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Basic income 'prevents poverty'

By Mike Baker

Judy Paul is one of a handful of Highlanders trying to progress the idea of a universal basic income (UBI), believing it to be the key to eradicating poverty in one of Ontario's hardest hit areas.

Workshops in Minden in February and Haliburton May 10 attracted about 50

people and led to healthy discussion, Paul said, with most "quite supportive" of a UBI.

"In Canada, the rich are getting richer while the poor and middle class are stagnating. People are struggling and in a lot of cases they don't know who to turn to, what to do," Paul said. "Introducing a

basic income can help so many people in so many ways – it can help women leave abusive relationships, it can help families put food on the table, inspire people to turn their lives around.'

The UBI concept has been around Canada for more than 50 years. A program, dubbed 'Mincome' was rolled

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Citizens seek Minden ER injunction

By Lisa Gervais

The Save Minden Ontario Emergency Room group is planning to seek a court injunction to stop the June 1 closure of the Minden ER.

At a rally at the Minden fairgrounds May 21, group leader Patrick Porzuczek introduced Jayson Schwartz, of Toronto-based firm Schwartz Law Partners. The long-time Minden cottager has, in turn, secured litigators, Ross Nasseri LLP, also of Toronto, to lead the fight.

Addressing hundreds at the rally, Schwartz said he and his wife have had a cottage on South Lake for more than 20 years and now spend 60-65 per cent of their time there

In offering to work for free on the case, he added, "I have a great love of the community." He said he specializes in corporate, commercial and real estate law, and is not a litigator, which is why he has brought Mark Ross and Justin Nasseri on.

"I have found us lawyers," Schwartz told a clapping crowd. "They are remarkable young men who have an unbelievable reputation in the litigation field in Toronto." Ross and Nasseri met with Schwartz and members of the Save group this past Sunday after the

Schwartz added money donated through his law firm's email address was being transferred to a trust fund May 23.

He also touched on possible outcomes for the fulltime and seasonal residents who came to donate money for food and drinks and lined up to support the legal challenge.

"Can we permanently stop the closure of this emergency room with litigation? I don't believe we can, but I do believe we can stop it for June 1," he said.

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Lawyer: time to lobby Premier Ford

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Schwartz added, "everybody talks about how HHHS didn't consult with the community. Sadly, the law seems to say that they don't have to.

"We have a lot of evidence we've put together that will give these lawyers the opportunity to bring an application for an injunction to basically stop this closure. I think that's a shot and I think that's where your money is going."

He said the community has to "turn to other methodologies" to keep the ER open. He suggested establishing a committee of concerned citizens, including the mayor, to meet with Premier Doug Ford, to come up with a long-term plan.

"I say to Mr. Ford, sir, would you please look at what is going on in Minden. Hundreds and hundreds of people have shown up to support keeping their ER open, many of us from Toronto and the environs therein... there has to be a way."

As the intermediary between the Save group and the litigators, Schwartz added, "I promise to make sure they don't squander your money. I will make sure they apply it in the best way possible. And I will make sure that every dollar is accounted for. I have to sign every cheque as it goes out, so I am responsible in that regard."

As of May 21, the community had already raised \$50,000 of an estimated \$100,000 retainer.

Mayor Bob Carter also spoke at the rally

and explained that the township cannot be involved in the legal proceedings.

"There is a big difference between ... what an individual can do and what a government can do. Any time government sues government, one, it takes a long time and, two, it costs a lot of money. So, we cannot be seen to be part of any legal action at this point."

He said he can now talk to HHHS and government, but would lose that ability in the midst of a lawsuit. He added he was not ruling out future legal action by the municipality or County.

Carter renews calls for HHHS board to resign

Carter explained to the crowd why he asked for the HHHS board to resign during a May 16 County council meeting.

He cited his first reason as a lack of consultation by HHHS on the decision. He said HHHS didn't talk to the doctors, the nurses and the people involved because they were worried about rumours.

He said the second reason was timing. "We want to do this in six weeks. We've been working this way for 30 years but in six weeks we're going to change it all."

Carter said his third reason was HHHS' plan for June 1, saying it appeared to be, "we don't have one yet. We're going to be making it up over those next six weeks."

Carter claims the board has failed



Minden cottager, and lawyer, Jayson Schwartz speaks to a rally at the fairgrounds May 21. *Photo by Lisa Gervais*.

in its fiduciary (trusting relationship) responsibilities. "They allowed this decision to go forward without any of the things that needed to be done.

"I don't have the answer, and the plan required for delivering emergency services in all of Haliburton County. If I needed to come up with that answer, I'd have to consult a lot of people. I'd have to be talking to you (the crowd). I'd have to be talking to doctors. I'd have to be talking to nurses and all of the stakeholders, because only together can we develop a plan."





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Minden ER doctor critical of HHHS decision

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is going to spend more money for less service and still be at risk of an emergency room closure under its consolidation plan, Minden ER lead, Dr. Bruno Helt, says.

In a May 18 interview, Dr. Helt said going to one ER, from two, obviously means less

He added despite HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer saying consolidating to Haliburton will lessen the risk of a temporary ER closure, he's not convinced.

As the scheduler of the Minden ER department, he said they had doctors signed up until the end of September and it was never at risk of closing this summer – unless the Haliburton ER were to close, in which the Minden ER doctors would not be able to safely handle the overflow of patients.

Dr. Helt said Plummer told County council at a May 16 meeting HHHS was in a similar staffing position at this time last year going into summer. He added that is when the prospect of short-notice, temporary closures was raised. If Haliburton is in a similar staffing position leading up to the June 1 consolidation, he is worried HHHS will be unable to fill all doctor shifts. The health care organization has already stated it is understaffed for June, July and August, though Plummer expressed confidence all shifts will be filled.

Plummer said on May 23, "HHHS is now in a better situation for physician staffing in the month of June than we were at this time last year. The anticipated temporary closures were as a result of nursing staff shortages. With the consolidation, HHHS has been able to adjust the nursing staff schedule to better match anticipated patient volumes, which decrease in the overnight hours. This will help to reduce the risk of temporary, shortnotice, unpredictable closures that would have had a significant negative impact on the community."

Dr. Helt also thinks staffing will come at a premium, with doctors being incentivized to come to Haliburton. He further confirmed his Minden ER group will have to be paid out of their contracts. "They broke the contract for us. We're supposed to have a 90-day notification period. They gave us six weeks."

Dr. Helt said it is not a consolidation of two hospitals and two physician groups since his



Hundreds flocked to a Minden Save the ER rally at the fairgrounds May 21. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

doctors are not going to Haliburton.

"It's basically the Haliburton group still in a very vulnerable position, where they have to cover lots of shifts and Health Force is going be required to cover whatever they can't, and Carolyn said that at the meeting, they're working with Health Force, but it's never a

He noted they will be going from 60 to 90 shifts a month in Haliburton.

Dr. Helt went on to say, "I don't see why it had to happen before the summer. I do believe it would have been better to happen after the summer. Was there a risk of a Minden closure by itself? No. Was there a risk of a Halliburton closure by itself? Yes."

Dr. Helt said he and colleague, Dr. Dennis Fiddler, encouraged HHHS to involve the community in a decision of this sort.

"Because there are so many smart people.

You've got lawyers, businessmen, politicians, you've got all sorts of people who might have a different idea on how to tackle this problem. And why not put it out there to have them involved in this discussion as well."

The group said, like much of the community, they only received the news in April. After getting through last summer and not hearing anything this spring, "I thought we were going to be in the same situation as last summer and they got through last summer. So, I thought okay, we're in a new normal, and we're just going to have to see

Dr. Helt said he did chat with community leaders and urged them to lobby to pause the decision, or get a temporary closure as opposed to a permanent one.

"If it's shown Minden wasn't this unstable

department, and did have functionality, maybe it can be looked at again in October."

However, he also said, "they still would have a significant challenge of finding physicians to fill those spots in the summer. Some of us might be able to pick them (shifts) back up but there's going to be a lot more holes in that schedule.

"This shouldn't have happened now. It shouldn't have happened in the way that it happened. It should have had much more public engagement, community engagement. It should have had more physician engagement, saying this is what we have to do. How are we going to make this work? Nothing happened from September until April of this year. And there could have been a lot more work done to say 'okay, guess what, this is what's going to happen based on the information we have.'

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DYSART ET AL NEWS

Site alteration bylaw tabled

Dysart council will consider a new site alteration bylaw for the next couple of weeks before deciding whether to adopt it.

Chief building official, Karl Korpela, tabled legislation establishing clear restrictions on what property owners can and cannot do on land fronting water and environmentally protected (EP) areas May 23. He noted the document had been drafted following extensive public consultation, which saw 27 people attend a stakeholder meeting in West Guilford May 3 and 144 people respond to a virtual questionnaire.

"It was a great process that brought in a lot of good information," Korpela said, noting most of the questions and concerns raised centred on potential impacts of development to fish habitats and EP zones.

The bylaw includes a 30-metre buffer zone for most new development on the water, which Korpela said is consistent with the County's tree preservation bylaw. There are some exceptions outlined in the uppertier legislation - structures such as drop awnings, clothes poles, flagpoles, gates, garden trellises, retaining walls, stairways, 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 allowed within the buffer zone.

The bylaw also proposes an allowance for clearing of a five-metre-wide path to provide access to the water on land not adjacent to fish habitat or an EP zone. Korpela clarified no site alteration is permitted on waterfront lots adjacent to fish habitats, saying the township will use mapping information published by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to identify those sites. In an EP zone, site alteration is restricted to a 1.5-metre-wide stairway, walkway or boardwalk with limited impact to native vegetation.

Korpela suggests any shoreline adjacent to a fish habitat be restored with a minimum three-metre vegetation buffer from the high water mark, consisting of native shrubs and plants.

Owners who receive a notice requiring site alteration will have 15 days to complete the work, request an extension or submit an appeal. There will be fines for specific offences, Korpela noted, though amounts were not disclosed.

Council will provide feedback at the next regular meeting June 13.

Tiny community pitch

Ed Peterson, representing Tiny Town Association, told council he felt Dysart was a prime location for a new "outside the box" development.

The non-profit is working to create small pocket communities across Ontario, Peterson said. The association looks to partner with municipalities, who would put up serviced land that can be built on. Peterson said the company could build between 16 and 20 residences per acre, with each unit featuring 384 sq. ft. of living space. There are options for one bedroom, two bedroom and open concept.

Peterson said the company was close to finalizing its first build site, in Elliot Lake. That project will feature 96 homes on almost seven acres, with a small community centre, greenhouse, community garden, playground and orchard.

"This is a new model of housing... we're looking for municipalities to realize the potential and be early adopters of the concept," Peterson said. "We're not looking to make money [as a non-profit]. We're looking to create affordable housing. Most of our staff are volunteers."

Peterson noted homes could be bought for \$127,500, with monthly fees of \$450. Rent would be set at \$780 per month, while rent-to-own programs are available at \$1,180 per



Dysart council is taking its time considering a new site alteration bylaw. File.

month. He asked if council is interested to identify potential locations for a build.

"It's an interesting concept," said mayor Murray Fearrey, directing staff to further investigate.

Docks approved

A group of five residents with property on Long Lake were given the green light to install two docks on public land for the next three seasons.

Floating docks have been used at the site since 1973. Nicholae Neag, representing the group, said the docks can be used by the public.

Council drastically increased the application fee – up to \$2,500 from the previous \$500, which Neag agreed was "fair." The agreement will run until October 2026, the end of this term of council.

Policy revisited

Council is considering adopting a new policy regulating cell tower development, just two months after rescinding its previous protocol.

Planner, Jeff Iles, tabled a near carbon copy of the bylaw recently adopted in Highlands East. It identifies preferred, discouraged and highly discouraged locations for development. It stipulates property owners within 500 metres of a proposed location be notified.

The township's previous policy, which mandated towers be located at least one kilometre from any home, was labelled "unreasonable" by Rogers representatives last year. The new bylaw doesn't include any distance requirements between tower sites and homes.

The previous Policy 38 was rescinded March 28. (*Dysart et al news compiled by Mike Baker*).

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The Minden Hills Museum & Heritage Village and Nature's Place is now open for the season Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Join us for self-guided village tours and hands-on activities including Bat Crafts on May 25, Rock Painting on May 26 and Nature Experiments on May 27! Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

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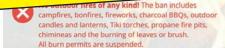
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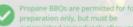
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(VIRTUAL) COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

May 25 – Regular Council Meeting June 8 – Regular Council Meeting

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P4P pitches bonds to tackle housing crisis

By Mike Baker

Haliburton County non-profit Places for People (P4P) is turning to a tried and tested, old school fundraising formula to address new world problems surrounding housing affordability and availability across the region.

The organization is rolling out a community bonds program next month, with president, Jody Curry, recently telling *The Highlander* P4P is hoping to raise \$850,000 to clear a handful of outstanding mortgages and private loans.

"This is a really big deal for us. While it would be a first-time thing in Haliburton County, non-profits the world over have used community bond initiatives to address issues in their communities," Curry said. "This is not a donation, it's an investment. Anyone who pays in will get their money back."

There are three options for would-be lenders – investing a minimum of \$1,000 locked in for three years, earning three per cent interest paid annually; \$5,000 locked in for five years, earning four per cent interest; or \$10,000 locked in for seven years, earning five per cent interest.

Curry said the first two options would see principal investments returned in full upon expiry of the bond, while the third option has a portion of the principal paid out annually.

"We wanted to include different options so anyone who wants to invest with us can do so. We've had a ton of interest already from people who want to form part of the solution to one of our community's biggest problems," she said, adding early commitments as of press time were around \$70,000.

Curry noted the bonds would be secured by P4P's existing assets, which she says are valued at around \$2.5 million.

The non-profit is partnering with Toronto-



Places for People president Jody Curry is aiming to raise \$850,000 through community bonds. Photo by Mike Baker.

based Tapestry Community Capital, which will manage the investments. Tapestry has more than 20 years of experience in the community investment space and has helped raise more than \$100 million to support 59 projects nationwide, mostly in the renewable energy sector. Curry said they also have experience working with groups on affordable housing initiatives.

The bonds proposal has been in the works since 2018. Curry said P4P will be hosting several community workshops in June to float the idea to potential investors and explain the process. She's hoping to reach the \$850,000 goal by the end of September.

"This reminds me of what Haliburton

County used to do – when the kids wanted an ice rink, the community came together to make it happen. Governments haven't appropriately funded housing for 40 years, so we have to try and follow in those footsteps and do it ourselves," she said, adding "buying into this program ensures your money stays right here in Haliburton County."

P4P owns and operates five properties across the County, with 12 affordable housing units. While potential projects in Minden and on Wallings Road in Haliburton have fallen by the wayside in recent years, Curry remains hopeful at least one substantial development could soon be moving ahead.

Paul Wilson, owner of Harburn Holdings, pledged one of four lots fronting Grass Lake to P4P last year. Curry said it would come with commercial and residential components, totalling 16 units. A proposal to develop the property has been supported by Dysart et al and Haliburton County councils.

"We want to be ready... we hope this first offering will provide proof of concept for when we come to build. The Grass Lake development is going to be a multi-million-dollar project. We're going to need to raise a lot of money to make that viable," she said.

To learn more, visit placesforpeople.ca, email invest@placesforpeople.ca, or call 705-306-9191.

County fire ban lifted after weekend downpour

Haliburton County's four fire chiefs have lifted the fire ban that was imposed region-wide May 17.

Mike French, head of the

Mike French, head of the Algonquin Highlands Fire Service, said in a media release May 23 the weekend rain had alleviated the County's fire risk. The ban came into effect 48 hours after local departments responded to five blazes in a single day on May 15. Four of the fires were put out that day, while the most significant – a nine-hectare blaze on Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry land near Black Lake – raged for several days. As of May 22, MNRF reported the fire had been

extinguished.

With the lifting of the fire ban, this means daytime burn permits are re-activated and outdoor burning is permitted between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.

More information on burning regulations can be found on municipal websites in Algonquin Highlands, Dysart et al, Highlands East and Minden Hills. (Mike Baker).





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ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS

Rec rebuild imminent

Algonquin Highlands public works director, Adam Thorn, informed council May 18 work to redevelop the Dorset Recreation Centre should begin this summer.

The facility has been closed since March 2020 after staff found extensive mold and moisture damage while completing a small renovation in a downstairs bathroom. Further investigation showed the issue was prevalent throughout the building.

An RFP for the project closed in late April, with Barrie-based Gonneau Building Group submitting the lone bid. Consultant Travis Wilson, who has been assisting the township with the rebuild, said the bid came in "within budget." In 2021, Thorn estimated the work would cost in the region of \$900,000.

Wilson said there was some additional work staff wanted to tag onto the project, which would almost certainly bring the price north of \$1 million. The installation of a new HVAC system, external foundation waterproofing, off-site content storage and creation of an AODA-compliant front entrance were approved by council last week. Contract negotiations are ongoing, with a final cost to be delivered to council next

Gonneau estimated it would have the project completed by the end of 2023.

Speed study

A proposed speed limit review of all roads in Algonquin Highlands is going to cost more than double what the township initially

Thorn told council he had negotiated a deal with Paradigm Transportation Solutions to complete the work this summer, for a maximum cost of \$33,500. The township had budgeted \$13,500. The company is conducting a similar project in Dysart et al, allowing Algonquin Highlands to "piggyback," Thorn said, noting this helped to reduce the cost.

"Getting a speed review done... will help with establishing speed limits, sign placements on our roads. This will [provide] more technical information to allow us to make important decisions," Thorn said.

Terminal building upgrades

Council has made it a priority to proceed with the redevelopment of the terminal building at Stanhope Municipal Airport this

Thorn said engineering firm Tulloch was interested in the project, which is focused on making the building more accessible and wheelchair friendly. There will be two accessible doorways created, with a new universal washroom to be opened on the main floor. Council also discussed the possibility of expanding the kitchen and reconfiguring the waiting area. Mayor Liz Danielsen said she wants to see the building become "a hub for the community."

Council agreed to spend \$11,000 on a design plan. Thorn said he'd continue working with Tulloch and would bring some options, including potential costs, back to council later this year.

A new virtual experience

The new municipal website is almost ready to launch according to communications coordinator Chad Ingram, who walked council through a live demonstration of the revamped virtual space last week.

The project has been ongoing for months, led by GHD Digital Public Sector Solutions. Ingram said the new site featured a search bar that would help visitors navigate it. The main page includes featured buttons promoting the Dorset Tower, Algonquin Highlands' trails, and both the Dorset and Stanhope museums.

Ingram said the site is fully customizable, noting he'll have the ability to post updates and feature different things on the homepage. The new site will be launched in mid-June.

Cell tower policy updated

Council signed off on update to its telecommunications facility policy, covering rules for the installation of cell towers, following a lengthy discussion last week.

Planner, Sean O'Callaghan, told council he had reduced the required buffer between a proposed tower and any residential property from one kilometre to 500 metres; added a requirement that, if a site is located within a kilometre of a waterbody, the lake association and all property owners on the lake shall be notified; and mandate that co-location opportunities be explored before



Algonquin Highlands council has awarded the tender to redevelop the Dorset Recreation Centre. File.

any new tower site is proposed.

He said the updated policy was similar to the one recently passed in Highlands East.

Coun. Sabrina Richards was the sole vote against the changes. She argued that council should require letters of support from neighbouring property owners before any new site is approved. "I can't fathom one resident being allowed to put up a tower and their neighbours having zero say, zero compensation for that. It's unfair," she said.

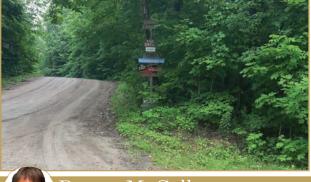
Coun. Lisa Barry said she was concerned about the potential health risks towers could pose, particularly once technology is improved.

O'Callaghan reiterated federal policy stipulates a municipal council cannot comment on and should not allow issues relating to health, aesthetics or impacts to neighbouring property values to influence their decision. (Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Mike Baker).



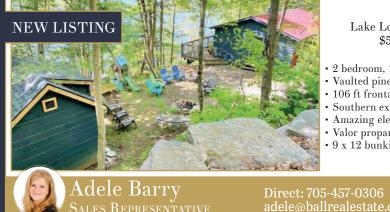
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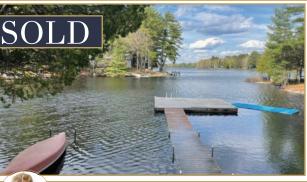


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Program costs pegged at \$81B

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out in Manitoba in the 1970s, replacing several family, youth and senior allowances for select families in Winnipeg and Dauphin. The program was jointly sponsored by the federal and provincial governments at a net cost of \$645 million, running for four years before being scrapped.

Research in the decades since suggest the pilot was a success. Derek Hum and Wayne Simpson, then professors at the University of Manitoba, released a joint report in 1993 that found impacts to the labour supply were minimal. There was a reduction of one per cent of annual hours worked for men, three per cent for married women, and five per cent for unmarried women.

Health economist Evelyn Forget released a report in 2020, finding a reduction in hospitalizations due to accidents and injuries, fewer mental health diagnosis and an overall reduction in poverty.

The Dauphin and Winnipeg experiments were discussed at length by Paul at her workshops.

"That's proof of concept that UBI works, it has a positive impact," she said.

Haliburton County sits alongside
Manitoulin Island as having the highest
poverty rate in Ontario. According to
statistics posted by the City of Kawartha
Lakes Haliburton Poverty Reduction
Roundtable, 17.2 per cent of the County's
population is considered low-income, while
18.5 per cent of children live in low-income
households. Around half of the people who
rent report spending more than 30 per cent of
their income on shelter costs.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit estimated in a 2022 report that 10.9 per cent of households across the region are considered food insecure.

Paul pointed to the pilot launched in Ontario in 2017, where 4,000 people from Lindsay, Thunder Bay, Hamilton, Brantford, and Brant County received benefits of \$16,989 a year if they were single, and \$24,027 a couple, as further validation a UBI can work.

A survey by the Basic Income Canada Network (BICN) in 2020 found the initiative, which was scrapped by the newly-elected Ford government in 2019, led to significant decrease in stress, anxiety and other mental health issues of participants. Respondents reported the basic income helped them better manage their work and home lives.

In 2022, the office of the parliamentary budget officer said a basic income like the one piloted in Ontario would cost \$81 billion to roll out nationally, with a net cost of \$45 billion if existing federal anti-poverty spending were re-directed toward the basic income. It was estimated more than 7.5 million people would qualify to receive the benefit

'Need in Highlands significant'

Susan Hubay leads a Peterborough-based chapter of Coalition Canada, a group committed to advocating for basic income. Speaking with *The Highlander*, she said she's encountered a lot of County residents in the eight years she's spent working on the file, noting the need in the Highlands is "significant."

"People cannot reach their potential if they're struggling every day trying to keep food on the table or a roof over their head. We need something in Canada that covers those basic needs," Hubay said. "We're looking for a guaranteed income that will put people over the poverty line."

A living wage in the County was pegged at \$19.05 by HKPR in 2020, which works out to just over \$37,000 per year on a full-time

Paul shared details of a report compiled by the BICN in 2021 that outlines three potential scenarios for UBI rollout. The first would see adults aged 18 to 64 qualify for a maximum of \$22,000 per year if single, or \$31,114 a couple, based on other earnings, at a cost of \$134 billion.

The second would see all adults qualify for those amounts, at a cost of \$187 billion. Option three would feature a universal benefit for all adults over the age of 18, receiving \$22,000 regardless of family status or other income. This model would run \$637 billion annually.

The authors, Chandra Pasma, an MPP in Ottawa West-Nepean, and Sheila Regehr, executive director of the National Council of Welfare, said the lowest income families



Judy Paul discusses the idea of basic income at a workshop in Haliburton May 10. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

would see their disposable income increase by more than 350 per cent, with poverty being almost eliminated.

Hubay said any UBI program would need to be a joint venture between the federal and provincial governments.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale doesn't believe UBI is the answer.

"Canada is over \$1 trillion in debt. Canada doesn't have a lot of fiscal room... so the issue is, where are you getting the money from to pay for this?" he asked. "I'm open to supporting anything that will make the lives of people in the riding better, but there has to be a significant plan to [move forward] with something like that."

Paul said she's committed to the fight and is considering launching a Haliburton-based UBI group.

"Change can happen through one person. Whether it's someone speaking up inside a council chamber, writing a letter, or protesting. I truly believe we can inspire change here in Haliburton County. People are floundering, we're seeing it across our communities," Paul said. "Enough is enough. People need help."

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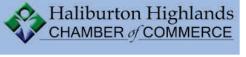
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The Highlander Rethinking basic income

If there's one thing I've discovered over the past couple of weeks, it's that there are few concepts more polarizing than that of a universal basic income (UBI).

I attended a workshop at Haliburton United Church on May 10 that saw around 20 area residents discuss the merits of a UBI. Most seemed to be in favour of it, but there were the usual questions of "how can we possibly afford it?" and "what will it do to our already depleted labour market?"

The answer to both those questions is... nobody really knows. UBI has been tested in two high-profile government-funded pilot projects in the past 50 years – the first in Dauphin and Winnipeg, Manitoba in the 1970s and then in Lindsay, Thunder Bay, Hamilton, Brantford and Brant County in

Research compiled by a pair of University of Manitoba professors in the early 1990s suggested the impacts to the labour supply were minimal, though it should be noted this is based on data that's now two generations old. The workers of yesteryear are a little different from the workers today.

The office of the parliamentary budget officer (PBO) said a basic income program like the one piloted by the Liberals six years ago would cost \$81 billion if it were

rolled out nationally. To qualify for that initiative, people had to make less than \$34,000 per year to receive a maximum topup of \$16,989. Couples who made less than \$48,000 could receive up to an additional \$24,027

The PBO estimates around 7.5 million Canadians would be eligible.

Even at a 50/50 split with the provinces and territories, that would be a more than \$40 billion cost for the feds to swallow - around 10 per cent of the total projected budget spend in 2023/24, and just under half what the country has set aside for national defence. In fact, UBI would become Canada's costliest file, just edging out Indigenous Services (\$39.5 billion).

I'm not exactly impartial in this debate. My sister-in-law and her husband were two of the 4,000 people to benefit from the pilot in 2017. At the time, they were both working minimum wage jobs and spending a huge chunk of their take-home on rent and other household costs. When they started receiving the top-up, they used the money to go back to school. Fast-forward six years and they both have careers they love and recently purchased their first home.

I'm not sure that would have been possible without the pilot..

So, should our federal and provincial leaders be looking into this? I think so. The Basic Income Canada Network polled participants in the Ontario pilot, with



By Mike Baker

results stating most experienced a significant decrease in stress, anxiety and other mental health issues. Some said they were able to buy food they otherwise couldn't have afforded, while others improved their housing situation.

The high cost would be offset by savings in other areas, notably healthcare and social services. Would it be enough to justify moving ahead? I'm not sure, but it's certainly something that should be investigated.

Maybe there's a reason nowhere else in the world has done this. Maybe it is totally pie in the sky. But given the dire situation we find ourselves in today, with around five million Canadians living in poverty (with costs associated with that pegged at between \$72 billion and \$84 billion annually, incidentally) maybe it's time to start thinking way, way outside the box.

LETTERS

Rotary Club of Minden disappointed

For more than 75 years, the Rotary Club of Minden has been helping and supporting our community, standing behind our commitment of 'Service Above Self.'

Many who have been to our meetings, or one of our events, might remember our fourway test of the things we think, say, and do. It is a tool we use when taking any action or making any decision, a set of guiding principles:

- 1. Is it the truth?
- 2. Is it fair to all concerned?
- 3. Will it build good will and better friendships?

4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned? Using the principles outlined in the fourway test, The Rotary Club of Minden has supported fundraising efforts in our community in founding the Hospital Building Fund, generating over \$300,000, in initial support and continued annual support through the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and Minden Health Care Auxiliary, and Physician Recruitment signage. To this day, we support Hyland Crest. We thank those who contributed with us in the past to ensure a future for the hospital in Minden. We hope these acts of generosity were not in vain.

It is based on the principles that Minden Rotary will continue to be of service to the community, to fundraise and support deserving projects and initiatives that will be beneficial to all concerned.

We ask that, not just Rotarians but anyone making decisions, especially where the lives and the wellbeing of many people is involved, use our four-way test.

The members of the Rotary Club of Minden are deeply disappointed to learn of the decision to close the Minden ER and in-patient services and to move these to Haliburton.

Members of the Rotary Club of Minden

How will I get by?

Dear editor,

I've been a resident of Haliburton County for the past 31 years. I moved here to slow my life down. Unfortunately, my life slowed down more than expected from spinal injuries at work.

I've become a constant visitor at the Haliburton ER because of failed back surgeries, as well as cancer and a host of other issues. I had managed to get a family doctor in the region, but they proved to be a great disappointment.

My main reason for going to the family doctor was to get my pain medications. It was almost a year ago, upon calling the office for my next refill, I was told the doctor was out of the country for the next month.

I felt as though I was just kicked in my stomach. I was forced to go to Haliburton ER, and when they wouldn't help, it was only the Minden ER that took its place in my medical needs. I'm unsure how I'll get by

without the great doctors there to help out. I'm also disappointed in MPP Laurie Scott.

Richard Ayotte **Haliburton County**

Tax dollars pau for accountability

Dear editor.

The temporary, short-term, ER closures were due to the COVID outbreak. Future viruses could have more closures if an epidemic occurs.

Ms. Plummer stated she wanted to confer with staff, however at no time was there any attempt to confer with the general public to get their comments, reaction and participation with the Minden Emergency closure. This discussion was void of the public and at the expense of many.

Reference was made pertaining to existing doctor and nursing schedules, however Ms. Plummer did not provide specifics as to the recruitment of doctors and nurses, which we need in order to cover the influx of current and new patients, especially as our population is growing at a staggering pace.

She also references one doctor in down times and still "populating" the schedule, a word that means nothing of value. If Minden ED closes, there will be no down times. When faced with a life-or-death issue, time is of the essence, getting someone to emerge is critical and so is travel time. If one lives in the Moore Falls area and suffers a stroke or









LETTERS CONTINUED

heart attack, the reality to receive immediate medical attention is more prevalent at Minden emerge rather than travelling the extra distance to Haliburton.

What value is put on one's life?

Ms. Plummer made reference to "a slight increase in patient wait times" at Haliburton hospital, not a comforting aspect, and X-rays and bone density testing by appointment at Minden. In retrospect, closing Minden emerge but still providing some medical services is ridiculous. This only highlights the need for Minden emerge to remain open.

Perhaps there needs to be a complete changing of the guard at all levels, provincial, federal and HHHS board, seeing our tax dollars are supposed to be paying for accountability.

Beverly MacDuff

Explore other options

Dear editor,

When my wife and I were deciding where to retire, we chose Minden mainly because the hospital was available.

This decision proved wise, when a few years later, my wife had a pulmonary embolism (blood clot in the lung). The doctor saved her life because we got her to emerge quickly. She would have died if we had to go to Haliburton.

It disturbs me that the current discussion surrounding the Minden hospital assumes there are only two options, ie. keep it open 24/7 or close it altogether. This is nonsense. There are infinite other options.

One option is to have a doctor available when the demand is highest. The rest of the time, a nurse or paramedic would be in charge. That person would check the patients' vitals and if a transfer by ambulance or helicopter is not called for, the patient would talk to a nurse, regular doctor or specialist using a laptop computer. Dr. Hughes uses this method and it seems to work.

As Minden's representative at Queen's Park, we call on Laurie Scott to please ensure that all alternatives, other than full closure, are fully explored. For your constituents, this matter is vitally important.

Bill Wood **Haliburton County**

Reconsider decision

Dear editor,

Starting at the top, Doug Ford, our premier, head at Queen's Park, that I for one trusted and promoted and helped get Mr. Ford elected when I was living in Elliot Lake at the time. The area was mostly all NDP at the

Secondly, Laurie Scott, from Kinmount, you can see who is backing who. Imagine, she was once a registered nurse herself at one time? None of the above named will ever get my help or vote as long as I live. I am sure that others feel the same way.

Minden Hills is, and has always been, the County seat, which is why the County building is in Minden, not Haliburton. The County fairgrounds are in Minden.

Next, Hwy. 35 runs through Minden, not Haliburton. Haliburton only has a twisting and turning corner after corner county road from one end to the other end. Minden Hills is growing fast and that is why we need this hospital to stay open forever. What are the cottagers going to say and think when they find out what you bunch of individuals have

agreed to do. Housing is what we need here, not our hospital closing for good.

