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Hauled sewage plan proves contentious

By Lisa Gervais

Francis Thomas Contracting's application for planning amendments - to allow them to spread septage northwest of Minden - saw several public objections at a public meeting last week.

The company owns more than 47 hectares at 866 Bobcaygeon Rd, north of Scotch Line Road. They want an Official Plan and zoning bylaw amendments to allow for a hauled sewage (septage) disposal and treatment facility on 7.38ha to the west of the property.

Minden Hills planner Ian Clendening said it's currently located within the rural land use designation in the Official Plan and zoned rural (RU) in the zoning bylaw. The amendments would provide for a special policy within the rural designation and change the zoning to a site-specific rural exception (RU-X) zone.

Francis Thomas Contracting (FTC) already has Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).

FTC consultant, Doug Carroll of DC Planning Services Inc., noted in a report to council that, "This use complies with the regulatory requirements of the MECP, which protect human health and the natural environment."

The MECP has placed 33 conditions in the ECA, Carroll said. He added the license is only for two years.

Under it, FTC would use the field between May 1 and November 30. Based on its current business, he said

they would spread about 35 truckloads of septage a week. It would not be stored but spread immediately and tilled at the end of each day to eliminate odour, he said.

Carroll also submitted a soil assessment prepared by Grace & Associates Inc., who are geological and environmental consultants. He said they confirmed the property "is considered to be suitable for the disposal of hauled sewage with minimal impact to the natural environment when operated in accordance with the current MECP regulations."

He also noted that the MECP's David Bradley had said the proposal was "deemed to be a low drinking water threat." Bradley, in his own report, noted, "I have determined that the terms and conditions specified in the [ECA] are required to help mitigate the risk." They include permanent vegetated berms, a limit on the amount of septage that can be spread and putting in three monitoring wells with samples taken three times a year.

"They [MECP] shut them [FTC] down if they don't comply," Carroll said.

Residents concerned

However, a number of residents told councillors they are concerned.

Lorna and Barry Shortill, who live across the road, said they're worried about truck noise, smell, and declining property values.

However, "The greatest concern of all would be how the operation of this

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Reece enjoyed holding one of the few corn snakes that Scales Nature Park brought to the Land Trust's Discovery Days at the fish hatchery on Saturday. Photo by Hannah Sadlier.

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Winter "hammered" roads

The winter season has challenged the County of Haliburton roads department as potholes spring up across the county.

Director of public works Craig Douglas spoke to the roads committee March 13. In a department status update, Douglas said that 18 significant winter events have put a strain on resources and the level of service.

"Just putting it out there, I have no control over the weather and sadly I think that's more of a reality with the temperature bouncing around zero," Douglas said.

He noted the freeze-thaw cycle of the season has contributed to the deterioration of county roads, including potholing and heaving.

"It's all being hammered to bits," he said.

Hike Haliburton future discussed

The county tourism committee discussed the future of Hike Haliburton as a municipally-run event.

Coun. Patrick Kennedy disagreed, saying it is a brand that could be licenced instead.

"That's something we should start to wean ourselves off of. Get back to the core, which is to give support to our tourism industry and amenities, rather than run actual events," Kennedy said.

Warden Liz Danielsen replied the event has been going well as is.

"I have heard very little dissent or anything negative of the event," Danielsen said. "It's a popular event, reasonable well-attended and we're working towards bringing more people in."

Director of tourism Amanda Virtanen said the event is something to be proud of.

"It's Canada's largest hiking festival," Virtanen said. "I hear you, with the event business, are we in or are we out?"

County of Haliburton committee news



County of Haliburton director of tourism Amanda Virtanen presented about Hike Haliburton during a tourism committee meeting March 13. Photo by Joseph Quigley.

But I do think it's something we definitely need to carefully consider."

The committee also discussed how to leverage the event toward making a larger impact on tourism year-round.

"It's an awesome tool," Coun. Cec Ryall said. "It's got everybody's attention. So consequently, how can we take that and exploit the heck out of it?"

Virtanen said there is an opportunity to do more promotion of the community's year-round hiking opportunities.

Eagle Lake Bridge fix progressing

The county roads committee approved a tender for \$22,400 for engineering services towards rehabilitating Eagle Lake Bridge.

The tender from the Kingston-based Keystone-Bridge Management Corp. was one of 10 tenders received for the project to design and plan for the bridge rehabilitation.

The staff report notes the bridge has significant pothole. A Bridge Check Canada survey in May 2018 found a high level of deterioration in the deck.

Less than 4km to village

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facility could affect our water. No matter how careful they are, there will always be the chance of our well water suffering contamination," Lorna wrote in a letter to council.

She went on to say, "even the ministry says that contamination is a possibility by stating what steps should be taken in the result of discharge of contaminants. This tells us that it could happen and we would be in a constant state of worry as to how our health could be impacted."

Other residents spoke about the threat to groundwater emanating from Beaver Creek, which is on the property and the proximity to the village, noting it is less than 4km to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Others said the township should be investigating capacity at its sewage treatment plant and investing in expansion there.

Councillor Jean Neville said when it comes to MECP oversight, she'd "lost a lot of faith in the Ministry of the Environment."

No decision was made at the Thursday, March 14 committee of the whole meeting. Clendening will bring a follow-up report to council.

Field used, spill reported

Some residents complained that the field had already been in use and that there had

been a spill.

The Highlander asked FTC controller Joe Cox about the allegations and he said the field was used for a brief period in 2018, from July 30 to August 17, after the company received its ECA from the ministry.

"At that time, we were unaware of any requirements from the Township of Minden Hills' perspective, as previous sites have been utilized within the [township] without issue. Through conversation with the township, Thomas Contracting halted use of the field, however no formal notice was received until September (letter dated August 28, 2018). Shortly thereafter the process for an amendment to the zoning was sought," Cox said.

As for a spill, he said "while the MECP (MOECC at that time) deemed the issue on site a spill, it was in fact an operator who did not follow proper operating procedures. During a site inspection, an officer from the MECP observed our driver remain stopped during the duration of an offload in the north east section of the field, deeming it to be a 'controlled' spill. Subsequently, Thomas Contracting has adhered to the remedial actions prescribed by the MECP, the operator was reprimanded, and retrained on the C-12 requirements and company operating policies," Cox said in an email to The Highlander.

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Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts said the 2019 budget was one council could be proud of during a meeting March 13. Photo by Joseph Quigley

Dysart finalizes budget with 6.71% tax increase

By Joseph Quigley

Dysart council decided against further cuts to their draft budget and finalized it with a 6.71 per cent tax rate increase March 13.

The figure is a reduction from the 7.35 per cent increase presented to council at its budget meeting on Feb. 14. The reduction between the drafts is due to funding a \$65,000 replacement vehicle for Parks and Recreation from reserves rather than property taxes.

Mayor Andrea Roberts cited increases to the roads and environmental departments, as well as a particularly harsh winter, for the taxation increase.

"This is a budget we can all stand behind and be proud of going forward," Roberts said.

Council discussed other budget cuts to reduce the taxation increase, including taking out a new \$20,000 electronic sign for A.J. LaRue arena, \$30,000 earmarked for arena planning and \$20,000 for water refill stations.

Deputy Mayor Patrick Kennedy suggested deferring the electronic sign and water refill stations for this year.

"Six point seven per cent is high," Kennedy said. "Six point seven is a lot to ask our people."

Coun. John Smith said he was prepared to put off the sign, noting it was presented

as being able to generate some revenue through advertising.

"I'd certainly support taking that out until we see a more robust business case," Smith said. "On the water refill stations, I think that's something, from an environmental point of view, we're seeing a lot of pushback in our community. People looking for alternatives to single-use plastics."

Roberts said the sign would complete the A.J. LaRue Arena renovation, largely finished in 2013. The sign has been put off in the years since then.

"Do we just keep pulling it out because we want to come in with a magic number?" Roberts said. "We fought, we dug our heels in, we brought it down. I personally don't see the big win knocking off 0.25 per cent."

Coun. Larry Clarke expressed concern about the \$30,000 arena planning, intended to help develop a plan for renovations to the upstairs. He said the infrastructure committee should examine the matter first.

Roberts replied any plan would still be decided by the infrastructure committee and the money could stay parked if they decide not to go ahead with work.

Coun. Walt McKechnie supported removing all three of the discussed items, while Smith supported removing the sign and plan funding. The remainder of council supported the budget as presented.

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County of Haliburton CAO Mike Rutter discussed a code of conduct policy at the February 27 meeting. *File Photo.*

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Salt costs rising

The County of Haliburton is expecting to spend more on road salt next winter.

Council approved a one-year renewal for its salt supply contract Feb. 27. The price of salt in the contract will rise 2.5 per cent for the 2019/20 season. It is expected the increase will cost the county an additional \$16,000 compared to 2018, if salt usage is the same.

Coun. Carol Moffatt asked at what point would alternatives be feasible given the rising costs of salt.

"At what point of either escalating costs or availability of the product would the county start considering alternatives?" Moffatt said.

Director of public works Craig Douglas said there are no viable alternatives yet.

"We're caught between minimum maintenance standards and salt prices," Douglas said. "There are no current economically-viable solutions in my mind to salt at this point."

Haliburton online tourism talk below average

Positive online talk about Haliburton Highlands tourism is slightly below comparable areas, according to a new report.

Council received the county's Tourism Sentiment Index Report from marketing firm 'Destination Think!'. The report outlines how much online conversation in a one-year period promoted Haliburton tourism.

The report gave the county a 44 per cent score, slightly below the comparable median of 48 per cent. The report found nature viewing, shorelines and festivals and events as performing well online for the county. However, hiking and nightlife are underperforming.

Moffatt said the data is valuable.

"We often think we're doing one thing but the feedback tells us maybe we're not on target," she said.

Council voted to receive the report for information but asked for another presentation to offer more detail on how the numbers were calculated.

Code of conduct approved

A new code of conduct is now in place for County of Haliburton councillors.

County council approved a new code of conduct Feb. 27, which outlines rules for the behaviour of council and local board members. Similar codes of conduct have also been approved in the lower-tier municipalities.

"It's a very well worded code that strikes the balance I think council is looking for," chief administrative officer Mike Rutter said.

The province has mandated the codes of conduct to be in place by March 1.

Dysart et al Coun. John Smith took issue with a shared clause telling councillors to refrain from comments on social media contrary to decisions of council.

"If somebody wants to take me to task for commenting on social media in response to a constituent of mine, I look forward to that day," Smith said. "That's infringing my freedom of speech."

The type of clause – which also applies outside social media – is a regular part of municipal codes of conduct.

Dysart Mayor Andrea Roberts said the clause is part of the Municipal Act. At county council, she further said it is important to note it applies retroactively.

"The body makes the decision and it's really important, whether you were there before or not, to uphold the decisions," Roberts said.

"That doesn't mean we have to refrain from taking a look at things as time goes by," Warden Liz Danielsen added.

(County news compiled by Joseph Quigley)

Highlander news

Scott talks apprenticeships with home builders

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP and Minister of Labour Laurie Scott talked about work done to help increase apprenticeships at a Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA) meeting March 14.

Scott discussed her work to push through the reduction of journey person-to-apprenticeship ratios as part of legislation introduced in the fall. The change allowed businesses to take on more apprentices by keeping the ratio at 1:1 and was applauded by the crowd of more than 60 people.

"It has been a very long time bringing that to fruition," Scott said. "I gave lots of input to see that change come about. That's good for all of our businesses up here. We have lots of experienced people that are in the trades that want to train our young people."

The event also featured speeches from Canadian Home Builders Association (CHBA) incoming president Stefanie Coleman and Ontario Home Builders Association (OHBA) director of policy Mike Collins-Williams, who discussed areas of concern for the industry.

Scott also addressed the next steps on the apprenticeships file. When asked about a new bottleneck with large waiting lists for students to get into trades programs, Scott said it is something the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities is working on.

Collins-Williams added with the changes

to apprenticeships, colleges see trades programs as a potential area of growth.

"It's been recognized there's a shortage of classroom places. This is a change the government only made in the fall, but the education sector and the colleges see this as a huge opportunity," he said.

Scott was also asked about the impending closure of the Ontario College of Trades, which will hand off its functions regulating the skilled trades and apprenticeship system.

HCHBA executive officer Aggie Tose asked about the apprentices working under the college and still paying dues to it.

"Where does that leave those apprentices?" she asked.

Scott said the fees are expected to be paid for another year while the system evolves.

"They'll probably just leave it in a fund for the moment," Scott said. "It's a big transformation that's coming in."

Scott and the provincial government earned praise from the OHBA. Williams said it had long pushed for changes to apprenticeship ratios.

"It's great news for people trying to start a career in construction. We're now looking to work with all of our locals ... to help close the skills gaps in Ontario," Williams said.

Health care reforms

In an interview with The Highlander, Scott also discussed the province's upcoming health care reforms.



Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Laurie Scott stands with local high school students before a speech to the Haliburton County Home Builders Association March 14. Photo by Joseph Quigley

The province has announced plans to integrate multiple provincial agencies into a single agency called Ontario Health. Premier Doug Ford also announced March 13 some management-level jobs will be cut as part of the merger.

Scott, a former nurse, said the integration will help improve the system.

"It's going to be a big transformation to make it more patient-centred," Scott said. "So hopefully, patients are actually able to do some of the co-ordination themselves a little easier online."

The opposition Ontario NDP has said the health system overhaul would open the door to more privatization in the health care system, but Scott said that is not the aim of the changes.

"I don't think you'll see that be a big factor in what we're trying to do. Right now, it's so siloed it's horrible. That's why we're trying to bring it down so the patient has more control," Scott said. "You're going to see a transformation take place that hopefully will deliver faster and closer-to-home services."

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Girls get short end of the stick

It can be especially tough being a girls' hockey player.

Girls teams can be difficult to find – just ask the Haliburton girls who have to travel to Bancroft to play rep. Those teams can struggle to get ice time over the boy's programs that outnumber them. Our culture celebrates boy's hockey much more than girls.

So, when an opportunity to help boost girls' hockey comes along, it should be embraced with open arms.

But in Haliburton, that opportunity has been met with upturned noses and shrugged shoulders. That needs to change.

M-Power Hockey ran an all-girls, overnight hockey summer camp in Dysart et al in 2017. By all accounts, the camp was successful, offering girls an opportunity to learn from high-calibre women players, without any of the tricky gender dynamics that co-ed sporting can bring.

But the camp is cancelled this year, as it was in 2018.

At issue? The camp cannot secure any summer daytime ice at A.J. LaRue Arena, which is entirely booked up by Haliburton Hockey Haven.

This situation is ridiculous. The girls camp is seeking about 10 hours for one week

during the summer. It is willing to pay the same rates as all groups do in Dysart et al.

The slip-up, according to Mayor Andrea Roberts, is the municipality has to look at it as a "business case." How can they go with a camp looking for a fraction of one week in the summer when Hockey Haven literally wants all of the summer ice it can get?

To which, I ask, why do those things have to be mutually exclusive? Is Hockey Haven going to take its puck and go home because the municipality accommodates a group for 10 hours of daytime ice, when Hockey Haven gets hundreds?

Of course, Hockey Haven can manage with M-Power getting a relatively small amount of day ice. They did in 2017, when M-Power rented day ice directly from Hockey Haven – something Hockey Haven has refused to do again.

The municipality did previously offer M-Power a small amount of evening ice, which has been their fallback defence. Why can't these women just accept what has been offered?

As M-Power explains it, they want their camp to be expansive and offer different evening activities. Accounting for travel time, changeroom time and early bedtimes, skating during evenings would put a dent in

that.

You may not buy that explanation. If so, I would counter:

why does the only summer girls' hockey program in this community have to fight for the scraps of evening ice available, when co-ed (in effect, boys-dominated) programming does not?

The solution here is simple. Give smaller programs a chance at some amount of summer day ice – and evening ice too. Let Hockey Haven take the remaining time, which will surely be plenty. It will take effort to sort fairly, but it can be done.

I am sure council has many more important things to do than this. But to them, I say: you have time. Think about this before the Hockey Haven agreement comes before you again. Do not thoughtlessly hand over all the summer ice to one group.

Few people would ever admit aloud they do not support girls' hockey. I am sure councillors would say they support it.

So, prove it.



By Joseph Quigley

The Outsider Sledding on the tundra? I'll walk

Here's one for you. How can riding five miles through the bush make you ache more than walking five miles? Easy, do it on a tundra. For those not in the know, and there are not many of you here in rural Haliburton County, the tundra is a model of snowmobile made by Skidoo. You can buy them new, probably for the price of a small car; or, you can still get great little relics from the 1980s, which are so much fun to ride. Or so I was told.

My ride, a perky little yellow number with long black vinyl seat and matching gas tank, and a windshield that made it about as aerodynamic as a brick, standing upon its end, chugged into life first yank of the pull start.

"Oh, you're gonna' have a blast," said my buddy with a grin. "She's tippy, mind, so hang on to 'er." And with that he blasted off on his 2018 model something or other that had a windshield that made it about as aerodynamic as a Ferrari.

Now, to get things straight, I did not mind my machine's lack of potential in the speed stakes at all. I am a complete novice on snow machines and we were riding into

a hunt camp down one gnarly, winding, rutted swine of a track, so I figured slow and steady wins the race. And, I was good around the initial few bends at least. It was when I came around a left hand turn and got the little machine stuck half in the outside rut and half on top of the lump in the middle of the track that things went sideways, or rather I went sideways, as the snow mobile realized I was not leaning left enough and toppled ever so slowly gently on to its side, dumping me in the snow.

"Bugger. He said it was tippy but, come on."

Thankfully, my little snowmobile was exactly that, little, and with a heave I righted it just as my so called friend wandered back up the track with a big grin on his face. "Yep, tippy ... and we ain't got to the proper trail yet."

He was right. Soon we were off private property and onto Crown Land, where the trail was well used by all kinds of riders, all of whom have winter machines whose skis, tracks or whatever are a little bit wider than those of my tundra. I bumped and bounced, slid and crawled. And sometimes

I rode the tundra, too. I trundled along, trying to stay out of the worst holes, sticking feet out and leaning far over to stay upright and almost an hour later I reached the camp. My shoulders and arms ached, my back was wet with sweat, my knees and ankles throbbled and my ego was well and truly bruised.

"Boy that was fun, eh?" That big grin again.

I looked at my buddy and at the cute little snowmobile that I had just vacated, this time without ending up lying in the snow, and scowled.

"I'll walk back," I said. "Someone else can have the 'fun' of riding that thing back."

And I did. I walked the five miles. And they did. They rode it and had fun. They being a mere child, who bobbed and weaved, revved and sped, not falling off once. And my ego, it took another round of bruising but at least this time it was the only part of me that came off kind of sore.



By Will Jones



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Eye on the street: Are you worried about spring flooding?

by Hannah Sadlier



Louise Cooper

Haliburton

“Yes, I am. I worry about people in Minden, because of the river. But also myself, as I have had flooding in my house twice already.”



Scott Walling

Haliburton

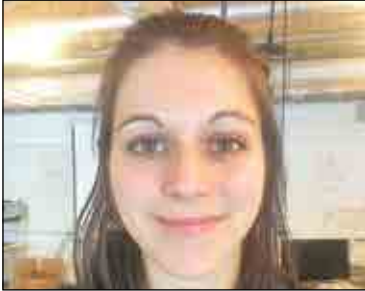
“My basement entrance is at the lowest point on my property and keeping the water away this year has been hard.”



Jade Shatraw

Haliburton

“Yes, although it’s nice that everything is melting, it could take out roads; and the beaver dams.”



Danielle Martin

Haliburton

“Yes, we have had issues with flooding in our house, so my family is very concerned about what is to come.”



Lisa Sattler

Plattsville

“Personally not really, because of how high our house is and the fact that we are not near water.”

LETTERS

Health planning falls short

Dear editor,

Nowhere in the reports by Health Minister Christine Elliott on the overhaul of our health system, do I see any plans to solve the two main problems we have.

There are not nearly enough long-term care beds. Moving patients there would be the best way to free up active-care hospital beds, thus ending hallway medicine.

And there are not nearly enough doctors in Ontario. If those of us who live in the country had a doctor, we would not have to use local hospitals for our health needs. And if there were more doctors in emergency departments at all Ontario hospitals, wait times there would be drastically reduced. How is you new health care initiative going to address these two problems?

Barry Reid
Gooderham

Ban single use plastics

Dear editor,

I retired here several years ago, however my family has owned property in Haliburton for over 70 years.

I have always been aware of the mounting garbage problem in our landfills and have watched as our landfills and garbage have grown to epidemic proportions. I think it is time that Minden sets an example for all and ban the use of single use plastics. Plastic bags, straws, cups/lids, water bottles, pop containers, plastic bags for produce ... the list is never-ending.

Groceries we purchase are wrapped in plastic then put in plastic to take home. There are many of us that use reusable

bags when buying our groceries, do not buy water in plastic bottles, do not use plastic straws etc. It is time that stores become responsible and stop supplying this so-called convenience. There are alternatives. For example, if you don’t bring your own bag, the LCBO provides a paper bag. Forget buying a plastic bag, if stores don’t have them on hand they cannot offer one. The shopper should be responsible for bringing their own container. They will only forget their reusable bags once.

It is a small step but one in the right direction.

Let’s be the first to start slaying the monster.

Deb Watson
Minden

Thanks from Volunteer Dental Outreach

Dear editor,

Who could ever have imagined the goodwill of 397 people at a free pancake supper resulting in \$3,301.72 in donations?!

With 47 volunteers of our St. George’s Anglican Church community working tirelessly, we all enjoyed a fabulous evening of friendship, delicious food and spirited musical entertainment.

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Betty Mills
Secretary, Board of Directors
Volunteer Dental Outreach

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Pat Howe took this photo of what she believes is a Boreal Owl on Mountain Street in Haliburton. She said she consulted with bird aficionado Jim Hopkins about the species. He told her the eight-inch-tall owl was a rare sighting. *Photo submitted.*



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Municipalities eye new infrastructure funding

By Joseph Quigley

Municipalities are considering how to access some of the \$30 billion in new infrastructure funding coming down from the federal and provincial levels.

The intake for the first part of the funding was opened March 18, aimed at rural and northern communities to invest in road, bridge, air and marine infrastructure. The funding was initially announced by the province March 12 under the federal Investing in Canada Infrastructure program.

At a County of Haliburton Roads Committee meeting March 13, Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said the county should explore projects for the funding. “Think outside the box,” Devolin said.

“If it’s a one-time windfall, from my perspective, I normally wouldn’t choose to debenture something like that. But I would certainly entertain it if the situation was right.”

The funding program is to be spread across 10 years, with cost sharing between all levels of government. The federal government is providing \$11.8 billion, while the province will provide up to \$10.2 billion.

The current intake is open for eight weeks and is aimed at near-term projects, according to the grant application website. Criteria include funding need, technical merit and how well the projects address current health and safety risks, such as road

collisions. Additional consideration will also be given to joint projects “providing benefit to multiple communities.”

“Our economy, communities and families all depend on infrastructure,” Minister of Infrastructure Monte McNaughton said in a press release. “The program will bring major infrastructure investments that people rely on.”

The new funding also earned discussion at the lower-tier council tables. In response to the announcement, Dysart et al deputy mayor Patrick Kennedy said at a March 14 budget meeting he wanted to find more savings to put towards reserves.

Minden CAO and treasurer Lorrie Blanchard said the program will likely

be a shared funding formula as other infrastructure programs have been in the past.

“Zero requirements from the municipality? Absolutely not,” she told the March 14 Minden committee of the whole meeting.

For projects funded, the minimum cost share for municipalities under 5,000 will be 6.67 per cent in the first intake, which Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands fall under. Municipalities between 5,000 and 100,000 will have a minimum 16.67 per cent cost share, which would apply to Minden Hills, Dysart et al and the county.

