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# WEEKENDER

## THE SPEAKER'S WEEKEND EDITION



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# Two charged OPP make arrests in death of Haileybury man

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Staff)—The Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Crime Unit has charged two Cobalt men in connection with the death of a 21-year-old Haileybury man.

Police say on April 15, they were notified of human remains located in Coleman Township.

A post mortem was later conducted by the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service (OFPS) in Ottawa and the remains were identified as those of Nicholas Rivard of Haileybury. He was reported to have last been seen in Cobalt March 24.

No cause of death has been released.

The investigation is being conducted by members of the Temiskaming OPP Crime Unit under the direction of Detective Staff Sergeant Kurtis Frederik, OPP Criminal Investigation Branch.

Both men, one aged 50 and the other 28, are charged with:

- Manslaughter, contrary to section 236 (b) of the Criminal Code (CC)
- Indignity to a dead body, contrary to section 182(b) of the CC
- Causing death by criminal negligence, contrary to section 220(b) of the CC
- Trafficking schedule 1 substance - opioid, contrary to section 5(1) of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

The younger male had an additional charge of fail to comply with probation (two counts), contrary to section 733(1) of the CC.

Both were scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Haileybury on May 15.



## WALKIN' IN THE RAIN

To paraphrase a popular saying, neither rain nor snow nor flooding could keep dedicated participants from the Centre de santé communautaire du Témiskaming's community walk. But high water did shorten the route for the 15th annual event May 9 in New Liskeard, cutting off access to most of the New Liskeard boardwalk. Instead, some two dozen walkers made the trek around the New Liskeard marina before a chili lunch at Riverside Place. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

## DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our May 15 edition...

- The City of Temiskaming Shores has been flooded with concern over the recent high water levels prompting a state of emergency declaration.
- Over half a million dollars has been directed towards finishing the Chalet and the creation of a South Temiskaming Outdoor Recreation and Events Centre at the Tri-Town Ski and Snowboard Village.
- The Village of Thornloe is thankful there will be a new light installed at a Highway 11 intersection.
- Landfill options got a whole lot easier for the City of Temiskaming Shores recently.
- The property standards committee in Cobalt may be revived after a recent council discussion.
- They ran, they jumped and they smiled during the annual Gord Zubycck Memorial Relay Meet held May 9.
- The Hudson Township arena continues to see improvements from the fundraising efforts of the annual Dawson Jibb 3-on-3 Memorial Hockey Tournament.
- How much do you think District School Board Ontario North East schools have raised for the Terry Fox Run?
- Who were the winners? Our C-front this week has a story and photos on the Temiskaming Shores and Area Chamber of Commerce annual dinner and awards event recipients.



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# CITY BULLETIN



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**STATO OPENS MAY 18TH, 2019  
(Weather Permitting)**

Please refrain from using the STATO System until it is officially open which is symbolized by the addition of the white bollards on Lakeshore Road.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

**Temiskaming Shores Public Library**

**Spring Session Preschool Storytime at both branches  
Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

New Liskeard Branch: May 15  
Haileybury Branch: May 8 and 22  
All preschoolers accompanied by an adult are invited to join us for this fun filled, active and exciting introduction to early literacy and the wonders of the library. For more information please contact us at 705-647-4215 or 705-672-3707

**TechSocial at the New Liskeard Branch**

The NEOnet TechSocial program aims to reduce social isolation in older adults through the use of technology. Learn to use your Apple and Android devices!

**Workshop sessions are as follows:**

Friday, May 10 at 1:00 pm - Default Applications  
Friday, May 17 at 1:00 pm - Entertainment  
Friday, May 24 at 1:00 pm - Social Media  
Friday, May 31 at 1:00 pm - Lifestyle apps  
Call the New Liskeard Branch at 705-647-4215 to register!

**Meet the Author at both Branches of the Library**

Author BC Mitchell will be joined by Ojibwa Elder Mary Laronde for a reading and conversation about the issues raised in his book "Obliteration." Set in Northern Ontario in the fictional town of Matamiskamin, the novel explores the ignorance, racism and violence that can occur in rural villages and threaten the most vulnerable.  
New Liskeard Branch:  
Saturday, May 11 at 11:00 a.m.

**Gadget Helper at Both Branches of the Library**

Need help learning to use your tablet, laptop, cell phone, or other electronic device? Just have a few questions? Book a FREE 45-minute one-on-one session with Gadget Helper! Sessions are on Thursdays at the New Liskeard or Haileybury branch of the library. To make your appointment, call: New Liskeard: 705-647 4215, Haileybury: 705-672-3707

**PebbleGo Animals, Science and Dinosaurs**

The award-winning PebbleGo Animals, Science and Dinosaurs databases from Capstone Digital Publishers offers information on hundreds of animals, science subjects and dinosaurs. Designed specifically for K-3 emergent readers, PebbleGo databases include activities, videos, pictures, lesson plans and articles on each subject. To access, click the E-Resources tab on the library's website and scroll down to the PebbleGo logo. Have your 14 digit library card ready to log in and enjoy this fun resource for kids!