You can all be sure that we will fight you all the way to the top wherever and whenever that takes place. I am partly handicapped with a bad hip living just off Hwy. 35, south of Minden in Hunter Creek Estates. We are all mostly older people living in this little

Lou Trepanier Minden

Rotten decision

Dear editor,

To close a school in Ontario legally requires a long, drawn-out procedure to be followed. It involves the establishment of a special committee representing all the interested parties, which meets across many months to consider all the implications of the proposed

This includes a mandate to receive and take into account public input throughout the process, with at least one open public hall meeting to be held. The recommendations of the committee must be taken into account by the school board. This is all done in recognition of the profound impact the closure of a school has on a community.

To close an ER in Ontario, none of the above is necessary i.e., no special committee, no lengthy time frame for careful considerations, no mandated public input... nothing. Well, beyond one set of hard-nosed bureaucrats calling the shots. And, yet, the impact on the community is surely as substantial as a school closing.

The immediate 'emergency' health, welfare and safety of the residents of, and visitors to, the region are put at risk or worse. And what else? Attracting people and businesses to the area becomes that much tougher. The real estate market would be adversely affected. There is a loss of jobs. The local economy overall suffers. It lowers the morale of the community. Taking all this into account, only one conclusion can be drawn: it is a profoundly rotten decision to close Minden's

A message to our political representatives at all levels of government: do whatever is necessary to keep Minden's ER open. Minden matters. Time is of the essence.

Dorian Young Minden

Urgent appeal

Dear editor,

I have urgently appealed to health minister Sylvia Jones to delay and investigate the closure of the Minden hospital ER.

HHHS CEO, Carolyn Plummer, announced

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Mike Young, who lives near Carnarvon, sent this photo, commenting the rabbits have changed from grey to brown with the spring

that the Haliburton hospital, which is to take in ER patients once the Minden site is closed on June 1, does not have physicians booked for all dates in June and has no physicians booked yet for July and August. The plan to manage the very large ER patient numbers from Minden is only in its infancy and Minden is set to close in 14 days.

She said in a public meeting there may be days that the Haliburton site will have to close due to staffing shortages. The Minden site was fully staffed through the summer into September. When Haliburton is forced to close, it leaves the very large geographic area of close to 100,000 people in the summer with no access to an ER for more than an hour's drive to Lindsay, Bracebridge, or Peterborough. The Minden ER consistently serves more patients per year than the Haliburton hospital ER and has never needed to close because of staffing concerns, yet was selected as the site to close. This makes no logical sense.

There are insufficient numbers of paramedics and firefighters in this large area who will be available in an emergency when minutes count. It is unlikely someone with a heart attack, anaphylactic reaction, severe injury, near drowning, or motor vehicle accident will survive such a long transport to a distant ER. Minden is the only hospital on the Hwy. 35 corridor from Huntsville to Lindsay. The deaths that will inevitably happen as a result of the Minden ER closure, and potential Haliburton hospital ER closures, will attract national attention (we will be sure of this), and I guarantee you, will reflect incredibly poorly on the health minister and her government.

Carolyn Treadgold Whitby/Minden

Matter of life and death

Dear editor,

Minden Hospital saved my life twice in 17 months.

On August 27, 2021, my husband Ken called 911 and EMS arrived at our home in a few minutes. I was unresponsive. They took me to ER at the Minden site. Doctor Helt and ER nurse Caroline saved my life. Doctor Helt said to me, "if you do not cough, you will die.'

I was given a 10 per cent chance of survival and beat the odds again on January 1, 2023.

Minden is an aging community. I and many others believe that if Minden hospital closes, it will be a disaster and a death sentence for many. Haliburton County has only two hospitals. If Minden hospital is closed, the system will be overtaxed.

I think about spring, when the summer residents come up. There will be total chaos if the Minden ER closes. Our town and surrounding area swells to about three times more in population.

In larger areas, new hospitals are being built, costing billions of dollars. Yet our much-needed hospital is at risk of closing. I, for one, find this unacceptable for our community.

At the very least, under the best conditions, it takes at least 25 minutes to get to Haliburton hospital from Minden. Please save the Minden hospital ER. It is a matter of life and death.

Helen Trinka Minden

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Tammy White, Todd Sayles, Dianne de Savoye, Adele Barry, Jason Jarvis, Donna McCallum, Dysart deputy mayor Walt McKechnie, owner Greg Ball, broker of record Gareth Jones, and Dagmar Boettcher cut the ribbon. *Photo by Lisa Gervais*.

Ball the newest addition to 'real estate row'

By Lisa Gervais

Ball Real Estate's executive vice-president, Gareth Jones, said moving into Haliburton County "was a logical extension" of the business they already do across a large swathe of the region, from Lakefield, to Apsley, Norwood, Hastings, Peterborough and Bobcaygeon.

They held a grand opening at their new digs, at 199 Highland St. in downtown Haliburton, May 20.

Owner Greg Ball started Ball Real Estate Inc. Brokerage in Lakefield in 2017.

"My mother and I sold real estate out of another brokerage for 55 years together, 30 years for her, and 25 years for me," Ball said. "And then we decided it was time to try it on our own. I have daughters coming up through the pipeline, and I thought I really don't want to have to work for anybody except us, so we took the plunge."

The real estate rush then saw the other offices open between 2017 and 2023.

Jones said the reason Haliburton County makes sense is, "we are extremely well known in the Kawartha area for waterfront, recreational, rural properties so it is a natural extension for us to come further west and further north."

Ball said they had already been doing a lot of business in Haliburton County without a storefront.

"We've been actively looking for an office in Haliburton for four-plus years. It had to be the right location for us. It had to be from the lights (at Hwy. 118 and Highland Street) to the pizzeria." He joked that, as the fourth real estate office on the main street, "you have real estate row."

They have put together a team that includes some local faces with some local expertise. They include former Haliburton Highlands Secondary School teacher, Todd Sayles; long-time realtors Dagmar Boettcher and Donna McCallum, Dianne de Savoye, Adele Barry, and Jason Jarvis.

Jones said, "we don't go into locations with the intention of getting agents to fill our office. We're very selective about who we bring in.

"Our culture is very important to us. If you're not into that fit whatsoever, chances are you are not going to be productive, and then you get a bad apple. We work very hard to protect that culture. My term is 'playful professional.' I think it's so important our clients enjoy their experience with realtors."

Ball and Jones said they love having offices in smaller towns and are always keen to be part of the communities they service.

"We're always looking for communitybased participation," Ball said. "We do make ourselves a presence everywhere we go. We are always looking for other opportunities to engage with the community. If events are coming up, we want to be on the mailing list, and check the list to see if it's something of interest to us."

Ball said they are also 100 per cent local. "We are not a corporation. Our money doesn't go to the U.S. head office. Our money stays right here."

Jones added, "we're very proud 100 per cent of our dollars spent stay right here in our communities."

Corner Gallery kicks off season in style

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton's Corner Gallery kicked off its season May 20 with something different, according to manager Pamela Brohm.

"We've got wonderful artists in the area. We all recognize and know that, and it tends to be what we see exhibited here," Brohm said. She added that often means landscapes because of the majesty of the Highlands.

"But we felt that it was time that there was something different offered in town, especially if we're trying to build Haliburton as an arts destination. So, if you want to attract people who collect and are truly immersed or involved in art, then you have to offer them some variety."

She believes between Evergreen CSD Gallery of Fine Art Photography, Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre and the Ethel Curry Gallery, along with Corner Gallery, there are four varied locations for people to visit now.

Brohm researched artists for their seasonopening exhibition in the hopes of bringing three artists together that complement each other.

"I arrived with these three artists for the first show." They include David McClyment, Carol Forbes and Alyssa King.

McClyment has been showing his drawings professionally for almost 40 years. Forbes is a painter. King is a contemporary mixed-media

Walking through the gallery, Brohm stops at one of King's works, and says "she's doing this kind of punky stuff. She told me 'I like to create art with a message, and I like art to be inspirational'." Brohm added, "we have a really interesting

collection of art work here. The prices are very reasonable for the size and the talent and the inspiration they have. For people who are really interested in art, developing their collections, or spreading it into different areas, they really should come and see what we have."

