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Here comes Santa Claus

Logan Shaw peeks out from the Northern HVAC float during the Minden Hills Santa Claus parade Nov. 18. The Haliburton parade is this Friday, Nov. 24 and the Wilberforce one on Sunday, Dec. 10. See more photos on page 18.
Photo by Lisa Gervais.

TOK Coachlines to cease Hali-TO route

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton resident Deb Reed said the pending cancellation of the only bus from the County to Toronto means she'll now have to rely on friends for trips to and from the city.

Reed's been a passenger on TOK Coachlines, formerly Can-Ar Coach, for eight years.

The company announced Nov. 6 that after 34 years serving the Haliburton, Kawartha, and Durham regions, it will be discontinuing the Haliburton to Toronto line effective Jan. 31, 2024.

Chief executive officer Ajay Mehra, told *The Highlander* Nov. 22 "all good things must come to an end one day." He said the

company had been losing money on the route for the last four to four-and-a-half years and "we just can't take it anymore."

Mehra said driver and fuel costs run a minimum \$650 per trip, not including maintenance, insurance, and bus payments. He estimated it is a minimum \$1,000 with all costs factored in, while, on average, they are

collecting \$450-\$500 on fares.

He added they were barely breaking even prior to COVID but have struggled since as the ridership did not pick up. He said they are averaging 10-12 passengers a trip.

He noted they receive no government subsidies.

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A man rides on a TOK Coachlines bus. Photo courtesy of TOK Coachlines website.

Bus route running in the red

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“My heart breaks to cut the service... but I have very limited choices.”

Reed said she doesn’t drive much any more so has relied on the bus at times since moving to the County. She said most of her co-passengers either don’t drive or prefer not to. She added she’s ridden with college students, camp counsellors, summer course teachers, caregivers, contract workers and day-trippers. Her daughters have used the bus to travel north and south when they have visited. In addition, her dentist and another specialist are still in Toronto. So is her decade-long watercolour group, friends, her eldest daughter and grandchildren.

“Many who use TOK are also seniors. They don’t drive any more, and definitely not in winter. They have family, friends, specialists, meetings. They can read or snooze in peace for a few hours, watch the landscape urbanize, and then do the comfy reverse on their return north to where they’ve deliberately retired, often to their longtime cottages. They watch films, read, listen to music, travel in pairs or small groups to family events, galleries, shopping centres, concerts. I started writing my poetry on that regular back-forth. It has evolved into something meaningful for me. I’ve spotted a young moose from the bus, beaver, many, many deer, mother bear and cub. The driver would stop briefly for turtles. How can one not write?”

Reed added she has used the service less in recent years as she has seen a decline in service.

“At one time, I could choose any day to travel. Then four days, then three, and then, no weekends. Thankfully I was retired, and could arrange to go when I needed to. I was very grateful there was a bus. I heard it was the oldest consistent northbound route in Ontario.”

Reed said she had struggled most with the ever-changing pickup and drop-off locations. “With increasing GTA congestion, especially around the traditional 5 p.m. departure time from Toronto, the ‘bus station’ has moved from the cozy Bay/Front depot with snack kiosk/indoor ticket agent/washroom, to convenient Union Station, to outdoors on the street (with no sign or bus shelter) at McCowan Station near the Scarborough Town Centre.

“But those light rapid transit stations have permanently closed, stranding travellers to figure out TTC and taxi options when they arrive in the city. Or they stand in blizzards and rush hour waiting to be picked up for the return bus north. Not great for anxious seniors.”

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Residents upset with Boshkung tower

By Mike Baker

After Algonquin Highlands council last week supported the installation of a 91.5 metre tall cell tower on the north side of Boshkung Lake, waterfront residents Robert Harpur and Kathleen Dewar say they're concerned about the lack of consideration given to maintaining the area's "naturally scenic beauty."

The couple live on the south side of Boshkung and say the tower will be visible from every corner of their property.

"Our concern is with the lighting [a requirement through Transport Canada]. We'll be able to see it from our living room, our dining room, our deck. We won't be able to escape it no matter where we are on our property," Harpur said.

It's the latest tower site as part of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network's (EORN) cell gap project, a \$300 million joint investment between Rogers and the provincial and federal governments to improve coverage, connectivity, and capacity for 99 per cent of residents in the region by 2025.

This tower, one of four planned for Algonquin Highlands, will be located at 1491 Boshkung Lake Rd.

Harpur contends that whatever will be gained won't make up for what he calls the destruction of the community's greatest resource.

"People who come to this area generally accept services will not be the same as in the city... people should be prepared to accept a somewhat lower standard of service," Harpur said. "Many people who aren't subjected to having to look at the lights on these towers underestimate the impact they will have... having a scenic view is more than just something that's nice to have, it's a resource that should be protected for the benefit of the whole township. Once it's lost, it can never be regained."

Dewar said while she participated in the public consultation Rogers held in October, there was a feeling of inevitability surrounding the project.

"That we could suffer a great loss and can do nothing about it [is hard to take]. How much power do we have here, as residents of this lake?" she asked.

They called on Rogers to consider an



Boshkung Lake residents Kathleen Dewar and Robert Harpur point to where the tower will be visible. Photo by Mike Baker.

alternate location.

Christian Lee, representing the cellular giant, said due to the nature of the program – designed to improve connectivity for those with rural properties – they need to be constructed close to built-up areas.

"There is simply nowhere where these towers can be built in areas like Algonquin Highlands where nobody can see them... and they still do the job they're designed to do," Lee said.

He noted Rogers installs shielding on its towers, but that typically only limits the view for residents close by. For people like Harpur and Dewar, whose home sits several kilometres away, there's nothing that can be done to protect them. "That technology, unfortunately, doesn't exist," Lee said.

Coun. Sabrina Richards felt for the

couple, and anyone else who would be impacted. She said a tower overlooking Big Hawk Lake had lighting installed recently, which "lights up the entire sky at night... when I look in that direction, I can't see a single star."

Mayor Liz Danielsen reminded council its responsibility is to consider the project from a land use perspective only.

"The federal government has put specific restrictions on what we're allowed to use as a reason to say no. Unfortunately, aesthetics isn't one of them," Danielsen said.

The project does have its supporters – Stephen Orr, owner of Buttermilk Falls Resort, believes the tower will substantially improve his business.

"I have absolutely crap service... the number of times I have to step outside in

minus 30-degree weather in the winter to make a call connect is uncouth. The need for the tower, from my perspective, is huge... my customers rely on being able to have good service," Orr said.

Lee added he felt the availability of enhanced wireless and data services is vital to the Highlands as it continues to grow.

"Going forward, the availability of [these] services will be seen as being just as important as having electricity. This is a vital part of the way people live and work day-to-day," Lee said.

Council voted 3-2 in favour of the application, with Danielsen, deputy mayor Jennifer Dailloux and coun. Julia Shortreed for, and Richards and coun. Lisa Barry against.



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CELL TOWERS

Rogers brings three proposed towers to HE

By Lisa Gervais

Rogers Communications cell towers, as part of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) cell gap project, were a hot topic at Highlands East’s Nov. 14 regular council meeting.

Spectra Point Inc. came to discuss a proposed tower near Clement Lake. Planner Chris Jones had brought their request to the municipality before, but councillors had concerns about the tower’s proximity to Wilberforce.

Spectra’s Chris Leggett appeared virtually last week to explain why they chose the location, citing expected usage patterns of service and proximity to users; local topography; line of sight requirements; opportunities to use existing structures and availability of a willing host.