**TumbleBookLibrary Online**

TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of ebooks for children in grades K-6. Existing children's books are animated using the existing illustrations and adding audio narration. The collection includes old time favorites such as The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch, Diary of a Worm, How I Became a Pirate, Miss Malarkey Doesn't Live in Room 10, One Duck Stuck, as well as favourite fairy tales such as Jack and the Beanstalk and Old Mother Hubbard. To access, click the E-Resources tab on the library's website and scroll down to the TumbleBookLibrary information. Have your 14 digit library card ready to log in and enjoy this fun resource for kids!

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RB Digital Magazines gives you access to current issues of popular magazines to read on your computer, tablet, or smartphone. RB Digital at the Temiskaming Shores Public Library provides free, full-text digital access to over 50 titles of magazines, including such popular titles as Canadian Living, Cosmopolitan, Elle Canada, GQ, Men's Health, National Geographic, OK Magazine, Our Canada, Reader's Digest Canada, Quilting Arts, Zoomer and many more. Try it today at <https://www.rbdigital.com/canada50on/service/magazines/> or on the library's website! Have your 14 digit library card ready to log in and enjoy this great resource!

**Mango Languages Online**

Mango Languages is a FREE online language-learning system that teaches actual conversation skills for over 50 different languages. With helpful feedback, you can learn at your pace, wherever you are. A smartphone, tablet, or home computer all make a great platform for Mango Languages. Check it out at <http://connect.mangolanguages.com/temisklibrary/start> or on the library's website. Have your 14 digit library card ready to log in and enjoy this great resource!

**OverDrive Ebooks and Audiobooks**

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To register or for more information about any of the Library's programs, call 705-647-4215 or 705-672-3707, see our facebook page, email [NewLiskeard@temisklibrary.com](mailto:NewLiskeard@temisklibrary.com) or [Haileybury@temisklibrary.com](mailto:Haileybury@temisklibrary.com), visit our website at [www.temisklibrary.com](http://www.temisklibrary.com), or visit your Library Branch!

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

**ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2019 - 10:30 A.M.**

Timiskaming Health Unit, 247 Whitewood Avenue, Unit 43, New Liskeard

**POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

**Monday, May 13, 2019 - 1:00 P.M.**

City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2019 - 8:30 A.M.**

City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury

**BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2019 - 10:30 A.M.**

City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury

**SPECIAL COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.**

City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury

**LIBRARY BOARD**

**Wednesday, May 15, 2019 - 7:00 P.M.**

Temiskaming Shores Public Library, New Liskeard Branch, 50 Whitewood Avenue, New Liskeard

**Application for Zoning By-law Amendment  
Notice of Complete Application  
And Notice of Statutory Public Hearing**

Under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.P.13

The City of Temiskaming Shores has received the following application to amend the City of Temiskaming Shores Zoning By-law:

**File #:** ZBA-2019-01  
**Agent:** CGV Builders  
**Owner:** Temiskaming Shores Seniors Housing Corporation  
**Property:** Dymond Concession 3, North Part of Lot 9, RP 54R-6021 Parts 3 and 4

**A public hearing** will be held to consider the Zoning By-law Amendment application:

**Date:** Tuesday, May 14, 2019  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Council Chambers at City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury

**The application proposes to rezone the subject land from Highway Commercial (C2) to Apartment Residential (R4) to permit the construction of a 68 unit residential building. The proposed building is single-storey. 90 on-site parking spaces are proposed to be provided. Additional site-specific exceptions may be required.**

The property is designated Mixed Use Areas in the City of Temiskaming Shores Official Plan.



**For more information** about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned.

**Dated** this 24th day of April, 2019.

Jennifer Pye, MCIP, RPP  
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[jpye@temiskamingshores.ca](mailto:jpye@temiskamingshores.ca)

**NOTICE**

Amnesty Week will take place at the Haileybury Landfill site from **Tuesday, May 14, 2019 to Saturday, May 18, 2019** from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- The Amnesty Program has the following restrictions/conditions:
1. Applicable to residents of Temiskaming Shores, and is not applicable for Industrial – Commercial or Institutional (ICI) entities;
  2. Deposit up to a maximum of two (2) cubic yards of waste equivalent to a ½ ton truck load per amnesty week;
  3. Tipping Fees remain applicable for Category 9 Items – Contaminated Waste;
  4. Surcharge fee of \$75.00 remains applicable for ozone depleting or Freon containing waste.

**NOTICE**

**WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE**

Please be notified that the Environmental Crews of the Public Works Department will be carrying out maintenance programs, flushing and testing of fire hydrants throughout the municipal water distribution systems. The work may cause some discoloration in the water; however the effect should be minimal. If a coloured water problem is encountered in your water service line, flushing the service by letting the water run for a period of time should cure the problem. If the coloured water persists, please contact the Public Works Department for assistance at 705.647.6220.

