

# WEEKENDER

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SPEAKER'S  
WEEKEND  
EDITION



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## Pressure's on Increased water capacity in Cobalt

**Darlene Wroe**  
Speaker Reporter

COBALT - The Cobalt water treatment plant is working exactly as it was designed to do, says exp professional engineer Alex O'Beirn.

He was speaking at the Cobalt committee-of-the-whole meeting Tuesday, February 4.

The town's water treatment plant had been taken offline for a day the week before to finalize upgrades that have been taking place at the site over the past few months.

Valves, pumps, the pressure release system, low-lift pumps, high-lift pumps, and other components have been undergoing upgrades to ensure the plant is working at its best capacity, and most importantly, to ensure that the town could fight a major fire while still providing water to the rest of the community.

The low-lift pumps are now very quiet. "That's because they are under a lot less load than the high-lifts are," O'Beirn commented.

"The high-lift pumps are able to produce triple what they were able to do" in the past, he continued.

The town has agreed to purchase a new recording database system for the plant. The system records the results for the day. The town does not have a password for the existing system, which can no longer be opened for that reason.

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**Whether it was just a little minnow, or possibly a bigger fish that this pair of anglers hoped to catch, it was all fun for Seija Belanger, 5, of Temagami, and her brother Elliot, 6. The children were on Lake Temiskaming taking part in the annual Family Snow Fest and Swim in New Liskeard. The event was hosted by EarlyON/ON y va in collaboration with the Centre de santé communautaire du Temiskaming, Keepers of the Circle, Temiskaming Child Care, and Brighter Futures. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)**

# DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our February 12 edition...

- City council continues to debate spending habits via the 2020 budget.
- Underground mine tunnels might be a source of hot air for Cobalt.
- The ongoing teacher strikes continue as French-language schools close this week.
- Hugo Rivet has been named to the Frog's Breath Foundation as a director.
- Work is progressing on the new Cobalt Hoist Room location.
- Walter Pape's retrospective work is currently being displayed on the curved walls of The Temiskaming Art Gallery.
- Harvest Queen Darby Durrant is in search of a second crown at the OAAS Convention in Toronto.
- The Hilliardton Marsh Research and Education Centre is a wetland paradise.
- The 10th and final Dawson Jibb 3-on-3 Memorial Cup takes place this weekend at the Hudson Arena.
- Two local teen curling teams are ready to rock their respective provincial championships, hoping to reach the nationals.
- The Cubs are hoping to earn some points this weekend in Great North Midget League action.
- Our C Front this week features a story and photos on a unique artist space called Open Studio Libre in Haileybury.



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# CITY BULLETIN




## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

**REGULAR COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 2020**  
 – 6:00 P.M.  
 City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury

**REGULAR COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, March 3, 2020**  
 – 6:00 P.M.  
 City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury

Age Friendly

### Valentine's Dance




**Date:** Friday February 14<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 1:30-3:30pm  
**Location:** Riverside Place  
**Cost:** FREE  
**Music by Steve Benoit**

For more information contact:  
 Yvonne [ywalford@temiskamingshores.ca](mailto:ywalford@temiskamingshores.ca)  
 705-647-5709 ext. 4227

Bring your dancing shoes and come out for an afternoon of dancing and socializing! Dance for fun, dance for exercise!

**Free Transportation:** A school bus will stop at 4 locations starting at 1:00 pm on the way to Riverside Place and return. Must register for transportation with Yvonne 705-647-5709 ext. 4227 subject to availability. Bus stop locations:

1. Temiskaming Home Support – Haileybury
2. Leisure Inn – Haileybury
3. Northdale Manor- New Liskeard
4. 105 Market St- New Liskeard



## Age Friendly Events

### Thursday February 13

Public Skating 12:00-1:00pm FREE, Haileybury Arena  
 Pickleball 12:30-2:30pm FREE, New Liskeard Community Hall  
 Bowling 1:30pm \$3.00 Tri-Town Bowling Lanes, Haileybury

### Friday February 14

Aquafit 9:00-9:45am Pool & Fitness Centre \$6.50  
 Ladies Pickleball 9:00-11:00am FREE, New Liskeard Community  
 Swimming 12:00-1:00pm Pool & Fitness Centre \$4.00  
**Valentine's Day Dance** with Musician Steve Benoit. FREE 1:30-3:30pm Riverside Place. See poster.

