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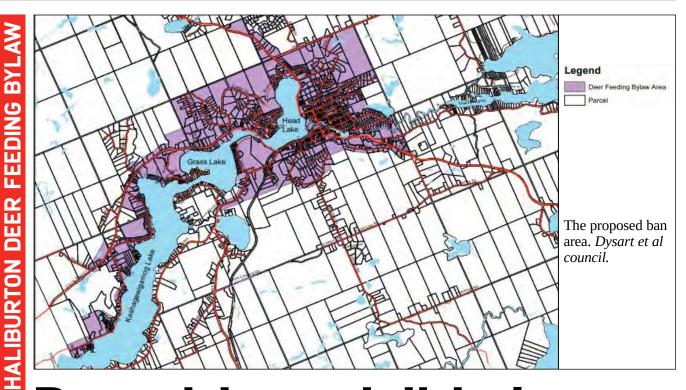


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Dysart to revisit bylaw

Timeline

- Haliburton residents Mike and Debra Landry made a delegation to council in December 2022. They believed deer were becoming a nuisance in the downtown, and contributing to deer-vehicle collisions.
- Dysart debates a bylaw, coming up with a May 1-Sept. 30 ban.
- The Stop Deer Feeding Property Owners Coalition, Haliburton-by-The-Lake Owners Association and Shelley Stiles of County Rose write to council Sept. 26 saying the bylaw, approved in July, needed a revisit. They wanted a complete ban.
- Greg Gillespie and Chris Bishop spoke to council Oct. 24. So did resident Lori King, who offered a counterargument to the anti-deer feeders.
- Council is expected to pass a revised bylaw at its November meeting.

Reasons not to feed

The Stop Deer Feeding Property Owners Coalition say the village deer population has experienced rapid and exponential growth over the last five to eight years because of feeding. "This has had serious consequences on private properties, public spaces, the natural environment, the local economy, and the deer themselves." They say:

Natural and planted vegetation on private properties and public space is being damaged. Many residents have lost thousands of dollars in destroyed landscaping and

- Over-browsing jeopardizes the natural food supply of deer, and their shelter. Can lead to decline in other species. Forest regeneration is reduced.
- Easier for deer-to-deer transmission of disease and parasites, as well as to humans. More ticks.
- Deer-vehicle collisions
- Impact on deer: shelter (takes them from dense cover in winter); food (deer are supposed to lose weight in winter). Artificial feeding disrupts this. Commercial deer feed is nutritionally inferior to natural food, can cause gastrointestinal problems; behaviour (robbing deer of their wildness); and competition at feeders can lead to

Household do's and don'ts

The MNRF has put out a fact sheet on the do's and don'ts of feeding wildlife, saying feeding wild animals may do more harm than good.

Do: appreciate wildlife from a distance; keep household waste, compost and pet food out of reach of wild animals; attract wildlife to your property by improving natural habitat; work together with your neighbours to help keep wild animals wild.

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Coalition wants immediate ban on feeding

By Lisa Gervais

When Greg Gillespie and his wife, Gail, moved to their current Haliburton home 10 years ago, Greg says they had a lot of regeneration under their mature trees. They had Hermit Thrush nesting on the property

However, Greg says the deer have eaten the undergrowth and the birds have moved

"So, it's not just traffic accidents," Greg says of the deer problem in Haliburton. "It's a whole litany of things they're

As if on cue, a deer walks into the forest behind Gillespie's house, visible through the living-room window where he and Chris Bishop are sitting on a couch.

The two are behind the Stop Deer Feeding Property Owners Coalition. They made a delegation to Dysart et al's Oct. 24 council meeting, calling for an immediate, year-round, ban on deer feeding in the Haliburton settlement area. They came armed with a 720-name petition.

Council is expected to formalize a bylaw at its November meeting.

Gillespie said he was concerned with talk of the ban only being for Ward 1, since they want the settlement area included, and the section north of Harburn Road, up to the area around Country Rose.

"If it wasn't for Pat Casey stepping in with a very timely refocus on what we're trying to do here I'm not sure what would have happened and then there was confusion about the map..." Gillespie says.

In the end, Gillespie and Bishop said council appeared to get to where they wanted them to go.

"If they do the coverage area that we presented in the map, we're happy with that," Bishop said. "It's a starting point, that's for sure."

The coalition had also asked that notice of the bylaw be posted at feed stores, as well as attaching their research paper 'consequences of deer feeding in urban areas' to the bylaw. However, they conceded council could not do the two minor asks.

"But the key is education," Gillespie says. "Notification of the bylaw, and education of why the bylaw is there in the first place." He added it sounded as if council was



Greg Gillespie and Chris Bishop have been working on their Stop Deer Feeding Property Owners Coalition initiative for the past two months. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

conducive to doing that.

Bishop said he would like education on the township website, and an insert with tax

"If they don't educate the people, and people don't know that they're not supposed to be feeding them, people will feed them," Bishop said.

He added when someone complains, he is okay with a first-time warning.

Gillespie said they want a ban first, then enforcement, then possibly a County-wide

'They're not afraid'

"You read all of the consequences of feeding deer. It is absolutely amazing to me that the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ontario government, hasn't stepped in to legislate against it. They've got reams of

information on their website and yet they leave it to the municipalities to deal with, if there's a problem. I just can't understand it," Gillespie said.

Bishop said they went door-to-door to collect the signatures and encountered a lot of domesticated deer. At one property, he said he was told the feeder gets up to 30 deer at a time. He added he does not buy the argument that people are hitting deer with vehicles because they are speeding. "They're (deer) not afraid. That's why they walk out on the road in front of you.

He added because they are being fed in winter, fewer deer are dying, which does not allow for natural control of the population.

Gillespie said the pro-feeders are bringing the emotional side of the debate, "which is powerful." He added they are arguing for private property rights. "But we have

property rights too."

