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Dan Gosselin, left, one of four owners of the Rockcliffe site in Minden, said the group's focus is now solely on the Moore Falls location. He is pictured with staff. *Photo by Mike Baker.*

Minden's Rockcliffe Tavern rebuild nixed

By Mike Baker

The owners of the historic Rockcliffe Tavern in downtown Minden have nixed plans to rebuild the site, announcing this week they intend to put the property up for sale.

Friends Dan Gosselin, Kirsty Goodearle, and Mark and Lise Dracup purchased the

old bar, located on Bobcaygeon Road, in February 2021 and unveiled grand plans to rebuild the once-popular site. Now, more than two years later, they're getting ready to relist the property.

"Unfortunately, our discussions with the township of Minden Hills have not

progressed the way we would've hoped... which is really disappointing, not only to us, but we're sure many of you. After nearly three years of planning, we are now making the difficult decision to put the original Rockcliffe property back up for sale," the group said in a post on Facebook.

They will focus their attentions on the Rockcliffe Moore Falls location, which opened in June 2022.

In a recent interview with *The Highlander*, Gosselin laid the blame for the downtown project failing at the feet of Minden Hills

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A rendering of plans for the Rockcliffe location in Minden. *Submitted.*

Mayor: 'open for business'

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staff and council. He noted the Rockcliffe investors were interested in purchasing a parcel of municipal land beside the rundown building, which has been vacant since 2015, allowing them to rebuild a "bigger, better Rockcliffe."

Discussions with the town first took place in October 2021. Shortly after, Gosselin and co. appeared before the previous Minden council, which deemed the land to be surplus. They directed staff to source a survey and come up with a valuation. Months, then years, went by without any update.

"We haven't gotten anywhere – no responses from township staff, no activity, no information. We've been told for the past year this is a private council matter and couldn't be discussed behind closed doors," Gosselin said.

"When we brought this project on, we knew there would be challenges, but the lack of action has been ridiculous. Had you told me before that Minden is such a terrible place [for entrepreneurs] to get support, we probably wouldn't have bought it."

Minden Hills mayor Bob Carter said timelines for the survey were thrown off due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He said municipalities must go through "a very stringent process" when wanting to sell surplus land and that staff had done everything by the book.

That survey was completed earlier this year, with the land

valued at approximately \$1.25 million. Staff then retained a realtor and began the process to put it on the market.

"There were a couple of people who had expressed interest, so we went to them before it went onto the market," Carter said. "It was always going to go on the market. We can't just sell it to them, it's a piece of municipal land. We have to make it available through a fair process, and that's what we did."

Carter said any notion that Minden Hills is anti-business, or anti-development is "categorically false."

"We're totally open for business. Just because they [the Rockcliffe owners] weren't successful in what they wanted to build doesn't mean we're not open for business," the mayor said. "We can't show favouritism. Whoever wins the bid may want to build something else. Not everybody has the same ideas."

Carter noted a deal to sell the property has been agreed and will close later this month.

The group, in their post, say their focus is now entirely on building the Moore Falls location.

"We've had a lot of ups and downs, but we still think we've done an incredible thing for the community. We didn't bring back the old Rockcliffe, but I think we brought something new and exciting," Gosselin said. "We're all in on this [Moore Falls] location."

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Kilcoo director accused of sexual assault

By Mike Baker

Civil lawsuits alleging a former director of Minden’s Kilcoo Camp sexually assaulted a student camper, and a former staffer, almost 20 years apart, have been filed in court.

David ‘Lub’ Latimer is accused of manipulation, false imprisonment, and sexual assault in two lawsuits filed at the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Bracebridge July 27. He was a director at Kilcoo from 1985 until recently.

In an emailed statement to *The Highlander*, Kim Bouchard, director of finance and administration, said Kilcoo, “immediately made leadership changes... upon learning of a potential claim.” She said Latimer is no longer camp director and has no active involvement in the operation.

Attempts to reach Latimer for comment have been unsuccessful. In a submission to CBC, Scott Hutchison, a Toronto-based lawyer representing Latimer, said his client intended to fight the claim.

“The allegations suggesting that I harmed anyone associated with the camp or anywhere else are simply not true. I would never do anything to hurt any young person,” Latimer’s statement read. CBC reports Latimer “chose to step away” from his position at Kilcoo until the situation is resolved.

Bouchard would not confirm whether Latimer left of his own volition. She said Kilcoo will cooperate with any investigation into the “troubling allegations.”

The claims are being brought forward in civil court and have not been proven. No statement of defence had been filed as of Aug. 9. The two plaintiffs, who are not named, are seeking a minimum of \$5.5 million in damages from Latimer and Kilcoo Camp, which has been accused of failing to protect the claimants.

Shaker’s story

Disclaimer: the following includes details of encounters that may be troubling to read.

The first statement of claim was filed by a 39-year-old Toronto resident, identified as J. Doe #1. Court documents state the individual attended a week-long outdoor education program at Kilcoo twice between 1990 and 1993. Latimer was a director, officer, and camp counsellor at the time and, it is alleged, singled out Doe #1 for “special attention.”

Latimer gave the claimant the nickname ‘Shaker’, in reference to a secret handshake they came up with. The claim states he showered ‘Shaker’ with gifts, including a hat with the nickname on the back.

The allegations suggesting that I harmed anyone associated with the camp or anywhere else are simply not true. I would never do anything to hurt any young person.

David Latimer statement to CBC

“Latimer’s attention made Doe #1 feel special and valued... they began to view Latimer as someone they could trust,” the claim reads.

During the first trip, the lawsuit states Latimer wanted to take Doe #1 on a “secret” trip. It’s alleged the pair went into a garage, where it’s claimed Latimer sexually assaulted Doe #1.

Following the assault, Doe #1 claims Latimer manipulated them into believing the pair were in a romantic relationship, exchanging letters, photos and cards after Doe #1 returned home, and regularly spoke on the phone.

Doe #1 claims it was not consensual and over time the effects of the psychological trauma acutely impacted their mental health, causing them to lose their job, withdraw from their social network, and move back home.

‘Submission does not equal consent’

The second claim was filed by a 33-year-old from Stouffville, 12 when she first attended the camp and met Latimer in 2001. During that initial visit, it’s claimed Latimer gave the claimant an affectionate nickname and told her she was special. She attended two further week-long camps in 2002 and 2003.

In 2005, when Doe #2 was 15, she volunteered as a junior counsellor. She became a “land staff” team member in 2009, assisting with programming. Doe #2 worked at Kilcoo until 2013.

“During the course of her employment, Latimer continued to single Doe #2 out for special treatment... gradually, Latimer began touching [her] in casual, seemingly innocent ways to attempt to normalize physical contact between them. Eventually,

Latimer told Doe #2 he had a special spiritual connection with her,” the claim reads.

The first alleged assault was in 2009, when she was 19 years old - when Doe #2 was privately undressing inside Kilcoo’s recreation hut. Latimer’s abuse extended to sexually explicit text messages and phone calls, it’s alleged.

Doe #2 said she was afraid to object or complain because she feared losing her job. Latimer used gifts to ensure Doe #2 kept his abuse a secret, it’s claimed.

The lawsuit noted, “at no time did Latimer take reasonable steps to ascertain Doe #2’s consent... submission does not equal consent.”

The series of assaults “forever altered the course of Doe #2’s life,” the claim adds.

Kilcoo installs new camp director

Aldrin Primaylon has been installed as the new camp director, Bouchard said, and the summer schedule has not been impacted.

Asked to comment on the suits, which name Kilcoo as a defendant, Bouchard said, “these troubling allegations only involve the actions of the former director.”

Heather Thomas, vice principal at Greenwood College School, a private institution in Toronto, said she was “deeply concerned” about the allegations. She confirmed Latimer had served as a director at the school but didn’t say when he left. The lawsuits state Latimer retired in 2023 “following rumours he violated boundaries with minor students at Greenwood.” Thomas did not address those rumours.

Cst. Michael Melnychuk of the Haliburton Highlands OPP said he wasn’t aware of any criminal proceedings against Latimer as of press time.

HIGHLANDS EAST NEWS

Building activity down

Chief building official, Colin McKnight, said building permits are down for 2023, when compared to July 2022.

He said they’d issued 68 permits to date, 15 for dwellings and 53 other. In 2022, they

had 105, with 23 dwellings and 82 other.

He noted sewage system permits were also down; 28 to date in 2023, compared to 48 in 2022. There have also been 15 sewage system installation reports, down from 25 in 2022. Occupancy certificates and final inspection are actually up; 12

so far in 2023, compared to nine in 2022.

Other planning statistics were zoning compliance requests to date of 28 for 2023, compared to 45 for 2022. Construction value is also down, to \$14,471,859 this year, from \$16,543,128 last year.

Deputy mayor Cec Ryall asked if interest

rates were contributing to the downturn, and if he thinks they will continue to go up.

McKnight said, “I agree that’s probably part of the issue. I’m not sure it’s going to get any better for next year. Watching the news, it seems they are going to continue to go up at this point.”

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Ferguson sentencing scheduled for Oct. 23

Robert Anthony Ferguson, 62, of Highlands East, will be sentenced for the second-degree murder of Dylan Dahlke in a Lindsay courtroom Oct. 23.

Ontario Crown prosecutor Kent Saliwonchuk confirmed the date was set during a court appearance July 19.