“This is probably money we may not see like this for another decade,” Devolin told the roads committee. “Let’s investigate.”



Arts Squared supports students

Arts Squared Haliburton County donated \$3,500 to Fleming College toward a bursary for Haliburton School of Art and Design (HSAD) students March 19. The money was raised through a gallery fundraiser with paintings donated by local artists, Nov. 2, 2018. Left to right: HSAD dean Sandra Dupret and Arts Squared members Dagmar Boettcher, Deborah Reed, Karena Crofts, Carole Finn, Olga Chudnovsky, Nancy Gosse. Photo by Joseph Quigley

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Council Meetings

Public Welcome

Meetings are held at 9 a.m. in the Minden Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street.

Mar 28 - Regular Meeting of Council
Apr 11 - Committee of the Whole Meeting

For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit www.mindenhills.ca

Note: Council meetings are reduced to one (1) for the months of July, August and December

Notice: Public Meeting Draft 2019 Budget

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday, March 28, 2019 during its Regular Meeting of Council regarding the Draft 2019 Budget.

The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

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Request for Tender – RDS 19-01 Granular Shouldering Parkside St & Brady Lake Rd

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Visit our website at www.mindenhills.ca/tenders/ to view and download the tender document.

Spring Melt Reminder

Springtime is typically the time of year when periods of precipitation historically occur. Property owners are reminded to be aware of and monitor their situation, as each can vary depending on: distance from watershed(s), distance from an unaffected accessible road, height of land, property saturation levels; and the availability, number, size and type of sump pump, etc. For more information, visit www.mindenhills.ca

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AJG Collection I

Agnes Jamieson Gallery's collection of André Lapine (1866-1952) ARCA selection of work exhibits throughout the year. This selection is of local scenes and winter landscapes.

April 4 – May 25
Opening reception & panel discussion April 5 4:30pm to 6pm
Peripheral Visions: Ontario Society of Artists Juried Exhibition (Eastern Ontario)

This exhibition alludes to creating beyond the centre. Away from big city, shared studio facilities, foundries and printshops are few and far between. At the periphery art making can take a different tenor. It perhaps favours a more individualistic, solitary focus. There is a balance between outward observation and inward reflection; one chooses to travel to the centre or stay back and create. The periphery brings the perspective of distance and from the vantage, the artist ascribes meaning to the world through the signs and symbols of their time. — Curator Todd Tremere

March 27 – July 6
AJG Collection II

Agnes Jamieson Gallery's collection of André Lapine (1866-1952) ARCA selection of work exhibits throughout the year. This selection is of paintings depicting horses and other exceptional pieces. Lapine was known as the best illustrator of horses in North America.

Curator Talk: 'Lapine-ism' a culmination of many 'isms' comparing his work to Russian/European styles
July 4 at 7pm at the AJG

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Budget nears completion

There'll be a public meeting on the draft Minden Hills budget March 28.

A third draft of the budget - with an estimated levy increase of seven per cent - was tabled at the March 14 committee of the whole meeting.

CAO/treasurer Lorrie Blanchard told The Highlander after last week's meeting that council is "still hoping to get below that."

She anticipates a few changes going into a fourth draft that will be discussed during the March 28 meeting.

Arena fundraising

A community fund raising campaign will be launched for the renewal of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre following the March 14 committee of the whole meeting.

In a report to council, director of community services Mark Coleman was seeking approval for the arena task force to initiate a public call for a campaign.

Coleman said that through the work of the task force's public surveys and meetings to date, "several individuals and community groups have expressed interest in supporting" a campaign.

He said the task force had researched and collected various examples of campaigns in other communities. One idea, he said, is basic funding categories and a wall of recognition.

The plan is to advertise an invitation to interested people to meet and form a committee and campaign.

Bill for burst pipes

Economic development, destination and marketing officer, Emily Stonehouse asked council to approve the money she had to spend after burst ceiling pipes caused extensive damage at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre in late January.

Stonehouse said that on Jan. 23, seven major pipes burst in the ceiling, with water pouring out over the common room, kitchen and hallway. She said there was four inches of water on the floor when staff arrived.

A plumber was called in, who has repaired most of the damage. Further, she said ServPro, a company that helps with emergencies related to large-scale water damage, was contracted. She said their price tag is \$22,673.83 plus HST.

She said costs were covered by insurance, excluding a \$10,000 deductible. She said the expense will be covered by money in Cultural Centre reserves.

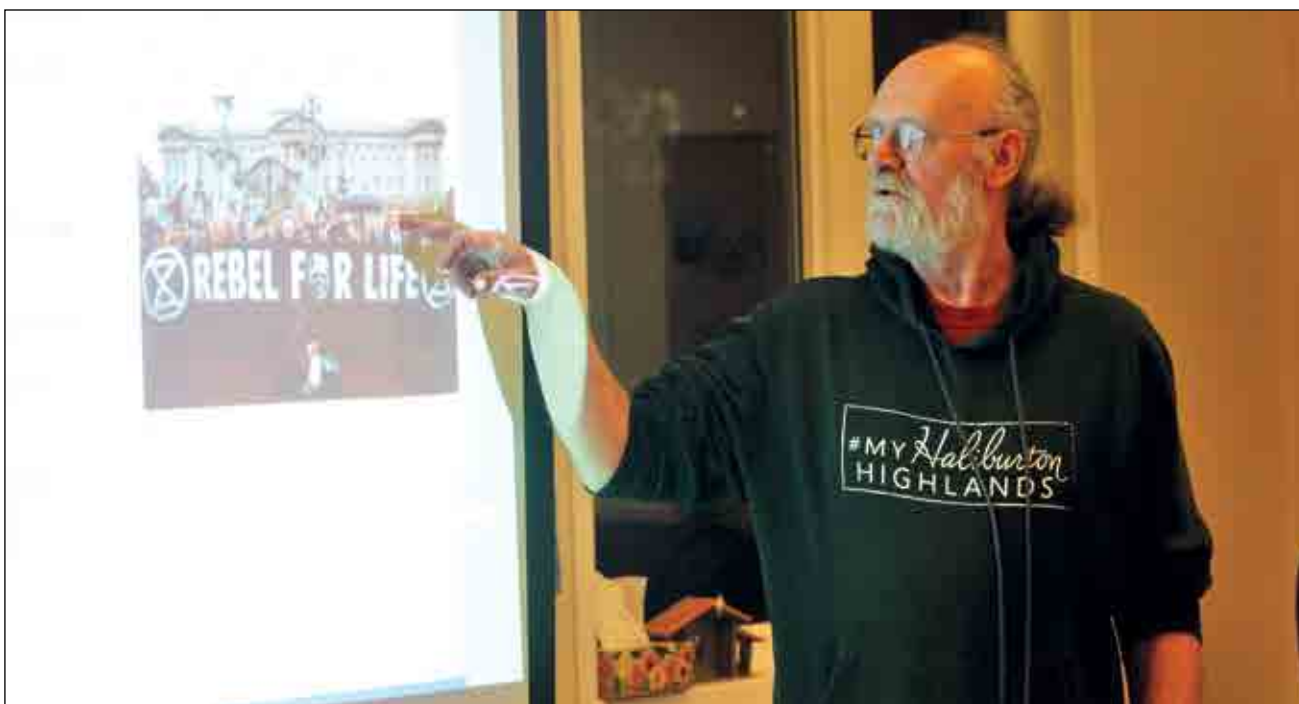
Cost of council

CAO/treasurer Lorrie Blanchard tabled the 2018 council and committee remuneration and expenses summary for 2018. All in, the cost was \$176,982.04.

Mayor Brent Devolin led the way with total expenses of \$32,210.72. He was followed by former Deputy Mayor Cheryl Murdoch (\$24,918.39); Coun. Pam Sayne (\$24,025.46); Coun. Ron Nesbitt (\$23,582.31); Coun. Jeanne Anthon (\$23,251.64); Coun. Jean Neville (\$22,071.91) and Coun. Lisa Schell (\$20,767.97). New councillors Bob Carter and Jennifer Hughey received just \$741.25 each.

In addition, council spent an additional \$4,671.14 on members of its committee of adjustment.

(Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais)



Environment Haliburton director Eric Lilius talks about the advocacy group Extinction Rebellion at an Enviro-Café event March 12. Photo by Joseph Quigley

EH! debates civil disobedience tactics

By Joseph Quigley

Environment Haliburton members debated the merits of addressing climate change through our current political systems and civil disobedience March 12.

The organization hosted an Enviro-Café event about Extinction Rebellion, a UK-based environmental advocacy group. The group seeks to generate mass acts of civil disobedience and create a citizens' assembly to oversee change.

Environment Haliburton director Eric Lilius spoke to approximately 30 people about the group.

"Something's got to change and it isn't working," Lilius said about the political system. "Big impacts on climate change haven't happened."

However, councillors in the audience pushed back on the ideas behind Extinction Rebellion. Dysart et al Coun. John Smith said education was the best way forward to create change.

"If we were to get people educated on the crisis that we face, people will demand change. The political system will work for us," Smith said.

Minden Hills Coun. Bob Carter agreed and said both he and Smith were elected in part because of their environmental positions. He criticized Extinction Rebellion's intention to try and change the political system. The group links itself to sortition, the use of random selection to populate a legislative assembly.

"The fact is people aren't bringing environmental issues to the council to try and get things enacted. This group (Environment Haliburton), in my mind, should be presenting to all of the councils in this county at least once a year," Carter said. "This is a democracy. That's how you get it done."

Environment Haliburton secretary Heather Ross replied the group has presented to councils in pursuit of climate change planning, without

success.

"We got turned down," Ross said. "How do we work more effectively with councils? Because we've worked hard and I think we've done decent work."

Ann Maher questioned the progress made by educating people.

"Way back in the 60s and early 70s, we were talking the same talk. Nothing changed," Maher said. "We have to hit them over the head with something else."

Lilius said although Extinction Rebellion appeals to him, he understands it does not appeal to everyone and it is not synonymous with Environment Haliburton.

Speaking to councillor comments, Lilius said "this is what this is all about, an alternative system. We've got proper politicians that are entrenched in the system."

"It's a failed system, but we're locked into it," he added. "How to get out of it gracefully? I have no idea."



And the winner is...

Shelley Vanlieshout draws the winning ticket for the second early bird draw for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation Cash For Care Lottery March 15. The winner of the \$500 draw was John Smith of Aurora. The next early bird draw is April 15. Photo by Joseph Quigley

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Seniors praise new funding in federal budget

Budget includes high-speed internet promise, municipal infrastructure funding

By Joseph Quigley

Local seniors' advocates are praising measures in the 2019 federal budget aimed at helping Canada's elderly.

Haliburton's CARP chapter said it supports a number of measures to help seniors in this year's budget, released March 19.

The budget includes a reduction in the threshold for low-income seniors to qualify for a guaranteed income supplement reducing the threshold of low-income working seniors to qualify for a guaranteed income supplement.

"We are also pleased to see some funding for a National Dementia Strategy, increases to the New Horizons for Seniors Program and automatic enrolment in CPP (Canadian Pension Plan) for adults over 70," local chapter acting president Elaine Schmid said.

This year's budget also comes with a promise to have high-speed internet in every Canadian home and business by 2030. Schmid said the investments in digital infrastructure will help reduce social isolation for seniors.

"This will be particularly beneficial in our rural setting here in the Highlands," Schmid said. "Definitely some good things for our membership."

MP criticizes internet work

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale said he, along with the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, has been pushing for action to improve internet coverage for years.

Schmale was critical of the government taking action in the final year of its term, when a plan to fill in the coverage gaps in eastern Ontario has been "on the desk of the minister for two years."

"Had the government moved forward with EORN's plan two years ago, we would be in year three of the project already and service would be vastly better," Schmale said.

Schmale said he hopes the promise means dollars can flow toward making EORN's plan happen.

"This is something I will be holding the government's feet to the fire on," Schmale said. "This is something I will fight



This year's federal budget includes new funding for seniors, more municipal infrastructure funding and a promise to bring high-speed internet everywhere by 2030. *File photo*

tooth and nail for to ensure that EORN's proposal to start filling in the gaps is taken seriously."

Schmale was also critical of the budget's projected \$19.8 billion deficit. In the last federal election, the Liberals had said the budget would be balanced in this fiscal year.

"Today's deficit spending is tomorrow's tax hikes or service cuts," Schmale said. "The more spending we do, the more future generations will have to pay this bill."

More funding for towns

The budget also offers a one-time windfall for municipalities. This year's federal gas tax fund – which flows to municipalities for infrastructure needs – will be doubled, amounting to \$2.2 billion.

"That's a fantastic measure. It's something I've advocated for quite some time," Schmale said. "One of the most efficient ways to deliver infrastructure funds is to give the dollars directly to municipalities and not have one municipality fight against another for limited dollars."

Haliburton County youth hub back on track

By Lisa Gervais

The two organizations working on the Hali County Youth Hub say renovations have resumed on the former Lighthouse Pentecostal Church they bought last year and they now hope to be open and fully operational by the end of April.

When Peter Fearrey passed away last year, Marg Cox of Point in Time and Stephanie MacLaren of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, said renovation and construction work came to a virtual stand-still.

However, they said work has resumed with two local construction contractors having agreed to collaborate to project manage the extensive renovations and re-construction of the lower level, finish the renovations on the main level, and coordinate the myriad of other trades needed to bring the project to fruition.

"Local tradespeople, businesses and residents are being extremely generous with their time and contributions helping to

make [the hub] a reality. It's real evidence of how valued youth are as members of our community and how the community recognizes the future that they hold," Cox said.

For example, she said Kieran Gillooly of Kegel Heating and Cooling donated his labour to install a new central heat pump system. And, a new and improved kitchen design has been completed addressing accessibility and integrating public health conditions. Cox said Trevor Chaulk of Chaulk Design Studio worked hard to meet the changed requirements within budget constraints "and will help provide what'll be a great space for gathering and meal prep."

Cox said the drawings have been submitted for approvals and building permits are in the works at Dysart et al.

Further, they've met with an accessibility expert who is working on a new design that will bring people in through the front door (a new ramp will be built to code from the

parking lot), and a wheelchair lift installed to access the main floor and lower level.

Drawings are also being completed for a totally renovated lower level space to accommodate a family room, quiet space for homework, primary care, counselling and office spaces.

Cox said, "from a capital budget perspective, there is much to be done."

As per the funding agreements, the majority of the three-year funding received from Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario and the Haliburton County Development Corporation will go towards operating and staffing expenses to provide a broad range of services and supports delivered in an integrated fashion. While \$85,000 has been earmarked in year one for renovations and capital expenses, in addition to the \$150,000 estimated capital costs, there will be \$130,000 in additional accessibility costs, Cox said.

Fundraising efforts are continuing, including donations that can be made

through a gift registry at pointintime.ca/gift-registry.

The hub is also advertising for two full-time staff members.

Cox said some programming is taking place at the hub now but their aim is to be open and fully operational by the end of April.

Meanwhile, MacLaren paid tribute to Fearrey, whom she worked with at HHHS before his retirement, as well as on the hub job.

"Peter was very committed to working on the youth hub, and making sure the youth voice was heard throughout the project. Anyone who knew him will agree that Peter was a genuinely caring person who always went out of his way to help anyone who needed help. Peter's legacy will live on in all of the lives he touched along the way; he will always be a part of us and the Hali Youth Hub," she said.

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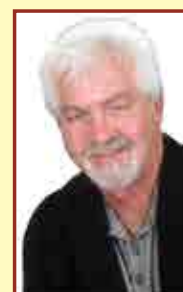


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Highland Storm



The Storm celebrate their first goal against the Twin Centre Stars on Sunday, March 17 during a game at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Storm would go on to win the game 2-1. Photo by Lisa Gervais

Storm Midgets take 2-0 lead in All-Ontario finals

By Lisa Gervais and Suzanne Haedicke

The Highland Storm Midgets came from a goal down Sunday in Haliburton to beat the Twin Center Stars 2-1 and take a two games-to-none lead in the All-Ontario Finals.

The series started in Wellesley on Saturday, March 16, with a 1-0 shut-out win for the Storm.

Intensive playoff action started at puck drop in the series opener, with both teams going head-to-head, trying to score.

The only goal came midway through the first period. The Storm set up to attack in the Stars end. Nigel Smith flipped the puck to Braeden Vasey and his point shot found the back of the net.

The evenly-matched teams entertained the crowd with end-to-end action in periods two and three and Carson

Sisson recorded the goose-egg.

Game two shifted to the A.J. LaRue Arena on Sunday afternoon with the stands packed.

It was a scoreless first period with both teams working aggressively hard.

The Storm had trouble staying out of the sin bin, though, and it proved costly with 12:29 remaining in the second period. The Stars set up in the Storm zone, the locals had a chance to clear the puck and couldn't, and a slapshot from the point bulged the twine. The score was 1-0 for the visitors.

Shortly after, the Storm went on a powerplay of their own when a Stars player was called for the slash but they couldn't capitalize.

However, with 4:17 left in the second frame, the Storm answered back. Nick Dollo started up ice and left the puck for Lucas Haedicke. He drove hard to the net, made a quick pass to Smith, and he chipped in the tying

goal.

The action continued late in the period. The Storm got another man advantage. The team charged at the Stars and quick passes around the net found Smith ready to make it a 2-1 game.

The third period was scoreless and saw a busy penalty box as frustrations grew. But Sisson shut the door and the Storm held on for the 2-1 win to take a 2-0 stranglehold on the series.

After game two, coach James Reilly said "They need to keep working hard, stay focused and get the job done."

Game three is scheduled for Saturday, March 23 at 2:10 p.m. in Wellesley. Game four, if needed, is slated for Sunday, March 24 at 2 p.m. at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. A game five would be played Saturday, March 30 at 2:35 p.m. in Wellesley.

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Highland Storm



Left: The Storm's Shawn Walker takes the puck from behind his team's net and heads up ice during Sunday's playoff game in Haliburton. Top right: A Storm player heads up ice. Bottom: Storm goalie Carson Sisson makes a save during Sunday's playoff game in Haliburton. The netminder has only given up one goal so far in the series. *Photos by Lisa Gervais.*

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Dollars for dentures needs a few more bowlers

By Lisa Gervais

Local residents will be knocking down pins to raise money for Volunteer Dental Outreach's (VDO's) denture program March 30.

It's the first-ever 'dollars for dentures' bowl-a-thon fundraiser at Fast Lane Bowling in Minden.

The VDO's Mark Arike said the first flight, from 2-4 p.m., is full. However, they are still looking for bowlers for the second flight, from 4-6 p.m. He said teams comprise five to six bowlers.

"We need about 18 bowlers to fill the second," Arike said on Tuesday.

He said the goal is to raise as much money as possible.

The VDO's Lisa Kerr said the denture budget for this fiscal year for commercial lab fees is \$15,000.

She said that's over and above the general overhead expenses of running the clinic.

This fiscal year, they've already spent \$11,354 on commercial lab fees, Kerr added, and since starting, more than

\$89,000.

"It got to the point where the board discussed having to limit the number of cases we could provide if we didn't specifically fundraise for dentures. Knowing the need in the community we really didn't want to tell people we have hit our target for this year and you will have to wait until we have more money for lab fees. Mark Arike offered to organize and run a bowling fundraiser specifically for this cause and Steve Kerr, the volunteer denturist who does all the dentures at VDO, offered to help him."

She said that since VDO started, they have provided well over 400 dentures for patients of the clinic plus repairs and relines.

"The bowling event will not only help us raise funds but bring awareness to the need for people of low income to have dentures provided to help them eat properly and for general wellness and self esteem," Kerr said.

She added that to date the clinic has helped 851 patients, provided 7,275



Brigitte Gebauer celebrates after throwing a good ball down the lanes at Fast Lane Bowling in Minden. *Photo submitted.*

appointments and \$2,584,937 in free dental care to low income residents of Haliburton County.

Arike added the denture program "is making a difference in the lives of many Haliburton County residents ... but in order

to keep up with the demand, we'll need to raise about \$18,000 this year."

To participate and receive your pledge form, contact Mark Arike, markarika@gmail.com or call 705-854-0605.

Camexicanus brings Mexican culture to Haliburton County

By Joseph Quigley

Mexican music is on its way to Haliburton as part of a new cross-cultural exchange program starting up in the area.

The non-profit arts organization Camexicanus will hold its season launch at the Haliburton Highlands Museum March 23. The program has brought in Mexican arts students to tour Ontario and also plans to offer drop-in programming in Haliburton.

Director Greg Sadlier said having people from different cultures interact with each other creates meaningful personal experiences.

"When they're face-to-face with somebody who's different from them, who speaks differently, who eats differently, who thinks differently, that's when that human connection becomes very tangible and real," Sadlier said. "People are confronted by their own fears and their own hesitations about opening themselves up and reaching out to another person."

The group has been running since 2015, previously operating in Mexico and the

Kitchener-Waterloo area. Sadlier said he and his wife Hannah Sadlier, who lead the organization, decided to move it to Haliburton after being attracted by the local arts community.

"We realized this community was definitely the perfect fit for what we're doing," Sadlier said.

The group has toured Canadian locales with Mexican students from Monterrey, performing music, dance and displaying different visual art projects.

In Haliburton, Sadlier said the group plans to host Mexican-themed workshops in schools and offer music and theatre programming.

"We also engage with Canadians and Canadian youth in our own backyard," Sadlier said. "(We're) just making the arts accessible."

Chema Siller, a 16-year old Mexican student, said "they (Greg Sadlier and Hannah Sadlier) are role models for me and for the other students ... it helped me open my eyes to a new culture."

Sadlier said he hopes to bring Canadian



Mexican students play instruments as part of Camexicanus programming. The cross-cultural organization is starting up new programming in Haliburton. *Photo submitted.*

students to tour Mexico in 2020.

"The arts naturally just demand that people open themselves up and express themselves," Sadlier said. "The arts give just a perfect backdrop for this sort of

human exchange."

The season launch event takes place at the Haliburton Highlands Museum March 23 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available for sale at camexicanus.ca or at the door.

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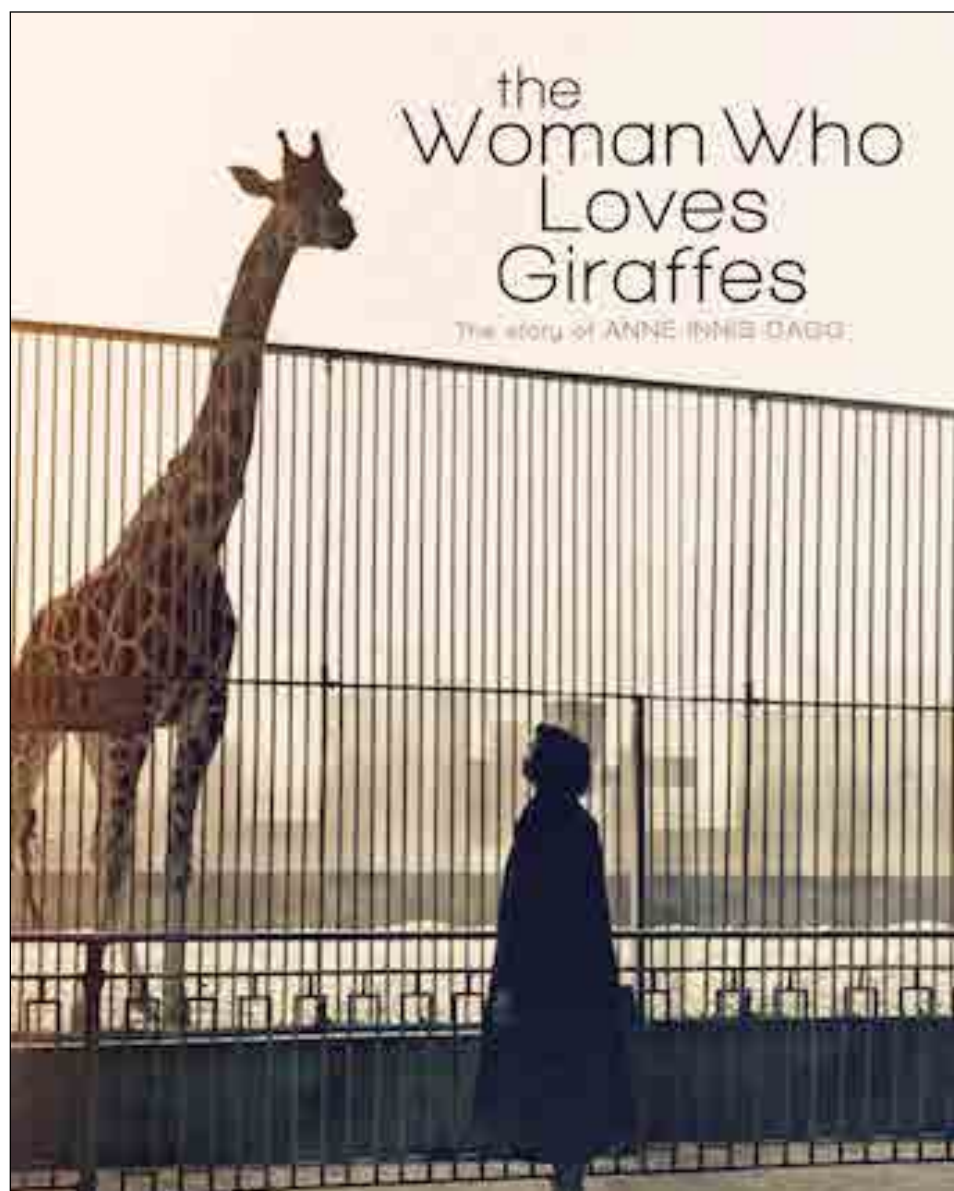
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The Woman Who Loved Giraffes will be one of the films playing at this year's Doc(k) Day at the Pinestone Resort. The subject of the film, Canadian biologist Anne Innis Dagg, will also attend the event to answer questions. *Photo submitted.*

Doc(k) Day lineup explores human connections

By Joseph Quigley

From the tale of three separated identical siblings to a scientist's work with giraffes, Haliburton's eighth annual Doc(k) Day is bringing stories about connections April 6.

The annual documentary festival will be hosted at the Pinestone Resort with four movies on offer.

Organizer Tammy Rea said this year's slate is themed around connections, from the biological to the ones we make with our planet.

"There is a thought that the documentary is the true Canadian art form and we feel that telling stories is something Canadians do well," Rea said. "Documentaries have become a really wonderful story vehicle."

The slate includes The Woman Who Loved Giraffes, the story of Canadian biologist Anne Innis Dagg and the struggles she faced researching the animals in South Africa. Both Dagg and director Alison Reid will also be in attendance to discuss the film.

"What I love about Doc(k) Day is you don't just watch a movie by yourself at home. You watch it with a group and go through this whole experience together,"

Rea said.

Other films include Three Identical Strangers about the reunion of three identical siblings separated at birth and You Are Here: A Come Far Away Story about the Newfoundland town that helped Americans stranded after 9/11.

ANTHROPOCENE: The Human Epoch offers a glimpse of how humanity is impacting the planet. The film also features designs by artist and Haliburton School of Art and Design professor Barr Gilmore, who will be on hand to discuss it.

"It really is the new world, you're going to be hearing over and over," Rea said. "Scientists are saying humans have really changed the planet."

Day passes for the event are \$30 or \$10 at the door for a single movie. In honour of 15-year-old Swedish environmentalist Greta Thunberg, students also get a half-price discount for the two afternoon films.

"Our winter has been long. It's time to spend a nice, intimate day together and just share some stories," Rea said. "Make some connections."

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20 Lighter brand

21 Baby bloomer?

22 What it all adds up to

24 Result of a failed Breathalyzer test: Abbr.

25 Stolen item on a diamond

26 Crash sound, in the comics

29 One who might ask, "Need a hand?"

32 Knucklehead

34 Hotel units: Abbr.

35 Unwell

36 "Eh" sayers, slangily

38 Piddler

42 Ringside ruling

43 Robert Service's McGee

44 Hockey helmet fastener

45 One who might ask, "Need a job?"

50 Wad you don't want in your wallet

51 "To a Mouse" and "To a Louse"

52 Aspirin initials

53 Rimouski rooster

55 Burlesque neckwear

56 Rodeo buckner

58 Meets by chance, with "into"

62 One who might ask, "Need a break?"

65 Standards of perfection

66 Take a chomp out of

67 Raitt, Leitch and O'Leary, for three

68 Designer inits.

69 Scotch miss

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1 Ancient Peruvian

2 Deserving a treat

3 Really, really

4 Highway on/off roads

5 Q-U connector

6 Prince George's great granny: Abbr

7 Gets off the fence

8 "I'm with ___" (T-shirt phrase)

9 "Comin' ___ the Rye"

10 Med., as coffee

11 Sizing up visually

12 Stir, as suspicion

13 Thread bearer

15 Police sting or blind date

18 Cowpoke's poker

23 TV role for Robin Williams

25 Refuses to comply, with "at"

26 Include in an email, secretly

27 Pie ___ mode

28 Habs home game attendee, likely

30 Hwy. sign distances

31 German "one"

33 Fists that are "put up"

37 Depleted Newfoundland fishery

38 House on the river?

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40 Water under "le pont"

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EVENTS

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - WE CARE
Meetings: Wednesdays, noon -1 p.m., Sundays 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. St. Anthony's, 27 Victoria Street, Haliburton. All welcome. 705-324-9900.

AL ANON- WE CARE, are you troubled by someone's drinking? Meetings: Tuesday 7 - 8 p.m., St. Anthony's 27 Victoria Street, Haliburton. All are welcome.

PHOTO CONTEST

The Highlander is looking for your best photos for inclusion in this year's *The Highlander Handbook*. We are looking for pictures that show the best the Highlands has to offer in all of its seasons. The best submission will be printed on this year's cover and others inside. We are looking for good quality, high resolution photos (JPEG, 300 dpi). Please limit 3 entries per person. Deadline April 24, 2019 - by 5 p.m. Please ensure the photographer's name and contact details are in the email. Send entries to editor@thehighlander.ca



What's on

MARCH 2019 • EVENT LISTINGS

EVERY FRIDAY, Feb 22 – Apr 20

9 a.m. – Noon. – Volunteer Income Tax filing for 2018, at Haliburton Legion.

EVERY WEDNESDAY, Mar 6 – Apr 25

2 – 3:30 p.m. – Volunteer Income Tax filing for 2018, at Wilberforce Legion.

MARCH:

Balanced Fitness for Seniors – Free weekly drop-in classes:

Mondays – MINDEN, 10 a.m., Hyland Crest/Auditorium.

Mondays – WILBERFORCE, 9:30 a.m. Lloyd Watson Centre.

Tuesdays and Thursdays – HALIBURTON, 10 a.m. – please call for location.

Tuesdays and Thursdays – MINDEN, 1:30 p.m., Hyland Crest/Fireside Lounge.

Fridays – WILBERFORCE, 9:30 a.m., Maplevue Apartments.

Contact HHHS Community Support Services for more info. 705-457-2941, infocc@hhhs.ca

Thursday March 21

1:30 p.m. – Haliburton County Historical Society presents Kirsten Monk as she outlines the history of the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, and answers your questions about funerals. Takes place at the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

1:30 p.m. – Haliburton Highlands Writers & Editors Network meeting, with speaker Marie Gage, author. In the Rotary room of the Minden library, 136 Bobcaygeon Rd. Free admission.

Friday March 22

9 a.m. – noon – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, Free drop-in, 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St. Join us for walking club, colouring, coffee & conversation, mindfulness,

falls prevention program, and other activities. Call 705-457-2941 x 2922 for more info.