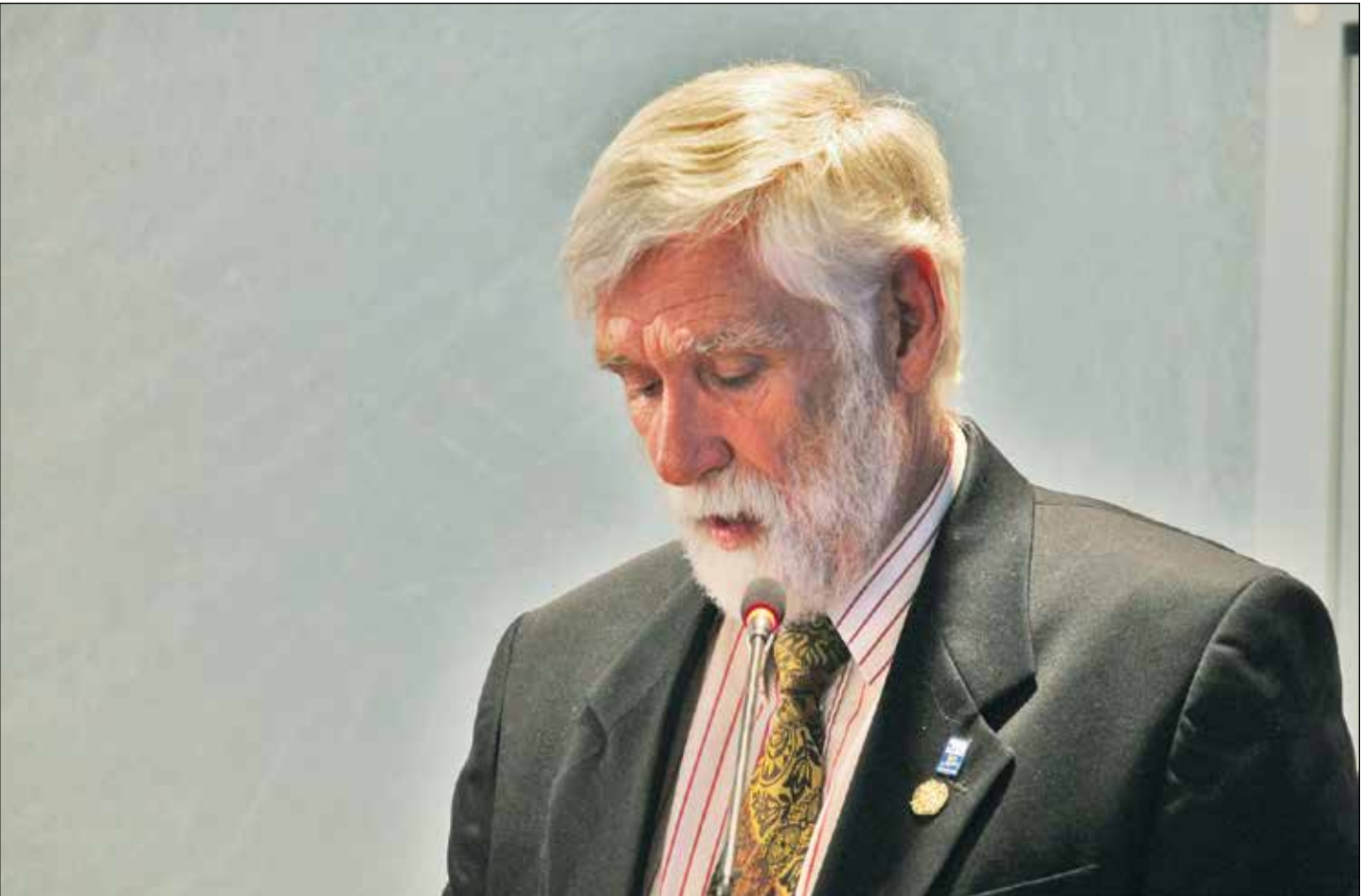
“Deployment of the tower in its current location, in close proximity to the settlement area, provides high quality internet, wireless internet services, and wireless telephone services, to the residents of the settlement area inside their buildings, which is a great part of what the demand is for these services,” Leggett said.

He added for the site, they spoke with several landowners and only found one willing to host a tower - proposed to be 60 metres high for 4G and 5G service for buildings and cars. He said it would cover a radius of 4 km and could accommodate co-location of other cell service providers.

Deputy mayor Cec Ryall asked if it was about business competition versus customer service since there is an existing Bell tower in Wilberforce Rogers could co-locate on.

Leggett replied in part that because of significant government funding for the EORN project, (\$150 million) Rogers is able to erect towers where they otherwise might not be built by other providers due to cost.

Ryall appreciates better coverage but said he is hearing from residents they are worried about different companies placing towers “all over the place... So, you could end up with towers that have both Bell, Rogers, and I’m not sure if Telus is up here, more or less in the same coverage



Highlands East deputy mayor Cec Ryall. *File.*

area. That’s something that has been voiced to me as being not something that people would want. Having said that, they want the towers.”

Leggett expects other providers will co-locate versus building towers of their own.

Glamor Lake tower

During the meeting, Jones updated council on a proposed tower at 1005 Glamor Lake Rd. In July, council gave municipal support with conditions, including that the proponent be requested to undertake enhanced public consultation for the proposal (as per council policy); and submit a plan to address existing open storage on

the property prior to the completion of the public consultation.

Jones said the proponent held a virtual public consultation Aug. 15 with about 20 people.

On the issue of the open storage of derelict parts, vehicles and boats, he said the municipality prepared a site plan agreement requiring the owner to remove or relocate the items prior to Oct. 1, 2024 and they’d agreed. Council has given its consent.

Zoom meeting for tower

Meanwhile, Rogers is advertising a proposed 90-metre wireless tower at 1587 Alsop Rd., in Highlands East.

It will host a public information meeting and comment session via Zoom Dec. 12, from 6-7 p.m. People must register by 3 p.m. Dec. 12

Further, the company is inviting the public to mail or email comments, and, or requests to be informed of the municipality’s position before 5 p.m. Dec. 24.

Contact information: Proposed Wireless Communications Installation Reference: C8597 – 1587 Alsop Rd. Eric Belchamber on behalf of Rogers Communications Inc. 337 Autumnfield St., Kanata, ON, K2M 0J6 Phone: 613-220-5970 Email: eric.belchamber@rogers.com.

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Concerns over Rogers tower on Wenona Lake

CELL TOWERS

By Mike Baker

A group of taxpayers with property on Wenona Lake is calling on Dysart et al council to re-establish a policy governing the installation of cell towers in the community, though mayor Murray Fearrey indicates that's not on the township's radar.

Yolanda Clark, Phyllis McCulloch, and Jim Taylor say they represent a group of half a dozen other residents who share concerns over the recent process undertaken by Rogers to install a 60-metre cell tower east of Wenona Lake. That project, part of the Eastern Ontario Regional Network's cell gap project, was supported by the township in September.

That came as a surprise to the group, who felt they were still in the consultation phase Rogers are required to carry out under federal Innovation Space and Economic Development [ISED] policies.

"We feel this process has been a mess. First, a sign advertising this potential site was put up in the middle of winter when all the seasonal residents are away... Not all residents around Wenona Lake, who would be impacted by this, received letters. So, I'm not sure how people were supposed to know this was even happening," McCulloch said.

Taylor was one of those, saying he only learned about the application when McCulloch put out a notice to her neighbours.

"It was a shock to me when I found out," Taylor said.

In March, Dysart council opted to abolish its existing cell tower policy, with coun. Tammy Donaldson commenting, "we might as well not have [one] because we're not abiding by it anyway." This came shortly after council approved a 75-metre tower to service Benoir Lake, despite the project contravening a clause in the policy stating towers should be located at least one kilometre from any residence and be camouflaged.

Fearrey recently told *The Highlander* he felt that policy was outdated and no longer served a purpose.

"It was implemented at a time when tower technology was different, now we hear if a tower isn't located within close proximity to homes, they're largely ineffective," Fearrey said. "The bottom line, for me, is municipalities don't have much control. It's ISED that deals with the approval of these sites. We can voice our opinion, but that's it."

"To me, it doesn't matter whether Dysart has a policy or not. Others have policies and it doesn't change anything. I guess it might stall things for a couple of months, but that's about it," the mayor added.

Clark feels the municipality has a duty to protect residents, and the natural environment. By reinstating a bylaw, she said the township could mandate that anyone looking to install a tower

should have to share plans with all nearby impacted property owners, and ensure thorough public consultation takes place before a project can proceed.

Currently, ISED protocols stipulate only residents located in the surrounding area equal to three times the tower height be notified. There are no requirements to hold in-person or virtual meetings, though concerns are to be received, and responded to, via email.

Lisa Severson, speaking on behalf of EORN, feels the consultation process for this project was completed adequately. She noted consultants working on behalf of Rogers considered concerns brought forward by the public and agreed to move the tower 200 metres back from its original location following extensive discussions.

She noted the application has been forwarded to ISED for consideration. McCulloch remains unhappy.

"There's still a lot of unanswered questions," she said.

Clark added, "collectively, we'd like to see this tower in a different spot. We would like council to really look at this and understand the process has not been followed. This application was made while [Dysart's policy] was still in place, so why shouldn't they have to comply?"

"More needs to be done to protect our lakes, to protect our environment," Clark added.



Dysart et al council abolished its cell tower policy in March. *File.*

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Minden Hills' new CAO Cynthia Fletcher begins work Nov. 23. *File.*

Minden's new CAO looks to bright future

The Township of Minden Hills announced on Nov. 21 it had hired Cynthia Fletcher as its new chief administrative officer (CAO).

The township said she starts Nov. 23, after an extensive recruitment process.

Mayor Bob Carter said he was “extremely pleased” with the appointment.

“With her leadership, our team will deliver the service that Minden Hills requires as we continue to grow in this changing world,” he said.

Fletcher thanked council for inviting her to join the Minden Hills team.

“I look forward to working with council, our staff, and the community in building a bright future for Minden Hills,” she said.

Fletcher has more than 25 years of senior leadership experience in the public and municipal sectors, with multi-level experience in strategic leadership, planning, development, infrastructure, and operational excellence, the township said.

Her professional experience includes the Waterloo Region District School Board, City of Kitchener, City of Peterborough, and Township of Georgian Bluffs. Fletcher is a CAO mentor for the Ontario Municipal Administrators Association (OMAA), sits on the board for Inclusion Action Ontario and is a past board member with the Ontario Building Envelope Council.

Carter said, “we are fortunate to have Cynthia join our team as the new CAO. Her commitment and strong focus on inspiring service excellence, innovation, collaboration, and workplace cultural development will serve our community well.” *(Lisa Gervais).*

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Nick Bryant says the M4 Sherman tank, on display outside the Haliburton Legion, will be refurbished over the winter. Photo by Mike Baker.

Hali Legion tank off to the shop

By Mike Baker

One of Haliburton's most iconic landmarks will be in hibernation over the winter.