### Tuesday February 18

Indoor Walking 8:30-10:30am FREE with free parking, Northern College Gym, Haileybury  
 Public Skating 12:00pm-1:00pm FREE, New Liskeard Arena  
 Ladies Pickleball 12:30-2:30pm FREE, New Liskeard Community Hall

### Wednesday February 19

Aquafit 9:00-9:45am Pool & Fitness Centre \$6.50  
 Public Skating 9:20-10:50am FREE, New Liskeard Arena  
 Swimming 12:00-1:00pm Pool & Fitness Centre \$4.00  
 Public Skating 12:10-1:10pm FREE, New Liskeard Arena  
 Temiskaming Nordic Ski & Snowshoe FREE pass and rentals 12:30-2:30pm at Nordic Ski Club.  
 Car pool at 12 at the Pool and Fitness Centre  
 Pickleball 6:30-8:30pm FREE, New Liskeard Community Hall  
 Indoor Walking 6:45-8:45pm FREE, Ecole Secondaire Catholique Sainte-Marie (ESCSM)  
**For more information call Yvonne 705-647-5709 ext 4227 or email [ywalford@temiskamingshores.ca](mailto:ywalford@temiskamingshores.ca)**

## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

**2020 Interim Tax Bills** have been mailed out.

The installments for the 2020 interim tax bill are due:  
**Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Your 2020 interim bill is based on 50% of the 2019 taxes.

Taxes can be paid in person at:  
**325 Farr Drive in Haileybury**  
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Drop Boxes are located at:  
**325 Farr Drive, Haileybury (City Hall)**  
**77 Wellington, New Liskeard (Pool Fitness Centre)**

Please contact the **Taxation Department** for alternative payment options.

For inquiries regarding your tax bill, please contact City Hall at 672-3363 or email to [finance@temiskamingshores.ca](mailto:finance@temiskamingshores.ca)



**He was tired but decided to have one last cigarette before going to bed.**

**He fell asleep. The cigarette didn't.**



A message from your local fire department and the Ontario Fire & Life Safety Educators

## RECREATION MASTER PLAN PARTICIPANTS' SURVEY



**TAKE THE SURVEY!**

The City of Temiskaming Shores, together with its project consulting partner, is developing a Recreational Master Plan. This survey is the first step in community consultation. We will also meet stakeholders and invite community members to gather valuable comments, observations and ideas. Whether you play hockey, picketball, baseball, or hike, we want to hear from you!

To participate in our survey and share your thoughts, visit:  
[www.tracestudio.ca/temiskamingshores](http://www.tracestudio.ca/temiskamingshores)



**Temiskaming Shores Public Library**  
 The library will be closed on Tuesday, February 18 in lieu of Family Day.

**Family Fun Program at the New Liskeard Branch**  
 Bring the whole family to the Temiskaming Shores Public Library New Liskeard branch for this program. You'll enjoy stories being read aloud, colouring pages, playing board games, or LEGO or even creating with some play dough! We finish up the program with some active playtime fun using hula hoops, stilts, pom-pom toss and the like. The next session will be held on Saturday, February 8 from 10:30 until noon. This program will run through March. We look forward to seeing your family!

**I READ Canadian, a Read - Aloud Family Event at the New Liskeard Branch**  
 A new nationwide initiative that celebrates the richness, diversity, and breadth of Canadian literature will take place for the first time ever from February 14 – 21 with I Read Canadian Day being February 19. Here at the Temiskaming Shores Public Library – New Liskeard branch our day of celebration will be Saturday February 15, with the English celebration taking place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and a French celebration taking place from 1:30-2:30. Please stop by for some great Canadian stories and poems being read aloud by special guests from our community. We will be serving a light snack and beverages.

**Local Musicians Love Libraries Giant Booksale at the Haileybury Branch**  
 Come one, come all to a live music and booksale event at the Haileybury Branch of the library! Browse hundreds of books for sale while listening to local musicians--there is something for everyone! The sale is pay as you please--there will be donation spots throughout the library. When: Saturday, February 22, 2020 Time: 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm

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!