Ferguson was found guilty June 27 of killing 29-year-old Dahlke on July 6, 2019.

The court will hear victim impact statements on the day of sentencing. Justice Clyde Smith is presiding.

Ferguson is represented by Maija Martin, of Martin Criminal Defense. (Lisa Gervais)

Police board expected early next year

By Lisa Gervais

The province is one step closer to establishing a police services board for the County of Haliburton.

A spokesperson for the Ministry of the Solicitor General wrote County CAO Mike Rutter July 19. Rutter had submitted the proposal for a detachment board on behalf of the townships.

The spokesperson said all proposals had to go through a thorough review process but confirmed the Haliburton County OPP detachment board proposal had been approved by the Solicitor General to the next step in finalizing the board compositions. That will involve posting to the Ontario Regulatory Registry (ORR).

The ministry is working on drafting the regulation, expected to be available on the ORR for public comment in the summer or fall, the spokesperson said.

“Posting of the regulation is one of the last steps before the regulation can be finalized in advance of bringing the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) into force in early 2024,” the spokesperson added.

The suggested composition is a seven-person board, with five councillors, one community representative and one provincial appointment.

“On behalf of the Ministry of the Solicitor General, I would like to express my appreciation to all the communities involved in the proposal development process,” the spokesperson said.

“I acknowledge and value the significant efforts undertaken to create a proposal for a detachment board that addresses the unique needs of each community that receives OPP policing services in your detachment.”

The spokesperson added, “the ministry



The OPP detachment in Minden. *File.*

is planning to share more guidance as soon as possible on next steps, with the understanding that municipalities and First Nations require time to plan for the implementation of OPP detachment boards before the CSPA comes into force.”

The mayors used to meet with the Haliburton Highlands detachment commander as part of an informal

Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC). However, following the CSPA in 2019, the province told municipalities they had until June 7, 2022 to apply for detachment boards.

It’s all part of the new community safety and well-being plan presented to County councillors at a Jan. 26, 2022 meeting.

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The failed bridge on the IB+O trail. *File.*

HE to hold meeting on IB+O bridge

By Lisa Gervais

Wilberforce Service Centre co-owner Todd Watling told Highlands East council Aug. 8, the now years-long closure of the IB+O trail to snowmobilers due to a failing bridge has had a significant impact on his and other businesses.

Watling said winter is always slow, as cottagers are not around as much, but snowmobiling traditionally supplements their income.

He said co-owner, Lindsay, has estimated they were down more than \$140,000 last year, which is “almost crippling to our business.” He said the winter snowmobile conditions were good, so they can attribute it to the trail closure. “Our numbers should have been up, not down.” He said it was so bad, they considered closing last winter and embarking on renovations earlier.

Watling said they are hearing similar stories from other Wilberforce businesses, including the restaurant. “We just simply get bypassed. They choose their rides elsewhere, other trails, other towns, so it’s been significant.”

The businessman added that as a snowmobiler, he gets at least a dozen inquiries every week about what is happening with the failed bridge that forced Highlands East to close the section of trail. He said he does not have any answers for them. He told council some communication or timeline would be welcome.

Jon Cumming, president of the Paudash Trailblazers Snowmobile Club, also spoke to council. He noted his club has more than 1,500 members, comprising ratepayers. He is also on the board of directors for district two of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs.

“I want to impress upon council the importance of resolving the problem prior to this winter,” he said.

“Our purpose here today is to tell you about the impact this has had and to express the hope that we will see increased communication and transparency from Highlands East as this project unfolds.”

He noted the OFSC sells 100,000 trail permits annually, with the industry having an estimated economic impact of more than \$3 billion in Ontario. He said snowmobilers use goods and services everywhere they go.

The closure of the bridge, and consequently the trail, means local riders cannot do loops and tourist are cut off from connecting trails.

“The loss of this bridge has created a break in our trail system affecting our club, Haliburton County Snowmobile Association and Buckhorn District Snowmobile Club,” he said. “Wilberforce is a hub, has services like restaurants, groceries, and fuel, and it’s been marooned.” He added the break makes it hard for them to groom the trail system. He noted it is affecting summer users too.

“This process has been ongoing for over

two years and we still don’t have a really good sense that anything concrete is going to happen and time is ticking away.

“We are really concerned about the pace of which this project has proceeded and what appears to be large time gaps and occasional sidesteps to move this thing to completion.”

Cumming added with the trails committee being disbanded, it’s hard for people to find out what is going on. He said snowmobile clubs want to help but need information.

Mayor Dave Burton said Highlands East would be hosting a meeting Aug. 22 with user groups.

“We have some quotes, some prices on the bridge ... we’ll just get together and we’ll have more answers, probably, for you then,” he said. Burton added his goal is to have the bridge in place by November at the latest.

Public works operations manager, Perry Kelly, added pricing had been submitted by two independent bridge supply companies and both prices had been broken out for comparison pricing. “I’m trying to get this bridge installed and opened up before the freeze up this fall,” he said.

Highlands East hired an engineer to assess the wooden bridge in April 2022. The firm, Greer Galloway, recommended the bridge be shut immediately due to structural issues. The inspectors said it was beyond saving. Councillors unanimously voted to close the bridge.



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Cottagers question Dysart septic program

By Mike Baker

A pair of Haliburton cottagers are ticked off with Dysart et al township after a mandatory septic inspection earlier this summer mistakenly flagged an issue with their system.

John and Lori Sexton own property along Spruce Lake and had their septic checked by town staffers in May. They were surprised when, following the inspection, they received a notice stating their system didn't meet municipal standards. The supposed problem was a missing inlet baffle – a device that helps wastewater flow smoothly throughout the septic system.

The Sextons said they questioned the inspectors, who insisted they couldn't locate the baffle, which typically extends into the top area of the tank. So, they arranged to have someone come in to fix it.

"A contractor came out – he had a camera with him, which he used to find the baffle right away," Lori said, noting town staffers didn't use a camera while carrying out the earlier inspection.

The Sextons were billed \$170 for the visit. They feel Dysart should cover the "unnecessary" tab.

"We're out a good chunk of money now because of a mistake, which doesn't seem right. I don't know why the township isn't using a camera for these inspections so they can avoid situations like this," Lori said. "We are really supportive of these inspections...



Cottagers John and Lori Sexton feel Dysart et al needs to improve the way it conducts septic inspections. Photo by Mike Baker.

we just feel it's not a very good process if the township is making people pay for things that are already there."

Bri Quinn, supervisor of Dysart's sewage system maintenance program, described the Sexton's case as an "oddball" situation. She said a standard flow test, carried out on every system, raised some red flags.

"The effluent wasn't coming from the inlet opening on the end of the tank, it was coming from somewhere else," she said, noting she got on the ground and peered her head through the tank opening to see if she could spot the baffle. "We couldn't see anything, and at that point it wasn't clear to us [a baffle was installed] and it wasn't clear

for us to try and repel down anymore." Quinn said last year, staffers would use their iPhones to take photos inside the tank, but noted the town is moving away from that practice after several phones were dropped and lost. She added the department was looking into purchasing cameras to be used for inspections.

After reporting the issue to her superior, chief building official, Karl Korpela, Quinn said she was confident the Sextons' case was being handled by the book.

"We're not repairmen... I'm not comfortable asking [summer students] to go out and basically plunge into a septic tank to find someone's baffle. So, if it's not clear

to us at the time then it's something we're going to ask for proof of," Quinn said.

Cottager wants more thorough inspections

Gunars Vestfals had his Drag Lake property inspected in June and was told his system required a pump out after the technician found what they believed to be approximately two feet of sludge at the bottom of the tank. This was news to Vestfals, who had his tank drained just a few months earlier. He said his system typically needs pumping every four or five years.

After a contractor came out it was determined the tank had around two inches of actual sludge.

He said he's out around \$315, after going ahead with the second pump out, and is calling on the township to be more thorough in its testing.

"Dysart's program appears to focus on what they call 'sludge'. When the depth measurement of it is a third of the tank, being two feet, they insist on a pump out. In reality, most of [that] is suspended sewage, still decomposing," Vestfals said, pointing out what he perceives to be a key flaw in the township's testing.

Quinn admitted, "there's always areas of improvement." She said staff usually meet every other week to discuss the program, complaints, and any potential changes.

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Owner, Wayne Hooks, in the gallery Aug. 6. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Ethel Curry Gallery to shutter doors

By Lisa Gervais

Owner Wayne Hooks has confirmed the Ethel Curry Gallery will be closing its Haliburton doors Oct. 20.

Hooks said he sent a letter to artists July 26 announcing the decision.

He told them, and *The Highlander*, he is doing so with a “heavy heart and deep personal and professional disappointment” he can no longer, single-handedly, finance the day-to-day operations.

“This decision is excruciatingly hard for me to have to make,” he added.

The gallery was created by Ethel Curry’s nephew, Peter Curry, and his wife Jody, along with Hooks. They all saw the wild beauty inherent in the Highlands. Jody Curry was involved until 2008 when Hooks took it over. It has been a Haliburton institution for 28 years.

Hooks said his resources are depleted and the gallery “is apparently out of customers. The reason for the lack of sales and the decline in customers are numerous, relatively understandable, and entirely beyond my control.”

During a chat Aug. 6 with blues playing from his computer, Hooks said, “there’s nothing in here anyone has to have. We’re selling lots of earrings and snowflakes but you have to sell those (he points to a large painting on a wall) to keep the doors open.

“I think the general doom and gloom that’s descended over the planet for various reasons plays a big part in it.”

He talks about the economy and interest rates. “As everyone’s aware, every time you go to the grocery store, whatever it was last week is up a buck, and so people are just not comfortable buying what we have to sell.”

He emphasized they are a privately-owned, privately-run gallery so do not get council grants such as the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden, or Rails End Gallery in Haliburton. “To keep the doors open, we have to sell.”

Hooks said the books made the decision for him in the spring.

“We had a poorer than average year last year, and a poorer than average summer, and the summer is when I have to build up the bank account for the winter and it didn’t happen. So, starting in January, I was paying all the bills myself and about March,

when you could see that this cloud was not going to be lifting any time soon, I realized I couldn’t go on.”

Bittersweet

The pending closure is bittersweet, Hooks conceded.

Over the years, they’ve represented and helped more than 250 artists, which Hooks said is significant. The gallery started out local but expanded to mostly Ontario artists, with a few others from across Canada.

“Young artists, established artists, older artists who’ve retired and are trying their hand at it. And I would say we’ve never had a better group, never had better art, in our whole history,” he said.

He is particularly proud of the gallery’s relationship with A.J. VanDrie, recalling, “one of the staff walked in with A.J. in the middle of the summer about 15 years ago. He was standing there with a painting and I said, ‘you’re in.’ He’s a good friend of mine. When he comes up, he paints on my deck. He’s painted me personal paintings. And

we’ve sold over 250 and I know people who have 10 of his. And he is one that I’m pretty proud of.”

He added, “if it wasn’t for Brian Atyeo, that whole wall is Brian Atyeo, this gallery wouldn’t be here. He’s internationally known. He used to live outside of Haliburton, with his wife Peggy. Peggy worked here.”

He’ll miss the relationships with artists and chin-wagging with people dropping in. “That is irreplaceable. That I’m going to miss. It has been a wonderful voyage. I don’t regret a minute of it.”

Hooks said over the years, visitors have told him the Ethel Curry is a destination. “Many people mention one of the reasons they come to Haliburton is to come to the gallery.”

The public has reacted with “universal disappointment and sadness,” he said.

Hooks added about half of the artists had replied to his letter, and all had been very understanding.

“The quote I use with the reply is usually, ‘well, as Dylan wrote, *The Times They Are A-Changin’*.”

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OPP creating more victims

When *The Highlander* was sent surveillance video of a person saying ‘f*** off, you faggot’ to a cottager on Maple Lake, we didn’t think we should take it lightly.

We were told OPP had charged the person, and his wife, with criminal harassment.

We were cognizant it was the result of a long neighbourhood dispute, so ensured the cottager was not made out to be an angel. We reported on how his actions, including development on a shore road allowance he does not own, had upset many people.

Unfortunately, although OPP confirmed a text saying they’d charged a “Ray” and “Katrina,” they would not provide any more information. They would not release the full names, ages, or address, to protect the victim. Yet, it was the victim who came to *The Highlander* and his name and photo were in the paper. Protecting the identity of the victim was not an issue anymore.

After the story came out, another set of neighbours said we had defamed them because we had not printed the name of the accused. We went back to the OPP to ask them to reconsider, as surely, they did not want to create any more victims due to possible misidentification. Again, they declined, saying they stood behind their mandate of protecting victims of crime. They said they could not control whether victims independently made a decision to identify themselves to the media. We were told we could file a complaint through the Office of the Independent Police Review Director.

Consequently, it was left to *The Highlander* to get the names.

We contacted OPP media to see if they could tell us what their policy is on releasing names. We’re still waiting for a reply.

However, a quick online search revealed they have stopped giving out names in certain circumstances, such as accident victims. On the surface that seems a reasonable course of action. However, it can lead to misidentification and widespread rumours in communities. Once next of kin are notified, it is still prudent to release names.

Another policy switch appears to be not releasing the gender of people charged with crimes. They’re saying “the individual” or “the accused” instead of gender specific pronouns such as “he” or “she”.

One wonders what’s going on. An Ottawa Human Rights lawyer, who specializes in human rights and policing law, told CBC recently, the OPP seem overly cautious, possibly a result of pre-emptively trying to avoid legal liability. He suggested training officers to understand the human rights code and how to deal with people, as opposed to being overly administrative.

The City of Kawartha Lakes recently had a discussion about not releasing names of anyone charged so as not to stigmatize them.

Chief Mark Mitchell said it’s about balancing priorities. He said police agencies should be open and transparent with the public, which would favour releasing as

much information as possible. However, that has to be balanced with the risk of unnecessarily stigmatizing and shaming individuals. He said for him the question is ‘is this a matter of public interest or is the public just interested?’

For example, he said police should say when someone is arrested and charged for impaired driving, but does the public need to know the name? Some would argue they do. It acts as a deterrent to other would-be drunk drivers.

It’s not only the OPP and other police services that struggle with naming. At *The Highlander*, we have opted more towards not naming. We do this because we cannot possibly follow every court proceeding to see if a person has been convicted - or exonerated - of an offence.

But we believe there are times when local OPP should release names, such as in the Maple Lake case. Another example is, if there is a fatal car accident, and wrong names of victims are circulating on Facebook or in the community, they need to notify next of kin first, and then release the names. Failure to do so simply creates more victims, public confusion and anxiety and is irresponsible.



By Lisa Gervais

CLIMATE CORNER

Our uninhabitable planet

PROBLEM:

Despite the 2015 Paris Agreement to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, the current trajectory has Earth reaching 2.7 degrees by 2080 (Climate Analytics and NewClimate Institute, 2021).

The eight hottest years recorded are 2015 to 2022. The Lancet reported 489,000 people worldwide died directly from extreme heat in 2019.

Five years ago, climate scientists forewarned parts of the world would become uninhabitable.

North Africa and the Middle East suffer record breaking 47-53 degrees Celsius.

Spain and western Europe forecast 45C this week.

Temperatures in Asia are replicating 2022’s summer when 900 million Chinese suffered temperatures in the 40’s and 50’s for two months, killing crops, drying rivers, causing wildfires, and sending people underground.

In India and Pakistan, extreme heat kills, with 96 deaths in India this June, 46C with severe humidity.

Thirty-one straight days over 110F in Phoenix, Arizona last month; people hospitalized with third degree burns from the sidewalks.

At 4,000 feet in the Andes, South America is currently clocking one of the most extreme

heat events: 38.9C in the Chilean Andine winter season.

With every one-tenth degree Celsius warming, another 140 million humans will be outside the “human climate niche” (zone of tolerable temperatures). Currently, nine per cent of humans (> 600 million) live outside this niche (Nature Sustainability, May 2023).

Humans cool down by sweating. Internal body heat is moved to the surface via blood vessels and cooled by sweat evaporating from our skin. The more humid the air, the less our sweat evaporates. Above a wet bulb temperature of 95F (high air temperature and humidity) we can no longer cool by sweating, and body temperatures rise steadily. When humid, air temperatures of 34C can speed heart rate. This cardiovascular strain occurs even before a person’s internal temperature increases.

More than 100 migrants have died from heat this summer along the U.S.-Mexico border. They report 226 rescues for dehydration and heat-related illness in the American Southwest in one week.

On Aug. 1, global sea surface measured 20.96 C, breaking documented records. Marine heatwaves in the UK are five degrees higher than normal. Other marine heatwaves: the North Atlantic (first ever), the Mediterranean and the Gulf of Mexico. Florida sea surface temperature is 38.44 C (normal 23-31C, NOAA).

Additional broken records this summer: the hottest day globally, the two hottest months in human history (June and July), record-low Antarctic sea-ice.

As our planet warms and sea levels rise: the 30 per cent of Americans and the 20 per cent of Canadians living coastally are moving, joining millions of climate refugees globally; melting Arctic permafrost releases dormant viruses; by 2030, Arctic waterways will be navigable, risking North American security.

Heat domes and heat waves increase because the physical boundaries for the jet stream are changing. The jet stream helps circulate warm air from the tropics to the poles and bring cool air from the poles to the tropics. Because the Arctic is warming four times faster than the rest of the planet, the temperature difference between the poles and the tropics is changing, creating “wobbly” jet streams, pushed beyond normal parameters. Climate-related changes to the jet stream could trigger multiple simultaneous extreme weather events, threatening global food security.

“The onset of El Niño will greatly increase the likelihood of breaking temperature records and triggering more extreme heat in many parts of the world and in the ocean.”

Next: solutions and what you can do



By Dr. Nell Thomas

LETTERS

STRs need proper zoning, regulations

Dear editor,

The letter (Aug. 3) of Doug Cameron of Oshawa justifying his short-term, two-cottage rental business is misguided and misleading.

The only beneficiary of STRs is the person collecting the rents, who usually resides mainly outside the County. The major and often ignored flaw in his justification is: renters do not contribute any more to the local economy than any owner/seasonal resident who would otherwise be occupying the same rented property during that same time (often they contribute less, bringing their own supplies and not needing services).

Replacing the economy of a renter with an owner is a zero-sum game. To suggest STRs actually improve or help the economy is at worst disingenuous and at best unprovable, and his inflated figures make no sense - an absentee landlord spending \$30,000 this year in Haliburton? Any money he might spend on his business properties is what he, as any owner, might otherwise be spending, and in his case, is also conveniently tax deductible.

Cameron totally ignores the most significant arguments in favour of regulation - renters’ disruptive and often disrespectful behaviour through noise, late parties, alcohol abuse, trespassing, flagrant violation of bylaws (fire bans, fireworks restrictions, boating rules, etc.) and overuse of recreational lands.

He also ignores he is very likely carrying on business on properties that would not be zoned commercial. He may be operating “on every legality provincial law states” but zoning is a local designation which at present very likely undermines every STR in the County.

What he contributes directly on his own as a property owner to the economy is totally irrelevant to the issue, including his obligation to pay property taxes like everyone else. Also irrelevant is his self-congratulatory altruism in renting his “investment” properties at supposedly less than market rates to grateful families who cannot afford more expensive places, or how much his renters or local contractors love him. Equally irrelevant is his attempt to downplay his role by stating his investments (a word subtly intended to make his money-making sound more forgiving) are “not lucrative,” as if that makes him a lesser part of the problem, and not just a poor investor already treated badly by the municipality that won’t plow his road in winter.

His bizarre conclusion of “all the local property owners will be compensated when they decide to sell their property” is delusion if he actually thinks having renters next door enhances the desirably and value of any property.

Garry Lamourie
Minden Hills

Fireworks discussion needed now

Dear editor

I read the Minden Hills news in the Aug. 3 edition of The Highlander. This was following Minden Hills council meeting that took place on July 27. I attended that meeting specifically to hear the fire chief Shain Duda’s report as to the situation with fireworks and permit applications (FYI Minden processed six fireworks applications from private citizens in 2022, a fraction of the fireworks that occurred during times when a permit was required).

Following that meeting, I felt a need to offer some advice to mayor Bob Carter regarding his final comments specifically as it relates to his comment that “there is not a lot of irrefutable proof that fireworks are bad for the environment.”

Maybe when mayor Carter sat on the board for the Kashawigamog Lake Property Owners Association, and they were having a fireworks discussion, the internet wasn’t around. A simple Google search by me this morning turned up a plethora of research papers on this subject.

Forbes wrote a great article in late 2019 citing nine research studies starting in 1999 and going up to 2016 stating the negative environmental impacts of fireworks. This article only covered the negative environmental aspects of fireworks and didn’t even cover the other major issue with fireworks, which is the stress and trauma caused to wild animals, domestic animals and many individuals suffering from PTSD.

I agree entirely with coun. Pam Sayne when she said we need to have further discussions on fireworks usage, and not just here in Minden Hills but globally. In truth, we are well past the discussion phase. It is a time for action. Part of the responsibility of government is education. People (the apparent 50 per cent that like fireworks) need to understand the negative impacts of fireworks. Even I can agree that fireworks are pretty but are they worth it at the expense of the Earth? It’s not like we have a back up planet, as far as I know. This discussion needs to happen sooner rather than later if we have any hope for the survival of future generations.

*Paul Hewitt
Minden*

Move the market

Dear editor,

Seems an easy fix to improve business for the farmers market and the town businesses, who all reported almost a 75 per cent drop in sales and customers due to moving the market across the bridge in Head Lake Park.

If we learned anything these past few years, it is that we must be able to pivot quickly and

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Two geese hanging out in the Highlands. Submitted.

embrace new ways of doing things.

I don’t know why the move was made in the first place. The recent Art & Craft show location proves the point with a much tighter layout for the vendors which builds interest and numbers.

The activity can be seen from Hwy. 121 when driving by, which also encourages people to stop by.

Don’t wait until next year to do the right thing. Move the farmers Market now and promote the decision so that residents and visitors are aware of the move. The market continues until October, so let’s try everything we can to make it successful this year.

Mary Richardson
Drag Lake cottager

Thank you

Dear editor,

On the afternoon of Wednesday, July 12, I was on Big Bob Lake near Minden when I was stung by a wasp. I had never before been allergic to anything so it took me some time to realize what was happening to me when I had an allergic reaction.

It took eight minutes to get to the Minden Medical Centre, which was closed. There was no ambulance or medical help there either. Then, it took 23 more minutes to get to the Haliburton Hospital. Had my reaction been more severe there is no telling what might have happened to me.

At the emergency, I was expertly treated by Dr. Michael Bartucci and his staff. [Because of that medical condition that is called ‘being freaked out’ I couldn’t remember any of the medical team’s names; I found his name on the notes provided for my family doctor].

I would like to publicly thank the team for treating me so well, explaining what was

happening and how they were solving my problem.

Thank you very much for being there when I needed you.

I would like to caution your readers about allowing the Conservative government to close the Emergency in Minden. It seems that some people’s allergic reaction may not be able to deal with the 31 minutes it took me to reach help.

People should think that over very carefully when their support is asked for regarding the Minden closure and also the next time they vote.

I now know where my vote is going in the next election.

Hans Jewinski
Toronto

Residents want action on Wig

Dear editor,

Thank you for your Aug. 3 headlines and to the three gentlemen who are standing up to the Aurora Group and their continuing broken promises.

The Wigamog Inn property is a catastrophe waiting to happen.

The so-called fence which was to keep children and people out is flat on the ground and has been for a long time.

Aurora Group has had six years to give what was a stately and proud hotel and resort a decent burial.

Get it done for heaven’s sake or will it be another broken promise like the car wash and variety store that was to be built on the highway beside the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.

I too feel frustrated with the township – call in a demolition company from Toronto and charge Aurora Group.

Joan Cameron
Haliburton

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Darren Powers has opened Miner's Bay Lodge up to the community since joining in October 2021. Photo by Mike Baker.

Business booming at Miner's Bay Lodge

By Mike Baker

It's a new era at Miner's Bay Lodge, the historic 55-acre vacation site that has been welcoming guests to Haliburton County for more than a century.

Boasting 28 cottages, 85 trailer sites, a primary lodge building and several other structures, such as a store and dining room, the business is home to between 300 and 500 people during the peak summer months.

General manager, Darren Powers, said the unique space has been a return destination for families for generations.

"A lot of our business here comes from repeat guests - that probably accounts for 85 per cent of our bookings. We had some guests in July who are on their sixth generation vacationing here. This is very much somewhere people come, keep coming back, and then their children come, and their children's children come," Powers said.

Such is the connection guests feel to the property, and the area, a group of 26 repeat vacationers came together to purchase the lodge in 2018 from Russ and Dorothy Wunker. While it's been a difficult few years, particularly during the pandemic, Powers, who joined the operation in 2021, said business is now booming.

A big reason for that, he said, is a recent change that has opened Miner's Bay Lodge up to the Highlands community. Starting this year, locals can swing by the dining room, located along Hwy. 35, for meals prepared by a new, five-star chef. Powers said he hosted 104 people for a free dinner in May to launch the service.

"We're trying to branch out and build relationships. This is such a unique place, we want to introduce as many people as possible to the things we're doing. There's always lots going on at the lodge," he said, noting

the store, and kitchen, also offer delivery to nearby cottagers and homeowners.

The kitchen is open seven days a week from noon until 8:30 p.m.

Powers said Miner's Bay Lodge is also opening itself for private bookings, such as weddings, birthday parties, youth groups, and couples' retreats.

The most significant change though, Powers notes, is to the lodge's season. Typically open for 10 weeks during the summer, the facility will be open for 40 weeks starting this year.

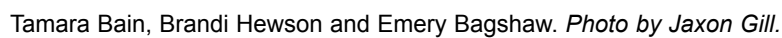
"We opened on Jan. 1 and had people here until March break. Then we kicked off the summer season over the May 24 long weekend, and have bookings right through until Thanksgiving," Powers said. "I have a five-year plan for this place, and the first step was opening it up for longer. It's too good a spot to sit empty."

In the name of giving back, Powers kickstarted a 'Make a Wish' style program this year that provided free holidays to two families from the London area. He wants to do more of that in the future.

"They were free, no strings attached vacations for families who never would have had the chance to do something like this. The first was for a 16-year-old girl who has cancer and needs to get a bone marrow transplant, so we wanted to do something nice for her and her family," Powers said.

"This is a very special place to me - I've been coming here every year since I was two months old. Now, I work here because I believe in what it stands for, and the smiles we help put on people's faces. I want to share the spirit of Miner's Bay Lodge with as many people as possible," he added.

Anyone who knows a family in need is encouraged to contact Powers at 705-286-2978. For more information on the resort, visit minersbaylodge.com.



By Jaxon Gill

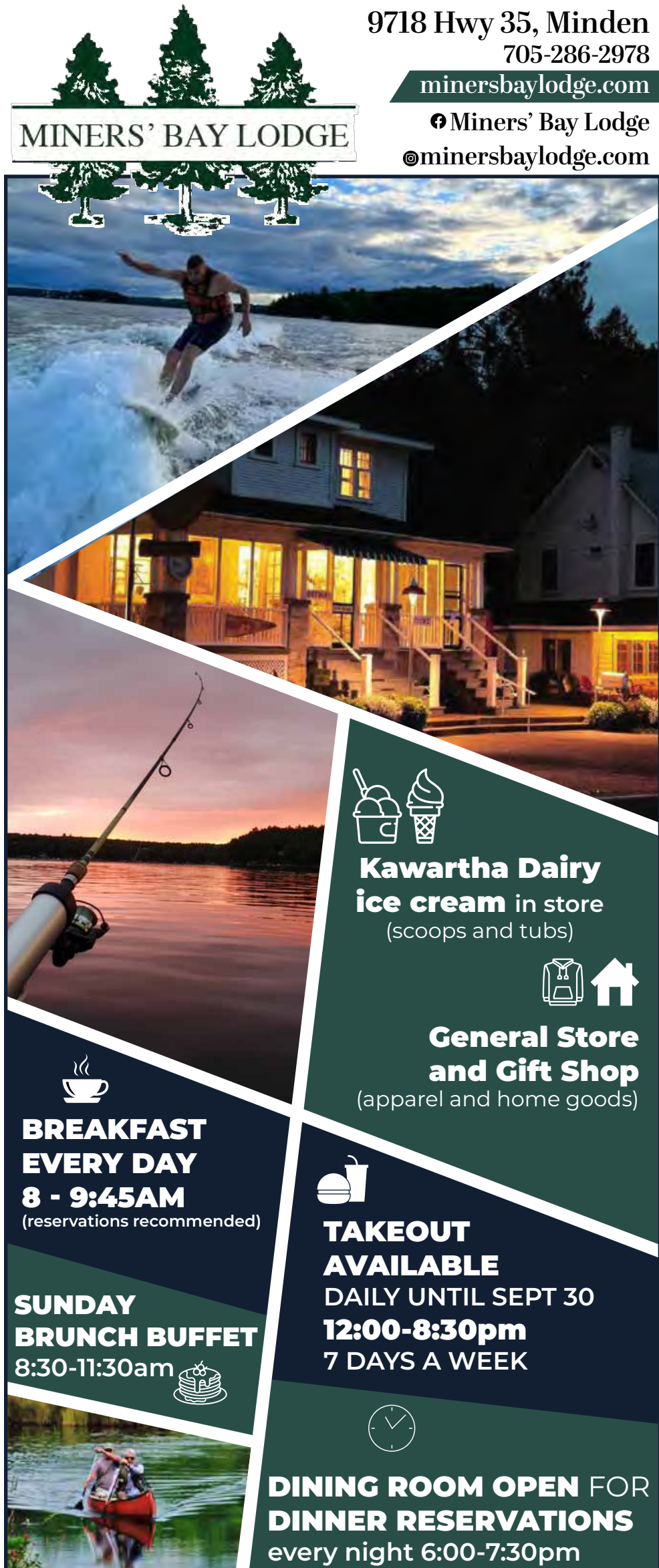
The interior and exterior lighting store, with home decor, is located on Industrial Road in Haliburton. Kohara has been open for a little over two years but demand has recently driven them to expand their

showroom with the new kitchen and bathroom line. “This new piece has really just come together in the last year, we have been working with local craftsmen and local designers. All of our cabinetry is made locally.” said Kohara owner and founder, Brandi Hewson. The event featured the launch of a sale and giveaways. For more information go to koharaco.com

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Land Trust hopes Whitteker will lift program

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) has announced that Rick Whitteker will be its new Partners in Conservation (PIC) coordinator.

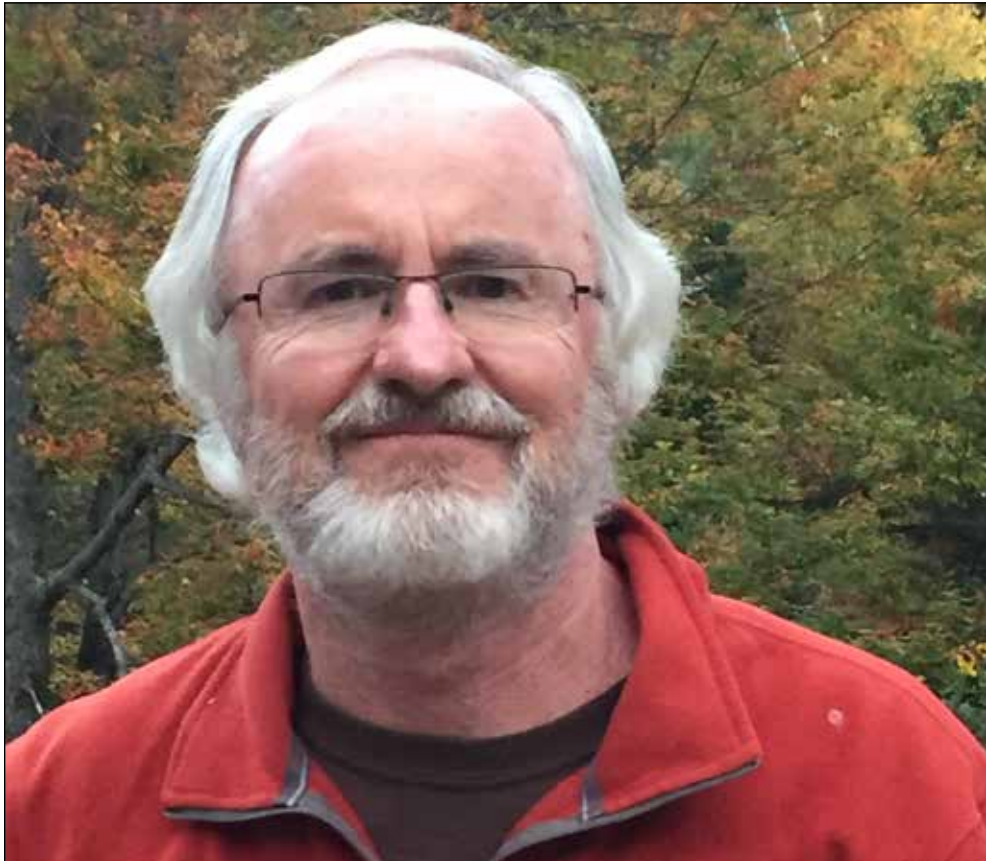
Whitteker’s role will support private landowners who have joined the PIC program, and raise the program’s profile in hopes of recruiting more conservation partners, the HHLT said in a recent media release.

Whitteker has lived in Haliburton County since 1997, originally working for Haliburton Forest as an outdoor educator. He followed that with 15 years at Fleming College as a faculty and coordinator of the Outdoor and Adventure Education program.

Whitteker said, “for many years, I have enjoyed the outdoors recreationally and as a guide, interpreter, writer, and educator. The PIC coordinator position is a great opportunity to give back to nature by supporting private landowner conservation efforts. I am especially excited to be involved in HHLT’s local conservation effort called the Highlands Corridor.”

Shelley Hunt, chair of HHLT, added, “we’re delighted to have Rick fulfill this important role. His experience and enthusiasm for the Highlands Corridor project will help attract further partners in conservation.”

The position will be funded by Environment and Climate Change Canada and the Schad Foundation.



Rick Whitteker has been hired by the Land Trust. Submitted.

The corridor covers approximately 100,000 hectares and connects three provincial parks in Ontario: Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands,

just south of Minden, Kawartha Highlands in northern Peterborough County, and Silent Lake in Highlands East.

The Land Trust says biodiversity is rich in the corridor, with 40 species at risk, 25 provincially-significant species and 43 regionally-rare species. Wetland representation is high at 17.9 per cent, including 4,800 hectares of provincially-significant wetlands.

The HHLT is seeking protection of the unceded Crown land within the corridor (60,000 ha.) as a conservation reserve, with the goal of protecting species at risk, providing a natural wildlife corridor, protecting wetland habitats, increasing biodiversity, and strengthening climate change resiliency.

The Land Trust added the PIC program targets landowners committed to landscape conservation with properties that strategically bridge gaps between fragmented Crown land within the corridor. The program provides a property tax incentive for a 10-year term through enrollment in Ontario’s Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program, assisting landowners in developing management plans with objectives of enhancing environmental protection and wildlife habitat.

“The PIC program has been very successful with a current portfolio of 1,740 ha of private land supporting the conservation effort,” the Land Trust said.

For more information on the Land Trust and the PIC program, go to haliburtonlandtrust.ca or email info@haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

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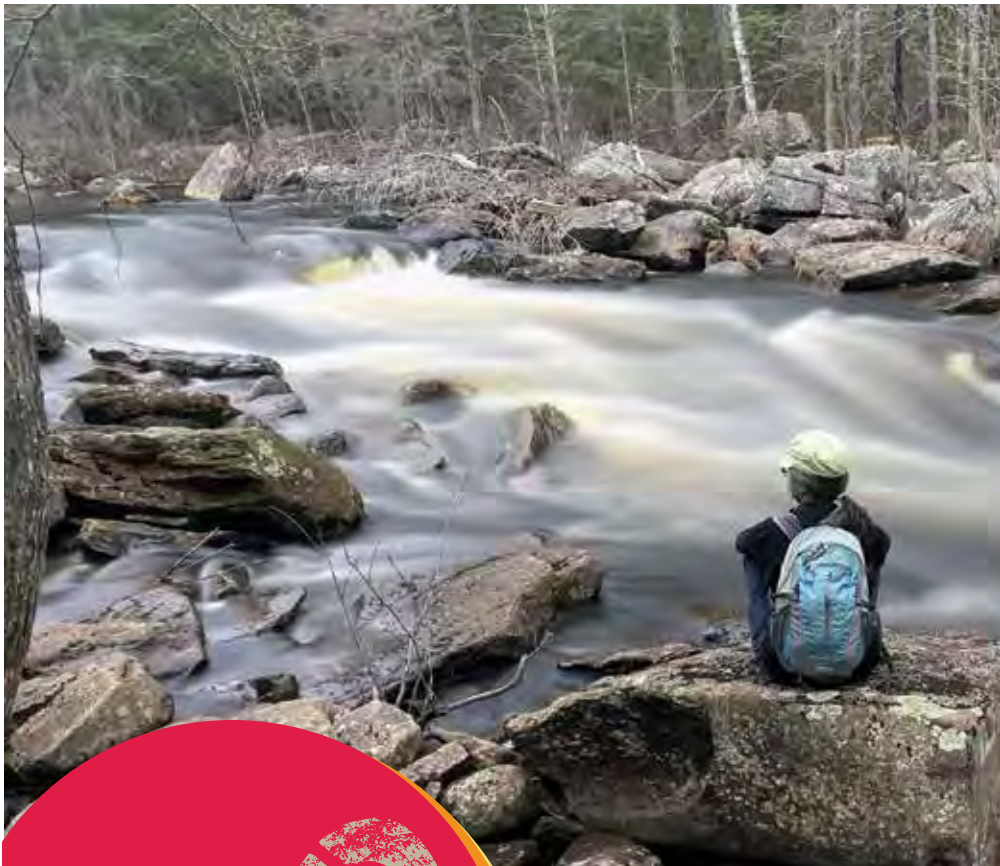
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A mix of new and old at Tour de Forest

By Jaxon Gill

The 17th annual Tour De Forest took place this past weekend, Aug. 5-6, with 25 artists at 12 studios.

Locations ranged all over Haliburton County, easily accessible via the map located on the Tour De Forest website.

This year, there were many new artists along with some veterans who have been participating in the tour for more than 15 years.

The Artbyhart Studio along Hwy. 21 showcased Barbara Hart, Heather Salzman and Lorne Hamilton. “Some of my paintings resemble ponds and lakes and I also have an art collection of ice huts and winter themes,” said Hart, who has been with the tour 11 years.

Glass Eagle Studios along Blairhampton Road, featured artwork by Tom Green, Fernando Diaz de Leon Rendon, James Goodliff and Donna Both. Goodliff said, “I focus on oil paintings mostly and my artwork is inspired by the area surrounding us (Haliburton County).” Goodliff has been with the tour 17 years.

At BGArtworks studio along Bethel Road, Benjamin Gerrooir said, “my art is inspired by colour and travelling. Whenever I travel anywhere, I take a ton of photos for reference. Recently, I’ve been very interested in the Arizona type of artwork.”

This was his first year with the tour and he talked about how he has been doing art for a very long time but has never shown it until now. A lot of his artwork is inspired by different landscapes out west, along with landscapes in and around the Highlands.

For more information on the 2023 Tour De Forest and all 25 artists: haliburtontourdeforest.com/



Above right: Barbara Hart, Lorne Hamilton, Heather Salzman. Far right: Benjamin Gerrooir. Right: James Goodliff. Photos by Jaxon Gill.



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Kushog Lake picnic time

The Kushog Lake Property Owners Association hosted their annual picnic at Pine Spring Valley Resort Aug. 5. There were activities on land and in the water, including a decorated boat contest, swimming races, water balloon toss, Tug of war and other fun. “There are about 500 families on Kushog Lake, so this is a time to get them together for a traditional summer picnic. We have kids down in the water doing races. We’re finishing off with a game of Tug of war which is a tradition here between the east and the west,” said director Jacqueline Baptist. There was a draw for prizes donated by sponsors along with a swap table which

allowed families to trade old books or puzzles for new-to-them ones. Fluffy Feet Face Painting painted children’s faces. “The Kushog Lake Property Owners Association exists to protect the health of Kushog Lake. We do water testing, we promote education resources on how to keep lakes healthy along with how to maintain your septic tank and how to keep invasive species out of the lake,” Baptist added. For more information on the Kushog Lake picnic and future events happening this summer: kushoglake.org/newsandevents/. (Jaxon Gill)





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Top: Tug of war 13 and under kids team from west side of the lake. Middle: Barbie decorated boat, Chomos and Roberts families. Above right: Water balloon toss winners (9-11) Gavin Balfe, Connor McGinty, Vivian Boogaard, Warren Boogaard, Georgia Balfe, Summer White. Above left: 3-legged race (age 5 and under) Helen Bondi-Boyce, Greta Bondi-Boyce, Maxwell Pennycook, Henry Loughhead. Submitted.

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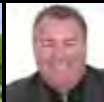
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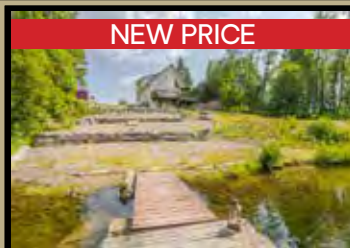
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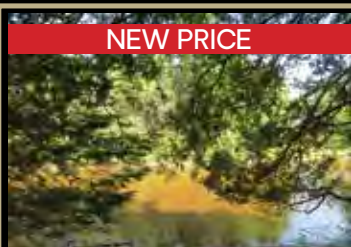
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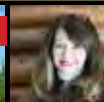
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Above: Tracey Thompson, Katie Berry, Jennifer Melo. Far left: Erin Key. Left: Alex Monterio, Jim Alder. Photos by Jaxon Gill.

Highland Yard turns 50 with style

By Jaxon Gill

Rotaract Haliburton Highlands hosted the 50th Highland Yard at the River Cone in Minden Aug. 6 with the bulk of funds going to Places for People. This year, more than 180 participants showed up to run/walk either the 2k, 5k or 10k. The Highland Yard started in 1971 and has currently raised more than \$200,000, with more than 5,000 participants. P4P provides safe, affordable, and supportive housing for families and individuals at risk of homelessness in the Highlands. All of the money raised at this year’s event goes towards supporting the community of Haliburton, with 90 per cent helping P4P in lowering mortgage and maintenance costs and purchasing additional properties. The remaining 10 per cent is for supporting Rotaract Haliburton Highlands

in community service initiatives. This year saw some talented runners and very close races. The overall top male ages 1-98 for the 2k walk/run was Taine Buckmaster with a time of 8:35. The overall top female ages 1-98 for the 2k walk/run was Angela Vahamaki with a time of 8:40. In the 5k run, the overall top male ages 1-98 was William Dowling with a time of 27:51, the top female for the 5k was Kelly Doyle with a time of 20:06. For the 10k run, the top overall male for this race was Duncan Andrews with a time of 35:40 and the top overall female was Emily Walter with a time of 44:41. Winners for each category were awarded a medal and a handcrafted mug. For more information on the Highland Yard, Rotaract, and Places for People: highlandyard.ca/abouthighlandyard



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Friday August 11

Music In The Garden with Great Lake Swimmers - ticketed in advance 6 p.m.
Dominion Hotel, Friday Happy Hour with Trina West 3-6 p.m.
The Rockcliffe, Yoga with Lise, 11 a.m.
The Rockcliffe, Live music with the Recycled Teenagers
Boshkung Social, Family Feud Night, 7 p.m.
Smoke on the Water, Live music, 5 – 8 p.m.

Saturday August 12

Music In The Garden with John McDermott - ticketed in advance 6 p.m.
Dominion Hotel Saturday Happy Hour with North of Seven 3-6 p.m.
The Rockcliffe, Live music with Marie McBride
Smoke on the Water, Live Music, 12 – 3 p.m.

Sunday August 13

Music In The Garden with Susan Aglukark - ticketed in advance 6 p.m.
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The Rockcliffe, Yoga with Lise, 11 a.m.
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Monday August 14

Dominion Hotel, Canadian Blues Legends Johnny Cox Band 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday August 15

Haliburton Highlands Brewing, Canoe FM Radio Bingo, 5:30 p.m.
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Above left: Pockets the Clown painting Louella Thaler’s face. Above: Tim Holland, The Stunt Ventriloquist. Left: Jeff Moulton. *Photos by Jaxon Gill.*

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6:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pedal Tractor Obstacle Course	10:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pedal Tractor Pull Weigh-in and Registration
7:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pony PullCake WalkBall Hockey on the tennis court (bring your stick & ball)	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pedal Tractor Pull - Tennis CourtsLive Stage Show - Bill Black & FriendsSheep Shearing DemoFire Department Food BoothCorn on the CobRhythmania

Saturday, August 12th

9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gates OpenFire Department Kid’s ActivitiesHomecraft ExhibitsGame Zone - BIG Outdoor Games & Bouncy Castles	12:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Live Stage Show - Gord Kidd & Friends
10:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pony Rides, Petting Zoo & Kid’s World Open	1:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sheep Shearing Demo
		2:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Light Horse Draw followed by Heavy Horse Draw
		2:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Penny Raffle Drawing & Sweet Auction at the Curling Club
		3:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sheep Shearing Demo
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101 years of history at Red Cross Outpost

By Mike Baker

Walking through the hallway of the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost, volunteer Linda Cameron can almost feel 101 years of history reverberating around the building's interior walls.

A member of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild, Cameron and the rest of the small team have made it their mission in recent years to maintain and promote the historic site, which is located along Loop Road, a short walk from the hamlet's downtown. The facility lays claim to a unique piece of provincial history, being the first designated Red Cross outpost in Ontario.

It was established in February 1922 following the efforts of Alfred Schofield, an inspector for the Children's Aid Society. The situation was quite desperate at the time, Cameron said.

"This was a poor area, and the community was hit hard this one year – a mother died, and four or five children. It was devastating, so Schofield approached the Red Cross in Toronto to see what could be done to improve health care in the region. They agreed to send a nurse and some equipment on the provision the locals come up with a space, keep the nurses and look after them."

That sparked the formation of the Monmouth Charitable Association. They first rented the building, which had served as a private residence since its construction in 1916, and furnished it. The first nurse, Josephine Jackson, arrived in February 1922.

Cameron said Jackson and the dozens of other nurses who worked in the area until the Red Cross suspended operations in 1959 maintained meticulous records, which helps paint a picture of what life was like for a primary health care worker in the first half of the century.

"When the girls first arrived, there was no running water, no electricity, very few running cars. They serviced an area of 20 sq. kilometres, so any time they went out and made a home visit, or had to bring

someone back to the outpost, it was a long haul," Cameron said. "They used snowshoes, travelled on horseback, dogsleds, and did an awful lot of walking. They did whatever it took."

Journals kept by Jackson and others, such as Gertrude LeRoy Miller, means there's record of cases dating back almost 100 years. Holding an invoice, Cameron said patients were usually charged for service. In 1932, following the birth of a child, the mother and baby spent 10 days at the outpost. The mother was charged \$1.75 per day, with the baby charged 90 cents per day. The total bill for delivery was \$26.50, which was paid in installments over six months by the father.

"We are so fortunate all this stuff was maintained. And it's available for anybody to look through," Cameron said.

On top of providing emergency care, the nurses also conducted routine school check-ups. They also taught first aid, effective child care techniques, and Red Cross courses to locals.

The building

The outpost has seen a lot of work over the past 20 years, with the guild eager to ensure it's in good enough condition to support visitors. The volunteer group assumed responsibility of the space in 1991, fought off plans to demolish it and restored it as a museum. The building was designated as a national historic site of Canada in 2003.

Off the main entrance, to the left, is the nurse's office, which has been retrofitted to resemble what the space looked like in its heyday. There's a vintage desk, bed, and various tools and items, many of which Cameron said have been donated to the guild over the years. On the right side of the building is a patient room, kitted with more historic memorabilia.

Down the hall is a display room, with timelines and photos recognizing every nurse on record who served the Wilberforce community. Among the many items



Making herstory: Jill Lee points to a photo of her mother, Sylvia Battersby, a one-time nurse at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost. The Outpost turns 101 this year and will be opening its doors Aug. 16. Photo by Mike Baker.

showcased is a handmade quilt, made by the mother of the first baby born in the outpost. There are old surgical instruments, outdated equipment such as a violet ray generator that Cameron said was believed to cure issues such as dandruff, hair loss, and obesity but have since been debunked, and other things the guild is still working to identify.

The kitchen is to receive a facelift this year and will serve as a revolving display, Cameron said, featuring old cookbooks, aprons and oil lamps.

The three upstairs rooms will feature displays and timelines looking at the history of Wilberforce township, the various organizations that have existed over the years, and a commemoration of Dr. Jacob Neelands, credited as being one of the first dentists for introducing laughing gas during procedures to reduce pain.

A celebration

The guild is hosting a 101st anniversary celebration at the outpost Aug. 15. Locals are invited to take in a tour of the building, and

enjoy complimentary hot dogs, corn roast and homemade cakes. Cameron said there will also be a draw, with the winner receiving a handmade quilt.

Jill Lee, whose mother, Sylvia Battersby, served as a nurse at the outpost, said the guild was looking for new members to help keep the historic site going. The group currently has 38 lifetime members, with around half of those active contributors. A lifetime membership costs \$25.

"It's our intent to acknowledge the women who worked here and the things they went through, how they survived, and how important they were to the community. Without them, there was no health care in Wilberforce," Cameron said. "We do our best to commemorate this space and the women who utilized it. This space has a rich history, and the only way to maintain that is to keep the doors open."

The outpost is currently open six days a week, Wednesday to Monday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The 101st anniversary celebration Aug. 15 will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit redcrossoutpost.org.

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EVENTS

- Aug. 10, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.** Try your hand at Henna art at the Dysart library. All ages welcome. Visit haliburtonlibrary.ca or phone 705-457-2241 to register for this free workshop.
- Aug. 10, 5 p.m.** Haliburton School of Art + Design is hosting a wrap up event for its faculty art auction at the Haliburton campus. Join for a wonderful evening with delicious canapes from the Haliburton Post House and beer from Boshkung Brewery. Explore items up for grabs during the silent auction and listen to live music by Jason Fowler. All proceeds go towards bursaries for students at the Haliburton campus.
- Aug. 10, 7 to 8 p.m.** Learn to grow nutritious sprouts like broccoli, mung bean, and alfalfa indoors using mason jars. You will take home everything you need to grow goodies for yourself. Workshop taking place at SIRCH. RSVP at events@sirch.on.ca by Aug. 8.
- Aug. 10, 8:30 p.m.** Join us under the stars at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre for a family-friendly outdoor movie night feature *Atlantis: The Lost Empire*, starring Michael J. Fox. Admission is by donation. Don't forget your lawn chair, blanket and snacks.
- Aug. 11, 11 a.m.** Visit the Minden Hills Cultural Centre to learn cool designs you can do on fabric with tie dye. All ages are welcome. Bring a plain T-shirt or a handkerchief.
- Aug. 11, 2 p.m.** Stop by the Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village and Nature's Place to learn how to make ice cream the old fashioned way. Spoiler art - there will be work involved. Children are welcome.
- Aug. 11-12**, the 40th annual Wilberforce Agricultural Fair at 2786 Essonville Line. Come check out the biggest little fair around. Free admission on Friday, \$7 for adults on Saturday. Children under 16 free.
- Aug. 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Minden Rotary presents Rotaryfest at the Minden Fairgrounds. Kids games, bbq by donation, live music and entertainment, trunk sale, and free hot air balloon rides courtesy of RE/MAX. Entry by donation, all welcome. To register for the trunk sale, email events@mindenrotary.ca. For more information, visit mindenrotary.ca.
- Aug. 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** The Halls Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association is hosting their annual floating markets sale at three locations - Elvin Johnson Park (1221 Old Mill Rd.), Little Hawk Landing (2029 Little Hawk Rd.), and Government House (1004 Round the Bay Trail). There will be 30 vendors with a variety of goods available. Cash or cheques will be accepted.
- Aug. 12, 11 a.m.** Experiment with nature at Minden Hills Cultural Centre. This event is all about volcanoes. Come see our rock collections and observe a volcanic eruption simulation. You can also conduct your own volcanic experiment.
- Aug. 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** 'Journey for Health' fundraiser and community celebration to support the Kinmount and District Health Centre at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park in Kinmount. Pancake breakfast, games, book sale, balloon art. Pledge sheets and more info atkdhc.ca. The model train station at the entrance to the park will be open.
- Aug. 15, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.** Bring your carpentry, construction, and coding skills together to create a Clap-O-Meter. Ages six to 13. No registration required. Lead by Pinnguaq Association educators at the Dysart library.
- Aug. 15, 2 p.m.** Our world has been experiencing unprecedented environmental changes in recent decades. Learn some key concepts of this global phenomenon and how you can help. Event taking place at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.
- Aug. 15, 2 to 3 p.m.** Bring your carpentry, construction, and coding skills together to create a Clap-O-Meter. Ages six to 13. No registration required. Lead by Pinnguaq Association educators at the Minden Hills library.
- Aug. 15, 6:30 p.m.** Anniversary celebration corn roast at the Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum in Wilberforce. Join us for corn on the cob, hot dogs, cake and ice cream. All are welcome.
- Aug. 16, 11 a.m.** Stop by the Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village and Nature's Place to learn how to make butter the old fashioned way. Spoiler art - there will be work involved. Children are welcome.

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Tuesday: League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m. between September and June.
Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall & bingo, doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. \$1,000 jackpot - first Wednesday of the month.
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, for rental information call Cheryl Waller at 905-447-7741, email haliburtonlegionrentals@gmail.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com/facility-rentals Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129...everyone is welcome!

Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden
Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday to Thursday with regular menu and daily special including Liver Lovers' Tuesday.
Friday Fish & Chips & Wings. Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner 4-7 p.m.
Saturday all day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with meat draws at 11 a.m.
Call ahead any day for take-out: 705-286-4541
Weekly activities:

Karaoke: call for dates
Monday: Rug hookers every second week.
Monday: 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
Aug. 10: HHHS social from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open 2 to 6 p.m.
Aug. 11: Senior's 55+ lunch at noon, call Denice at 705-448-8865 to reserve a spot. Open 2 to 9 p.m. Fish and chips from 5 to 8 p.m.
Aug. 12: Open 2 to 6 p.m. Meat draw at 3 p.m. Agricultural fair dinner from 5 to 7 p.m.
Aug. 13: Closed
Aug. 14: Closed
Aug. 15: Closed
Aug. 16: Open 2 to 6 p.m. Darts at 2 p.m.
If you are planning a function for a social or other event, providing our guidelines/conditions are met, contact us at 705-448-2221.
Friday dinners are in jeopardy due to lack of volunteers. Please reach out as soon as possible to help. Young people come out and show the elders how it's done!