The M4 'Easy Eight' Sherman tank on display outside the Haliburton Legion is in desperate need of some TLC according to local legion member, Nick Bryant. He's been leading the charge to have the vehicle refurbished, recently telling *The Highlander* the hardware will soon be moved to a property on Gelert Road for approximately six months so it can be fixed.

"It's an icon of the town and of the legion, but it's in pretty rough shape," Bryant said.

Arriving in Haliburton from Canadian Forces Base Borden in the early 1970s, the tank has long served as a local memorial to Highlands' veterans. A plaque installed on the tank reads, "through the mud and the blood to the green fields beyond."

It is dedicated to all ranks of the Canadian Cavalry and the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps who served in conflicts from 1812 to present day, noting the War of 1812 (1812 to

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According to online records, the tank based in Haliburton was constructed in 1945.

Bryant said it's been about 15 years since the last upgrade. Workers will use a high-pressure blaster to clear rust and debris before repainting. The tracks will also be taken off, cleaned up and reinstalled. If all goes to plan, Bryant said the tank should be back in Haliburton by the summer.

"After this, it'll go for another 20 years

probably before it needs anything else... it'll breathe some new life into it, that's for sure," Bryant said.

The project is expected to cost around \$24,000. Bryant has applied for a \$14,000 Canadian War Memorials grant through the federal government. The remaining \$10,000 will come from the legion's coffers, he notes.

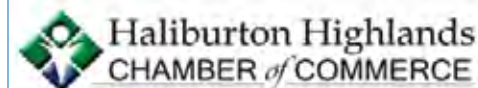
Two local companies – Total Site Services and Haliburton Crane Rental are helping the legion with the logistics of moving the 37-ton tank from the downtown. Bryant said they will likely need a crane to lift it onto a low-bed truck. That will be done in mid-December, to ensure the tank is moved before seasonal load restrictions come into effect in Dysart et al.

Bryant said the legion is accepting donations from anyone in the community who wants to contribute.

"We have committed to doing this... but if someone wanted to step up and help, that would go a long way," Bryant said.

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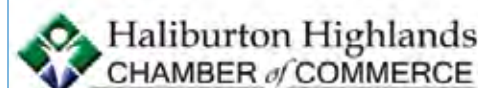
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2024 Budget Projects and Priorities

Take notice that there will be a **Special Meeting** of Council on **Friday, December 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.** The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss projects and priorities for the 2024 Budget. The Municipality has also set the following dates (if required) to review the Budget:

January 12, 2024 and February 9, 2024

These meetings will be livestreamed. You can view the proceedings by visiting the Dysart YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVWZxsvf8VCyDf04uwjCJ6g>

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Towers desperately needed

I have spent a considerable amount of time over the past two-plus years writing about cell towers.

The recipe is generally the same: application comes before council; nearby residents voice their opposition; elected officials debate issues they are explicitly told, by the federal governing body, that they should not consider – things like impact on property values, aesthetic concerns of would-be neighbours, alleged dangers to one's health; then the project is, eventually, approved.

This week's *Highlander* serves up a three-course meal covering all angles of the cell tower issue. In Algonquin Highlands, a local couple has taken exception to the proposed installation of a 91.5 metre tower to be installed on the north side of Boshkung Lake. They say the structure will destroy the "naturally scenic beauty" of the lake and called on Rogers – the company applying to install it – to consider alternate locations.

In short, they are happy for the tower installation to proceed so long as it's away from their property. Out of sight, out of mind. It's NIMBYism at its finest.

It should be noted that Stephen Orr, owner of Buttermilk Falls Resort, also addressed Algonquin Highlands council last week, advocating on behalf of the tower's installation. Not everyone is against them.

Rogers is proposing to construct between 30 and 40 new towers across Haliburton County as part of the Eastern Ontario

Regional Network's \$300 million cell gap project. The initiative is designed to improve cellular coverage, connectivity, and capacity for people in the region by 2025.

In my opinion, these towers are desperately needed.

I can appreciate that people who have invested considerable sums into buying their slice of rural paradise don't want to have to look at an ugly, out-of-place steel rod that stretches hundreds of feet into the air. But, as I've written before about the area's housing crisis and the opposition to projects in that file – which would benefit the wider community – we need to consider the greater good.

Haliburton County is growing. There's no getting away from that. And with that growth comes a necessity to provide enhanced services. Rogers representative, Christian Lee, said it best when telling Algonquin Highlands council last week the availability of cellular service will soon be seen as being as equally important to people as having access to electricity. To many, it already is.

As we move into a more technological world, it's imperative we aren't left behind.

There are safety issues to consider too. As someone who has done a considerable amount of driving around the County, I can tell you first-hand how many cellular 'dead zones' exist. One of the worst stretches is County Road 21 between Haliburton and Minden.

While it's an inconvenience to have calls

drop while commuting, I have often wondered what would happen if an animal came running out of the woods in front of my vehicle, or I hit a patch of black ice, while travelling through one of these dead zones. I'd be up creek without a paddle.

There are some reasons why a particular tower site may not be appropriate, mostly environmental – if it's disturbing a recognized wetland, or displacing species of significance. But in most cases, Rogers has done its homework.

Locations have been strategically chosen to serve as part of a wider network, to eradicate the many dangerous dead zones. I had previously advocated for the installation of monopine structures – smaller tree-like towers that better fit our natural surroundings. I have since been told that would not be feasible – going that route would take EORN's \$300 million project well into the billions, and government would not support that. So, it's this or nothing.

Not everyone will agree, and I've no doubt I'll continue to see objections to future tower site locations. But I think it's high time we all got with the program and embraced a project that stands to benefit us all.



By Mike Baker

Another one bites the dust

For 34 years, a private bus company has operated between Haliburton and Toronto.

It began under the name Can-Ar Coach, but was changed to TOK Coachlines a few years back.

Locals can catch the bus at the Shamrock Service Station in Haliburton, or flag it down at Allsaw, the Shell Service Station on Hwy. 35 in Minden, Miners Bay, Moore Falls, or Coboconk, and make their way south via Lindsay, and Bowmanville.

Initially, passengers were dropped at Bay and Front Street. Then, they were taken to Union Station. In recent times, it's been Scarborough Town Centre or Vaughn Metropolitan Centre.

6 it is discontinuing the service effective Jan. 31, 2024.

A spokesperson for the company said they are not subsidized by any government body. In other words, they get no federal, provincial or municipal funding.

Turning to the Ontario government today, let's see what they are spending money on. Hmmm, four new GTA subway projects: the Ontario Line from Exhibition Station to the Ontario Science Centre, Yonge North Subway Extension, Scarborough Subway Extension, Eglinton Crosstown West Extension. Then there's Hamilton Light Rail Transit. Billions of dollars. And, yet, the province of Ontario cannot help out a small, private company trying to get a busload of people from Haliburton to Toronto three times a week? Shame.

I guess there are precarious seats in the GTA the Ford government wants to ensure it retains, or wins. Not much fear about Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. Dress a goat in blue and it will get elected.

I am also seeing more and more electric vehicle charging stations in Haliburton County. That's great for the Tesla owners.

Not so great for the seniors and young people who cannot afford cars. More and more we are seeing the haves and the have nots in the Highlands. Those Tesla's are driving by as people line up for that TOK bus at the Shamrock.

So, what can be done?

Maybe MPP Laurie Scott can chat with her government about giving TOK Coachlines a helping hand. While not their mandate, maybe County council can step forward with some funds. They do have money in reserves for transport. This might provide temporary relief for the company to continue the service in the short-term.

But what is really required is a change in philosophy at the provincial government level. It must begin to consider its regional and rural residents in its decision-making. To say we are an afterthought is an understatement. We are not even a thought. And that has to change.



By Lisa Gervais

HAVE AN OPINION?
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LETTERS

With condos
come condo problems

Dear editor,

I would like to express my concern for the condo development in Haliburton.

Previously living in the GTA for decades, experiencing the condo lifestyle, while employing multiple trades, I am familiar and experienced to that which comes hand-in-hand with such developments.

Aside from a bulk of people living in a small section of land, above and aside one another, there will be a noticeable increase in traffic on the road (already quite busy in summer months) with only one lane existent for traffic in each direction.

There will be an increase of noise pollution, pedestrian traffic, too, and from the building lobbies, parking lots, etc.

From my experience, and research, many condos are poorly built, (for multiple reasons) and although might meet/slip by specific condo “current standards,” rarely exceed them.

To put it short, with condos comes condo problems.

An overshadowing under-thought: looking at our realtors online there is an equal if not greater selection of livable, equally affordable homes and development properties available, leaving no reason why Haliburton would want to completely change its poise for a slice of city experimentation.

Reflecting further on our citizens who are trying to sell their homes, soon will experience further challenges in the market and become unable to compete with what will turn into; a development boom of condos in our cottage County.

Be wary as this will only benefit the few in the long run.

I say to those unsure, or in disagreement, please take a journey to the GTA and experience for yourselves how condos drastically affect neighbourhoods, impact the environment; and to some take time to observe the mentality it encourages.

Corene Pike
Haliburton

Cell tower dilemma

Dear editor,

Members of Harcourt Park are facing a dilemma which involves the installation of a cell tower (as part of the EORN project) within the park’s boundaries.

While most of our members want improved cell service and support the idea of a cell tower, we have the problem that we already have a 20-year-old Bell microwave tower within our boundaries.

The proposal from Rogers for the new tower would put it over on the next peak about 650 metres away. The ideal solution would be for Rogers and Bell to negotiate in good faith to replace the Bell tower (it is not suitable to share or modify) at the Bell site.

Federal government regulations require new cell tower proponents to play nice when it comes to sharing, modifying or replacing existing towers. However, Rogers is telling us because the old tower is not in the ISSED’s

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Mike Young captured this image of a Broad-winged Hawk near Carnarvon recently.

database ie, not a licensed tower, neither Rogers nor Bell are required to consider the old tower site and as a result they are not talking.

It also appears federal government regulations are not such as to force them to the table.

The cost to install a new cell tower is sizeable and in the case of Harcourt Park financially unrealistic without the help of the government funding provided by the EORN project.

So, we either give into the pull of improved technology, scrunch our noses and deal with the blight of two towers on our skyline or say no thanks to improved service, especially needed for safety and in the case

of emergencies.

We all try to be good stewards of the land and this is especially true of the members of Harcourt Park. It is so frustrating when oligopolies and government get in the way of folks just trying to do the right thing

Michele Loucks
Harcourt Park

Haliburton healthcare

Dear editor,

I experienced a very unpleasant incident recently which necessitated a visit to the Haliburton Hospital emergency department.

Despite my injury, it was a most gratifying experience. I received outstanding care; prompt, efficient, and compassionate.

I left feeling extremely fortunate to have access to this care. In addition, the follow-up care I have received from the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team has been exceptional.

I would like to thank all of the staff at these institutions and I hope we continue to be so fortunate with the care that they provide.

Brad Ellis
Algonquin Highlands

ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS NEWS

Sign bylaw on the cards

Algonquin Highlands mayor Liz Danielsen said she’s received numerous complaints recently about the increased number of temporary signs being placed throughout the community.

Addressing council Nov. 16, Danielsen said Algonquin Highlands was one of the few municipalities in Ontario without a bylaw outlining rules for these signs. She felt it was a good idea to direct the township’s bylaw department to investigate.

“I’ve taken a lot of calls about sign proliferation... there seems to be a lot of signs everywhere. We don’t have authority on the [Ministry of Transportation] and we don’t control signs on people’s lawns, but we can decide [what goes on township property],” she said.

Deputy mayor Jennifer Dailloux said if this was a growing concern in the community, she’d be happy to have staff look into it.

Bylaw enforcement officer, Greg Moore, said he would bring a report back to council, likely in the new year.

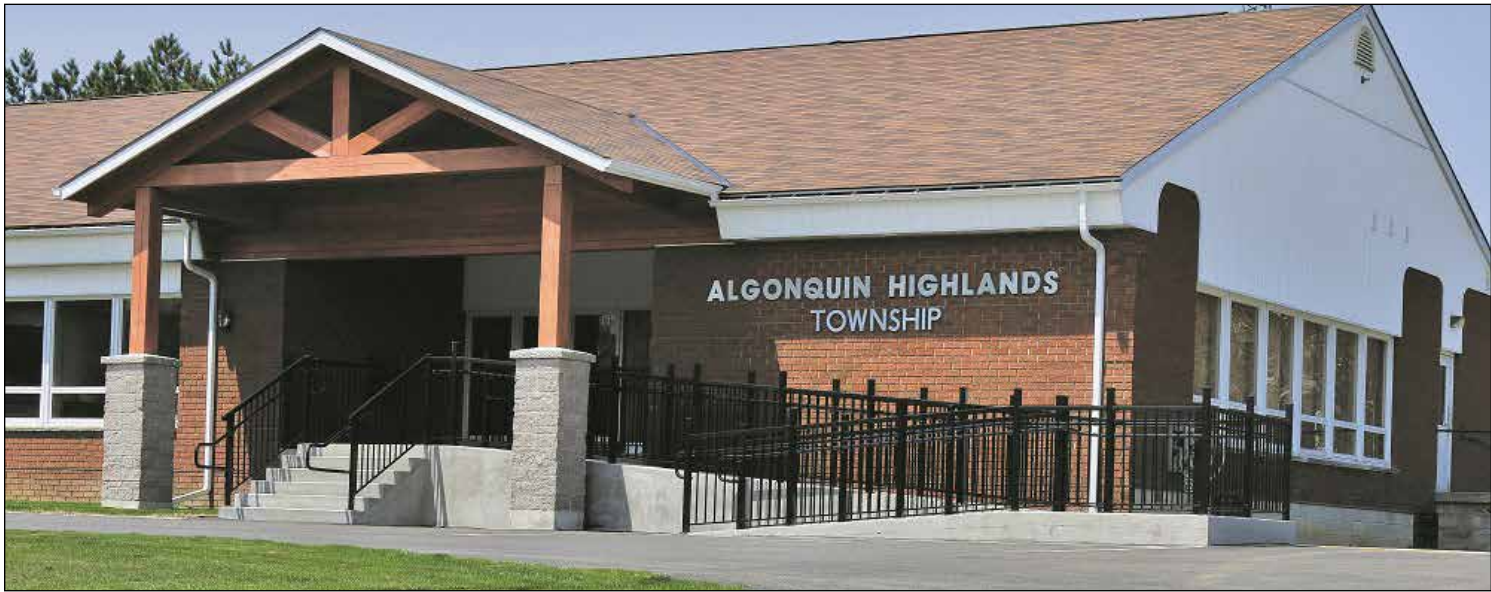
In other bylaw-related news, Moore noted the department welcomed a new addition recently, with Robert Mascia joining as a municipal law enforcement officer. Mascia previously spent three years in a similar role in Dysart et al.

Waste services discussed

Shelley Fellows and Peter Dadzis, representing the Halls Hawk Lake Property Owners Association (HHLPOA), called on council last week to introduce collection services at the former Hawk Lake waste disposal site.

The facility closed in 2021 after the landfill reached its capacity. The township’s previous council opted, back in 2019, to shutter the site rather than convert it to a transfer station.

Fellows said HHLPOA completed a survey



AH held a meeting inside council chambers Nov. 16. File.

earlier this month, featuring responses from 159 people, or 27 per cent of all households on Halls and Hawk lakes. Ninety per cent were strongly in favour of reopening the former landfill as a transfer station.

“Ratepayers remain very dissatisfied with the current waste disposal services... most have been travelling primarily to the Maple Lake dump to dispose of waste... that’s longer drive times, higher cost [due to using more fuel], and increased carbon footprint,” Fellows said.

She noted a third of respondents said they were now taking garbage back to their home community to dispose of. Fellows added HHLPOA wanted to see a transfer station opened at Hawk Lake by 2026.

Danielsen said council could be setting a dangerous precedent by reconsidering.

“We made a decision, and we did not make it lightly when we decided to close the [Hawk Lake] landfill. It’s a dangerous slope to go down to reverse decisions we’ve made in the past,” the mayor said.

Dailloux said she had difficulty taking

the HHLPOA survey’s numbers seriously, since people were not asked about other options to enhance waste services in the area, as outlined by consultant Cambium in a September report. They also proposed developing a stationary collection program, contracting a local business to host containers for collection of waste, or look for sites in the community to place bins to be managed by a cottage association or other likeminded community.

“I’m fearful of leading questions... when no other options are presented. I don’t count the number of people who really want a transfer station. What I do count is the number of people who want a long-term, solid, economically-viable solution,” Dailloux said.

Danielsen said council will be considering all options and having further discussions before arriving at a final decision, likely to come in the new year.

Grader going out for RFP

Public works manager, Adam Thorn, said one of the municipal graders is on its last legs, asking council to sign off on the purchase of a new unit.

Thorn said the existing machine was purchased in 2006 and has been a vital piece of equipment used in the construction and maintenance of roads, including winter plowing, for the past 17 years. He said the grader has broken down on several occasions this year, with the township investing considerable sums to get it back on the road. When in need of repair, the machine is sent to Orillia and it can sometimes take weeks before it’s back, Thorn noted.

He said the current unit could be sold to help offset the cost of a new one.

Council agreed to the request, with Thorn saying he would bring back cost estimates to council as soon as possible. The grader will be funded through reserves. (Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Mike Baker).



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John Granger, a mechanic at Haliburton Auto, outlines some simple fall car maintenance tips. Photo by Mike Baker.

Getting your ride ready for winter

By Mike Baker

As the days draw shorter and the weather cools, Highlands residents are preparing themselves for an extended visit from old man winter.

One of the best ways to get ready, according to Haliburton mechanic John Granger, is to ensure your vehicle is well-equipped to handle months of messy weather. He shared some simple steps people can take in the coming weeks to ensure a safe and smooth drive in even the worst conditions.

“The number one recommendation is winter tires. Living in an area like Haliburton County, it’s very important to change over before the snow comes – any time after Thanksgiving is usually what we recommend,” Granger said.

According to the Rubber and Tire Association of Canada, only 69 per cent of drivers nationwide use winter tires. While they can be costly, with new sets starting at around \$500 for most sedans and \$700 and up for SUVs and trucks, they do work. Studies from the Traffic Injury Research Foundation show that stopping times are decreased by 30 per cent when winter tires are used, compared to all-season or summer tires.

While changing your tires over, Granger said it’s a good idea to inspect your brakes.

“If the pads need replacing, or you need any other work done, it’s a lot easier to do that while the wheels are already off,” he said.

