cash only) would be greatly appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



In Loving Memory of Lois Jennie Watson (nee Sleightholm)

(Lois was from Whitby, Ontario)

Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Saturday, January 28th, 2023, at the age of 94.

Loving wife of the late James Allan Watson. Dear mother of John and his wife Kim Lewis and predeceased by Shelley Lynn. Loving grandma of Shawn (Sophie), Jamie (Jen), Mike (Terry), Tabitha, Christopher (Tina), Caleb and by her many great grandchildren. Dear sister of Sheila (Stan-deceased), Jean (Charlie), Maureen (Alec) (both deceased), Kathleen (deceased) (John), sister-in-law of Isabelle (Bud-deceased) and her many nieces and nephews.

A Service to Celebrate Lois' Life will be held at the St. John's Anglican Church, 150 Victoria St. E., Whitby, Ontario on Wednesday, May 17th, 2023 at 11:00 am.

Memorial Donations to the Alzheimer's Society 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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OBITUARY

CHAMBERS, Robert

July 14, 1953 - April 03, 2023



Sudden Cardiac Arrest.... In his favourite spot, on the couch, in the house he planned and built, looking out his big picture window at the property he worked and designed, his little slice of Heaven, Dad was under his heated blanket, they said he even had a coffee in front of him ... One second he was with us, literally the next he was gone. No pain, no struggle, naturally he slid from our world into a world where his hands didn't hurt, his heart was full and he could enjoy a few adult beverages without a hangover! Robert Chambers leaves behind so many people who regard him as a Best Friend, The Best of the Best, a man who would easily do anything he could to make someone else's life happier, easier and better. In the past week I have been in his world, met some of his friends, met folks I've heard about in conversations at my dinner table... I am so aware that in Dad's world, friends are family and family are friends. He had a passion for Coca Cola, he was proud of the work he did there. He spoke so highly of the many people he created meaningful relationships with during his 35 year career. His love for his sisters and brother was apparent by the smile he wore every time he shared a update or a memory... His cousins, were not only blood, but he truly loved them dearly and trusted them fully. Dad was very old fashioned, he was a "hippie" and a rocker... and his word was his bond! I am so thankful for the time he gifted back to me and my sons and the friendship he and my Mom rekindled (along with Lorraine too, of course). He had a beautiful friendship with my boys, especially my youngest son, Chris, who he talked to a video chatted multiple times a day... my son has special needs and that never changed the way his Grandpa would talk to him, tease him, question him or bond with him.

I am personally so Thankful for the gift of time together and all the memories we created over the past 6 to 7 years... he promised me he would do his best to be here and he was faithful to that promise and it meant the world to me... I'm so glad I love bombed him and made sure he knew exactly how much I loved him... there is simply never enough time, we always want just one more... my heart is broken for our loss and the loss so many of you have graciously shared.

We invite you to his celebration of life, it will be held on the weekend of May 6th and May 7th

On the 6th a special celebration will be held at his favourite restaurant called Till Death BBQ (5014 Haliburton Lake Road, Eagle Lake, Ontario, K0M 1M0) from 1-4 pm. My Dad loved the food there, and with good reason, I suggest you plan on ordering a traveller meal to go, like Dad did faithfully each week... he loved supporting local business and he LOVED Joy, Shannon, Dezyree and so many others. A big thank you to the ownership (family) and my Dads good friend Maggie Muggs May Magoo for making this day possible. Maggie you are truly one of a kind!

On Sunday, May 7th, join myself, Jennifer Cameron-Simpson, his special family: Susan Wilson, Dave Noddle, (Fran Chambers) Gary Chambers, Cindy Chambers, Sarah Chambers, Ken Chambers, Mike Chambers Cooper, Dawn Chambers-LeDuc, and Susan Bajona. We are welcoming family from near and far... and friends too... come out, share your stories, enjoy a few good hours at his pride and joy, his home... meet up with family you have not seen in forever, put faces to names on some of the characters you heard about in Dad's stories and send him off with a smile. This celebration of Dad's life will begin at 12 and will go till ...?

If you do not have the address and would like to join us please reach out to me via Messenger...

If you are unable to join us, we would love to hear one or two of your favourite stories... or you can share your favourite photos!!!

As per Dad's conversations, he expressed not wanting a sad funeral, he wanted to be remembered with a smile. He has been cremated and as per his wishes he will join Cindy Walker in their final resting place at Maple Lake United Church Cemetery, the interment will take place at a later date.

Special Thanks to his friends, Corey and Maggie, for looking after Dad when he needed you most. XO

Arrangements entrusted to Considerate Cremation & Burial Services, 26 Nihan Drive, St. Catharines (between Lake Street & Scott Street), 289-362-1144. Online condolences may be made at CCBSCares.ca.

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This position is Monday through Friday from May through November. Medical benefits – wages based on experience and performance.

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Must be organized and have excellent customer service skills when dealing in person, on the phone or other technology platforms. Must be self-motivated, willing to learn and retain information. Experience with Service Titan software an asset but willing to train.

This is a full time position – Monday through Friday. Medical benefits – wages based on experience and performance.

Please send resumes to carla@generatorsolutions.ca

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Summer Positions with SIRCH Community Services

SIRCH is a well-known, innovative, charitable organization in Haliburton County with a variety of services and programs including Thrift Warehouse, Community Kitchen, and the SIRCH Bistro and Bakery. We are looking for enthusiastic, positive summer workers, ages 15 – 29 who would like to join our team in the following positions in and around Haliburton:

Thrift Warehouse Haliburton Retail Assistant

Responsibilities will include a wide variety of jobs in the receiving bay and in the store. In the bay Assistants will screen and accept/decline donations, sort donated items, test electronics and small appliances, take priced items out to the store. In the store, the Assistants will help with sales and customer service, putting priced items on the shelves, helping with carry out, and cash.

Community Garden/Roadside Market Assistant

Responsibilities will include helping with the community garden (weeding, watering, harvesting), and assisting with food production (washing produce, chopping, freezing/dehydrating, assisting with cooking, clean up etc). You may be loading produce into the mobile market, accompanying the van to various locations, set up and take down, talking with customers, cash, etc.

Community Kitchen Helper

Responsibilities will include assisting our Chef to prepare, cook and package frozen meals, create nutrition labels and keep track of statistics. You may also assist with food production, helping process donated produce (clean, cut, blanch, freeze, dehydrate, etc).

Bistro & Bakery Helper

Responsibilities will include setting up the Bistro and patio for the day ahead, cleaning tables, serving customers, clearing tables and cleaning up. You may be taking food to tables, refilling drinks, or responding to customer requests, always with a smile. And you will also assist on cash. You will also refill condiments and other supplies at tables and in serving areas, help load and unload trucks picking up or delivering food and supplies. At times, you may be asked to assist in the bakery or kitchen.

Send a cover letter indicating which job(s) you are interested in, along with your resume to: info@sirch.on.ca



The Municipality of Highlands East
Is Currently Seeking A

Full-Time Building Inspector
Rate of Pay - \$29.35

A copy of the detailed job posting and description are available upon request or on the Highlands East website at www.highlandseast.ca

If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications **clearly marked "Application – Building Inspector"** may be submitted on or before 4:00 p.m., Friday, May 12th, 2023 via mail, in person or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

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

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

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

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The Corporation of the County of Haliburton
Requires a

Shoreline Permit Administrator/Bylaw Compliance Officer

Reporting to the Director of Planning, the Shoreline Permit Administrator/By-law Compliance Officer is responsible for organizing and administering the shoreline permit system and ensuring compliance with relevant by-laws.

Successful applicants will possess two years of municipal experience with a minimum of one year in a related field and a valid driver's licence. Working knowledge of the Planning Act, Municipal Act, and provincial court proceedings, as well as completion of Provincial Offences or Municipal Offences Officer training an asset.

The hourly rate for this unionized CUPE position is \$30.58. This position includes participation in the OMERS defined benefit pension program and employer paid extended health benefits.