There are another five shows slated for the season, and Brohm said they are, again, quite different.

"Our next show does have two local artists, and it does tend to be landscape, but a little bit different. And my third artist is doing landscape of a sort but in a totally different way. After that, it's more abstract, more impressionistic.'

The Corner Gallery will also feature Rob Croxford. "He's a very well-known sign artist. He travels around and collects pictures of vintage signs and then paints the vintage signs with added messaging.

"I looked at his work and I thought 'I'm going to contact him but he's probably not going to come here', but, yes, he is."

Beyond the Tradition ends June 19; followed by Landscapes from a Woman's Perspective (Susan Hay, Wendy Wood, Ashley Turner) June 21-July 13; 2 Part Harmony (Blady & Van Mil) July 14-Aug. 10; Wild Water II (Byron Hodges) Aug. 11-31; Haliburton Art Blast (Croxford, Vanya Ryan) Sept. 1-20; and Mother Nature: We Share the Earth (Carole Finn) Sept. 22-Oct. 16.

For more information, visit the cornergallery.ca.

Corner Gallery manager, Pamela Brohm, on the porch with a Charles Pachter moose sculpture on the lawn. Photo by Lisa Gervais.





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Blossom trees apple of Cargill's eye

By Lisa Gervais

When Luba Cargill moved to Haliburton County from Niagara-on-the-Lake about 20 years ago, she was surprised to see apple tree orchards in the Highlands.

"I thought, 'this can't be, because we have a very short growing season in Haliburton and the winters are very, very harsh'," she recalls thinking.

It sparked a curiousity about how the apple trees managed to survive locally.

However, Cargill said she did not do anything with her intrigue for a long time until she read a story in *The Highlander* about U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research looking for ideas for its students. She offered up a study of the County's apple trees

In the meantime, she wanted to plant an apple tree of her own, so reached out to the Haliburton County Master Gardeners to find out what variety of apple tree grows best in the Highlands climate. She said the Master Gardeners were in the midst of their Heritage Apple Project, whereby they collected DNA samples from leaves of existing apple trees and sent them to the University of Guelph for identification. She said the Master Gardeners are still working on that project and also looking for orchards in the area.

U-Links then got back to her about a Haliburton County Apple Blossom Tour 2023. "I thought, 'oh, good. Let's go for it'." That was in April.

"I got restarted and said, 'you know,

identifying trees by their blossoms might be the easiest way to find out where they are'."

They have since produced a brochure with a driving map that encourages the public to follow the trail and be a part of the apple tree identification process. It has a number of stops, stretching from Highlands East, to Dysart et al, Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands.

Meanwhile, the apple tree identification project, inspired by U-Links, is collecting information on Haliburton County apple orchards, both old and new, different species and locations.

If you have apple trees on your property, and would like to get on the location tour map, ask questions, or just provide information of photos, you can contact appletreeshaliburton@gmail.com

Cargill said the project has four stages. The first is the apple blossom tour. The second is for arborists, foresters, and Master Gardeners to assist in improving productivity of existing apple trees. The third is planting new apple trees. And the fourth is an apple press for local apple tree owners and production of local apple cider, dried apples and other apple products.

"It helps with food security in the area," Cargill said, referencing other projects, such as SIRCH's apple sauce project. She added it's good for the climate, as it reduces the need for shipping fruit from outside the area."

Cargill said she's received a "very positive"

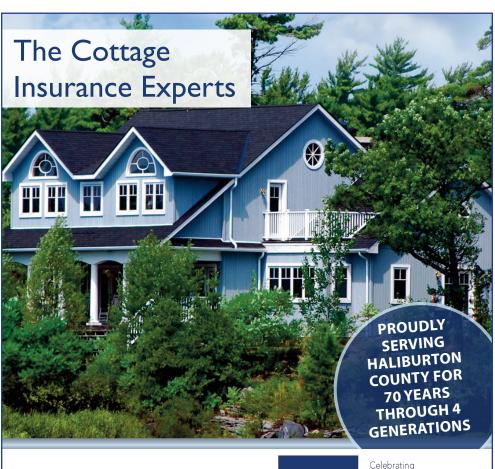


An apple blossom tree in downtown Haliburton. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

reaction to the tour, and the next stages. "So, I'm really happy about that. It's neat." She added with the other apple-related projects, "this is a nice extension of that.

"The idea is just for us to have better selfsufficiency in terms of food production, new opportunities for businesses in terms of product line, and also in terms of tourism." Cargill is excited to see where the research leads.

"I think the scientists and Master Gardeners, in the end, will probably figure it out. And, then, if we can find that variety, or that DNA, and continue with it somehow, we might have a really good apple industry in this area."



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'Chomping at the bit' for Home Show

By Mike Baker

A who's who of the Highlands will be gathered under one roof next week as the Haliburton Home and Cottage Show returns for its "biggest ever exhibition" June 2 to 4.

Celebrating its 44th anniversary, the event will feature more than 170 vendors at the Haliburton Curling Club and A.J. LaRue Arena. Organizer, Andy Glecoff, is predicting a record-breaking year, with thousands expected to attend.

"People are just chomping at the bit – we've never had an early sellout [of vendor spots] like we had this year, we've never had this many people reaching out, asking questions about who will be there," Glecoff said. "This is a chance for businesses to showcase themselves to our community, and for people to come out and see all the amazing things in our County."

A wide range of exhibitors include those with products and services in home décor; furniture and appliances; docks, decks and hot tubs; heating and cooling; landscaping; construction and renovations; automotive; agriculture; real estate; alternative energy; the arts, and more.

Over a dozen non-profits will have a presence too. The Haliburton Highlands Museum and Rails End Gallery will have booths promoting their summer activities; Haliburton County Master Gardeners will provide horticultural tips and tricks; Abbey Retreat Centre will have information on its free cancer support programs. Haliburton Lions and Rotary service clubs will be attendance, while the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and Environment Haliburton! will also be represented.

Canadian paralympic curler Mark Ideson is appearing from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 3. The quadriplegic won gold with Team Canada at the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Winter Games and will be available for photos and



The Haliburton Home and Cottage show returns June 2. File.

to discuss his career.

Complimentary doggie daycare services will be provided by local businesses Tails and Trails and I Love Your Dog, free hearing tests conducted by Hear Canada and Hometown Hearing, while young guests will be able to meet fire mascot Smokey the Bear.

Glecoff said all attendees will have an opportunity to fill in a ballot at the Haliburton Curling Club booth for a chance to win one of three door prizes – a weekend for two at Buttermilk Falls Resort, a patio fire pit supplied by Glecoff's Family Store, and a paddle and two rental vouchers

provided by Algonquin Outfitters.

The show serves as the curling club's primary annual fundraiser. It supports several endeavours, including the youth curling program, and subsidizing fees for new members.

"In a lot of communities, curling is getting very expensive... it's a very social sport, we like to make sure anyone who wants to curl in Haliburton, or try it out, has the opportunity to do so," Glecoff said, noting the club has around 240 members.

The benefits to the community are farreaching too, Glecoff said, with the show traditionally bringing more than 3,000 people to downtown Haliburton.

"These people spend money on meals, gasoline, accommodations and all the other things they need. It's a huge economic driver for the town," he said.

Admission is \$3 for adults, with children admitted for free. The show opens June 2 from 4 to 9 p.m. and runs June 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and June 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit haliburtonhomeandcottageshow.com.







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Red Hawks on the fast track

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) Red Hawks had a strong showing at the Kawartha Track and Field Championships at Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School in Peterborough May 18. Athletes captured seven individual gold medals, 10 individual silvers, and three second-place finishes in the 4x100 metre relays. Grade 9 student Graham Backus secured first in the 400-metre and 200-metre sprints, as well as the triple jump. Twin brother, Evan, earned gold in the 100-metre hurdles and long jump. Jordanna Jennings, also in Grade 9, won gold in the long jump. Senior sprinter Liah Gallant won the 100-metre sprint. The Red Hawks will have 23 athletes compete at COSSA, May 25 in Belleville.

Top: Erika Hoare hands off the baton to Jordanna Jennings in the open girls 4x400 metre race. Photo by Kevin Hoare. Bottom: Maddy Walker leaps to a second-place finish in the novice girls triple jump. Photo by Shannon Walker.