For example, he said he and Gail can't use their property in the spring when doing maple syrup because their paths are paved with droppings and buckets have deer hair in them. They added people's gardens are being decimated.

Nor do they want the bylaw phased in. "We have to deal with this issue now or next year it's going to be even worse. The sooner we start, the sooner we get it resolved," Gillespie said.

Bishop added, "the deer are going to die. They always do die in the winter. Yes, the first couple of years, there will be more carcasses. That is nature's way and the reason that's going to happen is you fed them. People who are feeding them need to take responsibility because they are the ones causing all the problems."

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Deer feeder says ban is short-sighted

By Lisa Gervais

When Lori King moved to Haliburton in 2019, she said she was told not to feed the

"I was here two days and they said 'you won't be very popular if you feed the deer.' I thought, wow, these people are brutal," she says with a laugh. She said she was sent literature on how bad feeding is for deer and thought, "'alright, I don't want to make any enemies right away'.'

She didn't feed - until a young deer showed up at her back door with an injured leg, followed by what she presumed was its mother, also hurt.

She calls up a photo on her laptop, cooing, "oh my God, he is too cute."

She said she called the Ministry of Natural Resources for advice. She claims she was told, by possibly a volunteer, 50 per cent of infant deer die in winter without feeding and she could do so responsibly. She said she was also advised once she started, she could not stop. Even on vacation, she had to ensure the deer were fed when she was

Today, she said no one at the MNR would admit to giving such advice.

However, King said she stopped feeding this past summer, and as soon as Dysart et al council started talking about a ban. However, she said the young deer showed up last week with another injury and, "he's not going to survive unless he gets a bit of help..."

Referencing the do not feed petition, King said some people didn't sign it because they plan to continue.

She said she won't be able to feed as she is known after making a delegation to council, but says people around still will.

She thinks council is short-sighted and does not know anything about deer. She said she's been studying them since COVID.

"This is not going to work. People will feed them at night so they can get away with it and it's going to increase the collisions because they'll run from house to house like little trick or treaters. I see when my neighbour shuts up shop, they all come here, and I just think there's a better approach to this.

Asked for suggestions, King says, "stick with their plan to not ban it this winter and rely on the media to really educate people."

She said if the total ban goes ahead, deer will starve to death in town. "It's the abruptness of it. I cannot believe that people are OK with them starving to death. I can't wrap my head around it."

Asked for other ideas, she said people could make their gardens less appealing or put up small, electrical fences.

She adds, "I want to think outside the box. Get the town... both sides together.

"There has been some success leading deer out of towns. If we all get on board with this. It will require discipline from a lot of deer lovers who are in areas where they should not feed. They just have to reject them and let the people on the outskirts take care of it. I could sign up for that plan if someone told me they're not all going to starve to death." She said the feeders could be exempted from the bylaw and given a permit.

She agrees with the anti-deer feeders it isn't the deer's doing. She said cottagers came up during COVID and bought deer feed locally. She said people worked on



Lori King shows a photo of an injured deer. She began feeding deer when one showed up in her yard in 2019. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

elaborate gardens.

"You don't think the deer are going to miss that tragically... this is catastrophic... we don't know what will happen."

King said she is planning to move somewhere where she does not have neighbours, and can feed the deer.

"I know I'm going to fail. Another lame one will show up and I'll be on my third glass of wine and I will be emptying my fridge for them. I know it as surely as I know my own name."

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Join the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and Haliburton County Public Library for a special screening of the documentary *Unwanted Soldiers*, taking place at the Cultural Centre on Thursday, November 9 starting at 5 pm. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Proceeds will go to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 - Minden. The film is provided courtesy of the NFB. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

PA Day movies at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre! The Minden Hills Cultural Centre and Haliburton County Public Library welcome you to join us in a series of PA Day movies during the school calendar year of 2023 and 2024. On every PA Day starting at 1:00 PM, there will be a free, family-friendly movie screening that takes place in the Welch Room of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Our next movie is scheduled for Friday, November 17. No registration is required. Snacks will be provided, however, please feel free to bring your own as well. The movie of choice will be decided by voters who cast their votes at the Haliburton County Public Library, Minden Branch, or online at the following link: https://www.haliburtonlibrary.ca/Programs-Events/PA-Day-Movies?id=1696611600-186416. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.

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VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON 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 Municipality Act. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

> November 9 - Regular Council Meeting November 30 - Regular Council Meeting

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WINTER PARKING

From Nov 1st to Apr 30th, overnight parking is prohibited between the hours of midnight and 8:00 AM on township roadways and parking lots. Furthermore, parking in the turning circle of a cul-de-sac is prohibited during all hours. Vehicles parked in these areas that prohibit the removal of snow will be towed away and/or ticketed at the owner's expense.

County falling far short on housing plan

By Lisa Gervais

County coun. Jennifer Dailloux termed the state of a 10-year housing and homelessness plan a "bone-chilling nightmare" during a special council meeting Oct. 25.

Her comments came after a presentation from City of Kawartha Lakes – human services division employees, Kirstin Maxwell, CEO of Kawartha Lakes Housing, Michelle Corley, manager of human services, and Don Quibell, manager of building and

Corley said the current 10-year plan was established in 2020 but most of the work leading up to it occurred in 2019.

It concluded 750 new affordable housing units were needed in the Highlands by 2029. The County determined it needed partners, with the KLH Housing Corporation building 150 new affordable rental units and non-profit partners and private developers each contributing 50, while accessing approximately 500 existing or new market rent units to make them affordable through rent subsidies

Slide after slide showed the challenges. For example, there are now 2,383 households waiting for community housing in the region, a more than 300 per cent jump over a 10-year timeframe. People are waiting 10-plus years.