A lot of people will change tires themselves, but Granger said there is a benefit to having them done at a shop.

“You get peace of mind knowing [your

vehicle] has been inspected by a professional, who will look at the brakes, retorque the tires and make sure everything is safe,” he said.

Rust control is something mechanics are preaching now too. There is an assortment of products available to protect your vehicles from salts and other harsh commodities found on roads during the winter. Granger uses Rust Check at Haliburton Auto, which offers two options to car owners.

“Winter can be very tough on vehicles, so anything you can do to protect them will probably save you money in the long run. A lot of vehicles have already received some form of rust protection in their lifetime, but it’s important to keep it up,” Granger said.

Crevice areas hidden inside body sections, such as joints, folds, seams, spot welds, springs and trunk lids are places where corrosion starts and spreads from. Granger said these areas are treated with a light spray, while a vehicle’s undercarriage is coated in a thick oil, which stays on longer.

Even if your vehicle is showing signs of rusting, having those areas treated will significantly slow the rusting process.

Other often overlooked maintenance tips, Granger said, is replacing the cabin air filter, lubricating window tracks, ensuring your vehicle’s coolant strength is where it needs to be, and installing a new set of wiper blades.

“I change my blades once a year. Ahead of winter is a good time, because you don’t want to be stuck on the road with bad weather and wiper blades that don’t work properly,” Granger said. “And always make sure your washer fluid is topped up, because again, you don’t want to be stuck without that when your windshield needs cleaning.”



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Nicholls' junior jersey raised to the rafters

By Lisa Gervais

Bernie Nicholls brought his billet, Verne Walters, to a Kingston ceremony Nov. 18 – at which the Haliburton County hockey legend saw his number 16 jersey raised to the rafters.

Nicholls played with the Kingston Canadians from 1979-1981, and was one of the team's most prolific scorers.

He told *The Highlander* he left home at 16 to join the Canadians, and stayed with the Walters family for two years. He spoke about the importance of hockey billets during the ceremony.

"I really believe that what they do, even in Haliburton with the kids there, I think it's so important to be put with a good family," he said.

Nicholls said Walters has suffered a stroke and is in a wheelchair but he and fiancée, Amanda, visited him last year for the first time in a long time. "He was so excited, and we were excited to see him."

He reminisced how Walters owned a fur store and a drive-in movie theatre.

Now named the Frontenacs, the Kingston club recounted via its website how the West Guilford product scored 36 goals and 79 points in his 1979-80 rookie season. He followed with the greatest season the franchise has ever seen. In 65 games in 1980-81, Nicholls scored an astonishing 63 goals and 89 assists for a team record 152 points.

Nicholls was selected in the fourth round of the 1980 NHL entry draft by the Los Angeles Kings. Following the 1980-81 season, he began his pro career.

The talented forward went on to have a 17-year career with the Kings, New York Rangers, Edmonton Oilers, New Jersey Devils, Chicago Blackhawks and San Jose Sharks.

Nicholls appeared in 1,127 NHL games and had 475 goals and 734 assists for 1,209 points. He is one of only eight players in NHL history to score 70 goals in one season, and one of only six to score 150 points.

Nicholls said he was in Kingston last year



Kingston Frontenacs president and governor Doug Springer, Bernie Nicholls and his fiancée Amanda, general manager Kory Cooper and Verne Walters and his daughter, Michelle. Photo courtesy of Robert John Boucher/Kingston Frontenacs.

doing a book signing for his biography *From Flood Lights to Bright Lights*, and the Frontenacs approached him about last Saturday night's event.

"Obviously you're thrilled to death. It's a great honour, so I've been excited about it," he said of his reaction.

Nicholls said junior hockey seems like a long time ago but "it was the last step before

the NHL. So, when people ask about when I really felt I was going to make it to the NHL, it was when I was playing in Kingston."

Nicholls appreciated the Canadians' coaches at the time, but always credits his father for his success.

He said he was probably more excited, than emotional, to see the jersey raised, and it brought back memories.

"I worked at the fur store. I bought either two or three, three-piece suits. I was like 18 years old. You just think you're really doing it," he said with a laugh.

"And I bought a full-length wolf coat. Later, I bought a full-length otter coat from him, and that coat did make it to California."



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Red Hawks junior girls basketball coach Mike Rieger, left, is proud of the progress his team made this season. *File.*

Coach aiming to build basketball sporting spirit at HHSS

By Mike Baker

After watching his Red Hawks junior girls’ basketball team win a Kawartha A Championship in its first season together, coach Mike Rieger is excited about the future of the program he’s attempting to rebuild.

The team wrapped up its season with an appearance at the COSSA regional championships Nov. 15, losing 36-18 in the semi-finals to the North Hastings Huskies of Bancroft.

While the young Red Hawks went 2-7 on the season, there was plenty to be proud of, Rieger noted - not least the Kawartha A Championship trophy they hoisted on home court Nov. 6, after a 26-15 victory over Peterborough’s Kenner Rams.

“These girls came such a long way in a short period of time. For some of them, it was their first time playing organized basketball,” Rieger said. “They were able to pick up a lot in terms of having three or four different defensive sets to switch between, which was one of our big strengths this year and helped us win that Kawartha title.”

This was the first junior girls’ basketball team in Haliburton for over a decade. Rieger coached a varsity squad last year, made up largely of graduating Grade 12 students, but felt there was enough young talent to establish a program.

With nine committed players - Hazel Jones, Freyja Neumann-Rowe, Haydyn Aggett, Rosie Lafleur, Renato D’Ambrosio, Tory Byrnes, Maddy Walker, Jordanna Jennings, and Jordyn Hurd - the group gathered for practices starting in mid-September. The focus then, Rieger said, was on developing the fundamentals – passing, dribbling, and shooting.

Their opening two games of the season ended in high-scoring defeats to I.E. Weldon and LCVI, two larger schools from Lindsay. Later practices centred on defence, and though the Red Hawks suffered three further

defeats – to Peterborough’s Crestwood and Adam Scott Oct. 5, and at home to the Fenelon Falls Falcons Oct. 12, Rieger saw progress.

Their hard work paid off Oct. 26 with a 35-27 win on the road over Kenner, giving the team home advantage for the Kawartha A championship.

Rieger was proud that the team secured wins in both games against the only other ‘A’ designated school in the division. In high school sports, a team is classified as A, AA, or AAA based on the school’s student population.

Now the girls have a base level of skills, Rieger said they’re excited to return next season to test themselves against the better teams.

“With this group being so young, the hope is that having them come back for three, four more years, they will continue building and developing,” Rieger said. “The girls are hungry. They’re looking at the bigger schools and trying to chase them down.”

After seeing the positive feeling the championship win generated throughout the school community, Rieger hopes it can be the catalyst for not only a revitalized basketball program, but a resurgence of all extracurricular sports post-pandemic.

“We know in Haliburton, pretty much for any sport, that it’s a four-year process to get a program up and running. We’re in the early stages here, so to get off on the right foot with a great group of girls and have a really positive result at the end of year one – those are the blocks you need to put together successful programs and foster that sporting spirit.

“Being involved in sports feeds into so many other things these students do. It keeps them organized, builds teamwork and determination. And it’s a great way for them to make new friends, and become a bigger part of the school community,” Rieger added.



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Volleyball team eyes something bigger

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School junior boys volleyball team are consolation winners after hosting COSSA Nov. 16 in Haliburton.

The boys lost their first match to Quinte West last Thursday morning. However, they rebounded with a consolation victory over the Kenner Rams in the afternoon, to finish third.

The Thursday morning loss was the team's only defeat this season.

Coach Justin Collins said COSSA third was an accomplishment although, "there was certainly a feeling of disappointment in the moment. But I know in talking with a lot of the guys after the fact, there was a huge sense of pride in the fact we had a goal of being the Kawartha champions and we were able to achieve that. I think there was a feeling of motivation for next year knowing Kawartha champions is really good but now we have a taste for it and our eyes are certainly open on something bigger."

The team comprised Graham Backus, Josh Scheffee, Owen Whittaker, Caleb Manning, Chase Winder, Benjamin McMahon, Carlito Barbosa, Hudson Horsley, Atticus Jorritsma, Isaac Borgdorff, Deegan Davison and Fynn Gooley.

Collins said he and co-coach Mike Gaffney set a goal two years ago to lay the foundation for a team that was not going to be "one and done" but that they would build a volleyball program at HHSS that is going to be continuously competitive.

"My hope is that it's something the community can get behind. I've had a lot of really good feedback from people that came up and said 'we saw that game and my son was watching it, he didn't know volleyball was so cool' and stuff like that. There's some really good messaging there," Collins said.

The face of sports is changing at HHSS with no football and hockey this year.

With volleyball, Collins said it is not something a lot of athletes have access to. The closest club program is in Peterborough. They have one team member who travels to Barrie to play. "For the majority of our students, this is their only access to volleyball."

He said he and Gaffney are happy to be building the program. "And my hope is that it sparks something in the school, sparks something in incoming athletes, so playing volleyball at Hal High is something they aspire to be part of."

The coach said this team has chemistry.

"They are, to say friends, is an understatement. This is a brotherhood. They are together in the halls, they sit together in classes, they eat lunch together. This isn't a situation where the season ends and I won't see you again until next September. Some really good bonds have been formed."