Visit our website at www.haliburtoncounty.ca/careers for a more detailed posting and job description.

Please forward your resume to shume@haliburtoncounty.ca no later than May 30, 2023, at 4:30pm.

We thank all who apply for this position; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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- Comfortable with using a computer is an asset
- General administrative duties
- Monday-Friday

We offer:

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- Workplace training

Email resumes to:
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PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Haliburton County Public Library
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Part-time Library Branch Staff**

Successful applicants will have enthusiasm for creating and running library programs, excellent interpersonal and communication skills, and demonstrated proficiency in basic computer software, internet applications, e-books and mobile devices. Educational requirements include an OLS Certificate in Small Library Management, or a Library Technician Diploma, or a combination of education and related experience.

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- Across**
- 1 "I'm such an IDIOT!"
 - 4 Groups within groups
 - 11 Meme file, often
 - 14 ___-lacto vegetarian
 - 15 Heaped haphazardly
 - 16 French "a"
 - 17 Not masc.
 - 18 Pen enclosing the Great Barrier Reef?
 - 20 Go totally ballistic
 - 22 Opening for light?
 - 23 Kellogg brand once called Froffles
 - 24 Bread burgled from a German bakery?
 - 28 Decide in favour of
 - 29 Toots alternative
 - 30 Suffix with count or baron
 - 31 Mao's successor
 - 32 Lab assistant?
 - 34 Greek Ns
 - 36 One trimming a sharpshooter's hair?
 - 41 Bird's beak
 - 42 Attracted to pos.
 - 43 Coltrain Spanish song title
 - 44 WhatsApp chats
 - 47 Supermarket door word
 - 49 Waved off
 - 51 Doing an employee evaluation on a narc?
 - 54 ___ probandi (burden of proof)
 - 55 Honshu river
 - 56 Exams for future attys.
 - 59 Crooner Michael's COVID-safe circle?
 - 63 Toronto arts magazine
 - 64 Planet, to Pound
 - 65 Vicious Vlad, for one
 - 66 Efile recipient, for short
 - 67 Whodunit author Josephine ___
 - 68 Ones with slim hopes?
 - 69 Novel subj.

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- Down**
- 1 Take off the top?
 - 2 "Your turn," in CB lingo
 - 3 Having a rustic simplicity
 - 4 Fed up with
 - 5 Game name meaning "one"
 - 6 Tradesperson?
 - 7 Reproduce, as salmon
 - 8 Billie with seven Grammys
 - 9 Kid-glove treatment, briefly
 - 10 Google hits booster, in webspeak
 - 11 It's heard when you pull the plug
 - 12 Since forever
 - 13 Ones wanted for bank jobs, maybe?
 - 19 Theologian's study: Abbr.
 - 21 Manage to get
 - 25 Beetle named Herbie, with "the"
 - 26 "The ___ Show" (Fallon's program)
 - 27 "Come ___!" (call from a balcony)
 - 28 Post Honey Graham ___

- 33 "That's Hockey" TV channel
- 35 Rightmost utensils in place settings
- 37 Lowly labourer
- 38 Easily stacked, as 35-Down
- 39 Graceful refinement
- 40 3-ball's colour, in pool
- 44 Will Smith automaton sci-fi
- 45 Organic soil enhancer
- 46 Bygone beer bottle, per its shape
- 48 Road show group
- 50 A "Battle of Alberta" hockey team
- 52 Part of P.E.I.: Abbr.
- 53 Being given a pitch
- 57 Needing to be mended
- 58 Stuff in a prize bag, e.g.
- 60 Post-Ramadan fête
- 61 Wgt.-to-hgt. ratio
- 62 The Once-___ ("The Lorax" character)

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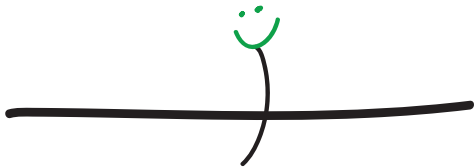
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