2 – 4 p.m. – Technology Tutoring, at Outreach Literacy Minden, 14 IGA Rd. Open to all! Free tutoring in computers, smart devices, mobile devices, internet, storing and retrieving photos, social media, privacy and protecting yourself from identity theft and online scams. For more info contact Robert Gaudette, bgaudette@jhscklh.on.ca or 705-328-0472 x921.

Saturday March 23

6:30 p.m. – Highlands East Figure Skating Club Rockin' 50's & 60's Ice Show, at Keith Tallman Memorial Arena, Wilberforce. Admission by donation.

6:30 – 9:30 p.m. – Camexicanus Season Launch, at Haliburton Highlands Museum. Camexicanus is a non profit, youth arts organization that works in Mexico and Canada to create exciting arts programs for local communities. Join us for our Haliburton launch, with Mexican food and lots of info about our plans for 2019! info@camexicanus.ca 519-801-5413.

Monday March 25

1 – 4 p.m. – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, Free drop-in, 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. At Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., Haliburton. Join us for colouring, board games, coffee & conversation, falls prevention program, and Communal Cooking: Yogurt Parfait!. Call 705-457-2941 x 2922 for more info.

Tuesday March 26

Noon – 2 p.m. – Cook it Up! FREE three-course lunch, at Molly's Bistro Bakery, Minden. Cook it Up is a training program that helps participants to gain skills in the food services industry. Lunches take place every Tuesday

from March 12th – May 7th.

1 p.m. – Afternoons with Ancestors, led by HHGG at Dysart library branch. Drop-in (free) to research your family history.

Wednesday March 27

Noon – Lenten Lunch at St. Paul's Anglican Church. Service at noon, followed by soup lunch (by donation).

7:30 p.m. – Highlands Little Theatre presents "Glorious!", at Northern Lights Theatre, Haliburton. The true story of Florence Foster Jenkins, the worst singer in the world. Tickets \$25 ea, available at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton and Pharmasave, Minden.

Thursday March 28

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, Free drop-in, 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. At Wilberforce Legion, 1007 Burleigh Rd. Join us for colouring, board games, coffee & conversation, pool, and communal cooking: Yogourt Parfait! Call 705-457-2941 x 2922 for more info.

7 p.m. – AGBA Farm-To-Table event, at Lloyd Watson Centre Wilberforce. The Algonquin Gateway Business Association (AGBA) presents an opportunity to source local food products, and become better informed about what is available in our community. Local food producers are invited to showcase their products, registration packages available at discover.agba@gmail.com. Deadline March 15th

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ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH

Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.

Tuesdays: Tuesday night dart league starting at 7 p.m.

Wednesdays: Bid euchre, 1 p.m. start, Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.

Thursdays: General meeting, third Thursday of the month, March through December starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend and ladies auxiliary, last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Fridays: Cribbage, 1 p.m. start, meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets are \$2 per draw ... Chester Howse, MC, Friday fun darts – 4:30 p.m. onwards.

Saturdays: 50/50 Draw, 4 p.m. draw-tickets are \$1 each available from noon onwards.

Sundays: Breakfast, second Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. - 1p.m., \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rcl129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129. Everyone is welcome.

MINDEN BRANCH

Monday-every second week rug hooking; Tuesday, seniors art classes 10 a.m., bid euchre 1 p.m.; Wednesday, meat draw noon; Thursday, mixed darts and euchre 7 p.m.; Friday 7 p.m. mixed darts; Saturday, meat draw 1 p.m.; Sunday, sports day noon. Lunches every Mon.-Fri, with Friday featuring fish and chips and chicken wings also served 5-7 p.m. Take-out available. Everyone welcome.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Friday - free pool 1:30 p.m, wings – 6-9 p.m.

Saturday - Meat draw 2-5 p.m. - Early Bird 3pm sharp

Monday - bid euchre 7 p.m.

Wednesday - Income tax volunteer 2-3:30 p.m. Be sure to bring all your documents. Fun darts 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming Event – Spring Hop – Saturday, April 20 9 p.m. to close.

If you are planning an event book with the Legion – our L.A. do an excellent job of catering. Call the branch to arrange 705-448-2221

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What's on

A glorious Highlands Little Theatre spring play

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton County residents looking for a hearty laugh after a long winter can go and see the story of the worst singer in the world at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion starting next week.

Glorious! The True Story of Florence Foster Jenkins, the Worst Singer in the World will be staged four times by Highlands Little Theatre.

Written by British playwright Peter Quilter, it's a hilarious comedy dating from 1940's New York.

"The performer who everyone wanted to see live was Florence Foster Jenkins, an enthusiastic soprano whose pitch was far from perfect," a writeup from the Samuel French site reads.

"Known as 'the first lady of the sliding scale', she warbled and screeched her way through the evening to an audience who mostly fell about with laughter. But this delusional and joyously happy woman paid little attention to her critics, instead she was surrounded by a circle of devoted friends who were almost as eccentric as she was," the site adds.

Based on a true story, the play spins from Florence's charity recitals and extravagant balls, through to her bizarre recording sessions and an ultimate triumph at Carnegie Hall.

The cast comprises: Rita Jackson as Florence Foster Jenkins; Chris Chumbley as Cosme McCoon; John Jackson as St. Clair Bayfield; Evelyn Manley as Dorothy; Ruth Carter as Maria and Kate Butler as Mrs. Verrinder-Gedge.

The play is produced by Jane Johnston and Barry Willhelm and directed by Jack Brezina and Curtis Eastmure. The stage manager is Amy Brohm, assisted by Tara Worthy. Sue Vorvis, Lauren Forbes and Gill Stephens are doing the costumes.

Brezina said what endears him to this play



From left to right, Rita Jackson, Chris Chumbley at the piano, John Jackson, Evelyn Manley and Ruth Carter. (Kate Butler missing)
Submitted photo Lorne Campbell.

is that "from an early age we are taught there is something noble about an underdog. We cheer on the hapless schlemiel who, ignoring all warnings to the contrary, takes on challenges far beyond his or her capabilities.

"Often, to create a happy ending, stories tell us they succeed. Just as often, as a lesson to us all, they fall short of their seemingly impossible quest. In either case we admire them for their courage and determination while at the same time shaking our heads in the realization of the insurmountable odds they must overcome."

Brezina said that somewhere deep in her soul, Florence Foster Jenkins believes she is a magnificent opera diva, a vessel filled with great musical talent and skill. He said she doesn't hear what the audiences hear, and while the crowd is amused by her musical miscues, they also quietly admire her fortitude and positive outlook on music and life.

Brezina added that the challenge for the cast and production team was to see past the barrage of missed notes and social faux pas, and find the heart of the woman and what motivated her.

He said they all took up the challenge with gusto.

"While it was easy to see the humour in her story, we believe we also uncovered what made Florence, in her own way, so endearing to so many ... and in that, perhaps a lesson for us all."

The play runs March 27, 28 and 29 at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) and on March 30 at 2 p.m. (doors open at 1:30 p.m.) Tickets available at Minden Pharmasave or Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton.



The luck of the Irish

The Highland Trio performed for 100 people at the Haliburton Ladies Auxiliary St. Patrick's event this past Saturday. Everyone enjoyed a dinner of potato soup, corned beef, cabbage, root vegetables and dessert. A silent auction helped to raise funds to improve accessibility at the Legion. (Submitted by Lynn Childs)

Winter Green MAPLE SYRUP & PANCAKE BARN

Open all weekends from March 2 to April 28.
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Kitchen closes at 3 p.m.

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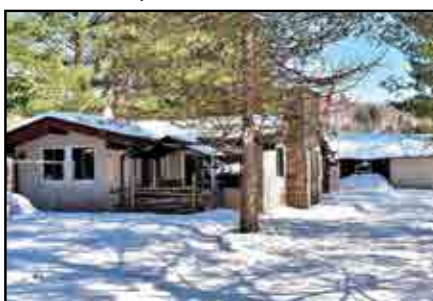
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