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519 Cobocok
General meeting - second Monday at 7:30 p.m.
Euchre - Tuesdays 1 p.m.
Open Darts - Tuesdays 7 p.m.
Big Buck Bid Euchre first Wednesday of the month, from 10 am, \$15 per person.
Music & Meat Roll - Saturdays. Music starts 2 p.m. Meat Roll at 3 p.m.

For more information contact the Legion 705-454-8127

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

- File No. PLSRA2022001:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of 1233 Celestial Drive within Part Lot 27, Concession 9, in the geographic Township of Minden.
- File No. PLSRA2022002:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of the vacant lot having roll number 4616-032-000-44377 within Part Lot 27, Concession 9 in the geographic Township of Minden.
- File No. PLSRA2022065:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of 1045 Disk Drive within Part Lot 9, Concession 1, in the geographic Township of Lutterworth.
- File No. PLSRA2020059:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Clear Lake, lying in front of 1231 Clear Lake Road within Part Lot 15, Concession 4 in the geographic Township of Lutterworth.

The Council meeting to consider a by-law to stop up, close and convey the parcels listed above will be scheduled for **August 31st, 2023.**

The above noted applications are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned or by visiting www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience. If deemed advisable, By-laws giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills.

Amanda Dougherty, B.A. (Hons)
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With a pending retirement the County of Haliburton is recruiting for a new CAO/Clerk. Reporting directly to County Council, the CAO/Clerk is responsible for the efficient and effective administration of all departments and resources of the County.

Requirements for this position include a university degree in a related field such as Public Administration, Municipal Finance, Municipal Law, etc. Candidates must have at least five (5) years of progressive senior management experience and possess or be able to obtain designation as a Certified Municipal Officer (CMO) and/or Accredited Ontario Municipal Clerk (AOMC). The ideal candidate will possess legislative services experience and proficiency in implementing financial, development, capital works and infrastructure improvement plans. Strong interpersonal, communication, negotiation and facilitation skills are required.

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

Please forward your resume to shume@haliburtoncounty.ca no later than **4:30pm on August 17th, 2023.**

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

The County of Haliburton is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation can be provided in all steps of the hiring process, please contact Human Resources for further details.

In accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection.



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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.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for candidate selection purposes only. Questions about this collection should be directed to Shannon Hunter, CAO/Treasurer.



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Dawn Mugford-Guay
Human Resources Coordinator
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Road
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Email: dmugfordguay@algonquinhighlands.ca



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Interested applicants may submit their resume and cover letter to Laura Casey at lcasey@dysartetal.ca. Applications must be submitted via email and will be accepted until 12:30 pm on Friday August 18, 2023.

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MacKenzie, Blake, Madison, Jaydon and Knox the dog, DOG, Boots
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Bob joined the OPP with the Brighton Detachment in 1966, he then
went to the Minden Detachment where he retired in 1995.

It was Bob's wish for cremation and a private family gathering.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Health Care Auxiliary would be
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In Loving Memory of
Kenneth Hamilton Smith

October 12, 1939 - August 1, 2023

Dedicated and loving husband, father,
grandfather and friend, passed away in his sleep
at home in Haliburton on the morning of August
1st.

Husband of Chalene Smith, father to Jamie (predeceased), Todd,
Sandra and Kendra, and Grandpa to Graedyn, Carson, Tehya, Jordyn,
Mason, and Serena. Ken was born to Henry and Dorothy Smith (nee
Morris) in Saskatchewan and he grew up in Windsor, Ontario.

After initially becoming a teacher, Ken changed direction and pursued
what became a lifelong and very successful career in sales. Ken retired
as national sales manager of consumer products at 3M Canada. Ken
and Chalene met and fell in love in high school in Windsor. After a
brief period working and living in the United States, Ken and Chalene
settled for 30 years to raise their family in rural Nassagaweya in the
Town of Milton. Ken and Chalene retired to Haliburton in 1999. Ken
loved life and was a passionate golfer, curler, and fisherman. Ken will
be dearly missed by all who loved him, including friends and family in
the United States and Canada.

Cremation has taken place, and at his request a formal reception is
not planned.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be given in
Ken's memory to HHHSF -Community Services/
Palliative care and can be arranged through the
Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box
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Requirements for this position include post-secondary education in a related field. A Certified Human Resources Professional (CHRP) designation is considered an asset. This position requires prior experience in a human resources management role in a unionized environment and a comprehensive understanding of employment related legislation including AODA regulations. Annual salary for this position ranges from \$101,961.64 - \$119,280.70 with a comprehensive benefit package.

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

Please forward your resume to shume@haliburtoncounty.ca no later than August 20th, 2023.

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

The County of Haliburton is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation can be provided in all steps of the hiring process, please contact Human Resources for further details.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection.

NOTICES

HAS ALCOHOL TAKEN CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE? Alcoholics Anonymous meets Sunday 10:30 a.m. at St Anthony's, 27 Victoria St. Haliburton, ON

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets Wednesday nights 7:00 p.m. at Highland Hills United Church, 21 Newcastle St., Minden – rear door. Thinking about alcohol. Thinking about stopping. We've been there. We can help!

AL ANON- WE CARE, are you troubled by someone's drinking? Meetings: Thursdays 7 p.m., St. Anthony's 27 Victoria Street, Haliburton, and Mondays 7 p.m. at Highland Hills United Church, 21 Newcastle, Rear Entrance, Minden. 1-888-4AL-ANON (1-888-425-2666) al-anon.org All are welcome.

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It Was the Worst of Times

by Barbara Olson
© ClassiCanadian Crosswords

- Across**
- 1 Not active in chem class?
 - 6 "Can I get ___ of hands?"
 - 11 Const.'s R.C.M.P. boss
 - 14 India's Lotus Temple locale
 - 15 Lewis who voiced Lamb Chop
 - 16 Brand suffix with Motor
 - 17 Quip about a bad business venture, Part 1
 - 18 Director Elia
 - 19 Word on candy heart
 - 20 State south of Wash.
 - 21 "Sorry to bug you, ___ again"
 - 23 Tennis's Osaka who said "It's O.K. to not be O.K."
 - 25 Quip, Part 2
 - 28 Big name in the toy aisle
 - 29 "0" letters on an old phone
 - 30 Danielle Smith's prov.
 - 33 Vaudeville show
 - 36 Quip, Part 3
 - 39 "Not into it"
 - 40 Quip, Part 4
 - 42 Van. post-sec. school
 - 43 Quip, Part 5
 - 44 Repetitive learning methods
 - 45 It may be guilty or innocent
 - 46 Web page creation code
 - 48 Coif requiring many bobby pins
 - 51 Quip, Part 6
 - 58 When repeated, "ooh la la!"
 - 59 "Deck the Halls" syllables
 - 60 Palindromic musician
 - 61 Thumb drive port
 - 62 "___ say more?"
 - 64 Conclusion to the quip
 - 66 "Kill Bill" tutor Pai ___
 - 67 "___ Not Here, Man" (classic Cheech & Chong routine)
 - 68 "You're ___ one, Mr. Grinch"
 - 69 6% levy in Sask.
 - 70 Like Elvis's blue shoes
 - 71 Pal of Curly and Moe

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- Down**
- 1 Bubble-headed boob
 - 2 Word form for "nerve"
 - 3 "It's somebody's ___ problem"
 - 4 MLB scoreboard trio
 - 5 In an orderly manner
 - 6 Practically begs to be smacked
 - 7 She made a big splash at SeaWorld
 - 8 Initiator on campus
 - 9 Man-mouse link
 - 10 Birthplace of Burton Cummings and Terry Fox
 - 11 Like many houses in Newfoundland, paint-wise
 - 12 Liquid-___ (Drano rival)
 - 13 Words after "c'est"
 - 22 The healing touch, for short
 - 24 Broke a fast
 - 26 Info for a pick-up person
 - 27 "Verb" is one, oddly
 - 30 Aardvark's snack
 - 31 "Di-dah" lead-in
 - 32 Book with the last line: "You are a very fine person, Mr. Baggins"
 - 34 "Killing ___" (Sandra Oh drama)
 - 35 Form a mental picture
 - 37 Royal U.K. honour
 - 38 Its logo is a dog and a phonograph
 - 40 A hockey ref's are orange
 - 41 Hang loose
 - 45 Instant ___ (trendy cooker of 2018)
 - 47 Margarine container
 - 49 World Wildlife Fund TV ad, e.g.
 - 50 Utterly bleak
 - 51 Totally trounce
 - 52 Tricky strategies
 - 53 Studier of French?
 - 54 Walked through water
 - 55 Presenter of posies and poetry
 - 56 Peace Nobelst Sadat
 - 57 Cher's cher, once
 - 63 Waterloo water
 - 65 Singing Sumac

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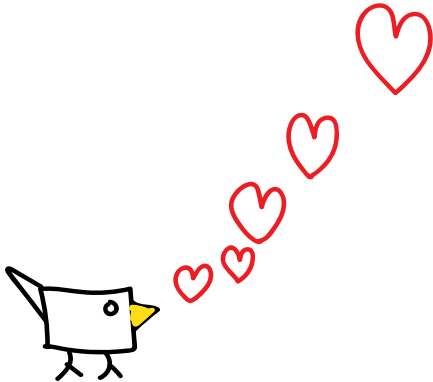
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