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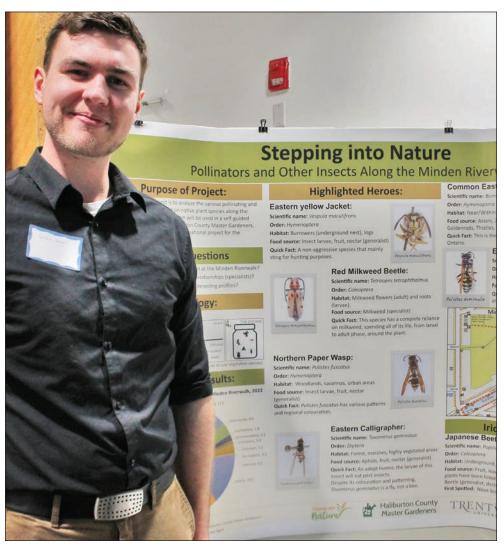
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Caleb Brown with his posters at the U-Links Celebration of Research March 25. Brown worked with the Master Gardeners on the project. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Master Gardeners to unveil guided riverwalk

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton County Master Gardeners (HCMG) are inviting the public to step into nature at the Minden Riverwalk, a popular walking path in the heart of downtown Minden.

The HCMG said that by May 26, people will see more than 20 orange and green signs along both sides of this section of the Gull River.

According to Master Gardener member Shelley Fellows, "this free, self-guided walking tour of the Minden Riverwalk documents the flora and fauna on both sides of this section of the Gull River. Called 'stepping into nature,' the multi-media walking tour includes photos, detailed descriptions of plants, insect information and gardening tips, along with audio stories. Everything is accessible via a smartphone app called PocketSights,"

In 2009, the shoreline was restored, and a pathway and pedestrian bridge installed. Fourteen years on, the place looks very different, said Master Gardener Carolyn Langdon. "Erosion has been stopped, native plants have matured, and the animal, bird and insect species have returned to nest, to feed and to pollinate the trees and flowers," she said. "The tour documents this story

of biological restoration, and we hope that it will inspire people to take steps to renaturalize their own property.'

The public is invited to join the opening of 'stepping into nature' with a community launch, May 26 at 10:30 a.m. on the trail at the corner of Invergordon Street and Bobcaygeon Road. The formal program with a "unique" ribbon cutting will be addressed by mayor Bob Carter, County warden Liz Danielson, U-links executive director, Andrew Gordon, and Haliburton County Development Corporation program and operations coordinator Heather Reid. Each attendee will receive a free native plant and Master Gardeners will lead free tours of the Riverwalk.

The walking tour was supported by a Local Initiatives Program grant from HCDC. The HCMG and entomologists from Trent University conducted insect research along the Riverwalk. The project was also supported by the Township of Minden Hills and local businesses.

HCMG is a community service organization. Members are certified Master Gardeners, with expertise in horticulture, botany and gardening in harmony with nature. They are celebrating 21 years in the Haliburton Highlands.



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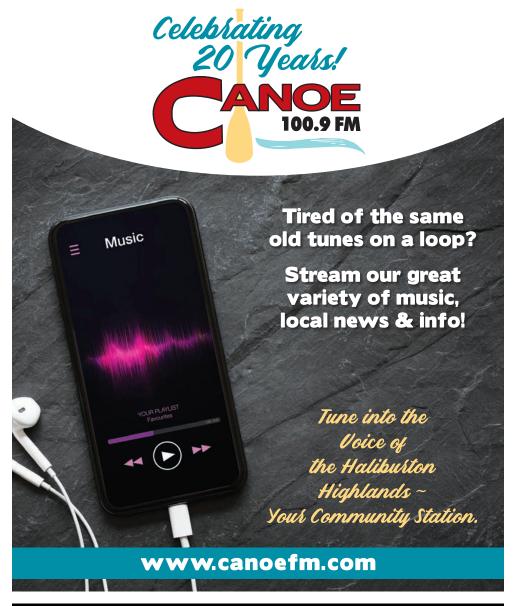




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EVENTS

May 26, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

It's parachute time at the Dysart library. Children will get the chance to shake their wiggles out as they listen to music and work the 'chute. For children aged two to five. A caregiver must be in attendance.

May 26 and 27

Health care privatization referendum. Have your voice heard by marking your ballot at one of 30 voting stations across Haliburton County. You can also vote online at publichospitalvote.ca. For more information, contact Bonnie Roe at 705-457-6579.

May 27, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Haliburton District Lions Club presents its Walk for Dog Guides fundraiser. Taking place at Pet Valu. Yard sale, featuring plants, books and booked goods. Registration for the walk begins at 11:30 a.m. Pledge forms available at Pet Valu, or by calling 705-448-1128. All dogs must be leashed.

May 27, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Does your bike need a tune-up, but you don't know where to start? Join Gaelen Webb at the SIRCH Thrift Warehouse to learn how during a free bicycle repair demo.

May 27 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Join the Haliburton County Master Gardeners at the Minden Hills library for a workshop discussing members of the nightshade family - a garden favourite. Register for this free program online at haliburtonlibrary.ca, or by calling 705-457-2241.

May 28, 11 a.m.

Friends of the Rail Trail Sunday Rambles is a casual way to meet new people and learn about local lore. Meet at the end of Howland Junction Road, off County Road 121, to see the impressive high timber trestle bridge. This marked the junction with the County's other railway, the IB&O.

May 29, 7 to 8 p.m.
Coffeehouse at Castle Antiques in Haliburton. Join

the Baha'i community of Haliburton County for a musical presentation and facilitated conversation on the topic of 'a kind tongue is the magnet for the human heart'. Light refreshments available. Free admission.

May 31, 1:30 p.m.

Movies at St. George's Church. Join us for a showing of Friendly Persuasion, starring Gary Cooper. Admission free. Located at 617 Mountain

June 3, 5 p.m.
Minden Rotary Dinner and Auction at Molly's Bistro Bakery. Mediterranean buffet to begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$60 and available at Molly's, UpRiver Trading and On-the-Spot Variety. For more information, email events@mindenrotary.ca.

June 3, 8:30 p.m.

Join Dave Bathe for an information session on the nocturnal whip-poor-will. You will learn about its habitat preferences, diet, and distinguished characteristics. After the presentation, you will have the chance to go outside and listen to the whip-poor-wills calling on Dave's property. Event taking place at The Bathe Farm on Sedgwick Road. Pre-register at haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

June 10, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join the J.D. Hodgson school community for an exciting end-of-year BBQ and fundraiser. The parent council is hosting a yard and car trunk sale. To book a parking space, contact jdhcouncil@proton.me. Price is \$30. There will be games, refreshments and other activities provided throughout the day.

June 11, 2 p.m.

Highlands Wind Symphony is hosting its 2023 spring concert at Lakeside Church in Haliburton. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$30 per family. Available at Master's Book Store in Haliburton, or Pharmasave Minden.

> Have an event? Email mike@thehighlander.ca Monday by 5 p.m.

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129 Haliburton weekly activities

Mondays: Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield

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.

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Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624

May 26: Diners club at noon, \$15 per person.

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May 27: Honours and awards at noon, by invitation only. Meat draw at 3 p.m.

May 28-30: Closed

May 31: Open 2 to 6 p.m. Darts at 2 p.m.

June 1: Open 2 to 6 p.m.

Upcoming events:

June 10: Horseshoe tournament. Registration from 10 a.m. to noon, play starts at 12:30 p.m. Help us celebrate Branch 624's 50th anniversary. T-shirts available for \$20.

June 23: Opening ceremony at 2 p.m. Pool, poster contest display, wings, nachos and cake available, music with Phil O'Reilly.

June 24: Music with half tuned BBO, popcorn. games, giveaways, and poster judging, with MP Jamie Schmale, MPP Laurie Scott and Highlands East mayor Dave Burton in attendance.

June 25: Pancake breakfast from 9 to 11 a.m.

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519 Coboconk

Second Monday of the month: General meeting- 7:30 p.m.

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.