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**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)**



The water treatment plant and new holding tank addition in Coleman Township at Sasaginiga Lake. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

# Increased water capacity in Cobalt

Continued from 1A

Up to this point, it was not necessary to open it. It was concluded that someone in the past who was not a town staff person set a password protection on the system. "It appears there is no knowledge of this password," said O'Beirn.

Without the password, the recording needs to be done manually, meaning town public works staff must visit the site daily to carry out the task. A new system will be less expensive than manually retrieving the data, the town council later agreed.

O'Beirn estimated it's cost at \$15,000.

O'Beirn noted that the overall project has been completed on schedule and on budget.

Mayor George Othmer noted the outcome of the project is that the town now has

more water to fight fires.

"Those pumps will put out more than enough" to fight fires in the town, said O'Beirn.

He said the plant has been "turned on and it's purring along."

Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) senior operations manager Victor Legault made a presentation later in the meeting with a list of items OCWA recommends should be purchased for the water treatment plant to ensure it can be properly maintained over the next five years.

Legault also included a list of expenditures which would aid in the operation of the town's sewage lagoon wetlands.

Legault supported the purchase of the items in case of a breakdown.

"Most of this stuff is four to six weeks away," he said.

Othmer noted that the costs being outlined were all budgetary items.

Councillor Matthew Johnson supported the importance of the items.

"It's a matter of safety for our workforce and contingency items."

Legault noted that the list that was presented had started off as a seven-page list.

Councillor Doug Wilcox summed the list up at a cost of \$124,000.

Legault said OCWA will sit down with the town again to review the list and prioritize it.

Chief administrative officer Brian Walker said representatives of the public works staff should be included in that meeting.



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937907 Marsh Bay Road, Coleman, 705-679-8833  
**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday-Friday - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.  
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Note:** The Municipal Complex will be closed Monday, February 17, 2020, for the Family Day Holiday. Therefore, the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

**Municipal Waste Site:** Hours of Operation Tuesday and Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Closed: Statutory Holidays

All garbage deposited at the Municipal Waste Site is subject to applicable tipping fees.

**Garbage:** A maximum of three (3) regular sized garbage bags will be picked-up weekly.

**Recycling Depot:** There is a recycling depot available for residents at the Coleman Landfill site for your convenience, during normal operating hours.

- Place all recyclables in a clear plastic bag – **no loose material**
- **Flatten** all boxes, and bundle

**February Recycling Collection Dates** - Tuesday, February 11, 2020 & February 25, 2020

**In the event of a storm,** the Coleman Works department puts public safety first. Main roads will be cleared before attending to routine duties such as garbage pick-up and private plow driveways.

**Fireplace Safety Tips**

- Do not remove fireplace embers or ash, or if you do, place them in a metal container with a lid and cover them with water. Do not place them in a plastic or paper bag or other container that is not fire-resistant. Do not dispose of them indoors or close to your home or another structure.
- Use care with "fire salts," which produce colored flames when thrown on wood fires. They contain heavy metals that can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation and vomiting if eaten. Keep them away from children.
- Do not burn wrapping papers in the fireplace. A flash fire may result as wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely.
- Never burn gift wrappings, boxes, cartons, or other types of packing in the fireplace. They burn too rapidly and generate far too much heat.
- Always use a screen in front of the fireplace to protect against flying sparks.
- Never use gasoline or any other flammable liquids to start a fire.
- Use only seasoned and dried wood.
- Never leave the fire unattended or let it smoulder.
- Clean the ashes regularly. Place the ashes in a metal container and store outside away from flammable materials.

**911 Numbers Tip**

Reminder to residents to make sure their 911 addresses can be seen. Please ensure to clear the snow away from your 911 signs, as the mounting snow can cover the signs making it difficult for emergency personnel to identify addresses quickly when time is of the essence.

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**LOVE BIRDS**

Birds of a feather (bald eagles) do indeed flock together. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

**Awestruck**

**“Instructions for living a life: Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it.”**

Mary Oliver



Sue Nielsen

pressures of the modern world, we only need look around us to find those little bits of reassurance.

Sometimes we need to stop all the white noise, the hatred, the anger and the negativity, smile and look up.

It's that simple.

Because if we can't connect with the astonishment in our own lives and our own region how do we connect with the bigger astonishments of life?

As Joaquin Phoenix said during his brilliant Academy Awards speech, "We are disconnected from nature."

I've been enriched by the natural world in so many wonderful ways.

I've developed an entire set of beliefs grounded in the natural world that are centered on health, wellness and spirituality.

I am much more spiritual than religious and have found my temple in the wilderness, the forests, the lakes and the parks of Ontario.

I've gradually cultivated a love of the outdoors that makes my heart pulse with gratitude.

You know what? If you can make someone feel good about themselves - do it.

On the cusp of Valentine's Day, help as many people as you can and look up every once in a while. You will be astonished at the beauty of a night sky and the love and light all around us.

I was driving home along Highway 11 south this past Monday evening around 6 p.m. when a massive fireball lit up the night sky.

I have seen meteor showers and comets before but this was different.

It was huge, bright and red coloured as it streaked across the sky from east to west.

Apparently several people saw it in the Temiskaming region and in places like Barrie and Sudbury as well.

Astronomers say it is rare for someone to see fireballs in person.

I counted myself fortunate and should have rushed to the store for a lotto ticket.

After researching fireballs and meteorites, I think what I saw was a bolide.

A bolide is "a large, brilliant meteor, especially one that explodes," according to Dictionary.com.

It looked like something had indeed exploded or burned out at the end of the fireball.

Sadly, because I was driving, I wasn't able to get a photo of this night sky phenomenon.

It really is an amazing world we live in isn't it?

When I am out and about in our Wild Temiskaming I am awestruck by what I see, hear, taste, smell and touch.

As many of us struggle with our wellbeing, often overwhelmed and burdened by the

**EDITORIAL**

**Not acceptable**

A study by Canadian Addictions and Mental Health has determined that in any given year, one in five Canadians will experience a mental illness or addiction problem that requires treatment.

And by the time a Canadian reaches 40 years of age, one in two will have a mental illness.

Certainly because of the shame and stigma of mental illness and addiction those rates could be even higher.

The Ontario government has a duty to distribute funding for mental health and addiction treatment evenly throughout the province.

But we know that the north is being shortchanged when it comes to mental health and addiction resources.

We know government funding is often based on population numbers and we know Northern Ontario encompasses around 95 per cent of the landmass of the province.

The large distances between communities in the north combined with sparse populations are a perfect

storm of conditions resulting in incomplete health care resources.

In too many instances, people from the Temiskaming region are forced to travel great distances to access mental health and addiction treatments.

This also puts an extra burden on regions of the south that are also trying to access health services.

There is a local initiative called Zack's Crib asking for a level playing field when it comes to mental health and addiction services right here in Temiskaming.

We need to ask our elected officials to take a message to Queen's Park that allocating funding based on population density doesn't work for Northerners.

And let's tip our hat to Yves and Lianne Paille who are doing the leg work for us to raise awareness of a lack of mental health and addiction services that we have become all too accustomed to accepting.

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### ANOTHER BIG MILESTONE

It was an exciting moment for Bailey Shaw, 6 of North Cobalt, who recently glided downhill on skis for the first time. She was out enjoying the Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club January 11 with her mother Jamie who was close by for the historic occasion. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

## Shiverfest promises Family Day weekend fun

TEMAGAMI (Staff) — Button, button—who’s got the button? If you have a Temagami Shiverfest Winter Carnival 2020 attendance button you are likely in for a fun time February 15-17.

The event takes place at several locations: at the Temagami Arena on Friday, February 14 and 16 and on Bear Island on Saturday, February 15, and at the Bunny Miller Theatre in Temagami on Monday, February 17.

Events for the whole family on Family Day weekend include a snow sculpture contest, skating races, minnow races, axe throwing, arm wrestling, a Shiverfest dance, pancake breakfast, snowshoe races and much more.

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WE DO THAT

# Charlton-Dack watching for water upgrade funding

**Darlene Wroe**  
Speaker Reporter

CHARLTON-DACK – The Municipality of Charlton and Dack council is tuned in on its water needs and is keeping an eye on funding opportunities.

Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) Northeastern Ontario Regional Hub senior operations manager Anthony Danis outlined the needs at the Charlton water treatment plant, and prioritized the items for council's consideration if a suitable funding program opens up.

Charlton-Dack chief administrative officer Dan Thibeault had advised Danis that there is currently a funding source available, but with the municipality responsible for 40 per cent of the cost, council has decided to hold off on items that are not needed immediately, and build the budget to address the needs on a priority basis.

Reeve Merrill Bond said that had there been a fund currently available with even 20 per cent required for the municipality's share, the council would likely have proceeded with it.

However, not being an emergency, the council can wait, and will try to include the immediate costs in the budget, he said.

At council's January 6 meeting, Thibeault commented that "we've got to pitch in 40 per cent, so it would be a huge investment on our part."

Danis commended the municipality on its response to the needs of the Charlton water treatment plant.

"You are doing a great job. It's a very small population and a very complex plant."

One of Bond's interests for Charlton is to improve fire safety in the town, he outlined. He would like to see fire hydrants installed at some point.

"We'd like to do that. The lines are there." The municipality must wait until a suitable funding program comes forward though, he continued.

Currently the municipality has two fire hydrants in its Bradley subdivision which are not functioning. The fire hydrants have to be repaired, he explained, and that project will be proceeding in the near future.

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## CLASSIC CHAMPS

The Timiskaming District Secondary School (TDSS) Saints Girls hockey team won the January Classic Girls High School Hockey Tournament. They defeated their cross-town rivals, Ecole secondaire catholique Sainte-Marie Apollos, 2-0 in the final January 14 at the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena. From the left in the back row are TDSS coach Caitlin Campbell, Shannon O'Reilly, Lizzy Herd, Grace Duquette, Kyra Larocque, Olivia Males, Kierra Kidd, Caia Sears, Ava Peters and coach Jason Melong. In the front row from the left are Anna Walker, Sam Breault, Trisha Walker-DuPont, Gabby Landry and in front goalie Megan Davies. Missing from the photo is Kirsten Murphy and Brandy Chief Mathias. (Supplied photo)

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*Submitted by Ellen Ibey*

### Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD)

**What is GAD?**  
 It's one of the most common anxiety disorders. Studies show that at least one out of every 30 individuals will suffer from GAD at some time in their life. It can be mild, or it can contribute to unemployment and serious family and social problems.

If you have GAD, you will experience chronic, excessive, and uncontrollable worry, be on edge, be easily fatigued, have a hard time concentrating, feel irritable, experience muscle tension, and have problems sleeping.

**Building Your Worry Management Toolbox:**  
 The best way to begin managing your worry and anxiety is to start building a toolbox of strategies that you can use instead of worrying:

- Learning to calm down your anxiety by slowing down your breathing
- Learning how to calm your anxiety by relaxing the muscles in your body
- Learning to become comfortable with uncertainty (being unsure of something)
- Rethinking the usefulness of worry
- Improving your problem-solving ability
- Writing a worry script

These worry management strategies are designed to teach you new and more effective ways of dealing with your worry. If you practise them often, they can become new habits that are a part of your daily routine.

Like an exercise program, it's important to "keep in shape" even when you're feeling better and have reached your goals.

If you are a patient of the Temagami Family Health Team, are experiencing generalized anxiety disorder and want to learn more about the strategies listed above, please feel free to call (705) 569-3244 to schedule an appointment with our mental health worker.

To learn more about generalized anxiety disorder (GAD), go to The Anxiety Disorders Association of Canada at [www.anxiety-canada.ca](http://www.anxiety-canada.ca)

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## FROZEN, TOO

Temiskaming Shores rec worker Gavin Murphy was spotted recently touching up the ice at the Shaver Park rink in North Cobalt. The Dymond outdoor rink is also open. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

# Free fishing through Family Day weekend

DISTRICT (Special) - Families are invited to fish for free on Family Day weekend.

From February 15 to 17, Canadian residents of all ages can enjoy fishing in Ontario without having to purchase a licence or carry an Outdoors Card.

“Our government is making it easier for families to spend quality time together while enjoying Ontario’s world-class lakes, rivers and streams,” said John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry.

There will also be free fishing events on Mother’s Day and Father’s Day weekends.

Family Day weekend is the first of four licence-free fishing opportunities in 2020.

By offering a free fishing licence, an Ontario family of four could save up to \$100.

Anglers are reminded to stay safe when heading onto the ice

to fish. For ice safety tips, visit [www.ontario.ca/icefishing](http://www.ontario.ca/icefishing).

### QUICK FACTS

- This year’s other licence-free fishing experiences are offered on Mother’s Day weekend (May 9-10), