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County transportation system stuck in neutral

By Joseph Quigley

The County of Haliburton has decided not to proceed with a new, expansive transportation system this year.

Council opted not to include funding for the service in its 2019 budget. Instead, council put a \$50,000 placeholder for further work on the file and directed staff to explore request for proposals on the system. Warden Liz Danielsen said although a lot of hard work has been put into transportation, council remains concerned.

"There remain some true unknowns and concerns about how it will work in a large geographic area with pockets of low transportation," Danielsen said. "Given the unknowns and the need for sustainability in other areas, we could not move forward."

Consultant IBI Group presented an implementation plan for a booked, shared

ride service to council Jan. 23. The annual cost of the service was estimated at \$162,000. However, that assumes the province provides the maximum gas tax contribution of \$141,654, which would require the county to invest long-term in the system.

Coun. Andrea Roberts has said the actual costs of the system could be greater than projected.

"While we all appreciate the amount of work and volunteer work that's gone into this project is enormous," Roberts said at a Dysart council meeting. "There are just so many unknowns ... it's not a pilot project. You have to go all in and we just don't fully understand the costs."

IBI Group recommended a service to run primarily around Minden and Haliburton, with some trips in Dorset and Wilberforce

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HE budget sits at 3.56 per cent rise

By Joseph Quigley

Highlands East council approved of a 2019 draft budget which would see the municipal residential tax rate rise 3.56 per cent.

Council reviewed the budget at a March 5 special meeting. The \$5.9 million draft budget features increased spending for capital projects across all departments totalling \$1.9 million, \$475,507 more than 2018.

"It's an ambitious year," chief administrative officer and treasurer Shannon Hunter said. "Every department has major projects happening in 2019 if this budget is



Chief Administrative officer Shannon Hunter called the 2019 draft budget "ambitious," with every department running major projects. *Photos by Joseph Quigley*

approved."

The largest capital projects are in the roads department, with \$615,000 allotted to rehabilitating Dyno Road and \$544,207 for the second phase of road work at the Cardiff townsite.

Other new expenses include \$55,000 for this year's building renovations, \$50,000 for a facilities review, and \$28,000 for an organizational review.

Councillors spoke positively of the budget and the number of included projects.

"I'm sure all of us would prefer to see the tax rate lower," Coun. Suzanne Partridge said. "But I don't think there's anything to add on this budget besides the projects we've already agreed upon. So, I'm comfortable."

Deputy mayor Cec Ryall agreed and complimented staff's work.

"We try to keep the taxation dollars down to zero, we're going to cut off our nose to spite our face. We're going to pay for it somewhere," Ryall said. "Everything you pay hurts but I think the value is there and I think we're getting great value for our money. I think our taxpayers are getting great value."

The draft budget highlights also indicate staffing changes, including a full-time bylaw enforcement officer, a new septic inspector and increased hours for the part-time economic development co-ordinator.

Hunter credited a high assessment growth of 4.16 per cent as helping to lower the tax increase.

The municipality is also drawing from reserves this year. Hunter said if all proposed projects are complete by the end of the year, the reserves will decrease from \$4.263 million to \$3.267 million.

"A lot of projects we're working on this year, it's amazing," Mayor Dave Burton said. "You guys still have time to look at (the budget) but I'm quite content with it." The budget has not yet been formally passed.



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RTO members Tina Jackson (left) and Lisa Tolentino at the Dysart meeting. *Photo by Joseph Quigley*

\$50K put aside for future

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through Gooderham.

Rural Transportation Options (RTO) put towards a grup would not want the county to proceed with a transportation system if it would fail. put towards a grup work towards at county still has. She also said t

"I'm glad they decided not to go do something haphazardly. I know RTO wants to make sure what is done is done properly," she said. "What we're pleased about is another \$50,000 has been put aside. That transportation is being kept on the agenda."

Danielsen said no decision has been made on whether to continue funding the county's transportation taskforce, whose term finishes March 31.

Tolentino, who also serves on the

taskforce, said she hopes the \$50,000 is put towards a group with local expertise to work towards answering the questions the county still has.

She also said transportation has to be framed as an investment given how it acts as a barrier to things such as employment.

"There is a cost to not putting something on the road," she said. "We can't afford to not do it."

"I feel the county council members have come a long way, as have all of us over the last 10 years," Tolentino further said. "Booked, shared ride is a very viable option in the county and now we just need to fill in

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Harold Elston is stepping into the role of ethics commissioner in the County of Haliburton and its four lower-tier municipalities. Photo submitted.

Expert to handle ethics complaints for councils

By Joseph Quigley

The County of Haliburton has a new integrity commissioner to enforce codes of conduct and help council and local board members navigate ethics.

The county approved a draft agreement to make Harold Elston its commissioner Feb. 27. Elston will also be shared with the county's lower-tier municipalities.

Elston said he has been practising municipal law for 31 years, including as an integrity commissioner in other municipalities, and looks forward to the work

"I have seen many issues from all different sorts of angles and perspectives, so I think it helps me understand where people are coming from," he said.

The province made the integrity commissioner role mandatory as of March 1. The role was expanded to include public education and investigations into the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

He is also to investigate alleged breaches of the new codes of conduct passed by area municipal councils. Any person, including council members and the public, can bring a code of conduct complaint forward.

Elston said people considering this should review the code of conduct and ensure their issues fall within it and the commissioner's jurisdiction.

An optional informal resolution should also be explored, Elston said.

"Sometimes, the informal route is best

... just to approach them directly and sometimes, people don't even realize they've offended somebody or they've caused some concern," Elston said. "Before launching a formal complaint, make sure that it's something you can't just resolve yourself."

But if someone chooses to proceed with a formal complaint, Elston said to write it and be as detailed as possible.

"They need to outline the dates, the times, the place," Elston said. "Be prepared for me to vet the complaint, show it to the responding member of council and then be prepared to spend some time talking with me and sort of working through it. They should understand that it is a process and it is my job to make sure it's fair."

However, Elston said in his experience, serious complaints requiring full investigations are rare.

Elston said his duty to provide advice upon request to councillors about ethics and conflicts of interest will help prevent those complaints.

"We can talk about it and I can provide them a written opinion," he said. "The result will be there are fewer complaints because councillors have a chance to talk it out with somebody beforehand."

The county has allotted \$25,000 for Elston's services within its 2019 budget.

"I was very honoured to be appointed as the integrity commissioner. I'm just looking forward to working with the people of Haliburton," Elston said.



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Sleeping in cars raises \$6K for Places for People

By Lisa Gervais

After sleeping in a car outside of the Haliburton library Friday night, Ebonne Fayar said she's more aware of homelessness.

She said she was prepared, sharing a car for added body heat and having blankets. Otherwise, she wouldn't have been able to do it.

Even then, "I almost backed out a couple of times," she said in discussing Places for People's Sleeping in Cars event this past Friday night and Saturday morning.

She shared a car with Nikole Robinson, who described the experience as "raw" since it was cold and cramped and she felt vulnerable.

About 20 people, including families with children, slept out to raise awareness of, and money for, homelessness. About approximately \$6,000 was raised. It will go towards the charity's latest project in Cardiff.

Three people slept out in Haliburton, six in Minden and 10 in Wilberforce.

Nataly Mylan said the Wilberforce event included children ranging in age from four to 13 along with their families.

"Overall, the night went well with more of a focus on how homelessness would impact families. How they would cope with parenting without adequate resources and lack of space and privacy," she said.

In Minden, the six sleepers were joined by supporters around a campfire and members of County Road One came with their guitars to entertain. In the morning, the Minden Community Food Bank's Marilynne Lesperance and Joanne Barnes supplied breakfast.

Fay Martin of Places for People was one of the sleepers.

"My bones ache," she shared on Saturday morning. "My car is really little and although I am fairly short, I couldn't stretch out all night." With achy hips, she was headed home for a soak in the tub.

She added, "The other thing that I think you would miss over time is community. Even last night I had the thought if I was just all by myself, no gathering around the fire, chatting with folks and feeling like you're part of the community, how would I feel? I would feel really bad."

She said some people "slept like a baby, other people were a little crunched. We all survived relatively happily. We're all glad we don't have to do it again tonight [Saturday night]."

Anna Froebe said that when she was soliciting pledges, she was asked "How many homeless people have a vehicle? And I said, in this county, probably more than you realize because that's maybe their only asset.

"It might not be their vehicle either," said Martin. "It might be one that's sitting out there because the owners are down south."

Organizers said there is some interest in holding a similar event next year.



Left to right: supporter Pam Sayne with sleepers, Brent Devolin, Fay Martin, Ron Nesbitt and Max Ward. *Photo by Lisa Gervais*



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HIGHLANDER INVESTIGATES

Hockey Haven releases 2019 summer evening ice

By Joseph Quigley

Dysart et al and Haliburton Hockey Haven have agreed to free up summer evening ice for 2019.

Dysart council unanimously voted Feb. 26 to authorize its agreement with Hockey Haven to be changed. The change will see summer camp relinquish the majority of its evening ice time at A.J. LaRue Arena.

Mayor Andrea Roberts said the change is a great compromise to benefit other organizations using the ice.

"For the summer of 2019, so the organizations that were doing some evening ice time in the summer can pursue that again for this year," she said.

Hockey Haven will no longer have ice time from 6-9 p.m. Monday to Thursday in the summer, Roberts said. It will keep the daytime summer ice it has had for years.

The evening ice was originally provided to Hockey Haven Sept. 24, 2018. The move was later criticized by other programs which had used the ice time for years.

Hockey Haven could not be reached for comment before press time.

M-Power Hockey's Mandy Cronin ran a girls-only summer hockey camp through renting Hockey Haven facilities in 2017. After cancelling due to a lack of available day ice in 2018, she said

she's happy evening ice is available

"It's important that the whole community gets to use the rink," Cronin

However, Cronin said her camp will not run again this year. She cited difficulties using evening ice, such as the squeeze on the camp schedule considering travel and change room

"It's definitely not what we were hoping for," Cronin said. "That's the same reason Hockey Haven doesn't want to give up the daytime ice."

Roberts said the municipality has to make a decision on a business case.

"You have one entity guaranteeing you all this time and you have another entity that wants one week in the summer. Really, we have to take what is better value for the municipality," she said.

The arrangement is only expected to last for the summer of 2019. Come summer 2020, Roberts said evening ice time will be provided to Hockey Haven. Other groups have time to arrange for subletting, she added.

Roberts apologized for how the new agreement with Hockey Haven was initially done.

"We're sorry for that confusion," she said. "I really appreciate Hockey Haven released the ice time ... they're a really great community partner."



Mandy Cronin of M-Power Hockey works with a goalie at her hockey camp at A.J. LaRue Arena in August 2017. Cronin said she is happy to see Hockey Haven and the municipality release evening ice for other organizations in 2019, after it was entirely booked up by Hockey Haven last September. File photo.



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There's no place like home

At 9:30 p.m. Friday night, I didn't bother to up shortly after I turned off my batteryundress as I climbed into bed.

I did take off my winter jacket, throwing it into the front seat. The boots also dropped momentarily to the pavement before finding a place in the hatch.

Then I added to my wardrobe of thermal pants and shirt, track suit bottoms and T-shirt, another pair of socks, toque and gloves. I crawled into double-layered sleeping bags under two woolen blankets. I adjusted the pillow on top of the lounge cover and settled in for a long winter's night - in my car.

I briefly thought about reading the book I'd packed. But it was too cold to expose my arms even with the layers of clothing. I also pondered watching or listening to something on my phone, but I was worried about running the battery down.

So, there I lay in the back of my Hyundai Tucson, nothing to entertain me but my

The temperature had dipped to about -10C. I could see the lights from the light standards surrounding the Minden Hills township office parking lot. It was quiet, save for a couple of barking dogs. The windows surrounding me began to frost

powered camping light.

My first thought was that I was thankful I was sleeping in my car on the one relatively warm night that we had had that week.

I was grateful there was a toilet and sink a short walk away in the former fire hall in

I had eaten a good dinner and I had water onboard. I was neither hungry nor thirsty.

I felt blessed that I was not alone. I felt safe and secure. Fay Martin was parked a yell away, as was Brent Devolin, Ron Nesbitt, Max Ward, and Anna Froebe.

The six of us had volunteered to sleep in our cars in Minden to raise money for - and awareness of - homelessness. It was a Places for People initiative that saw people also sleep out in Haliburton and Wilberforce.

We had a camp fire between 7 and 9 p.m. We were joined by two-thirds of the band County Road One, who played their acoustic guitars and sang for us. Others who weren't sleeping out dropped by for moral support. It felt more like camping out than being homeless. That is, until we all crawled into our cars, alone.

My thoughts also drifted to relief that

I was doing this by choice, not forced to do it because of unfortunate circumstances.

As I tossed and turned to get comfortable, I thought By Lisa Gervais about my home in



Carnarvon. The fire that was burning there to keep the cold at bay. The person and animals there that provided soul warmth.

I slept fitfully, crawling out of the car about 6:30 a.m. I headed into the council chambers. Some of the intrepid six were already there. The others soon joined. The Minden Community Food Centre's Marilynne Lesperance and Joanne Barnes were there with coffee, muffins and then ham and egg breakfast sandwiches.

Once again, I was thankful. I had a hot drink. I had food. I had camaraderie. Most of all, I knew I would soon be going home, to a hot bath, a warm fire and a bed that

Sleeping in cars did not change me. However, it reminded me that I am so lucky to have a home. Not everybody does.

-The**Outsider**

For the love of making

My boy, Little Z, has been going to Mini Makers, an after-school program run by Haliburton County Public Library, and I'm kind of jealous. He gets to make all kinds of stuff out of all manner of things, using all sorts of techniques and wizardry. And he loves it because making stuff is the best.

However, one's definition of the stuff that is being made is sometimes different from what others expect. I know this because while I enjoy making everything, from dining room tables to dainty desserts, my lovely wife considers one of my greatest skills and making a mess. It seems that whatever, whenever, wherever I make, I leave a trail of destruction behind me. Albeit, every now and again she does concede that the dinner, dog house or den for little Z that I have made is quite the triumph.

I say every now and again because one of my other most common acts of making is that of making mistakes. Putting dill in an herb-stuffed roast chicken that I was making turned out to be a mistake. The left field twang of dill taste threw a real curveball into dinnertime and turned our chicken breasts into some strange-tasting

protein that you'd have sworn was the mutant spawn of merry-making by fish and fowl; and it was not made any better by ketchup, mayonnaise or hot sauce, believe

Making homemade skis ... mistake. Making Little Z watch Lord of the Rings (he did ask) ... mistake, way too young for the orks. Making a hotdog smoothie ... big mistake. You get my drift, I'm sure, but that's what comes with making it up as I go along.

In the kitchen I now follow recipes, mostly because I have learned that the folks that make those wonderful books full of sumptuous foody ideas actually know what they are doing in the kitchen. My love of writing, or as some might say, making up stories, enables me to truly appreciate the skill and passion needed to write a book, be it a cookbook or novel, while my training as a carpenter stands me in good stead to make most things with wood. Both also keeps me employed and it means that my lovely wife is forever making honey-do lists for me. However, I have a plan when it comes to avoiding those lists. It is my distinct lack of ability to make much money. I have

an uncanny knack of being able to make the wrong bet, make bad decisions, make no decision at all when



one is required urgently, make the choice to be a carpenter instead of a highly-paid electrician and the list goes on, the common thread ... I always make mistakes when money is involved. As such, my lovely wife's wish list is long and unfulfilled because, as my old dad used to say, "I'm not made of money, you know!"

It's OK though because my lovely wife is truly lovely and she lets me off when I make it up to her by cooking a dainty dessert, without making a mess. And you know that's what I'm going to do now, go make a cake so that when she and Little Z come home from skiing we can make a pot of tea, eat cake and make a little time to enjoy each other's company.

You see, making whatever is great, go do it, and check out Mini Makers at the libraries too because what's better than sending your kid somewhere else to make all that mess.

Correction:

In the Feb. 27 edition, there was an article on pages 1-2 titled "Dogs seized from county property." The story said the Siberian Husky Assistance and Rescue Program (SHARP) rejected food donations gathered for the dogs. In fact, SHARP said they were not contacted directly about the donations before the article. The Highlander apologizes for the error.

Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: How do you feel about the end of the minor hockey season?



Dalton Fairey
Algonquin Highlands
"Good. I'm glad that we're

winning every game."



Dave Porter
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"I like it, it's good entertainment."



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"Good, because we won."



Andrea Laidlaw

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"My boys, it's kind of bittersweet, they love it. As the driver, I'm sort of looking forward to it."



Josh Shaw

Carnarvon

"Pretty sad about it. I have three kids that play hockey and I'm just sad to see it come to an end."

By Joseph Quigley

LETTERS

Time for municipalities to work together

Dear editor,

Unfortunately, as we are seasonal residents, we were unable to attend any of the meetings, but we have tried to follow along the best we could through your paper.

I guess where I am disappointed touches on your editorial [last] week. I do not think Minden and Haliburton plan anything together. And that is a real shame.

Amalgamation would help fix that. I think it would be best for everyone to plan bigger and plan together as an entire county instead of this Mickey Mouse planning in four smaller municipalities.

For example, push ahead on whether amalgamation is the best fit for the county now, stop any big projects until the amalgamation decision is made.

Put just enough money into the Minden and Haliburton arenas to keep them going until amalgamation.

As soon as amalgamation looks like it will happen, start talks on building a multi-ice surface complex that includes the walking track and swimming pool somewhere halfway in between Minden and Haliburton, say across the road from the Pinestone Resort.

Planning bigger, planning together, bringing Minden and Haliburton together with a large multi-use complex that could be used by both towns. With the Pinestone being right there to accommodate for tournaments, etc., it makes sense.

And instead of Minden Hills building a new arena for \$12-million alone, Haliburton County could in a few years from now build a multi-ice pad complex for both Minden and Haliburton that includes the pool for maybe \$30-million, but the cost would be spread out to more taxpayers, and everyone would get a better complex with less of a hit on their tax bill.

Jeff Hancock Minden Hills

Open letter to Laurie Scott

Dear editor,

At the end of March, the Basic Income Pilot Project will be eliminated. For the community of Lindsay, where 2,000 of the participants live, this will be a serious loss.

The Basic Income Pilot Project is a threeyear research project to determine if a guaranteed annual income will encourage greater workplace participation and better health, housing, and education outcomes. With a positive completion of the pilot, the results could be used to develop provincial policies to help lift people out of poverty, investing in communities and taking pressure off the health care system.

If the project is cancelled, the consequences are immediate for those who may have committed to an educational path, day care or accommodation which will now be unaffordable. They may again be forced to use food banks and the stress of insufficient income will negatively impact health and mental well-being. Their children may have fewer opportunities, lower grades and perhaps the trap of generational poverty. The loss of important data could hinder the creation of programs designed to allow all citizens to live in dignity.

Minister Scott, the *Lindsay Advocate* reported your enthusiastic support for the decision to choose Lindsay as a test community. However, after Minister MacLeod announced the cancellation of the pilot, you withdrew support even though the potential benefits for your riding are significant.

The assertion the pilot was failing was unfounded as sufficient data had not yet been collected. At a gathering in Lindsay following her announcement, there was enthusiastic support for the project by local politicians, health care providers, police and business people who had improved interactions with the participants. The participants themselves spoke of the importance of going to school, buying food, renting decent accommodation and working without being penalized.

Minister McLeod also stated the program

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Guenter Horst must be thinking about the end of the winter as he sent this image from a warmer season. *Photo submitted*.

was not "sustainable." It is a pilot project not a program. To look at the cost is valid. The cost per year is \$50 million, but by cancelling the pilot, your short-sighted government will have wasted \$100 million without achieving any of the original goals.

Hugh Segal, a respected, former Progressive Conservative senator, who prepared the pilot discussion paper, stated that: "Looking at the cost of the pilot project is fair enough - but frankly, simplistic. We know that poverty is a perfect predictor of poor health and early hospitalization, bad educational outcomes, substance abuse and problems with the police - all of which cost Ontario billions."

Premier Ford stated "The best way to help people out of poverty is something called a job." He fails to understand that 70 per cent of people in poverty have jobs. Their work is often precarious with many working several jobs to make ends meet. Many are disabled and limited in their ability to find employment.

A successful pilot project benefits the

whole community, and, if the results were used for province-wide policy, everyone could benefit. Poverty-related illness would decrease, resulting in less stress on our medical system. Health-related absenteeism could drop, increasing productivity. Local businesses would see the increase in consumer spending with more people buying their products. Improved educational outcomes help increase the number of skilled employees. The basic income is not a fix-all, but a good first step.

Your party committed during the election to allow this important pilot to be completed but has broken that promise. Minister Scott, please represent the interests of your constituents and defend the Basic Income Pilot. Advocate for your community, be "For the People", and continue this important research.

Elizabeth Turner Minden Hills

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Algonquin Highlands to increase parking on Big and Little Hawk Lake roads

By Lisa Gervais

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is looking at options to increase public parking on Big and Little Hawk Lake roads.

Operations manager Adam Thorn presented council with some possible options at a Feb. 21 council meeting.

He said as council is aware, traffic and parking have increased on both roads. "This congestion of parking along the

roads in these two locations is generally high throughout the year but increases dramatically during the early spring and summer months, and the winter months when the lakes have frozen over," he said in a written report.

He added both lakes are not at development capacity, and future growth means increased vehicle traffic.

For Little Hawk Road, he said the County has said they would look into the possibility of widening the road platform within

County-owned property in areas allowing vehicles to parallel park off the roadway.

This section would allow six to eight vehicles to be parked off the road surface.

The other suggestion is that the outhouse in the second parking lot on Little Hawk Lake Road, which is scheduled to be replaced in 2019, could be relocated to a new location within the parking lot to allow for more parking and easier access to the outhouse.

In addition, Thorn said there's a section of land across from the second parking lot on Little Hawk Lake Road owned by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF).

He wants to talk to the MNRF about buying or entering into a land-use agreement with them to develop one to two acres for parking.

As for Big Hawk, he's recommending the use of town land to develop one to two-

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Adam Thorn

Operations Manager

and-a-half acres of parking. He said staff has a quote for \$5,500 from Greg Bishop Surveying and Consulting Ltd to have the area surveved

The matter will come back to council.

INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved 2019-2020 Annual Work Schedule Algonquin Park Forest

North Bay

The Pembroke District Office of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has reviewed and approved the April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the Algonquin Park Forest.

Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection at the Algonquin Forestry Authority (AFA) offices in Huntsville and Pembroke and the Ontario government website at www.ontario.ca/forestplans beginning March 15, 2019 and for the one-year duration of the AWS

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest operations such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during

Tree Planting and Fuelwood

The AFA is responsible for tree planting on the Algonquin Park Forest. Please contact the Area Forester, AFA Pembroke Office (see address below) for information regarding tree planting job opportunities or for obtaining fuelwood.

More Information

For more information on the AWS or to arrange an appointment with MNRF staff to discuss the AWS or to request an AWS

Joe Yaraskavitch, R.P.F.

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Highlander news



Two pitmasters pose during the first-ever Haliburton Ribfest in 2018. The event has been negotiating with the municipality over several concerns, such as the financial contribution the event provides. *File photo*

Dysart, Ribfest strike deal

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton Ribfest and Dysart et al have reached a resolution over the money the event provides the municipality, according to event organizers.

Coun. Larry Clarke reported on Ribfest negotiations at the Feb. 26 council meeting. The Events and Programming Committee recommended approving the event to proceed Aug. 9-11 at Head Lake Park.

One of the points of negotiation is the amount the event donates to the municipality. In 2018, RibFest donated \$2,500 to the community skate park.

"The park is a very valuable asset for this community," Clarke said. "We still see it as not being a profit centre, but we'd like to see some money recovered from some of the events there so we could improve that facility."

Ribrest organizer Ricky Brooks said in negotiations since the council meeting, the sides have agreed on a donation to a local charity to be limited to 10 per cent of gate receipts.

"When we promote Haliburton Ribfest, we are actually marketing Haliburton," Brooks said. "We're not asking for any funds and so in exchange we're asking the town not to place any mandatory financial fees."

Mayor Andrea Roberts said the

municipality does not have a bylaw or fee structure in place for the park.

"So a donation to a local charity is still a generous offer," she said.

Coun. Walt McKechnie said given the park's value, there should be more charged for groups to use it.

"You don't get anything for nothing," he said.

McKechnie also said as the committee pressed the issue, Brooks said he might have to pull Ribfest out of Haliburton.

Brooks said there is a misconception about how much money the event pulls in as food vendors keep their sales, separate from the event.

"People thinking we're making lots of money when in fact, we are basically trying to make sure we cover our costs," he said.

He further said the event did have a new location lined up. But after further negotiating, Brooks said he is happy.

"We're going to continue the success of Haliburton Ribfest into its second year. We do not want to relocate."

Clarke said pushing further on cost recovery with events will require more work on a fee bylaw first, which would not be complete for the 2019 Ribfest.

"We were pushing him," he said. "But the reality is we have to have a fee bylaw in place."

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Deadlines near for YWCA education awards

The deadlines are fast approaching to apply for two YWCA education awards.
The awards are given out by YWCA Peterborough Haliburton.

The first is the YWCA Hazel Education Award. It offers a one-time award (up to \$1,000) to women who: have experienced barriers related to violence and abuse; are residents of Peterborough or Haliburton counties; and are furthering their formal or informal education.

Women from rural areas will be given special consideration for this award, as per Hazel's request. The application for this award is Monday, March 11.

The other is the YWCA Long Term Education Award. It offers a renewable education award (up to \$2,000/year) to train women for careers that will improve their quality of life. Applicants must be: abuse survivors; accepted into a post-secondary program in an accredited Canadian institution for the 2019-20 school year; and be able to provide information detailing financial need (e.g., OSAP, ODSP, OW, etc.); and preferably a resident of Peterborough or Haliburton County.

This award is renewable for up to four years and the application is due Monday, May 6.

Applicants may apply for and receive both the Hazel Award and Long-Term Award.

To learn more about YWCA education awards, or to apply, see ywcapeterborough. org/get-help/education/ or contact Yvonne Porter, YWCA executive assistant, at 705-743-3526 ext.116 or yporter@ywcapeterborough.org. (*Lisa Gervais*)

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Highlander business

AGBA to host farm-to-table event in Wilberforce

By Lisa Gervais

Have you ever wondered where the closest place is to get farmfresh eggs? Are those supermarket tomatoes just not doing it for you? Or perhaps you're interested in locally-raised, grass-fed beef.

In order to connect food producers with food consumers, the Algonquin **Gateway Business Association** (AGBA) is hosting a Farm-to-Table event on Thursday, March 28, beginning at 6 p.m. for members and 7 p.m. for the general public.

In a press release, AGBA said the goal is to offer its membership of approximately 100 businesses, in and serving East Haliburton Highlands, as well as the public at large, 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 for the upcoming season by coming to the Lloyd Watson Centre with food

samples, order forms, brochures or flyers, business cards, or anything else they might have to show and promote their business," AGBA said

Registration packages are available at discover.agba@gmail.com. The deadline for registration is March 15.

AGBA said it wants to help with deliveries, too, and is offering its monthly meetings from September to June as drop-off points.

Meetings take place at various locations throughout the municipality and can be checked on the website agba.ca.

"Whether you are a producer or a consumer, won't you join us for this unique opportunity to discover, experience, and showcase our wonderful local foods?" the release added.

For further information, contact Ann Corrigan, Harcourt Park Marina, harcourtparkmarina@gmail. com or Barbara Kraus, Tamarack Lodge, info@tamaracklodge.ca



The Algonquin Gateway Business Association is hosting a Farm-to-Table event on Thursday, March 28, from 6 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. ARK-photography

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Time to Change your Clocks and the Batteries in all Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Clocks will fall back one hour at 2am on Sunday, March 10 and the Minden Hills Fire Department is recommending residents install new batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms when they change their clocks.

Fire Chief, Mike Bekking wants to remind you that "In order for smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to do their job, they need to have working batteries," "Once a year, old batteries should be replaced with new batteries. When you change your clocks on Sunday, March 10, Minden Hills Fire Department wants everyone to take the time to install new batteries in all alarms.

In order to survive a fire, you need to be provided with an early waming and know what to do when the smoke alarms sound. Working smoke alarms are required on every story of the home and outside all sleeping areas. For added protection, it is recommended to also install smoke alarms inside all bedrooms

Carbon monoxide alarms must be installed outside all sleeping areas if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage

Tampering with or removing the batteries from your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms is against the law. Failure to comply with the Fire Code can result in a ticket for \$360 or a fine of up to

Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park Area Public Information and Discussion Session

The public is invited to an Information and Discussion Session rding the Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands Provincial Park area, or March 13, 2019 at the S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Room #3 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Council Meetings

Public Welcome

Meetings are held in the Minden Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street

Mar 14 - COTW Meeting Mar 28 - Regular Meeting of Council

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

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

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Jan 5 to Mar 23 AJG Collection I

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

Apr 4 to May 25

Opening reception & panel discussion April 5 4:30 PM to 6 PM 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 Tremeer

Mar 27 to Jul 6

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 7 PM at the AJG

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Recreation Programs

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Notice - 2019 Budget Deliberations

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will commence the 3rd Round of its 2019 Budget deliberations during its Committee of the Whole Meeting scheduled for March 14, 2019

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

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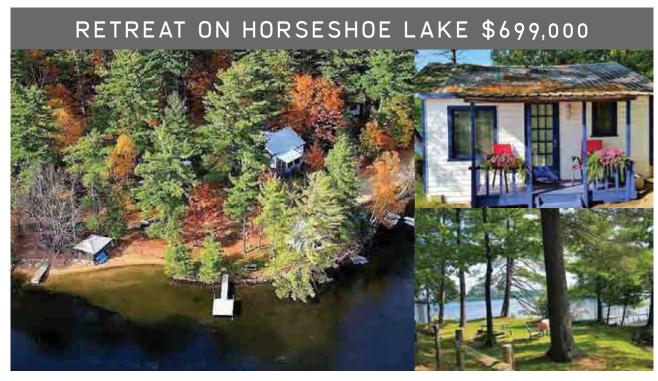
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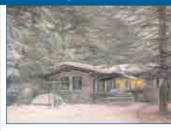
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Highland Storm





Midgets take stranglehold on series

The **Highlander/Ed Smolen Family Dentistry** Midgets are up 2-0 in the semi-finals against the Bancroft Jets.

The series began March 2 in Bancroft with the Storm battling for a 5-4 win.

It was a slow start for the Storm, allowing the Jets to get on the scoreboard. Minutes later, Dollo fed Gilbert and he pushed hard with enormous drive and top cornered the tying goal. Shortly after, the Storm capitalized on a power play. Give-and-go action led to Walker's stick and he patiently waited to find the opening and made it a 2-1 game.

The momentum picked up in the second period, however it was the Jets that got a lucky break and tied it. The Storm exploded into action and answered

back with two goals. Haedicke rushed in and fought for puck control behind the net and snapped a pass to Smith waiting in front to capture the goal. Seconds later, Haedicke stole the puck for a breakaway and backhanded past the goalie, making it a 4-2 game. End-to-end action continued. Late in the second, the Jets narrowed it to 4-3.

The third period was intense. Both teams worked tremendously hard. Late in the period, the Jets pulled their goalie and Haedicke scored the empty-netter, making it 5-3. The Jets kept the pressure on and closed the gap to 5-4 with just seconds left in the game.

The next day, the head-to-head action was played in Haliburton and the midgets came from behind to win 5-4. The Storm warmed up in the first period, letting the Jets take the lead. Late in the first, Smith headed into the Jets end and snapped in the first goal, unassisted.

The second period was tough for the Storm as the Jets dominated and fired in two quick goals to make it a 3-1

Storm rep league

game. Later, the Storm took advantage on a power play. Gilbert scored with help from Walker and Clements, ending the period 3-2 for the Jets.

The Jets made it 4-2 early in the third, during a three-on-five power play. It was then that the Storm turned up the heat with determination and drive. The Storm fought hard for puck control. Gilbert was in the right place to snap in a pass from Smith and make it a 4-3 game half way through the third period. A few minutes later, the Storm continued to pressure the Jets. Give-and-go action led to Smith tying things, helped from MacNaull and Walker. The Storm, still in gear, saw Walker tip a pass to Haedicke. He pushed for the breakaway and expertly top cornered the go-ahead goal. It was intense action the last couple of minutes while the Storm killed off a penalty to capture the 5-4 win. (Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke)



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Novice 3 Stars

Carter Braun



Carter continues improving and working at mastering his craft as a goaltender. Using excellent technique and agility, Carter demonstrates every game he is very tough to beat. Great job Carter.

Matthew Scheffee



Matthew demonstrates a strong work ethic every shift. His tenacity on the forecheck and the backcheck helps his team get, and maintain, possession of the puck. Congratulations Matthew.

Isaac Trotter



Isaac plays with high intensity and is the ultimate energy player. A centreman who is always on the right side of the puck, Isaac is a very important player on this year's novice team. Well done Isaac.

Photos by Tim Tofflemire

Peewee season comes to end

On March 1, the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/ Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewee A's travelled to Frontenac to face the Flyers in game one of the semi-finals. It was a close game, however the Storm lost 11-3. Goals were scored by Beckam Reynolds and Addison St. Cyr.

On Saturday, game two was close until the third period. The Storm lost 7-2. Goals were scored by Austin Boylan and St. Cyr.

On Sunday, the peewees hosted the Flyers in game three. The first period started with a goal by Boylan, followed by a goal by Frontenac. With two minutes left, Mak Prentice scored, followed by another goal by the Flyers. It was 2-2 going into the second.

St. Cyr scored in the second and it was 3-2 going into the third.

The third was all Frontenac. They scored four goals and the final was 6-3. The loss brings the peewee season to an end. (Submitted by Amber Card)

Novice lose hard-fought games

The Haliburton TimberMart/Haliburton Hockey Haven Sports Camp Novice played their first two semifinal games against the Sturgeon Lake Thunder on the weekend.

Storm rep reports

Saturday, the teams battled in Minden in an intense, high-paced match. The Thunder allowed few shooting opportunities but stole two goals, resulting in a 2-0 loss for the Storm. Goalie Carter Braun played an incredible game.

On Sunday, the novices travelled to Fenelon Falls. Again, the teams demonstrated ferocity and the desire to win with speed and aggressive checking. The Thunder scored two goals in the second before Luke Gruppe got one for the Storm, assisted by Evan Perrott and Easton Burk. The Thunder scored two more goals in the third. The Storm lost 4-1.

See the novices in action against the Thunder this Thursday at 6 p.m. in Haliburton. (Submitted by Sara Gruppe)

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Midgets drop three to end season

Hard work this season awarded the Midgets an invitation to the A division group in this past weekend's playoffs. First up were the South Muskoka Bears.

Muskoka got on the board midway through the first. Brenden Newhook tied the game, working with Sam Hoenow on a nice passing play. Nate Miscio was rock solid, making some exceptional saves. Muskoka regained the lead on a backhand and quickly made it 3-1. Jake Sisson scored on a laser bar down wrist shot from the blue line taking advantage of a two-man power play. The Storm had another opportunity on the power play late in the third but were unable to score, falling 3-2.

The Storm's second game was against rival Huntsville. The Otters scored 30 seconds in and continued to keep the Storm pinned in their own end for the first four minutes. The Storm settled down after that and almost tied the game.

The Storm found themselves once again pinned into their own zone at the start of the second and only stellar goaltending by Miscio kept the locals down by one. The Otters persisted and were rewarded with two quick goals to jump ahead by three. Huntsville got their fourth late in the third on a sharp angle shot to seal the Storm's fate, 5-0

Game three Sunday was against the Kia South Muskoka Bears. The Bears scored first after some spectacular saves by Miscio. South Muskoka went up by a couple in the second on a short-handed goal. The Storm made it interesting in the third on a lovely passing play between Hoenow and Newhook, who set up Colin Crowe in front of the net. The Storm got a few more chances but couldn't find the back of the net and lost 2-1. (Submitted by Gord Hoenow)

Peewees end a great year

The Home Hardware peewees travelled to Parry Sound to end a great year.

The first game was against the Muskoka Bears. The Storm's Alex Hendry started the scoring assisted by Emery Bagshaw and Weston Bowker. The Bears retaliated with two goals. Nathan Harrison ended the first period with a goal assisted by Wyatt Raposo and Mikayla Sisson.

The Storm started the scoring in the second with Bowker finding the net assisted by Hendry and Spencer Bowker. The Bears scored two more taking the lead going into the third.

The Storm played a strong last period with Harrison scoring, assisted by Raposo and Sisson.

The game ended 4-4. Player of the game: Bowker. The second game was Storm on Storm. The teams battled hard and the first period was scoreless.

Canadian Tire scored three goals in the second. In the third, Home Hardware responded with Daniel Stephen scoring two unassisted goals. Player of the game: Bowker. The last game of the year was against Huntsville. The Otters started the game with a quick goal and the Storm's Bowker responded with a goal assisted by Hendry. The Otters found the Storm net with another three goals but the Storm weren't done and Hendry scored another assisted by Raposo and Bowker. Player of this game: Adam Davis. (Submitted by Marita Bagshaw)

Meanwhile, the Peewee Canadian Tire team had an amazing final tournament weekend in Parry Sound. They defeated the Almaguin Ice Devils in their first

game 5-1.

They beat the Walkers Home Hardware team 3-2 in their second game.

Then it was on to the semi-finals where they faced the South Muskoka Blakewood Construction Team. The Storm took the lead and won 5-1 to put them into the finals.

Their final game was against the Huntsville HRC. The Storm scored the first goal but Huntsville came back and tied it in the first period. The game stayed tied until the third period when Huntsville came back with two goals to win 3-1. (Submitted by Shawn Guild)

Atoms compete in Gravenhurst

The TD Canada Trust Atoms took a road trip to Gravenhurst for a weekend tournament.

In game one, they hosted the Almaguin Ice Devils. In the first, Ethan Rowe opened the scoring with a nice behind-the-net pass from Logan Reid to Tavia Harris. Tavia chipped the puck to Ethan and he found the back of the net

In the second, Carson Jones battled the puck up the boards to find Rowe who made a nice pass to Reid who sunk the puck top shelf.

Brian Robichaud showed his scrambling, net-minding skills to keep the score down. Reid was then able to break the play at centre ice and defeat both defence and score unassisted.

During the second, Rowe broke away for another beautiful top shelf goal, unassisted.

Minutes later, the passing skills of Rowe and Reid resulted in Rowe deking the goalie for his first hat trick of the season. Final score 5-3. MVP: Brian Robichaud.

In game two against South Muskoka Middaugh, Middaugh opened the scoring. But Rowe made a wicked pass to Reid who sank the puck. Final score 4-1. MVP: Logan Reid

The GJ Burtch atoms travelled to Gravenhurst to compete in the MPS-LL championship weekend.

In the first game, the Storm squared off against the Wes Finch atoms from South Muskoka. The Storm opened the scoring less than a minute in when Taylor Mulock drove the net and her resulting rebound landed in front of Isaac Borgdorff who made no mistake. Although the Storm gave up a goal halfway through the period, a minute later Eric Mueller deked their goalie and the Storm took the lead 2-1. Assisted by Jacob Davis.

South Muskoka tied the game halfway through the third, but thirty seconds later, Davis stripped the puck and buried it for the 3-2 win. MVP: Eric Mueller.

Storm local league



Travis Rowe grabs the puck behind his net against South Muskoka March. 2. Photo by Joseph Quigley

In game two, the Storm faced the Almaguin Ice Devils. Borgdorff broke away from the Almaguin defence and got the Storm on the board six minutes into the first.

The Storm found their stride in the second. Jacob Mantle got the ball rolling with an electrifying end-to-end goal, unassisted. Then, Mueller set up Olivia Gruppe, followed by Sadie Evan-Fockler assisting Mantle's second of the game.

Almaguin made it close but Layne Robinson scored from Mulock and Borgdorff. Robinson scored again, assisted by Davis and Mulock. Then, Robinson scored again, completing the natural hat trick in 2:25. Assists to Gruppe and Davis. Davis scored a minute later from Mulock and Mueller. Final score: 8-3. MVP: Robinson.

The final round-robin game was against the Storm TD atoms. GJ Burtch won 9-2. MVP: Olivia Gruppe.

At the end of the round-robin, GJ Burtch were in first place in the B pool. They faced Huntsville McDonald's in the B final. The game went to double overtime with Huntsville scoring to win 3-2. MVP: Jack Lloyd

Next up the team travels to Cambridge to compete in the Ayr hockey challenge on March 22-24. (Submitted by Chris McMartin and Jamie Lloyd)





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Highlander sports



COSSA gold for Red Hawks boys curling team

By Lisa Gervais

The Red Hawks boys curling team are COSSA champions.

The foursome of skip Dustin McCready-DeBruin, vice Jacob Dobson, second Liam Little and newcomer, lead Corin Gervais, brought home gold from Stirling on Monday.

Coach Darrell Dobson said there were four teams competing in a round-robin competition. He said the Haliburton boys went undefeated, going 3-0 in the competition.

The boys won the first game against Belleville 7-3. Belleville conceded in the eighth end when they ran out of rocks, making the Red Hawks victory inevitable.

In game two against Kawartha rivals Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School (TASS) from Peterborough, TASS conceded after seven ends 9-2.

In the final game, the Red Hawks boys were ahead 11-3 after six ends when opponents East Northumberland conceded.

"The Red Hawks boys savoured winning the COSSA championship a little more because three of the four team members were Red Hawks curlers last year when the team fell just short of the championship by one point in the tie breaker shootout," Dobson said.

"This year, there was no need for a tie breaker as the Red Hawks were the only undefeated team in the competition."

The Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association Championships be held March 20-22 in North Bay.

The team consists of skip Dustin McCready-DeBruin, vice Jacob Dobson, second Liam Little and newcomer, lead Corin Gervais. The boys are coached by Hugh Nicholl, Russ Duhaime and Darrell Dobson. *Photo by Darrell Dobson.*



Red Hawks hockey earns COSSA silver, loses final 1-0

By Joseph Quigley

The Red Hawks hockey team playoff run and season came to an end as they fell in the regional final 1-0 March 4.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School boys team competed at the Central Ontario Secondary Schools Association (COSSA) tournament in Cobourg for a chance to play provincials. After a 2-0 win over Central Hastings Secondary School in the semis, the team was unable to score in a shutout loss to St. Mary's Catholic Secondary School.

After finishing with COSSA silver, head coach Jason Morissette said his team played excellently against tough competition.

"Play from them was not any underperformance," he said. "If we'd gotten a few more fellas to capitalize on some of the goalscoring and finish, the outcome could be different."

Morissette said the team had strong goaltending and defensive play – letting in only one goal during COSSA. But they struggled to generate offence, which has been an issue for the team this season.

Although the team had two breakaway

opportunities in the final game, Morissette said they could not convert and their opponents had strong goaltending.

"St. Mary's is an excellent hockey team," he said. "We tried to battle back and change things up. We just didn't capitalize on our chances."

The team qualified for COSSA with an 8-0 win over Holy Cross in the Kawartha Championships semifinals March 1. They narrowly lost the chance to host COSSA after falling to St. Mary's 2-1 in that tournament's final.

Morissette said it is no small feat to make it to the COSSA final.

"People don't really realize, it's rare," he said. "It's hard to win because a lot of people play hockey. So they (the team) are proud of that and we are such a small school."

He said the team has been great to work with and the coaching staff is proud of what the players accomplished.

"They've been really good citizens with the school and even with the refs," Morissette said. "They're some really good hockey players and some really good young



The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks hockey team earned silver at the Central Ontario Schools Association tournament in Cobourg March. 4. *Photo by Jason Morissette*.