Between 2020-22, in Haliburton County, KLH Housing Corporation has built just 15 units. They project another 35 between 2023 and 2029 - for a total of 50 of their 150

goal, or a third.

Also flagging badly are partner builds. With construction costs skyrocketing, the CKL staffers told County council that 735 units at \$400,000 each would require \$294 million,

or \$49 million annually.

The three said it's obvious now the 750 target had been based on a misconception that upper-level government funding is always available; that completing a project everv couple of vears to historical pricing of \$200/sq. ft.

possible; that borrowing money alone was enough to make a project viable; that revenues would be sufficient to cover financing and operating costs; and that rent subsidy costs are sustainable.

Some of the other curveballs, they said, were significant changes to the housing market creating challenges for

first-time buyers; people being evicted for short-term rentals; rising inflation; and rental rate

Combined with that are construction cost increases, interest rate increases and household incomes remaining static, directly affecting project revenues.

For example, they said the Gull River housing project has seen square footage construction costs climb to \$440/sq. ft., compared

> Financing costs have risen to five per cent, from two per cent. They said capital is now needed to pay for these types of

projects.

Other development challenges include availability of serviced land, cost of servicing, and availability of labour.

They said there may be hope in a municipal accommodation tax, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus 7 in 7 initiative. They also encouraged municipalities to continue to look for other ways to support the plan.

Coun. Bob Carter said other housing corporations are facing similar problems, in some cases \$500/sq. ft. building costs, so there is no way of making units affordable. "And it's not changing. It seems to continue to accelerate." He added they could borrow money but have to pay it back without revenue until a month after a renter moves in. He said it will make it very difficult to achieve the target.

Dailloux said, "this is a nightmare. It is a bone-chilling nightmare... it's really, really frightening. We all know it's not just us. It's the entire province and well beyond that. But to see how those figures materialize in our communities is really, really, really, frightening. They're only getting worse and they're clearly set on a trajectory for getting worse. I can only think that a complete overhaul of our economic system is going to be what (is needed)... and obviously that's far beyond the control of anybody sitting here, or anywhere for that matter.'

County coun. Jennifer Dailloux said the housing situation is frightening. File.

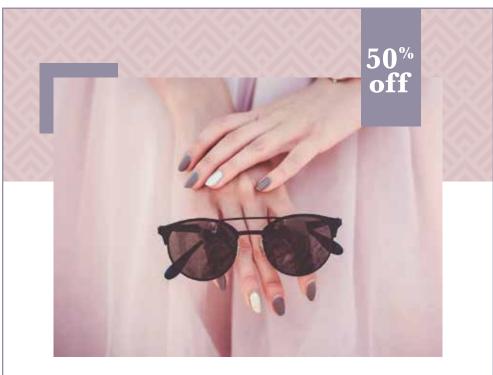


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Minden Hills council met Oct. 26. File.

MINDEN HILLS NEWS

Mattress recycling

Manager of waste facilities, Chelsea Cosh, pitched a mattress recycling program to Minden Hills' Oct. 26 meeting.

She said the township now accepts mattresses for disposal at Scotch Line at a cost of \$30. They go with furniture and are exposed to the elements. "Mattresses left outside are no longer recyclable," she said. They're removed by a contractor, and hauled to another site for disposal. She said the township is charged by tonnage and the mattresses are heavy from being outside in rain and snow.

She recently reached out to Mid-Ontario to determine the feasibility of restarting the mattress recycling program. Mid-Ontario provides the township's blue box hauling and processing services. "Mid-Ontario is able to provide the necessary enclosed bin in order to properly store the mattresses and box springs, keeping them out of the weather elements until they can be hauled to the Recyc-Mattress facility," she said.

Recyc-Mattress, which operates out of Woodbridge, is world-renowned in the dismantling of used mattresses and box springs as well as in waste diversion. They have a unique technology that enables high-volume processing. Between Ontario and Quebec, more than 400,000 units are recycled each year.

Cosh said it will cost \$200 per month to rent the bin; and \$1,275 per trip to have them hauled. Mattress disposal fee is \$12 per unit. She said they collected 519 mattresses between June and December 2022. In 2023, up to Oct. 3, they had received 521. She estimated annual bin rental costs of \$2,400; annual hauling costs of \$7,650, and mattress disposal fees of \$6,252 – or \$16,302 a year. She said they are collecting more than \$15,000 from what they charge now. Further, it would get them out of the construction material pile. She'd like the program to start this year.

Lumber reuse program

Cosh also recommended a lumber reuse program.

She said the town accepts lumber and other wood material as construction waste for \$80 per cubic yard. This is hauled away and charged by tonnage.

However, she said there is enough in a good, reusable condition.

"The lumber reuse program would operate similar to the reuse centre. Incoming lumber material would be inspected to ensure it meets the criteria established and then disposed of in the assigned collection area," she said.

"Staff recommend no waste disposal fee for lumber reuse materials. This would be an incentive to residents to ensure criteria guidelines have been met. Residents then have the ability to take materials from the lumber reuse area for their use.'

She said there couldn't be nails, screws or hardware, and the wood must be in a good, reusable condition. There can be no hazardous materials and small cut-offs would not be accepted.

In her pitch, Cosh said the program will have many merits, "including diverting the material from landfills therefore reducing the township's carbon footprint, reduce tonnage costs associated with the disposal of construction materials, and it is action taken by the township in an effort to sustain the environment. Furthermore, lumber materials are expensive so this program allows residents to reuse an item, at no cost, that would have otherwise been landfilled."

Digital speed limit signs

Director of public works, Mike Timmins, asked for council backing to buy two digital speed signs. The cost is just over \$10,000.

He said they have been talking about traffic calming over the past number of months. He said in talking to the County, and the other townships, the signs are considered a cost-effective way to remind drivers to slow down. He anticipates it could make a 20-30 per cent difference in speeds, reducing the likelihood of fatal collisions. Timmins added they have to be moved around every two months or so to remain effective.

'Staff believe that digital speed limit signs will be effective in reducing speeds in the most vulnerable parts of the township. In addition to reduced speeds, these digital signs collect other data as well, including traffic counts, average speeds and top speed. Staff will be able to use this additional data to help plan for future traffic calming measures," Timmins added. (Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais).

Haliburton gets rid of meters

By Lisa Gervais

Dysart et al plans to get rid of pay and display machines, as well as parking meters in Haliburton village.

Council voted to take the action at its Oct. 24 meeting.

The meters are to be bagged immediately – as is done over the festive Christmas shopping season – until they can be removed.

Mayor Murray Fearrey said the Business Improvement Årea (BIÅ) want them, however the municipality is having to replace sidewalks as winter ploughing around the machines and meters is causing damage.

Chief building official Karl Korpela added council should take into consideration that the pay and display machines are nearing the end of their life, and parking meter heads are 'antiquated" and would need to be replaced.

Korpela noted the BIA likes them as they control the amount of time that people can park on the main streets, allowing turnover for customers of their businesses. But Fearrey said he thinks the biggest problem is staff parking there. "I don't think it's the visitors. They come. They shop and they leave. I would like to think that owners have some discretion about how they provide parking on the back street or somewhere."

Treasurer Barb Swannell said they have a parking meter reserve fund. She said Maple Avenue and Highland Street generate about \$22,000-a-year in revenue, offset somewhat by municipal bylaw enforcement staffing costs. "Typically, we've been drawing \$20,000-a-year to put into the municipal operating budget. At the end of 2022, the reserve had a balance of just over \$100,000," she said.

But Fearrey countered it was for two streets and had been accumulating for 30 years. Swannell said they'd consistently drawn on the reserve each year as well. Fearrey countered, "compare that to replacing the sidewalks every four or five years... not a very good business deal."

It was pointed out the machines and meters make ploughing difficult in winter.

Coun. Pat Casey, said he felt "stuck" because he sits on the BIA board.

"They definitely want them to stay but the resounding feedback I get from the general

public is they're a nuisance, and I say that respectfully. But on the same note, if you're sitting at Kozy Korner, you're watching people with disabilities, elderly people, trying to get parking. They have to go back to their car and put the card in... there's definitely concerns on both sides."

Fearrey added "parking meters are a great tool if you've got somebody on the street all day because I see violation after violation."

ČAO Tamara Wilbee said time limits could still be enforced without machines and

Korpela said they could be and that was in the report before the last council. For example, he said there is a hotspot app; or old school chalking of tires, "but that means that we'd have to go out, verify that vehicles are there, and then go out and see if they're still there two hours later. It's not a very effective means." He told council he could revisit the report to come up with options.

Deputy mayor Walt McKechnie was vocal in wanting them gone as soon as possible.

"I think we should remove them and move on like so many other communities have." However, he was interested in seeing what Korpela could come up with so people don't park in the same spot for a full day.

"But... we all go to different communities, and quite a few of the communities I go to, there's not any parking meters and it just seems more of a friendly atmosphere in our town, and you see people struggling. You don't want them leaving here with a bad experience because of a silly parking ticket." As for staff using up parking spots, McKechnie added, "it's on the owners of the businesses. Common sense should prevail there."

Coun. Barry Boice said it should lead to quicker snow removal, which should appeal to the BIA.

Council passed a motion that staff do what's needed to remove the machines and meters and report back on how it will happen and how much it will cost. Fearrey suggested they could take some money out of the \$100,000 reserve.

Wilbee said, "if you direct us that you want them removed at this point, we can figure out those details. And if there's anything



Parking meters have been covered up in the downtown. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

that's outside what we can do, we can bring it back."

BIA weighs in

Business improvement association chair, David Zilstra, said it there are no machines and meters, they are worried about people staying in one spot all day. He added, "our area is growing, obviously more people, and the downtown is only so big. So that would be our concern. That was our concern and that still is a concern."

He said he understands machines and meters are expensive to install and maintain, and if the expense is "way" greater than the revenue he gets where council is coming from. But, "I don't think anybody was ticketing this summer."

Zilstra added he understands staff are looking at alternative ways to police parking times. "That would be fine. As long as it's enforced somehow or other." He would like council to look at a long-term parking strategy for the downtown as well.



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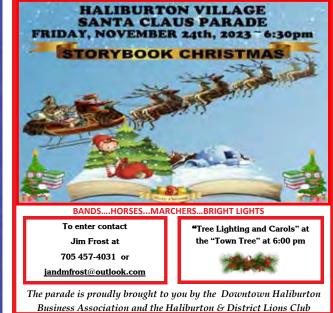
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The Highlander Fact versus emotion

There is plenty of research about why humans should not feed deer, especially in

People have complained about having their flowers and vegetables eaten. Some of us have hit deer with our vehicles. We're walking on deer droppings.

We're also hurting – not helping – the deer. They are converging at feeding sites and sharing diseases and parasites. Humans can pick up some of these and there may be more ticks around. They are leaving optimal winter shelter to come to the village. Artificial feeding is actually disrupting their winter cycle of getting leaner. Their metabolism gets sped up and they burn their fat reserves guicker.

Here's the tough one: yes, some deer starve during extreme winters. It's upsetting to many people, but winter mortality is a natural process that helps keep the deer population at long-term sustainable levels. Also, a lot of the man-made food isn't good for deer, anyway. It messes with their digestive system. Deer can actually starve to death with a stomach full of food they can't digest.

And, of course, by feeding them, we take away their wildness. They become dependent on easy food sources and don't eat as much of their natural food. Young deer don't know

how to forage. They're not afraid of us. While I was out taking photos for stories in today's paper, I turned to find a young deer about six feet away from me, looking for a handout.

At feeding sites, deer can fight, some get stressed out, others injured.

The folks behind the Stop Deer Feeding Property Owners Coalition have come up with three pages of research with references.

They've been working on the file the last two months, as well as collecting 720 signatures for a petition they presented to Dysart et al council last week, calling for an immediate, year-round, ban on deer feeding in Haliburton village.

They don't think phasing in a ban will work. They believe that just reducing the amount of deer feeding, or allowing feeding for part of the year, will still result in significant numbers of deer in the village. They argue it's not far for town deer to migrate to areas with natural sources of food, and where deer feeding will still be allowed, so mass starvation resulting from a complete feed ban is unlikely.

On the other side of the coin are people who feed deer. They make some pretty powerful emotional arguments.

A delegate to last week's council meeting

has sent a follow-up letter to the mayor.

She concedes there are too many deer in town but thinks an immediate ban is cruel.

She is proposing a committee of the



By Lisa Gervais

Stop Deer Feeding group, with feeders, and council, to come up with a phased-in solution.

For example, she wonders if some feeders can be exempted from the bylaw to do responsible feeding outside of town.

She said people such as her need some peace of mind in order to willingly comply.

She told the mayor it will be very difficult for her and others to ignore the deer's hungry faces this winter but they would if there was a better plan. She said they will continue to feed unless there is some sort of compromise.

One thing both sides agree on is there has to be more education. We encourage people to do their homework.

From what we can see, all information points to a total ban not just in Dysart et al, but across the County.

NATURE'S CALLING

The busy October

Well, the month of October was undoubtedly busy and extremely beautiful. With the fall colours changing on the trees, it was breathtaking. The temperatures were higher than usual, so getting outdoors was a must. With Thanksgiving and Halloween, it was a month of getting together with family.

Family times are unique and one of the best memories people can make. October is also the month that we at our homestead make sure there is wood in the house for winter. We ensure that patio tables and furniture are away and all summer items get tucked away until next year.

Those are only a few things happening. October also marks the start of the fall hunting season, deer season with bow starts, moose season, and fall turkey, and remember goose and duck season.

Many were at hunting camps, preparing them for the upcoming hunting season. I have so many fond memories of being at the hunting camp with many family members

around the dinner table, hearing stories, and making memories that last a lifetime.

While others were prepping for the upcoming hunting season, I was taking advantage of getting outdoors and enjoying the nice weather and breathtaking views. I headed to Muskoka to A.I.M Archery range in Dwight. They have an excellent archery range and a 3D archery course. There are so many benefits of archery; not only is it fun, but it also improves your focus. It also aids in hand-eye coordination, social skills, and confidence. These are just a few benefits. Archery is one of my favorite activities.

In previous years, I held a ladies archery day that got women and girls out and taught them a new skill. Not only did I host archery days, but I also hosted different lady hunting trips. I enjoy teaching and seeing women learning new skills and enjoying getting outdoors.

I understand that only some people are okay with hunting; however, this is part of our

heritage. Hunting has been around for two million years. People have been hunting for years to provide for their



By Toni Cooper

families, and I am no different. We only hunt to feed our family. We don't waste any part of any animal we harvest. Not only do we hunt, we grow our vegetables, and we fish. In the fall, I can or blanch our garden vegetables to have for the winter months. Our parents brought us up this way, and I have passed this heritage on to my daughter and three beautiful granddaughters.

I do hope everyone had a fantastic October and enjoyed what the warm fall weather brought us. I hope you all made lots of memories with your families and got outdoors lots. I know I did. Now, to get prepared for November. I will be heading to Aspley for a week of ladies deer camp.

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James Iglesias sent this photo of his grandson fishing at sunrise on Twelve Mile Lake.

LETTERS

Devotion to community invaluable

Dear editor,

An institution's human resources is its most valuable asset. More important than a CT scanner or a computer.

Minden had a team of emergency physicians, devoted for 30 years. They knew the patients, understood local conditions, treated the emergencies, made follow-up plans. But they were paid to leave.

Minden emerg's final night. A candlelight vigil. Retired Doug Fiddler came. Bruno Helt rushed from his shift in Lindsay. Dennis Fiddler and the nurses wrapped up the last patients and minutes with heavy hearts. Tears

This loss is bigger than a set of vital signs, an X-ray, a lab test, a CritiCall ride-out, a lifesaving treatment. We lost professionals who embrace the community. Invaluable, in our currently imploding healthcare system.

Shifting cost does not reduce cost. The urgent care clinic is an example of shifting cost. Taxpayers dole out the same tax dollars, get less service.

Healthcare workers (HCW) are depleted. The OMA, CMA, CPSO, CFPC spent 2023 telling governments desperate measures are needed to save healthcare.

No other profession tolerates workplace violence (WPV), now a global public health problem. From 2022 data: 63 per cent of nurses and physicians reported violence; verbal abuse (60 per cent); bullying (19 per

Emergency departments suffer highest violence due to excessive wait-time, staff shortage, unmet patients' demands, patient fear/anxiety, poor communication, minimal privacy, overcrowding, lack of perceived support.

WPV is associated with staff mental health effects: "bothersome memories, superalertness, feelings of avoidance and futility." But HCWs show up and do their best in an increasingly dehumanizing environment.

How can we reduce the toll on our precious medical human resources?

Value them. Every administration/ management decision that prioritizes workers' well-being, helps.

Provide patient care when and where they need it. Patient frustration/dissatisfaction/fear are mirrored back to HCWs - the flesh and blood of frontline medical care - exacerbating a negative cycle.

Patient care means reducing patient suffering, decreasing violence, and minimizing HCW stress leave. Improved working environments keep HCWs in their jobs.

That's a win-win.

Dr Nell Thomas Minden

A thank you

Dear editor,

Words cannot describe our humble feelings for the amazing support we received after our daughter's passing.

These are the supports who helped us deal within this loss; PSW's and other healthcare providers at Highland Wood Long-Term Care (Haliburton), supporting Alyson for over three years.

The nurses and other healthcare support at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services emergency department.

The medical team of 'Air ORNG' who assured us that "they would take good care of her."

Kingston General Hospital intensive care

unit teams who, with exceptional care, stayed by her side continuously for the three days she was there. The extensive number of CT scans and X-rays that were administered was endless. Thank goodness for our wonderful financial support system. When we announced Alyson's favourite colour was pink, one of the ICU nurses, Beth, insisted on coming to work in "pink" scrubs and socks.

Thank you to all of our Highlands East and Toronto families' support sending us cards, texts, phone calls, visits, food, flowers and financial donations to Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation and other charities of their choice helping us at this sad time. With our Love and gratitude

Gail and Barry Gotter Sherri and Jeff Klapow (and family)

Concerned about curriculum content

Dear editor,

On Oct. 21, I participated in the #1 Million March 4 Children in Haliburton.

It is clear these parents and grandparents are not filled with hate. Rather, they are concerned about the adult sexual content that is being taught in elementary schools; the concern is sexualization of children.

Protecting children's innocence is not hate. Unfortunately, society no longer says, 'no'. 'No' sets a moral compass. 'Yes' to everything means that one has jumped onto a slippery slope that anything goes.

Politicians are re-elected by minorities. We have seen fear used in manipulative and coercive ways by the government in recent years. It's time to take fear out of the equation, and also allow teachers to say, 'no'. Adhering to a 'party line' or a 'union line'

is less important than doing what is best for children. Let kids be kids. Innocent. Free spirited. Children without adult expectations. They grow up too fast as it is.

Most parents are not informed about what is being taught. The Saskatchewan legislature has just passed a Parent's Bill of Rights in response to SOGI 123. New Brunswick, British Columbia, Alberta, and Nova Scotia are on this path as well. Please be informed.

Lois Foster Algonquin Highlands

Expects more from HE council

Dear editor,

I was disappointed to read of the Highlands East council's response to residents' complaints about noise at the rave event held near Gooderham this past August.

I am, however, not surprised as something similar happened opposite my property a couple of years ago.

Granted the rave was on a smaller scale, but blaring music 24 hours a day and the heavy percussive beats over the weekend gives me a real understanding of what Ann Speers and her neighbours had to endure.

We also found out how ineffective current bylaws and their enforcement is.

I find it unacceptable that our elected representatives refuse to respond to the Gooderham delegation's complaints in any meaningful way.

I applaud Ms. Speer's attempt to have these issues addressed and wish her well. Perhaps the mayor and council would act differently if a rave took place next to their homes.

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Smokehouse Sunday every day at Boshkung

By Mike Baker

There's a new name in the Highlands' hospitality sector – Boshkung Smokehouse.

Announced late last week, Boshkung Brewing and Truss Foodworks are merging. New owners Mathew Renda and Mike Rae are bringing two businesses together under one umbrella, with the goal of making the Boshkung brand a household name not just in Haliburton County, but nationwide.

The business will boast four locations across the County – Boshkung Social taphouse in Minden; the Boshkung Lakeside retail location in Carnarvon; Boshkung Smokehouse at Haliburton Forest; and the Smoke on the Water pario and bar, seasonally on Kennisis Lake.

Renda, who has served as general manager of the brewery since 2021, reached out to Rae late in 2022 when the business' previous ownership decided to sell. The two had been familiar with one another for several years and had experience working together after Truss came on board for 'Smokehouse Sundays' at the Social.

"I think we knew after that very first Sunday there was something special here, there was an opportunity for us to work more closely together," Rae said.

"Sundays had always traditionally been slow, but when we partnered with Mike to bring a new, refreshing food menu to town, there was a lot of interest. It was a huge success," Renda added.

Now, every day at the Social can be a 'Smokehouse Sunday' Renda said, with the kitchen open year-round serving specialties that have been enjoyed by Truss customers for years. People will also have the chance to taste test a Boshkung brew at the revamped Haliburton Forest location.

"It's the best of both worlds now at all our locations," Rae said.

While the deal only closed in mid-October, the pair have been working together for



Mathew Renda and Mike Rae are excited to lead the Boshkung brand into a new era. Photo by Mike Baker.

much of this year on the understanding they would soon be partners. Collaborations between the businesses were common through the summer, which they say were well received. Now, patrons can expect them to continue for years to come.

One of the other big wins, Rae said, is that more staff will be retained year-round.

"I've been there myself, working a busy summer or winter season only to be laid off once things die down. The most exciting thing for me is we now have a unique business that will operate 12 months of the year, meaning we can keep our staff employed all year," Rae said. "That helps

us retain staff, but it also lets us show the workers we do have that we do value them."

Rae said he also wants to provide opportunities to people looking to turn their lives around.

"I've battled addiction before. Because of the help I had, I've been able to rebuild my life. I want to do that for other people," Rae said. "I want to provide a safe space for employees who are struggling, or who have struggled. I want [Boshkung] to be that company that supports people and helps people get back on their feet. Everybody deserves a second chance."

With the brewery set to celebrate its 10th

anniversary next year, Renda believes this new direction will set Boshkung up for years

"Growth is important, and that's our primary focus with this merger. The Boshkung brand is recognized all over Canada, now we just want to build on that. By bringing everything Boshkung and Truss has together, we're building a hub for people here in Haliburton County," Renda said.

"We want to be the heart and soul of the hospitality service within this County," Rae added.