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her 84th year. Beloved wife of Tom for over 60 years. Cherished Mom of Donna (Rob Stirling) and Chris (Lisa). Treasured Nana to Claire, Lauren, Emily and Holly. Loving Aunt and dear friend to many. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Barb was born and raised in Minden, Ontario where she started her secretarial career. After Tom and Barb married, they moved to Toronto where Barb continued her career. She made many friends, raised her family, entertained, travelled, and kept active dancing, curling, and crosscountry skiing. Barb loved to garden and to sew and knit, creating baby quilts and cozy throws for the special people in her life. After retiring, Barb and Tom moved to a beautiful home on Lake Kashagawigamog in the Haliburton Highlands. Barb was a lifelong member of the United Church, worshipping and contributing in many ways (including many pies) to the life of Minden United, Hillcrest United and, most recently, Highland Hills United Church in Minden. Barb will be remembered for her quiet strength, kindness, quick wit, style and the meals and treats that nourished us all.

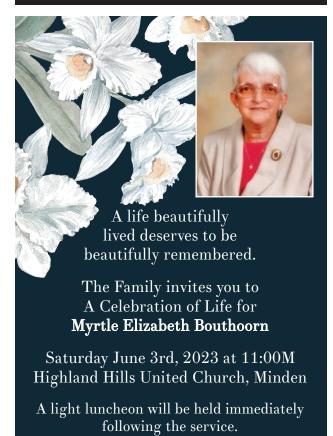
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The Corporation of the County of Haliburton Requires a **Permanent Truck Driver/Equipment Operator**

Truck Driver/Equipment Operators are responsible for the safe operation of heavy equipment such as a trucks, backhoes, loaders, and wing plows. This position is responsible for maintaining roads, ditching, excavating culverts, and brushing.

Successful applicants will possess an AZ licence and have experience operating heavy equipment. This position requires an ability to work on call hours and respond to short notice call ins, and good judgment and communication skills. The hourly rate for this unionized CUPE position is \$26.23. 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 June 9, 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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The Corporation of the County of Haliburton Requires a One (1) Permanent Engineering Assistant - Operations

Reporting to the Deputy Director of Public Works, this position has primary responsibility for traffic analysis and road signage.

Preferred candidates will have post-secondary education in civil engineering or land development and 2 years of experience in road construction and maintenance, preferably in a municipal environment. Must have a valid G driver's licence. The hourly rate for this unionized CUPE position is \$31.49.

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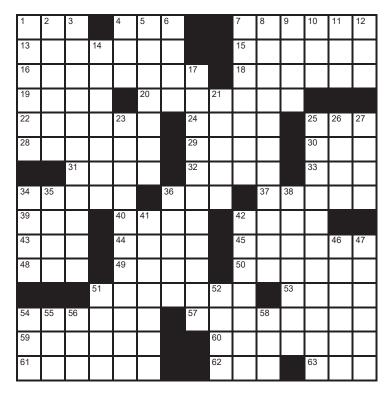
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AT 5PM

Ring Bearers

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- 1 Land in the water: Abbr.
- **4** ___ fries (orange side)
- 7 Lassos or lariats
- 13 Gives a hand in poker
- 15 First born of triplets, say
- **16** Pink car in a Springsteen song
- **18** Bottom-rung grunt
- 19 Rock- ___ -baby...
- 20 Sports competitor
- 22 What archaeoligists dig?
- 24 "Able was ___ ..."
- 25 Mare's mouthpiece
- 28 Actress Hall of "Days of Our Lives'
- 29 Rimouski sky
- 30 Funnywoman Nwodim of "S.N.L."
- **31** Hugo play "Ruy ___'
- 32 Record co. Forbes called "the Spotify of the '70s"
- **33** The Once-___ (Seuss industrialist)
- **34** "Of ___ Sing: A Letter to My Daughters" (Obama book)
- 36 Gloater's chuckle
- **37** Like porter, flavourwise
- **39** Flat filler
- 40 It may be sheepish
- **42** Infectious liver virus, for short
- **43** Crunchy layered sandwich
- **44** Butter ___ (Canadian treat)
- **45** Overstay one's welcome
- 48 Sylvester, for short
- **49** Swedish company founded by a 17-year-old
- **50** Seasoned at the table
- **51** Sore spot for a carpet layer
- **53** Nous sommes, vous ___, ils
- **54** Hand-dyes with wax
- 57 14 pounds, in Britain
- 59 Act opener
- **60** Earthquake-related
- 61 Backwards, on a boat

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- 62 Mag. personnel "at large"
- 63 Some map lines: Abbr.

- **1** Proof of age item
- 2 U.S. Navy builder with an
- 3 New York torchbearer
- 4 Fashion co. intials
- 5 They offer a world view
- **6** Fence alternative at a zoo
- **7** Hockey official with arm bands
- 8 Folk song also called "The Belle of Belfast City"
- **9** Together, to Toscanini
- 10 Till bill that's purple
- **11** ___ for it (deserve)
- 12 Slop house?
- **14** Left to collect dust
- **17** Mexican food stuffed with "pollo"
- **21** The Proclaimers album "Sunshine on ___'
- 23 "Coronation Street" constable

- 25 Pants called "flares", and a hint to 3-, 8-, 17- and 23-Down
- **26** "___ it!" ("Aha!")
- 27 Libera's political foe
- 34 Keys above Caps Locks
- **35** The ___ Times (paper whose logo is the Peace Tower)
- 36 Successful job applicant
- 38 Small programs like Java
- 41 Makes a load, as dough
- 42 Dial-up's successor, informally
- 46 Observed attending
- 47 Models named for Ford's son
- **51** What cattle were once called
- 52 "As I Lay Dying" father
- 54 "Be Prepared" youth org.
- 55 Summer cooling units, for
- 56 Hoopla in Hanoi
- **58** One of the fam

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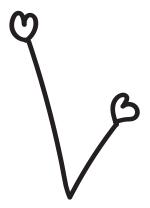
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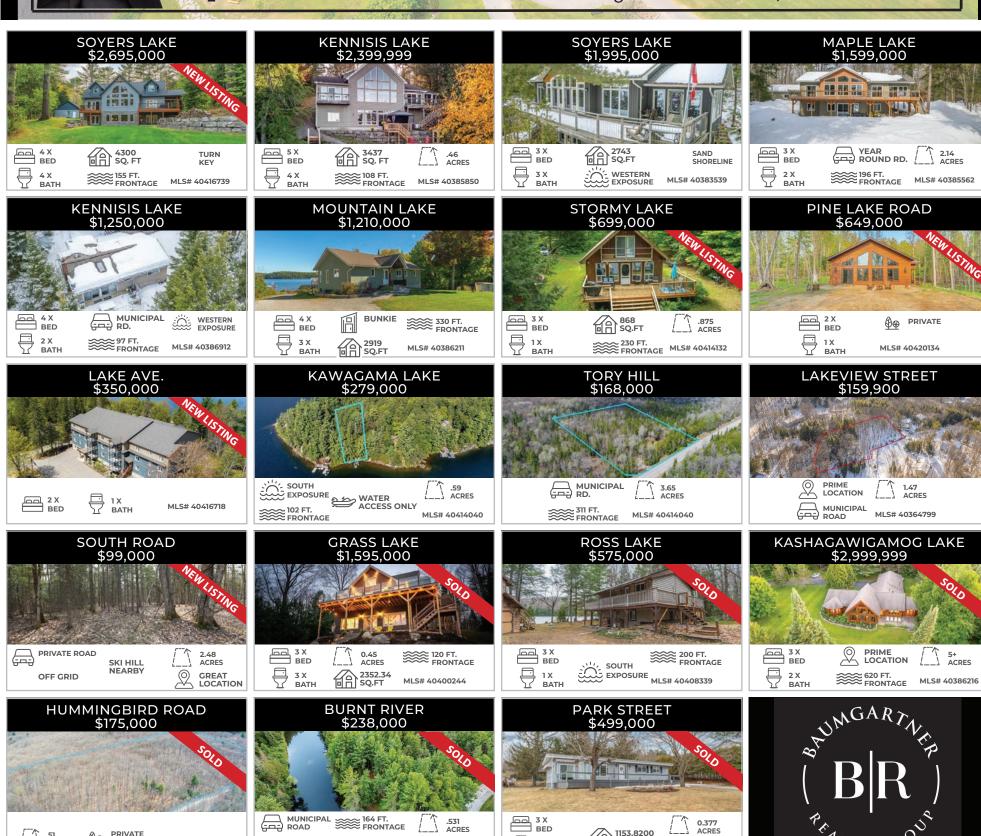
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