**This program will commence the week of May 21, 2019 and will continue throughout the City for approximately 6 weeks.**

Thank you for your co-operation as Environmental Crews of the Public Works Department carry out this important maintenance activity.  
*Public Works Department*

**DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS GOODS**

The following items have been declared surplus and are available for sale

**NOTE: ALL ITEMS ARE CONSIDERED NON CERTIFIED AND/OR NON OPERABLE, AS IS, WHERE IS, NO WARRANTIES IMPLIED NOR GIVEN**

**DESCRIPTION**

- 1 1989 Pumper on a Ford C8000 Cab and Chassis
- 2 2001 Tanker on an International 405 Cab and Chassis

The City of Temiskaming Shores will be utilizing GovDeals to dispose of its surplus assets. If you are interested in acquiring any of the above noted assets please follow the link below to access the GovDeals.ca website.

<http://www.govdeals.ca/temiskamingshoreson>

The link to the bid page on GovDeals.ca can also be found on the City's website: [www.temiskamingshores.ca](http://www.temiskamingshores.ca).

Bidding will be open until **Friday, May 10, 2019 at 2:00p.m.**

If you have any questions about the bidding process, please contact Laura-Lee MacLeod, Treasurer at (705) 672-3363 ext. 4121.

**New Liskeard Non-Profit Housing Corporation  
Two Volunteer Positions available**

New Liskeard Non-Profit Housing Corporation is a private non-profit seniors housing provider whose business is the management of subsidized and market rental housing governed by a volunteer Board of Directors that meets monthly. The Board is responsible for directing and monitoring the business of the Corporation. Ideal qualities of a board member are:

- Community minded and interested in ensuring safe & affordable housing for local older adults to age in place
- Current or past experience with corporations/business
- Current or past involvement in large scale maintenance, construction projects or multi-residence building operations.

If you feel you possess any of the above qualities the board encourages you to apply by submitting a resume or biographical information to: [nlnph@ntl.sympatico.ca](mailto:nlnph@ntl.sympatico.ca)

**Full Time Arena/Parks Attendant  
Competition No. 2019-005**

The City of Temiskaming Shores is currently seeking a Full Time Arena/Parks Attendant within the Recreation Department. The Arena Parks Attendant is part of a team responsible for the operation and maintenance of municipal recreation facilities and parks. Duties will also include minor construction, grounds keeping and ice maintenance.

The successful candidate will possess the following qualifications and education:

- Minimum Grade 12 or equivalent;
- Experience in grounds keeping and minor construction;
- Ability to meet the needs of customers, communicate effectively with facility users and maintain accurate records;
- Province of Ontario Class DZ drivers license considered an asset;
- Basic Refrigeration knowledge considered an asset.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their resumes quoting **Job Competition No. 2019-005** no later than **May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019** by regular mail or email to:

Shelly Zubycck  
Director of Corporate Services  
P.O. Box 2050  
Haileybury, Ontario P0J 1K0  
[szubycck@temiskamingshores.ca](mailto:szubycck@temiskamingshores.ca)

The City of Temiskaming Shores appreciates the interest of all applicants however, only those selected for interviews will be contacted. The City of Temiskaming Shores is an equal opportunity employer that provides equality of opportunity for employment without discrimination, consistent with The Ontario Human Rights Code. The City of Temiskaming Shores is committed to providing accommodations in all parts of the hiring process. If you require accommodations, we will work with you to meet your needs.

**For More Information Call (705) 672-3363**

**Write to The City of Temiskaming Shores, P.O. Box 2050, Haileybury, ON P0J 1K0 or Visit our Website: [www.temiskamingshores.ca](http://www.temiskamingshores.ca)**

# Cobalt has “very green” sewage management

**Darlene Wroe**  
Speaker Reporter

COBALT - The Cobalt wetlands needs a new certificate of approval, and while it has some slight exceedances at times during the winter (although not this winter), the environmental engineering firm monitoring the site hopes that a closer look by

Ontario Ministry of Environment representatives will help the ministry see what an exceptional “and very green” site it is. “It is the only wetland in Canada, and potentially in the world, that treats sewage from the municipality,” said Maria Story of Story Environmental in her presentation to the council Tuesday, April 3.

“I’m not saying it’s perfect, but it really is working remarkably well,” she continued, adding that no mechanical system is perfect either. Story said the wetland was constructed in 2000. Over the years, the system has had upgrades. Since 2008 Story Environmental has been involved in working on ways to improve

the system, and among the changes have been the addition of geotube technology and aeration provided through windmills. Chemical treatment had been added to counter phosphorous coming into the wetland as well, although Story noted that recently there has been a reduction of phosphorous entering the wetland, because there is less phosphorous in modern-day detergents.

to council, because the process is “largely dependent on bacterial activity” and does not operate as efficiently when temperatures are below 5C. On an annual basis though, the site is operating well within limits, she said. Story expressed the hope that the ministry could look at the total amount of exceedances during the year.

## City refining user fees for non-residents

**Diane Johnston**  
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – The city is preparing to approve a formal policy outlining who is considered a “non-resident” when it comes to recreation charges.

Under a proposal coming to the council table next week, anyone who pays taxes in some form (with the exception of vacant land taxes) to Temiskaming Shores or who is an owner or tenant would be exempt from recreation user fees charged to non-residents.