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Haunting in Minden Hills

The Heritage Village at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre was transformed into a haunted venue Oct. 28. Families flocked to the first-ever event of its kind in the town. The daytime gathering featured an assortment of contests, games, activities, and performances. Special activities included a zombie dance workshop, face painting station, pumpkin carving, costume and colouring sheet contests. Nature's Place had a bat exhibit along with bat crafts and interactive activities.

Morley Noble hanging out in a decorated schoolhouse. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Turtley Spooktacular

Families descended on the Haliburton Fish Hatchery Oct. 28 for the Turtley Spooktacular Halloween party. Hosted by The Turtle Guardians for the second time, the event featured three hours of family fun. Costumed children, and some parents in dress-up, got to see live turtles and snakes, do crafts, play carnival games, collect prizes, and enjoy food and beverages. Meanwhile, the snake lady read fortunes.

Costume winners: Amy, Penny and Bay, along with Diane LePage-Polhamus. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*





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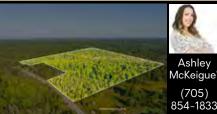
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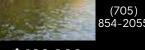


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A special day at the lanes

The Haliburton County Red Wolves hosted their annual Bowl-a-thon fundraiser at Fast Lane Bowling in Minden Oct. 28. All proceeds support Special Olympics programming in the Highlands. It was a fun day of dressing up and bowling, while supporting a worthy cause. Rick West said it was the 12th annual event and featured five teams this year.

Above: Marianne, Christopher and Ron Strype were superheroes. Right: Russell Whetstone came as a wrestler. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*







Gearing up for HIFF this weekend

By Lisa Gervais

Organizers of the Haliburton International Film Festival are back from Cinefest, Sudbury and the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) and have announced films to be screened the Nov. 3-5 weekend.

One of the spokespeople, Tammy Rea, said, "from Friday, Nov. 3 at 7:15 p.m. until Sunday, Nov. 5 in the afternoon, we will journey around the world and right back to ourselves exploring and remembering who we truly are."

She said the theme of the first HIFF since COVID is 'Love is Stronger than Fear' and "it comes shining through in these stories, as the characters puzzle the pieces of their lives back together and find joy in more radiant ways."

Some of the films include:

- The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry 107 minutes, UK, drama. An ordinary man passes through life on the sidelines until the day he goes to mail a letter and just keeps walking. Starring Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton.
- Les Hommes De Ma Mère /My Mother's Men 126 minutes, Canada, subtitles, drama. A woman sets out to honour her dead mother's wish that her ashes be distributed amongst her five ex-husbands to scatter in a place most significant to each of them. Starring Léane Labrèche-Dor, Jean-Simon Leduc, Colm Feore, Patrick Huard.
- Rose 106 minutes, Denmark, subtitles,

drama. Among a group of tourists travelling by bus from Denmark to Paris are two sisters, Inger and Ellen. The bus has barely hit the highway when Inger shares her mental illness with the rest of the party. This will be a journey they all will never forget. *Rose* is a film about love and care for each other, in spite of our differences, as much as it is a film about not judging a book by its cover.

- The Old Oak 113 minutes, UK/France/Belgium, drama. Imbued with the fiercely humanistic spirit that has defined director Ken Loach's filmography, The Old Oak serves as a fitting finale to a remarkable career. A landlord, in a previously thriving mining community, struggles to hold onto his pub. Meanwhile, tensions rise when Syrian refugees are placed in the empty houses. This film was the "audience choice award" winner at the Sudbury and Calgary International Film Festivals.
- Boundless 10 minutes, Canada, drama. Haliburton-raised filmmaker, Kate Campbell, brings her multi-award-winning short film inspired by her grandmother's experience as a Second World War airforce service pilot. Rea said, "last time, Kate gave us an update on the production. This year, we see the short, and then find out what's next. Kate will be present to introduce the film and for a Q and A.

Rea said, "meanwhile, it is suggested to avoid watching the trailers for these films, as they can give too much away and take away

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Patrick Walshe at a past Haliburton Highlands Film Festival. File.

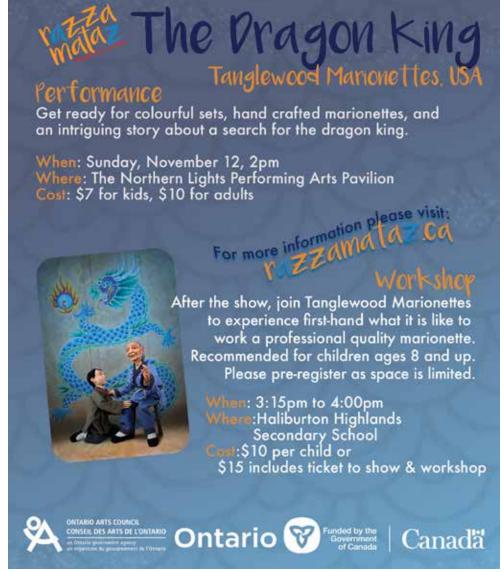
from the magic."

Those Other Movies, which puts on HIFF, is a not-for-profit, volunteer organization that provides film fans unique experiences through year-round programming. Rea said

they are proud of their association with The Film Circuit, a division of the TIFF Group and with their membership in the Haliburton County Community Cooperative.

Find out more at ThoseOtherMovies.com.





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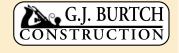


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Home of the Highland Storm





Kelson Bagshaw heads into the Parry Sound zone. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Storm crush Parry Sound

On Saturday, Oct. 28, the U13 LL Cheryl Smith RE/MAX team thumped Parry Sound in their home opener.

James Gooley opened the scoring for the Storm at the six-minute mark, assisted by Moss Davis. Bently Bull added two unassisted goals and Nash Wilson ended the first period with three goals, assisted by Travis Mann and Oakley Craftchick.

Kelson Bagshaw continued to add to the Storm's lead in the second, scoring twice and Benton Lloyd added two as well. Wilson closed the second with his fourth.