Collins credited the turnaround to a real commitment to work the student athletes have put in. He noted that was not just during the season. He said the Grade 10s have been working since last season ended. "We've got guys who have been training all year to get ready for this because they didn't want another bad season. They wanted to be competitive this year. The guys have worked really hard. We talked about the turnaround, they earned it."

Collins said he's proud of the team.

"There's a sense of unfinished business and I know one through 12 and both coaches are excited to get back to work next year."

Hudson Horsley goes up high to hit the ball in the consolation final.

Photo by Lisa Gervais.



NOTICE

SPECIAL MEETING – NEW DATE 2024 BUDGET PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES

TAKE NOTICE that the Special Council Meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 23, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. has been cancelled and rescheduled to **Thursday November 30, 2023, at 9:00 AM.**

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss projects and priorities for the 2024 Budget.

The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands. Members of the Public may also observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link. The live-stream link can be found on the meeting Agenda at <https://algonquinhighlands.civicweb.net/portal/>

Dated this 17th day of November, 2023.

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Above: People check out the offerings. Right: Rails End Gallery volunteers all set to start Art Heaven 2023. *Submitted.*





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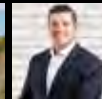
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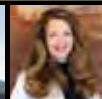
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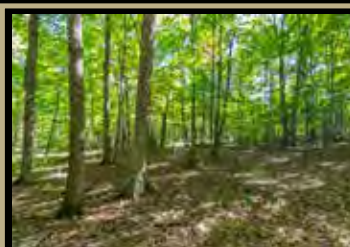
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Top left: The Skyline dancers had a float. Top right: This grinch was trying to steal Christmas. Above: What's a parade without a marching band? Right: Santa makes his first County appearance for the season. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*



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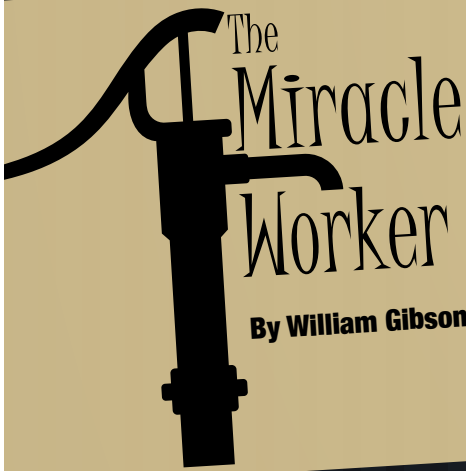
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This Tony Award-winning play is the story of Annie Sullivan and her student, Helen Keller, who lost her sight and hearing at the age of 19 months. With compassion, humour and dramatic tension, *The Miracle Worker* explores the volatile relationship between a lonely teacher and her headstrong charge. Opening July 15 for eight performances through to July 23.

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(This production contains mature themes. Recommended for ages 13 and up. There is no official rating system for live theatre. We encourage you to use your judgment based on your child's age and maturity level.)



By Mark Crawford

The Good Lovelies



Highlands Summer Festival is delighted to present *The Good Lovelies*, a Canadian folk/country harmony trio, consisting of Caroline Brooks, Kerri Ough and Sue Passmore. At their core they can be described as a country/folk trio, with tinges of pop, roots, jazz and sometimes hip-hop mixed in.

The group's three members, Brooks from Whitby, Ough from Port Hope and Passmore from Cobourg, were all performing as solo artists in the Toronto area when they came together in 2006 to perform at a Christmas concert at Toronto's Gladstone Hotel. The three subsequently decided to continue working together, releasing their debut EP, *Oh My*, in 2007. Since then, they have released nine LPs including the latest *We Will Never Be The Same* in 2023. In 2018, they performed at Massey Hall in Toronto and were nominated for a Canadian Folk Music Award. The trio is on stage for three performances, July 24, 25 and a matinee 26.



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Top: Jade Greig and Elyse Boisvert volunteered at the event, stationed in Nature's Place.
Above: Eric Swanson performed some Christmas songs. Photos by Lisa Gervais.

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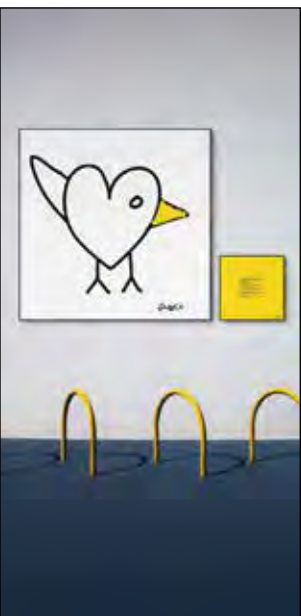
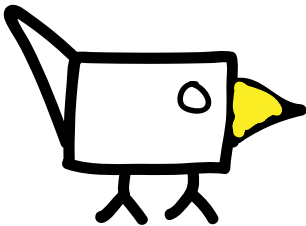
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Saini: 'not where we want to be right now'

By Lisa Gervais

The Haliburton County Huskies shared some pre-Christmas cheer Nov. 18, giving the hometown fans a 5-1 win over the North York Rangers.

A couple of Husky players appeared in the Minden Hills Santa Claus parade earlier in the day as a festive crowd of 511 filled the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

Fresh off of the Eastern Canada Cup, blue and white captain Patrick Saini had early jump, as he opened the scoring at 9:59 of the first, with assists to linemates, Ian Phillips and Ty Petrou.

The Huskies scored the lone goal of the second, as Nicholas Lamont potted one, with helpers to Lucas Vacca and Saini.

Noah Lodoen scored his first Husky goal at 4:42 of the third, from Saini and Jack Staniland.

The Rangers' Carson Brown broke Husky goalie Brett Fullerton's bid for a shutout, though he would go on to save 23 of 24 North York shots.

But, on route to 45 shots, the Huskies scored two more: Lodoen, from Aidan Yarde and Vacca and then Isaac Larmand, his first goal of the season, from Adam Smeeton and Lucas Marshall to make it a 5-1 game.

Saini told *The Highlander* it was a busy week after he and Petrou played four games in the Eastern Canada Cup before hitting the ice last Friday and Saturday, and again this past Wednesday. (Game not complete as of press time). Saini scored two goals and two assists in the showcase, while Petrou had a goal and an assist. The team, coached by Ryan Ramsay, had two wins and two losses. "Obviously, it was good. It was also really nice to have Ty Petrou there. It's always nice to have a teammate when you go to one of those things because there are so many variables, especially a linemate. I was pretty happy with it. I had a really good experience," Saini said.

The captain added he feels good and is enjoying playing with Petrou and Phillips.

"That takes some of the stress off and kind of makes it easier just to skate around and be a little looser when you have two great players with you who really make it easy for me to do what I want to do out there."

Commenting on the team playing at about .500, Saini said, "we're ready to take that next step and win a bunch in a row, and I think we can make a pretty good run here and jump up the standings."

"I think everyone knows we're not where we want to be right now, and we've expressed that in the room, but I think if you look too far ahead you start to suffer the game that you're playing, so I think you have to be present and play in the moment, take one game at a time, but also understand that every game we're pushing towards a common goal of jumping up in the standings and eventually winning a championship."

Collingwood 4 Huskies 0

The Huskies came out of their mini-break Nov. 17 with a tough 4-0 loss to the red-hot Collingwood Blues.

The home team got off to an early lead at 9:02 of the first, off the stick off Calum Chau. In the second, Lucas Texmo padded the lead to 2-0. In the third, Spencer Young scored at 8:54 and Cameron Eke late, at 18:39, to seal the deal.

Fullerton turned aside 26 of 30 shots, while his counterpart, Noah Pak, saved all 19 of the blue and white attempts.

Saini said, "obviously, they're a good team but I don't think we performed very well. We weren't happy with it as a group. I think we're right there. We start putting together some things here and we can definitely give those guys a run for sure."

Next up: The Huskies host the Aurora Tigers Nov. 25 for the Pink in the Rink Conquer Cancer event. Puck drop is 4 p.m. at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

Brett Fullerton prepares for an Eric He shot on goal. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*



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Top: Patrick Saini busts in on Rangers' goalie, Amir Valiullin with defender Cian Noble hot on his heels. Above: Lucas Marshall battles for the puck against Rangers D-man, Randy Mak. Photos by Lisa Gervais.



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Kora Reid takes a draw for the Storm. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

U11 Storm beat Ennismore

The U11LL Carquest Highland Storm participated in their home Silver Stick tournament this past weekend in Haliburton.

The Storm started the tournament off with an early game at 8 a.m. against Bancroft. This game was a hard-fought affair. Bancroft opened the scoring half-way through the first period. The Storm answered with two shorthanded goals by Reed Brown less than a minute apart. The goals were assisted by Nolan Frybort, Brayden Collins and Harper Hamilton. Bancroft responded at the beginning of the second and nearing the end of the period, the Storm answered back with a goal by Jaxon Demerchant, assisted by Brown and Hamilton. There was no more scoring until late in third when Bancroft scored twice to take the 4-3 win.

In game two, the Storm faced off against eventual tournament champs Apsley. The Storm tried their best but lost in the end. The scoring for Apsley was held in check by amazing goaltending by Nathan Lowe. The Storm was able to sneak two goals by the Apsley goalie, from Brown and Demerchant, assisted by Kora Reid and Madison Foisey

In the third and final game, the Storm played Ennismore. The Storm won this game 9-6. The Storm had the following goals: by Brown (4), Demerchant (2), Reid, Foisey, and the game-winner by Raelyn Adlam. Goals were assisted by Brown, Adlam, Reid, Frybort, Bobby Walker and Hamilton.

The Storm fell a little short to play in the finals, however they showed great determination and never gave up. (Submitted).

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Bobby Walker

Bobby is one of two goalies. He stepped up to help the team and played out as one of our defencemen after one kid had an injury. Bobby played his heart out, was a rock on defence.



Nathan Lowe

Nathan was a wall in net over the weekend. He kept his team in each game he played. Without Nathan in net, the Carquest U11LL team would not have been as successful as we were.



Jaxon Demerchant

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The Space the place for Highlands artists

By Mike Baker

Three weeks into his debut exhibit at the Highlands' newest studio space, Haliburton resident Scott Walling believes he's found his calling as an artistic curator.

'I'm Coming Out' launched at The Space, located on Highland Street beneath Russell Red Records, amid much fanfare Nov. 1. It's a compilation of 37 works by eight artists, ranging from paintings and sculptures to live, in-person performances.

An artist who dabbles in various mediums, from painting and photography to metalwork, Walling has long dreamed of establishing a local showroom that caters to everyone.

"There aren't many places for up-and-coming artists to showcase their work, especially in smaller, rural communities. There are no labels at The Space – it's just somewhere that, hopefully, can bring some attention to the amazing talent we have here in the County," Walling said.

In preparing for his inaugural show, Walling welcomed submissions from friends and acquaintances familiar to him from his years living and working in the area, and from completing programs at the Haliburton School of Art + Design.

The result was a display that he said fit like a glove.

"I had been thinking about putting artists together that are kind of in the same circles, but hadn't necessarily been showing together, or worked together before. I knew in my mind what I wanted to achieve, but when

I was done, I was blown away by how everything pieced together," Walling said. "I keep using the word 'serendipity' to describe it, because it felt like the pieces, where I placed them, came together almost on their own."

There is a Raku pottery piece designed by Renee Woltz, a fractured plate reassembled, that fits perfectly with a pair of wood panel paintings completed by Sophie Creelman. Across the room, one of Walling's hanging metal sculptures complements a set of David Partridge's large pixel paintings.

"It looks like we had each collaborated with one another to come up with this larger display, but we had no prior communication. It's quite amazing how people's works matched so well together," Walling said.

Other featured artists include Tiffany Howe, Zach Warne, and Jake Walling. Poet Ever has been a recurring presence, bringing three interactive performances to life this month. They will be back at The Space Nov. 26 for a special exhibition reception, headlined by musical performances by Evangeline Gentle. The event will run from 6 to 10 p.m. and will also include a curator talk, hosted by Walling, and snippets from the artists discussing their works.

'I'm Coming Out' will run for three more days before ending, Nov. 24 to 26 from noon until 6 p.m.

"It's been an amazing ride this month. I'm ecstatic with how it's all gone. I'm buzzing every time I've been in there. It's



Scott Walling, left with fellow artist David Partridge said the first exhibit 'I'm Coming Out' at his new studio, The Space, has been well received. Submitted.

been nice having people stop in, walking around the works with me and giving me the opportunity to talk about the amazing pieces featured – it's been everything I hoped it would be," Walling said.

Another exhibit, this one festively-themed, will debut Dec. 1 and will provide locals

with an opportunity to find the perfect unique Christmas gift for a friend or loved one. 'Deck the Halls' will run Wednesdays, through Sundays until Dec. 23.

To keep up with the offerings at The Space, follow on Instagram at thespace_hali.

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Nov. 23, 2 p.m.
Cribbage and euchre at St. George's Anglican Church, 617 Mountain St. Haliburton. This event will be held weekly. For more information, contact lynnhighstompson@haliburtonanglican.ca.

Nov. 23, 6 to 10 p.m.
Exhibition reception for the group exhibition 'I'm Coming Out', curated by Scott Walling at The Space (173 Highland St., Unit B) in Haliburton. Join artists Tiffany Howe, Sophie Creelman, David Partridge, Jake Walling, Zachary Warne, Renee Woltz, and Poet Ever for an evening of art, music, friendship and community. Music will be provided by Evangeline Gentle, with songs from their new album *Where the Diamonds Are*.

Nov. 24, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Christmas luncheon at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Minden. Soup, sandwiches, dessert, tea and coffee. Draws for Santa squares and door prize. Lunch is by donation. All are welcome.

Nov. 25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Christmas art show and sale at Haliburton United Church, presented by the Haliburton Tour de Forest Studio Tour. Featuring 10 local artists. Proceeds from the sale of special items will go to the 4Cs Food Bank. All donations gratefully received. For more information, call 705-457-5831, or email louiseanneewing@gmail.com.

Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m.
The Highlands Chamber Orchestra presents 'Horizons; a Journey in Sound' at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Tickets are \$20, or \$25 for an adult and child under 12, and can be purchased at Russell Red Records, or by calling 705-286-0118.

Nov. 29, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
SIRCH Bistro is running 'Lunch is On Us', providing hot and nutritious meals to the community every Wednesday. The meal will consist of a homemade soup, a hot feature item, and tea or coffee. It's free for dine-in guests only, with donations accepted. Takeout is regular price.

Dec. 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Holiday craft sale at Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce. Our many vendors will be selling great things, including Christmas items, gifts, and baked goods. Lunch will be available. For more information, contact Barb Schofield at 705-448-2598, or wilberforcebarb@yahoo.ca.

Dec. 2, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Aging Together as Community Haliburton Highlands holiday social and lunch at Haliburton United Church. Presenters: Taoist Tai Chi and its benefits; Sit to Fit bodies activity, by Georgia Shank; Neuroplasticity and movement as medicine, by Emily Clarke; Social and recreation program that incorporates physical and mental stimulation for Alzheimer patients, people suffering with memory loss, and their care partners, by Jennifer Stubbart and Melissa Foster. To RSVP contact 705-457-6579 or agingtogetherhc@gmail.com.

Dec. 2, 5 to 7 p.m.
Stanhope Tree Lighting and Childrens' Party at Stanhope Community Centre. For the first hour, decorate a cookie, make an ornament, and take a photo with santa. Then enjoy the tree lighting, bonfire, Christmas carols, hot dogs and hot chocolate. RSVP at recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca.

Dec. 7, 5 p.m.
The Haliburton village BIA is hosting a ladies shopping night, featuring sales and deals at various downtown businesses. The ideal way to find that perfect gift in the lead up to the holidays.

Dec. 8, 7 to 9 p.m.
Christmas open house at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost. Come and join us for good cheer, seasonal goodies and hot apple cider. For more information, contact Barb Schofield at 705-448-2598, or wilberforcebarb@yahoo.ca.

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ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129 Haliburton weekly activities
Mondays: Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Rm.
Tuesdays: League darts 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. Main hall, and bingo, doors open at 5 p.m., with games starting at 7 p.m. Weekly jackpot of \$500.
Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Meat draw, first draw at 4:30 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. All are welcome.

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519 Cobocconk
Second Monday of the month: General meeting - 7:30 p.m. No meetings in January or February.
Tuesdays: Soup and sandwich lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Euchre - 1 p.m. Open Darts - 7 p.m.
First Wednesday of the month: Big Buck Bid Euchre from 11 a.m. \$15 per person.
Saturdays: Meat Roll at 3 p.m. Dec. 16 will be turkeys and hams. This will be the final Meat Roll for 2023, starting up again Jan. 6, 2024.

Lunch and music Nov. 24, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Option of hot roast beef or liver and onions. Cost is \$13 per person. Open mic featuring local talent. Food bank donations would be appreciated.

Annual Santa Claus parade Dec. 3 at 1 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden
Monday - Thursday: Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with regular menu and daily special including Liver Lovers' Tuesday.
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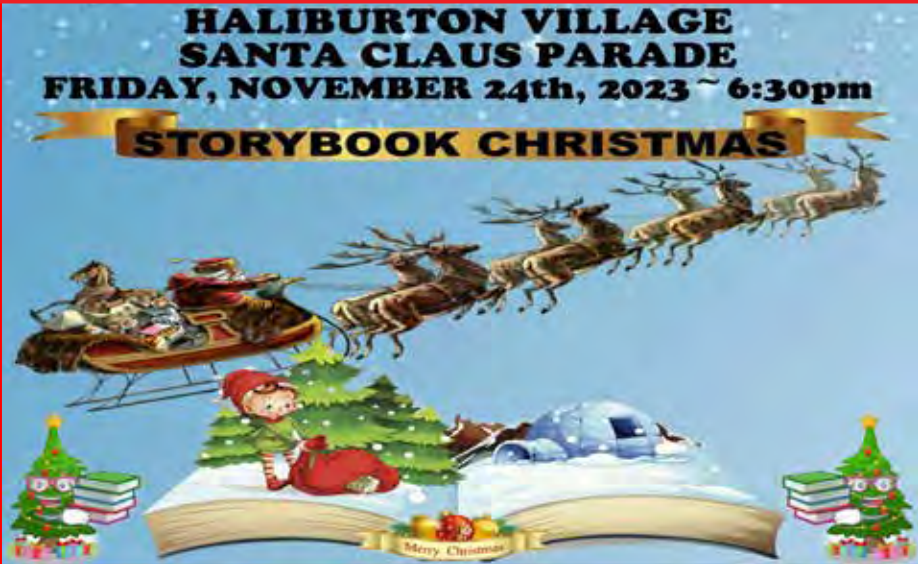
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Thursday: Cribbage 1-3 p.m., Darts 7-9 p.m. and euchre 7-9 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624 Wilberforce
Nov. 23: HHHS social from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open from 2 to 6 p.m.
Nov. 24: Seniors' 55+ lunch at noon, open from 2 to 9 p.m. Wings and jam session 5 to 8 p.m.
Nov. 25: Open 2 to 6 p.m. Meat draw at 3 p.m.
Nov. 26-28: Closed
Nov. 29: Open 2 to 6 p.m. Darts at 2 p.m.