Business owners and operators would contact the municipality to determine if the fees apply.

Fees would also be charged on a per-household basis, rather than per child.

The issue came up earlier this year as city staff and council reviewed fees for recreation services.

It was argued at that time that municipal taxpayers subsidize recreational services to varying degrees, and the non-resident fees could offset those local costs.

Public feedback at that time was loudest from boaters, who opposed a new \$200 fee for out-of-town users of slips at the New Liskeard and Haileybury

marinas. Boaters maintained that they contributed thousands of dollars each season to the city’s economy and attracted new marina users.

In the end, council backed the implementation of the fees, including the new non-resident boater charge.

Arena users too had issues with the non-resident fee structure, said recreation services director Tammie Caldwell in a report to city council May 14.

The new policy attempts to address concerns.

When it comes to arena-based programs, the policy proposes that fees be applied per household.

For example, a household that is enrolling one child in minor hockey and another in figure skating would pay one non-resident fee per year.

Under the proposed policy, the city would provide a fact

sheet on its website and at the time of registration outlining the non-resident fee and policy.

A city staffer would also be available during registration for the 2019-20 season to answer any questions.

Minor sport organizations would be required to collect the non-resident fee and forward it to the city by December 1.

Organizations subject to the fee include Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey, figure skating clubs in New Liskeard and Haileybury, and the New Liskeard Lions Midget and New Liskeard Cubs hockey clubs.

It would also apply to all programs and activities hosted by the city, including aquatic programs, minor ball and memberships at the Waterfront Pool-Fitness Centre.

Council will consider the policy and accompanying bylaw May 21.



## Early Deadlines

Due to the **Victoria Day Holiday**, the deadline for advertising in The Speaker is **Friday, May 17th at 12:00 p.m.**, for publication on Wednesday, May 22nd.

**Our office will be CLOSED**

**on Monday, May 20th.**

*Enjoy the holiday!*

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**Dave Broderick**

It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you  
The day God called you home.  
You left us beautiful memories,  
Your love is still our guide,  
And though we cannot see you,  
You are always by our side.

Love always  
Joan, Kellie & Wyatt

## Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by *Ellen Ibey*

### Healthy Blood Pressure – Know Your Number!

#### WHAT IS HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE?

High blood pressure, also known as hypertension, is a medical condition that exists when the force (or pressure) of the blood against blood vessel walls is too strong. Uncontrolled high blood pressure can lead to stroke, heart attack, congestive heart failure and kidney failure.

#### WHAT CAUSES HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE?

Many things can contribute to the development of high blood pressure – often it isn’t just one thing, but a combination. The risk of high blood pressure increases as we get older and is most common among people over 40 years of age. Smoking, genetics and certain health conditions such as obesity, diabetes or kidney disease may also increase the risk.

#### KNOW YOUR NUMBER



According to Hypertension Canada, one in five Canadian adults has high blood pressure and 20% don’t even know it because it has no symptoms. This is why it’s also called the *silent killer*. Knowing and monitoring your blood pressure, especially if it’s high, is important for staying healthy.

#### WHAT CAN YOU DO IF YOU HAVE HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (HYPERTENSION)?

Diet and lifestyle changes are powerful tools in helping to lower high blood pressure:

- If you smoke, get help to quit
- Reduce the amount of sodium (salt) in your diet
- Limit alcohol to 1-2 standard drinks a day, or less
- Be active at least 2.5 hours a week, with each period of exercise lasting 10 minutes or more
- Eat a healthy diet
- Manage your weight wisely by adopting a healthy lifestyle

Knowing your number is the first step to keeping or achieving a healthy blood pressure. Throughout the month of May for Hypertension Month, pharmacies across Canada are holding blood pressure screenings. Drop by your pharmacy today to have your blood pressure checked.

If you have high blood pressure and are a patient of the Temagami FHT, we have a Hypertension Management Program that we could enrol you into to help you get your blood pressure under control. Give us a call today at (705) 569-3244 to schedule an appointment with our registered nurse.

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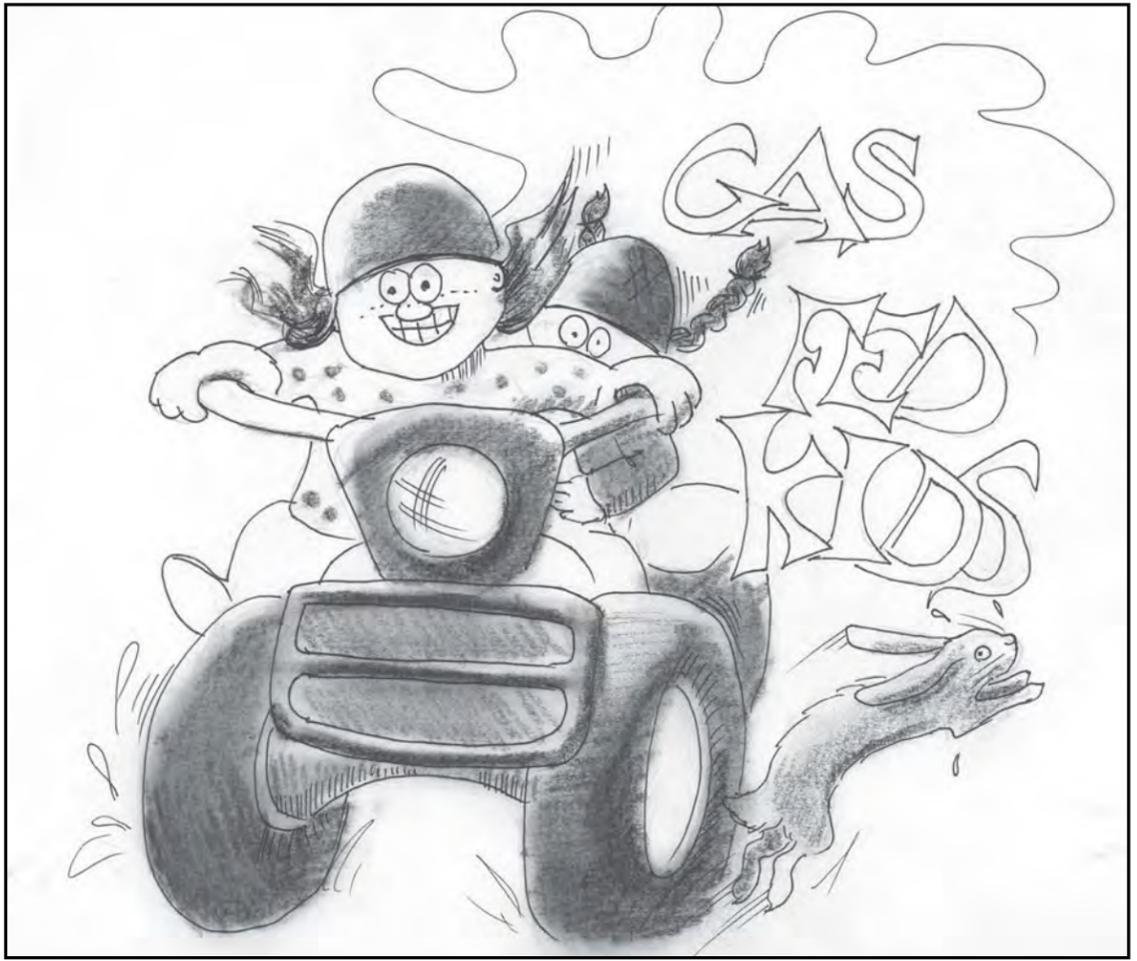


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## Perceptions

Have you ever fallen asleep listening to the waves of the ocean, or taken a long hot bath after a stressful day, or canoed across a northern lake watching the sunset at dusk?



Sue Nielsen

Water - our bodies are three-quarters water and our connection to it remains primal when our mother's womb water burst as we entered the world on a wave of love.

Water is on the minds of many here in this region and further afield.

It was on my mind last weekend when I quietly slipped my 16-foot slice of heaven into the waters of my favourite lake.

My heart was pounding out of my chest with excitement.

The lake welcomed me back like a long lost friend.

The tinkle, tinkle sound of the ice melting all around me was magical.

I pretended I was the great British explorer Earnest Shackleton, as I navigated my way through ice-covered sections of the lake.

Throughout the north paddlers and anglers are shaking off the rust and rejoicing to be back on the water.

My freshly sanded and oiled cherry wood paddle felt smooth and strong in my hands as it sliced through the water.

Thanks Brigitte.

The water is unusually high and I noticed quite a bit of debris on the lake.

It was good to observe a pair of loons back from their winter resting place.

I sent out a friendly yodel greeting to them.

Meanwhile the region was under a massive flood warning and it was a bit surreal if you

ask me.

On the one hand, water can be so joyful and yet so dangerous and destructive.

That's nature at its best.

High water levels were seen along Lake Temiskaming last week bringing more than a few curious onlookers out to see the mounds of ice washing up on shore.

This prompted a state of emergency declaration.

We are bothered by rising floodwaters but not by the fact men, women and children in some Indigenous communities don't have clean drinking water?

When people don't have clean drinking water, their health is greatly compromised.

And not to interrupt the flow of describing my idyllic canoe trip, but there are currently 75 boil water advisories affecting 50 Indigenous communities across Canada, according to Indigenous Services Canada.

Many of those communities are located within an hour of Queen's Park.

And a 2014 UN report described the water situation on First Nation reserves as "troubling" with water systems posing a serious health risk.

Clean, safe drinking water is everyone's right.

Indigenous communities are the ones living with real states of emergency.

But who is listening?

## EDITORIAL

# Emergency declaration

The City of Temiskaming Shores declared a state of emergency last week concerning the flooding and high water levels on Lake Temiskaming, the Wabi River and at Pete's Dam and other places around the City.

The City crews were out and about observing the encroaching ice and high water levels, especially along Lake Temiskaming at the New Liskeard and Haileybury waterfronts.

The piled ice was certainly a sight to behold and if there was an upside to this situation, it was that Mother Nature can be incredibly dangerous at times, but also incredibly beautiful.

There was a bit of discussion around the

region and at the water coolers around the city about why the City declared a state of emergency, particularly in light of the massive flooding in Ottawa and Muskoka.

Was it necessary to actually declare a state of emergency when it appeared the damage wasn't all that serious?

Yes, it was necessary from a financial standpoint as the City can then recoup costs for damages done by the flooding.

Those damages that might otherwise be incorporated into the budget and paid for by you, the municipal taxpayer.

Thankfully the Ontario government had opened up disaster relief monies for Ontarians.

## Speed kills

It's a fact: high rates of speed on highways equal high rates of death and injury.

If we asked any law enforcement person they may agree with that statement.

A new international study called Speed and Crash Risk released by International Transport Forum, a Paris-based organization, says there is a strong link between high rates of speed and crashes.

I think if we are honest, we know this already.

The World Health Organization (WHO) says speeding is a lethal problem. The WHO is advocating for reduced speed limits to save lives as they say each year 1.2 million people die worldwide in automobile crashes.

So why is the premier of Ontario wishing to increase speed limits in a pilot program on the busy 400 series highways?

The province's current maximum speed

limit on those highways is 100 miles per hour and the Ford government wishes to increase the limit to 110 mph.

And a stretch of highway in Northern Ontario, yet to be identified, will be included in the pilot program.

Will it be Highway 11, Highway 17 or Highway 69?

Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP John Vanthof has already called Highway 11 a "death trap."

According to recent statistics provided by the 2014 Ontario Road Safety Report, the occupants of a vehicle registered in Temiskaming are four times more likely to die on a provincial highway than occupants of vehicles registered anywhere else in Ontario, noted Vanthof.

We can only hope that Highway 11 is not chosen as part of this increased speed pilot program.

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## DIRECTING TRAFFIC

Ron Prestage and Kayla Evans from Temiskaming Shores Public Works put up barriers near the tennis courts in New Liskeard on May 9. Some unusual and dramatic ice formations along the shores of Lake Temiskaming Thursday morning were drawing many spectators and the city was trying to limit access for public safety reasons. (Staff photo by Steven Larocque)

## This long weekend, stay road safe

DISTRICT (Special) – Many people will use the Victoria Day long weekend as an opportunity to head out on the road to visit or sightsee or take the first trip of the season to the cottage.

This holiday weekend also coincides with 2019’s National Road Safety Week, held May 14-20.

The Canada Safety Council reminds everyone that impairment and driving do not mix. When you get behind the wheel in a state of intoxication, whether from alcohol or drugs, you put your own life as well as the lives of other road users in danger.

It should come as no surprise that impairment behind the wheel is dangerous, reckless and selfish - historical safety messaging has been abundant on this topic. And yet, while the statistics show gradual decline in impaired driving incidents, the latest reported numbers are still concerning.

According to Statistics Canada, 72,039 impaired driving incidents were reported in 2015, representing a rate of 201 incidents per 100,000 population. This is the lowest rate since impaired driving statistics began being collected in 1986. However, impaired driving continues to be the leading criminal cause of death and injury in Canada.

The above statistic includes approximately 3,000 drug-impaired incidents, seven of which were fatal incidents and 19 of which caused bodily harm. These statistics do not reflect any effect the nationwide legalization of cannabis may have

had on the Canadian road landscape.

Cannabis and alcohol impairment do not share identical characteristics. The effects of drunk driving, of course, are well documented. A drunk driver may feel more compelled to take risks, speed and generally act recklessly. They may also experience decreased concentration, slower reaction times and an altered sense of vision and hearing.

While cannabis users may also experience slower reaction times, the difference in the intoxicants comes from how the user reacts. Generally, cannabis users will leave more space between themselves and the next vehicle, while also driving at slower speeds. The danger here lies in a high driver’s unpredictable nature - for instance, a cannabis-impaired driver may stay stopped at a stop sign or light for longer than expected.

Additionally, motor coordination and decision-making skills can be impaired under the influence of cannabis. And, when mixed with alcohol, the impairing effects can become multiplicative and exponentially more dangerous.

National Road Safety Week’s message is:

- Stay sober if you’re driving.
- If you had intended on driving but over-consumed, leave the car parked.
- Sleep it off if you can, or get a ride home from a friend, a family member, a taxi, a ride-share or an alternate means of transportation.

Whatever you do, do not get behind the wheel. It’s every Canadian’s responsibility to keep the roads safe for everyone.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Good choices can be made

Dear editor,

H.L. Wipprecht asks (Weekender May 3 Letter To The Editor *More is More*): if Canadians get a rebate roughly in line with what you pay in carbon tax, “where’s the incentive?”

The Climate Action Incentive rebate is based only on the number of individuals in a household. For example, every household across Ontario with two parents and three kids will get the exact same rebate at the end of the year (though northern and rural communities get a 10 per cent addition compared to big-city dwellers).

The tax, on the other hand, is directly related

to the amount of carbon pollution day-to-day activities release. Turn down the thermostat a degree? You don’t pay tax on fuel you don’t burn. Ride your bike to work today? Avoid paying the tax. Trade-in for a more fuel-efficient car? Lower your carbon tax bill.