Highlander sports



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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

- 1. File No. PLSRA2018023: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Registered Plan No. 1, Violet Street (Closed), Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 10, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10201, registered January 14, 2019.
- 2. **File No. PLSRA2018024:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 11, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10201, registered January 14, 2019.
- 3. **File No. PLSRA2018025:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 12, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10201, registered January 14, 2019.
- 4. File No. PLSRA2018026: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 7 & 8, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 13, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10201, registered January 14, 2019.
- 5. File No. PLSRA2018035: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 20, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 2 & 3, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10177, registered November 20, 2018.
- 6. **File No. PLSRA2018070:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 22, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10199, registered January 14, 2019.
- 7. **File No. PLSRA2018071:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 11, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10164, registered September 28, 2018.
- 8. File No. PLSRA2018075: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 19 & 20, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10200, registered January 14, 2019.

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned at 705-286-1260 (x206) or by e-mail at iclendening@mindenhills.ca.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at the hour of 9:00 AM At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on Thursday, March 28, 2019.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this March 7, 2019. Ian Clendening, MPl., Planner

Highlander sports







Lassies compete in Highland Bonspiel

Top: Roberta Lauzon (left) and Sue Dubois from Stroud, dressed up as nuns, sweep a stone at the Highland Lassie Bonspiel March 2. The tournament featured nine out-of-town teams, along with seven from Haliburton. Top right: Donna Scott skates a stone forward. Bottom: Sandy Ambridge (left) and Deb Morrissette of the Haliburton Haliboos sweep a stone down the rink. *Photos by Joseph Quigley*

Athletes prove you're never too old to compete

By Joseph Quigley

Haliburton's elderly athletes took to the ice, courts and slopes to compete at the Ontario 55+ Winter Games March 5-7.

The Ontario Senior Games Association biennial event hosted in Huntsville offers a chance for older people across the province to participate in 10 different sports. They include hockey, skiing, curling and volleyball.

Mary Johnson is the District 11 co-ordinator, comprising Haliburton, Minden, Kinmount, Bracebridge, Gravenhurst and Huntsville. The Haliburton native said the games are important for keeping older people active.

"In our area alone, we have a vast range of people. We have people in their 90s that have been participating. It keeps them active physically or mentally," Johnson said. "They can socialize and meet new people who are interested in the same things."

The event is comprised of 36 geographic districts and approximately 1,000 participants, according to District 11 media relations person Bev Kerr.

Local participants included Haliburton's Barbara Ablett in alpine skiing and two men's hockey teams from Haliburton and Minden, one 55 plus and the other 65 plus.

District 11 hockey team representative Larry Molyneaux said the teams are made up of players from the local old-timers league. He said the event is an opportunity to play the sport they love competitively.

"Getting together, getting some exercise and meeting other people that are playing hockey," Molyneaux said. "Making some new friendships."

"Our main thing is to be out there, be competitive, have some fun, and make sure nobody gets injured," he added.

The results from the games were not available at press time.

Johnson is competing in bridge. She said the competition can be fierce.



Members of the District 11 Ontario 55+ Winter Games team participate in the opening ceremony March 5. The group features two hockey teams from Haliburton and Minden, as well as Haliburton skier Barbara Ablett and bridge player Mary Johnson. *Photo by Bev Kerr*

"Seniors like to win but it's totally under control," Johnson said. "Nobody gets upset that they don't win. They don't slack off either."

However, Kerr said social experience is an important part of the event.

"Winning isn't the sole purpose. It's about meeting people from across Ontario, to get out, exercise and have fun," Kerr said. "Winning is satisfying, but it's the entire experience of socializing with other athletes."

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Employment Opportunity Casual Part Time Operator

The Community Services Department is accepting resumes for a Casual PT Operator.

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Employment Opportunity Students Heritage Interpreters

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Duties include: supporting and assisting the Cultural Centre Curator, enacting time period activities and delivering children's programming.

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Employment Opportunity 1 FULL-TIME OPERATOR Stanhope Yard

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is looking for 1 Full-Time Operator with heavy equipment experience to assist with all aspects of municipal road maintenance and construction. The ideal candidate will be physically fit as manual labour is an important part of the job.

The successful applicant must have a Class AZ driver's license with a clean driving abstract along with a proven ability to operate heavy equipment such as motor grader, tandem dump with plow/sander and loader/backhoe. Certification in Traffic Control, WHMIS and Chainsaw are preferred.

Employees are required to be energetic, cooperative, customer service oriented individuals who take pride in their work and have a demonstrated ability to work effectively both independently and with a crew. Dependability is a MUST as is the availability to work outside of regular hours including weekends and evenings.

A detailed job description is available online at www.algonquinhighlands.ca or upon request.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands offers a friendly and busy work environment. Interested parties are invited to submit their resumés to the address below no later than 3:00 p.m. on March 21, 2019.

Township of Algonquin Highlands.

1123 North Shore Rd. Algonquin Highlands ON K0M 1J1
ATT: Mr. Adam Thorn - Operations Manager
Email: athorn@algonquinhighlands.ca

We thank all applicants and advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

This personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act and will be used to determine eligibility for potential employment.



Employment Opportunity 2 SEASONAL OPERATOR

1- Stanhope Yard & 1 - Dorset Yard
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Township of Algonquin Highlands requires a AIRPORT COORDINATOR

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Adam Thorn, Operations Manager

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Minimum Qualifications:

- Grade 12.
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Building Inspector/Municipal Law Enforcement Officer Township of Minden Hills

7 Milne St., PO Box 359, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

Attention: Colin McKnight, CBO/MLEO/Planning Supervisor Email: sprentice@mindenhills.ca

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OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of

Lavern Harry Cowan

Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Sunday, March 3, 2019, at the age of 88.

Beloved husband of the late Mary (nee Corby) (2018). Dear father of Linda Kernohan, Judy Davis, Craig Cowan and his wife Nancy, father-inlaw of Ken (deceased) and Lonnie. Loving Poppy to Gregory, Stacey, Clay

(Vanessa), Gaten (Danielle), Vanessa (Taylor), Callie, Katelin, Tanner, and great grandpa of Devyn, Meghan, Owen, Lauren, Adelaide, Alannah and Lennon. Dear brother of Mervin, Doreen and Ferne. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Thursday from 5:00 until 7:00 pm and then of Friday, March 8, 2019 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Service to Celebrate Lavern's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Spring Interment at Twelve Mile Lake Cemeterv.

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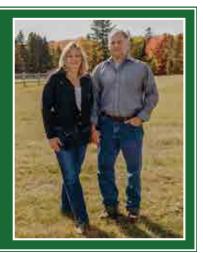
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- 7 Lifts one's skirt, in a way
- 11 Letters on a bow
- 14 Steamy, as a romance
- 15 "Edith, you're ____, ya know that?" (Archie Bunker compliment)
- 16 "You've got mail" ISP
- 17 Love goddess sculpture discovered in Greece
- 19 Start of the XVIth century
- 20 Be lovey-dovey, in London
- 21 Interrupted, as one's sleep
- 23 Bed sheet with eyeholes, perhaps
- 26 Blind brother in an Elton John hit
- 29 At no time, poetically
- 30 Windshield washer's tools
- 34 They give marching orders:
- 37 "There's the door!"
- 38 Sinuous, bloodsucking
- "The Raven" poet's monogram
- **42** Religious offshoot
- 44 Able to read body traits, as a scanner
- 46 Kasparov's castle
- 49 Highest Greek peak
- 50 Comfy sack to sit in
- 55 Dash past in a dash
- 56 Corp. coffer execs
- **60** Don't just wonder about
- **61** Top worn by a proud "guns" owner
- 64 "The Science Guy" Bill
- 65 Lit. compilation
- 66 "Burnt" Crayola colour
- **67** Hardtop before it's hard
- 68 Donation seeker's mailed
- 69 Disney's Yeller, for one

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- 1 Off-road wheels, briefly
- 2 Either "Fargo" co-director
- 3 River through Pisa
- 4 Substance abuser, slangily

- 17 19 55 60 63
 - for Innocent" (Sue Grafton novel)

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- 6 Put two and two together
- 7 ___ up (overdo the part)
- 8 Certain Protestant: Abbr.
- 9 Berle of old TV
- 10 Wedding day acquisition
- 11 Square fare at Wendy's
- 12 Surfer's accessory
- 13 Playground favourite
- 18 Broadbent and Fast
- 22 Postie's paths: Abbr.
- 24 "Follow closely, Fido"
- 25 Eldest of Chekhov's "Three
- **26** Honours for RAF pilots
- 27 "Water" prefix with duct
- 28 It becomes a prince in a Tchaikovsky ballet
- 31 Ambassador's bldg.
- 32 Prefix with -logue or -taph
- 33 "No seats left," on B'way
- 35 Mai ___ (rum drinks)
- 36 Sheltie's shelter, for short
- 39 Thompson of "Howards End"

- 40 Sasquatch of Tibet
- 43 Dial ___ (cell phone's lack)
- 45 Set ablaze, arson-style
- 47 White House residents, 2009-2017
- 48 Hawaiian loan word for honcho
- 50 Northern goose
- 51 Basket Weaving 101, say
- 52 Heroic exploits
- **53** B.C.'s Creek, once a hidden fur trading depot
- 54 "Good" cholesterol
- 57 Have a successful hunt
- 58 "It's either yes
- **59** He might be in a rut
- 62 "___ Beso" (Anka's "That Kiss!)
- 63 Start to please, in Paris?

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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., Mapleview Apartments.

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

Friday March 8

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.

Sunday March 10

9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Royal Canadian

Legion branch 129, Haliburton, Ladies Auxiliary Sunday Breakfast. Eggs or pancakes, bacon or sausage, hash browns, toast, orange juice, tea/coffee, \$6.00 per person. (every 2nd Sunday of the month)

11 a.m – 1 p.m. – FREE public skating, courtesy of Minden Subaru, at AJ LaRue Arena, Haliburton. Everyone welcome!

Monday March 11

10:10 a.m. – Egg-xplosive FamilyStorytime at Minden Library branch.

1 p.m. – Mini Makers for ages 5+ at Minden Library branch. Drop-in (free) and tinker with us!

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 light exercise with OT Kestrel Woodley. Call 705-457-2941 x 2922 for more info.

Tuesday March 12

10:10 a.m. – Egg-xplosive Family Storytime at Dysart Library branch.

1 p.m. – Mini Makers for ages 5+ at Dysart Library branch. Drop-in (free) and tinker with us!

7:30 p.m. – EH! Enviro-Café at Haliburton United Church, 10 George St., Haliburton. Topic: How to protest inaction on climate change. Admission by donation. For more info contact Eric Lilius at 705-754-9873

Wednesday March 13

10:10 a.m. – Magical Unicorn Family Storytime at Minden Library branch.

1 p.m. – Mini Makers for ages 5+ at Minden Library branch. Drop-in (free) and tinker with us!

7 – 9 p.m. – "Trumping the Media: the two sides of fake news, from Davis to Ford", part of the Yours Outdoors Speaker Series, Telling Our Stories.

Veteran CBC/Global TV commentator Robert Fisher offers a frank and refreshing view of Ontario provincial politics from the vantage point of almost five decades of political reporting. Takes place at the HHOA Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert Rd. Haliburton. Admission \$10/person.

Thursday March 14

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 knitting club, colouring, board games, coffee & conversation, pool, light exercise with OT Kestrel Woodley. Call 705-457-2941 x 2922 for more info.

10:10 a.m. – Magical Unicorn Family Storytime at Dysart Library branch.

1 p.m. – Mini Makers for ages 5+ at Dysart Library branch. Drop-in (free) and tinker with us!

Friday March 15

9 a.m. – noon – Social Recreation Program for Seniors, Free drop-in, at Highland Hills United Church, 21 Newcastle St. Join us for walking club, colouring, Tech Time & Makers Space, coffee & conversation. Call 705-457-2941 x 2922 for more info.

Saturday March 16

10 a.m. – noon – Reptiles Road show!! The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust presents the knowledgeable folks from Scales Nature Park with their highly acclaimed outreach program, with a selection of snakes and turtles for us to see, touch, and learn about. Advance tickets required. haliburtonlandtrust.ca or 705-457-3700.

4 – 9 p.m. – St. Patrick's Day Dinner/ Dance fundraiser, featuring The Highland Trio, at the Haliburton Legion. Food, music, silent auction, cash bar and much more, all proceeds go toward improving accessibility at the Haliburton Legion. Tickets \$20/person.

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;
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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
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What's on

Veteran journalist to discuss 'fake news' at hatchery

By Lisa Gervais

He covered Queen's Park for almost five decades, scrutinizing Progressive Conservative, NDP and Liberal governments. In all that time, he's never seen the media treated the way it is under the Doug Ford PC government.

Journalist Robert Fisher is speaking at the HHOA Fish Hatchery next Wednesday, March 13 as part of the Yours Outdoors Speakers Series. Fisher is now retired after a career with CBC, Global TV and freelancing.

He discussed how the term "fake news" has only been used once by the current provincial government. It was uttered by Lisa Macleod, Ontario's Children, Community and Social Services Minister, talking with the media after Question Period at the Ontario Legislature in Toronto on Thursday.

Ontario minister Lisa MacLeod called reports that she admitted to breaking a campaign promise over the basic income pilot project "fake news" in the fall.

Fisher said she apologized for the comment within a few days.

The term is widely used by US President Donald Trump to attack his media critics.

Fisher said there are "so many parallels to the way Mr. Trump operates but when you broach that subject with people in the current government, you get 'oh, no, no, there's no similarities."

He started covering the Legislature in 1981 and "I don't think the attitude towards the media has ever been the same in any of the government that preceded Mr. Ford. Not everything I did sat very nicely necessarily with Mr. Davis [Ontario Premier Bill] and his government, and David Peterson, Dalton

McGuinty and Kathleen Wynne and I had our moments. It's nothing you're ever called on the carpet about. There weren't nasty remarks about the media," the veteran journalist said.

He added that Ford is the first premier he's known who isn't concerned about getting good media. "He could care less." However, he said that is because Ford has his own media propaganda machine in Ontario News Now. "It's produced in such a way that it looks like real news ... the real capper is taxpayers in Ontario are paying for this stuff."

Fisher said he was still working on his speech but would talk about the premiers that he has covered "and to explore the issue of fake news and where the media is today."

His advice for journalists is to do their research and always strive to be tough but fair. As for voters, he tells them to get their news from various sources; become engaged; attend all-candidates meetings and, above all, vote.

Despite travelling the province by bus and plane to cover provincial elections, this will be Fisher's first trip to Haliburton.

Yours Outdoors asssociate, Sean Pennylegion tracked him down and asked him to speak.

"I guess I wanted to see if I could draw a crowd after four years of retirement," Fisher joked. "As long as they don't throw buns at me."

"Trumping the Media: The Two Sides of Fake News from Davis to Ford" is Wednesday, March 13, 7-9 p.m. at the HHOA Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert Rd., Haliburton. Admission is \$10. For further information, contact yoursoutdoors.ca



Robert Fisher will be speaking about "Trumping the Media: The Two Sides of Fake News from Davis to Ford" at the HHOA Fish Hatchery in Haliburton on Wednesday, March 13. *Photo courtesy of Roger Sands Arranel Studios*.





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