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A Celebration of Pamela's Life will be held at the Wintergreen, 3325 Gelert Rd., Minden, Ontario on a date and time to be announced.

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Mogens is lovingly remembered by his devoted wife of 68 years, Inge (nee Pedersen) and idolized by his four children, Yvonne (Glen), Kent (Virginia), Connie (Kelly) and Susanne (Jasper & AJ). He was a proud Morfar to his 3 grandchildren, Janet (Trevor), Steven and Hayley (Tanner) and his 2 great grandchildren, Arlow and Veronica. His love of animals was shared with his beloved Elsa and the wide variety of wildlife that frequent the Farmhouse.

Known to some as the 'Pistol Packing Plumber', Mogens was a source of inspiration to his family and countless others who knew him. His innumerable life accomplishments epitomize the courage, determination and strength that's been forever imparted upon those who cherish his memory.

Services for the public will not be held, but letters of condolence may be sent to Inge Hansen at PO Box 58, West Guilford, ON K0M 2S0. In lieu of flowers or gifts, please consider making a donation to Woodland Wildlife Sanctuary in Minden. The family also extends their gratitude to Haliburton Highlands Health Services and Andy's House in Port Carling, each for their outstanding care and support.

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SOLUTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 23

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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HELP WANTED

**Haliburton Family Medical Centre
is hiring a
Team Support (Receptionist)**

The Haliburton Family Medical Centre is seeking a full-time Team Support (Receptionist). The Team Support will provide administrative support to the doctors of the Haliburton Family Medical Centre in a confidential and professional manner. They will work collaboratively with Family Health Team staff and medical practice staff.

The successful candidate must have excellent organizational skills and be able to work in a fast paced environment. Previous experience in the Health or Business Administration field will be considered an asset.

Remuneration will commensurate with experience. This position is eligible for coverage under our extended health benefits plan.

Please forward a cover letter and resume to the address below, or email kim.robinson@hhfht.com;

Haliburton Family Medical Centre
7217 Gelert Road
P.O. Box 870
Haliburton, ON
K0M 1S0
Attention: Kimberley Robinson, Executive Director

Deadline for applications is November 30, 2023.
Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



The Municipality of Highlands East
Is Currently Seeking A

**Part-Time, Labourer
Property/Parks & Recreation Department**

Rate of Pay- \$23.49
Up to 30 hours per week, varied days of the week
Afternoon and weekend work required

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

If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications **clearly marked "Application – Part-Time, Property/Parks & Recreation Labourer"** may be submitted on or before 12:00 p.m, Friday, December 1st, 2023, via mail, in person, fax or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

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

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

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The Municipality of Highlands East
Is Currently Seeking A

**Temporary, General Equipment Operator
Public Works Department**

Rate of Pay- \$26.35
40 Hours per week, Monday – Friday
Overtime required some evenings and weekends subject to weather events

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If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications **clearly marked "Application – Temporary, General Equipment Operator"** may be submitted on or before 12:00 p.m, Monday, November 27th, 2023 via mail, in person, fax or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

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The Municipality of Highlands East
Is Currently Seeking A

**Full-Time,
Deputy Chief Building Official/Building Inspector**

Salary Range- \$33.40- \$39.30
40 Hours Per Week, Monday to Friday

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If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications **clearly marked "Application – Deputy Chief Building Official/ Building Inspector"** may be submitted on or before 12:00 p.m, Tuesday, November 28th, 2023 via mail, in person, fax or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

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One for All and All for One

by Barbara Olson
© ClassiCanadian Crosswords

- Across
- 1 Daycare dinner wear, maybe
 - 4 Italian cheese-producing town
 - 9 Beans named for Peru's capital
 - 14 "Hometown Proud" chain
 - 15 Search high and low
 - 16 "___ We Trust" ("Painting With Light" film)
 - 17 Bullet exchange
 - 19 Gauzy stage backdrop
 - 20 Wizards of yore
 - 21 Bawdy language user's lack
 - 23 JFK airport alternative
 - 24 "Sunday morning creeping like ___" ("Lady Madonna" lyric)
 - 25 Scotch and rye drinker's establishment
 - 28 "I'm not a robot" test
 - 30 Uppity
 - 31 501 jeans brand
 - 34 Wallonian wallet-stuffers
 - 35 Where passport pictures are taken
 - 38 Make like a banana and ___
 - 40 Will's partner in many "SNL" skits
 - 41 Rumba relative
 - 43 Bandmate of Björn, Benny and Anni-Frig
 - 48 Stompin' Tom classic "Good Old ___"
 - 51 Dance at a Ceilidh, perhaps
 - 52 Man-mission link
 - 53 Circus barker
 - 54 "___ bleu!"
 - 55 Abate
 - 57 Try ... or something to do at a 17-, 25-, 35- and 48-Across
 - 60 "... ___ bagatelle"
 - 61 Great Lakes tribe known as "Cat People"
 - 62 Words between "bug" and "rug"
 - 63 Made deeper, as a canal
 - 64 Kiss, or slap
 - 65 Spirit seeing skill

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- Down
- 1 "Two all beef patties, special sauce ..." burger
 - 2 Pet whose tail might fall off
 - 3 Excellent, as a job
 - 4 Anti drink-and-drive TV notices, say
 - 5 Bill passed in Parliament
 - 6 Sit too long in the fridge
 - 7 Prefix with -lateral or -lingual
 - 8 Zones
 - 9 Caught with a wire?
 - 10 Business letters?
 - 11 "Man" of old cigarettes
 - 12 "Domo ___, Mr. Roboto" (Styx lyric)
 - 13 University in Halifax or Calgary
 - 18 ___ out of shape (huffy)
 - 22 U.S. cashable payments: Abbr.
 - 25 Put an edge on
 - 26 Chaotic destruction
 - 27 "For ___ Will" ("Space Jam" song by Monica)
 - 29 It keeps things hanging on the line
 - 32 Uncertain ending
 - 33 Iron setting
 - 35 Appeased
 - 36 Cletus Spuckler of "The Simpsons" is one
 - 37 Impulse
 - 38 Student of higher learning
 - 39 "Please call!"
 - 42 "You betcha, laddie"
 - 44 Presidential periods
 - 45 "Blue screen of death" fixer, maybe
 - 46 Long-legged marsh birds
 - 47 Brew pub fixture
 - 49 Bill from Microsoft?
 - 50 Distress with unexpected news
 - 54 Roughriders prov.
 - 56 Montevideo is its cap.
 - 58 Sportage and Spectra maker
 - 59 Bygone Common Market inits.



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Every fall the trees lay
their blanket of love .
Every spring the bulbs raise
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This is how the world works,
despite it all.

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BRG'S ADVENT CALENDAR FOOD DRIVE



Week 2 : November 22nd - 28th

Nov. 22 - Canned Tuna
Nov. 23 - Dessert Mix
Nov. 24 - Jar of Applesauce
Nov. 25 - Canned Potatoes

Nov. 26 - Cranberry Sauce
Nov. 27 - Canned Baked Beans
Nov. 28 - Box of Crackers

*For every item donated, your name will be entered into a draw to win a Holiday Prize!
*Drop off your donations to our office at 191 Highland St. Suite 102



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HALBIEM CRESCENT
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3 X BED 4 X BATH MLS# 40470892

HALIBURTON LAKE
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MIRROR LAKE
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ABLETT COURT
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RIVERFRONT LAKE ACCESS MLS# 40500660

SALERNO LAKE ROAD
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COUNTY RD. 121
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KERNOHAN FARM TRAIL
\$137,500



150 FT. FRONTAGE 1.12 ACRES MLS# 40472855

HWY 35
\$549,000



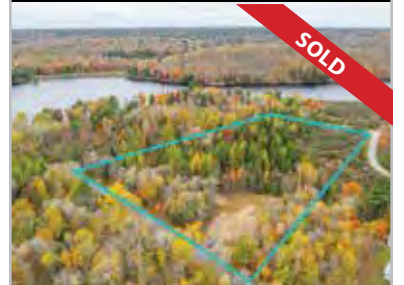
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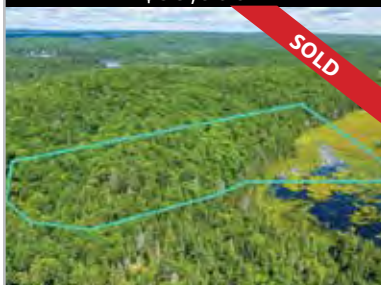
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