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Maria McLean  
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# Insurance extended to protect council

**Darlene Wroe**  
Speaker Reporter

CHARLTON-DACK - New legislation makes it possible for any person to charge that a council member has a conflict of interest in their municipal dealings.

Without insurance to cover the charge, council members would have to finance a legal defence on their own, and their own property would be at risk if they were to lose the case.

The potential for conflict of interest charges against council members was discussed at the April 1 meeting of the Municipality of Charlton and Dack.

To protect the council members in the case of a conflict of interest charge which could be levelled by any person, the council has opted to increase the municipal insurance by \$300 a year to extend legal support.

Chief administrative officer Dan Thibeault said the new risk

to council members has been introduced through new legislation.

The extension of the insurance was supported by all council members.

If it were not extended, Councillor Jim Huff questioned whether the municipality would reimburse a council member for his or her legal expenses if subjected to such a charge. He noted that a council member's house, investments and everything else he or she has built would be at risk.

Reeve Merrill Bond questioned why a council member's home should be placed at risk for their municipal work. Councillor Debbie Veerman pointed out that the council members of Charlton-Dack are volunteering their time.

"What's \$300 to protect ourselves?" Bond asked.

The decision was unanimously supported.



## SWOLLEN RIVER

The spring runoff in the South Temiskaming region has caused problems for several communities, including Elk Lake in terms of rising waters and flooding. The swelling of the Montreal River in James Township tipped over this boat, which did not appear to be seaworthy at the moment. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

# More solid waste being found in recycling

**Darlene Wroe**  
Speaker Reporter

COBALT - There are concerns about solid waste making its way into the recyclables in Cobalt.

Bylaw officer Garrett Hunting said

meetings will take place to enforce the bylaws relating to solid waste management.

He was speaking at Cobalt's committee-of-the-whole meeting April 2.

He said contractors who are receiving the recyclables are "getting a lot of im-

proper products in the recycling."

Hunting said contractors picking up the recycling have cameras by which they can see the materials being dumped from the bins.

Cat litter, for example, is frequently found in recycling, along with other gar-

bage, he stated.

Mayor George Othmer said the costs related to finding garbage in recycling will impact all the municipalities.

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  - Stuck in the mud
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  - Piece of property
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  - St. Peter, e.g.
  - Wool fabrics
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  - Deadlocked
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  - Mother chicken
  - Cooking vessel
  - Attempt

# Horoscopes

Answers For Crossword on 3b

## CAPRICORN

You distinguish yourself with your accomplishments and no one can accuse you of being all talk. If you have a move coming up, you'll start packing ahead of time — the sooner you begin, the sooner you'll be done.



December 22 - January 19

## AQUARIUS

Your exhaustion is growing and your health is becoming more delicate. Not one to give in easily, you'll take steps to recover your vitality. Determination and organization are your watchwords.



January 20 - February 18

## PISCES

You may lose trust in a friend. This experience will teach you to better detect freeloaders and you'll derive more joy from your true friends.



February 19 - March 20

## ARIES

Your enterprising nature will benefit you. Your effective handling of new challenges will demonstrate your abilities to others and put you in a good position to get a promotion.



March 21 - April 19

## TAURUS

You'll be overcome by the sudden desire to go on a trip. You'll waste no time making travel plans and consequently have an unforgettable summer holiday. Also, you'll feel unusually curious.



April 20 - May 20

## GEMINI

Your emotions will come powerfully to the fore for one reason or another. You'll also be overcome with an urgent need for change. Some new clothes or a new haircut could do the job.



May 21 - June 21

## CANCER

Your morale might not be particularly high throughout the week. To turn things around, simply bring the people you love together and take part in stimulating activities.



June 22 - July 22

## LEO

When you arrive at your desk on Monday, you'll find enough work to keep you busy for two weeks. By being organized and methodical, you'll manage to get everything done by Friday.



July 23 - August 22

## VIRGO

While participating in an event, you'll perform a feat that takes you out of your comfort zone and pushes you beyond your limits.



August 23 - September 22

## LIBRA

You don't need to look far to achieve happiness. In your home and among your family is where you belong. Don't hesitate to bring your loved ones together, no matter how modest the set-up.



September 23 - October 22

## SCORPIO

Once you can no longer tolerate the situation you're in, you'll make the necessary changes. You'll secure the financial means for a new start.



October 23 - November 21

## SAGITTARIUS

Some physical exercise will dispel your worries. You need to attach yourself to someone new. Or, if you just started a new relationship, you'll benefit from defining it more clearly. In a different area of your life, you'll discover your freedom.



November 22 - December 21



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Since receiving our Charter the membership has raised over \$3,000,000.00 within our Community and have returned the entire amount back into the Community through our many Club Projects.

A partial list of our recent Projects is shown below.

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

New Liskeard Lions Midget Hockey Team  
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 Free Public Skating  
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 Temiskaming Festival of Music  
 School Basketball Free-Throw Competition  
 Northern Loon Swim Club  
 Skateboard Park  
 Tri-Town Lacrosse Association  
 Hilliardton Marsh  
 Tri-Town Army Cadets  
 TDSS Band  
 Branch 33 Legion Poppy Campaign

### CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

N.L. Tennis Courts  
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 Beach Park Picnic Shelter  
 New Liskeard Board Walk  
 New Liskeard Lions Playground  
 New Liskeard Arena Glass

### PUBLIC ACTIVITIES

Senior Christmas Party  
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 Fall Fair Parade  
 Santa Claus Christmas Parade  
 Sutton Bay Countryfest Kitchen

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 Tri Town Ski Village  
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 Tri Town Walk-a-Thon  
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## FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

To provide for the many Activities and Projects listed above our Club depends entirely on Fundraising. These Fundraisers are the only means of supporting our activities so public support is essential in order for our Club to continue to serve our Community.

Here is a list of our current Fundraisers:

- Monthly Bingos • Sutton Bay Countryfest Kitchen • Nevada Tickets •
- Weddings and Special Occasion Bars • Fall Fair Admission Gates • Mobile BBQ Trailer •
- Tent, Tables & Chairs Rentals • Easter Bunny Blitz • Annual Magic Show •

*If you are male or female and over the age of 18 and are prepared to devote time to help your Community and those less fortunate than yourself, consider applying for membership into the Lions Club of New Liskeard where you will enjoy the company of other service minded individuals while providing a very important, self satisfying Service.*

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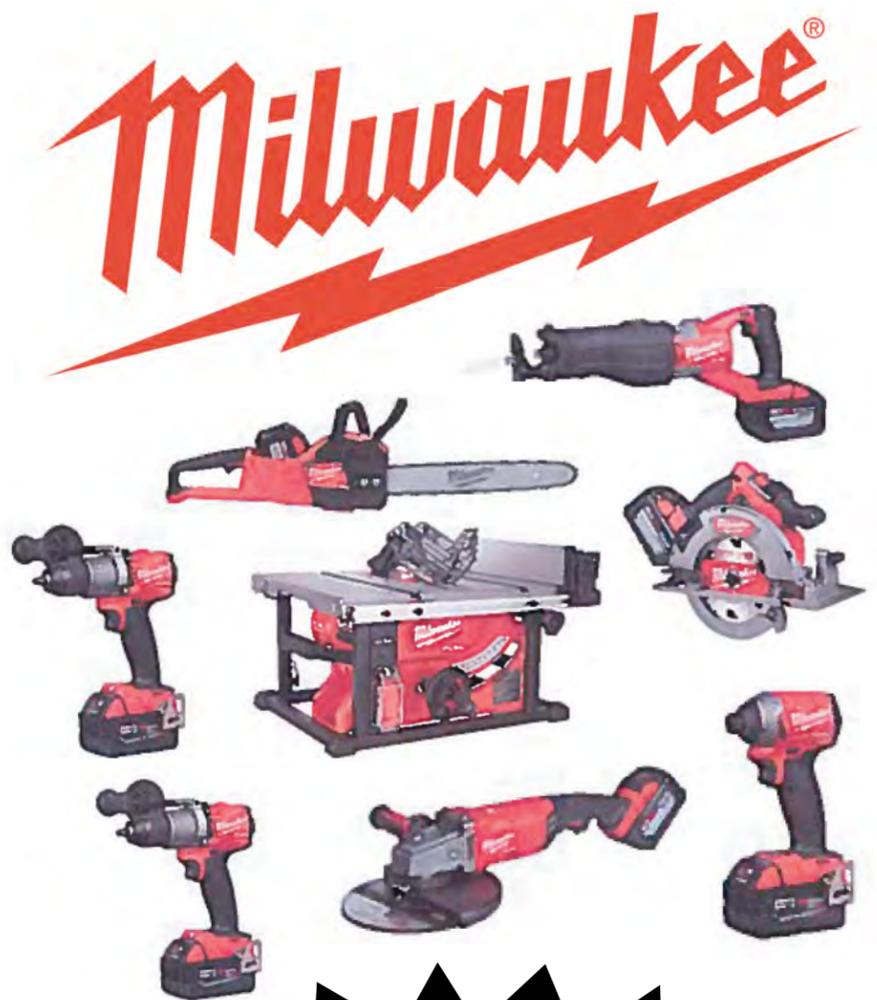


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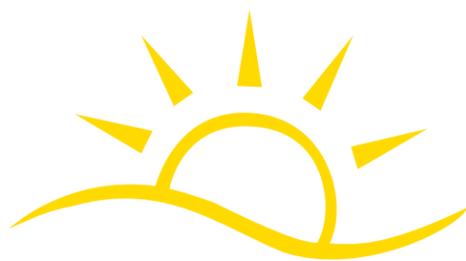
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*Laura Neill* joined the *Salvation Army, New Liskeard Citadel* when she was 6, she remained an active member until her death at age 91. She left a bequest to the *Salvation Army* for “its purposes in the New Liskeard area.” Her niece *Joyce Clements* remarked that this bequest showed that the church was a part of her family.

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