In the third, Lloyd scored, assisted by Bagshaw. Parry Sound finally snuck one past Storm goalie Carter Shaw. Wilson retaliated, scoring two more times. McKay Windover added two goals, assisted by Gooley and Bull. Mann scored with an assist by Davis. Wilson added yet another, assisted by Huxlee Campbell. Bagshaw finished the scoring with two more goals assisted by Davis. The Storm took the win 20-1. (Submitted).

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Coach: hard work key for turnaround

By Mike Baker

Haliburton County Huskies head coach Ryan Ramsay is challenging his team to put their recent struggles behind them and re-establish themselves as one of the Ontario Junior Hockey League's top contenders.

The hometown team slumped to successive defeats last weekend, dropping a 4-2 decision on the road Friday (Oct. 27) to the St. Michael's Buzzers and losing Saturday's (Oct. 28) tilt in Minden against the Cobourg Cougars 4-1.

The results saw the Huskies slip to 10th in the league's East Conference – outside a playoff spot – with the team boasting a negative record of seven wins, nine defeats and two ties.

"Costly errors and untimely mistakes are really killing us," Ramsay told *The Highlander*. "Against St. Mike's, I thought we played well for the first part of the game, then there were a couple of slips and we fell into a hole... same thing Saturday. It's different players, but the same kind of issues where a guy loses his battle, loses his guy and they go and score.

"When we're in a little bit of a slump too in terms of scoring goals, it's obviously not a good combination," Ramsay added, noting the team needs more offensive contributions from depth players.

The Huskies started Friday's tilt on top, taking the game to a Buzzers outfit that had won four of its last five games on home ice. Charlie Fink gave the visitors the lead 4:03 into the opening frame, assisted by Ty Petrou and Nicholas Lamont – acquired via trade from the Collingwood Blues last week.

There was a new face between the sticks for the Huskies – 19-year-old Brett Fullerton, who has split time over the past two seasons between the Blues and the Ontario Hockey League's Saginaw Spirit. He made some good early stops to keep the Huskies on top, but was beaten midway through the period, David Green tying the game at 10:25. The Buzzers landed a killer blow late on, David

Elmy scoring his 16th goal of the season with 13 seconds remaining in the first.

Brandon Cohen added a powerplay marker for the Buzzers five minutes into the second, after Jack Staniland was punished for goaltender interference. Petrou got the Huskies back into the game at 11:59, notching his fourth goal of the year assisted by Raine Nadeau and Patrick Saini.

That was as good as it got for the blue and white, who gave up a fourth in the final frame, Julian Campoli beating Fullerton at

Cobourg 4 Minden 1

Welcoming the Cougars to town Saturday for Pink in the Rink, the Huskies wanted to lay down a marker and get one over their fierce rival. Their previous encounter, at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena Sept. 30, ended in a 4-4 tie

It was a tense opening, with both sides taking turns controlling the puck. The Huskies had a few openings, but couldn't find a way past Ryan Piros in the Cougars goal. Gavin McGahey-Smith took a tripping penalty midway through the period, giving the dangerous Cobourg powerplay a chance to get on the board. Trevor Hoskin, the team's leading scorer, wasted no time, firing past Fullerton at 11:05 for his 13th goal of the season.

Hoskin added his second of the game during the middle frame, notching at 4:52 to put the Huskies into a hole.

Saini provided some hope of a fight back, getting the home side on the board 7:20 into the third, assisted by Lucas Stevenson and Lucas Vacca, but it was short lived. Matt Mueller re-established a two-goal lead for the Cougars at 14:08, with Jack Falkner adding an empty-netter at 18:47.

Ramsay said his team needs to retain their focus during games, even when things aren't going their way.

"We need to stay true to our principles and practice good habits – hitting the net,



Haliburton County Huskies captain Patrick Saini poses alongside Cobourg Cougars counterpart Andy Reist and local cancer survivors Lisa Schell, Marita Bagshaw, and Jean Neville at Saturday's Pink in the Rink game. *Photo by Ray MacAloney/OJHL Images*.

stopping on pucks, finishing hits. Sometimes, for an amateur hockey player, when things aren't going their way, they tend to veer off from what got them here. They get into their own head and end up doing more damage. We're telling the guys they just need to stay the course and work hard," Ramsay said.

"When you're in a slump, I always preach working harder. If you do that and are persistent, you'll get out of it," he added. The Huskies are back in action Saturday when they welcome the Buzzers to Minden. Puck drop is 4 p.m. They will be at home again Tuesday, Nov. 2, when the Stouffville Spirit come to town. Puck drop is 7:30 p.m.

Pink in the Rink jerseys are available for purchase, with money supporting cancer research. Ramsay said they can be bought at any home game until Nov. 25 - when the team will host its second Pink in the Rink event, going against the Aurora Tigers.

















Top: Blueliner Hunter Martell chases down a Cougars player. Above: Forward Alex Bradshaw skates down the ice. *Photos by Ray MacAloney/OJHL Images*.



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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, on Friday, October 27, 2023 from 11:00 am until the time of the Funeral Service to celebrate Gerry's life at 1:00 pm. Interment at the Minden Cemetery. Reception to follow back at the

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Memorial Donations to the Alzheimer Society would be appreciated by the family.



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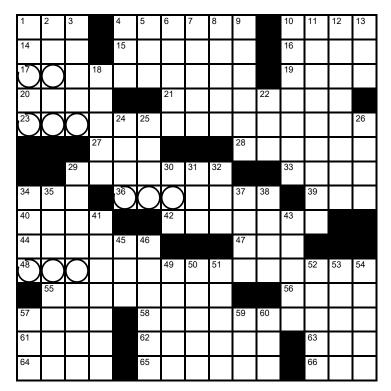
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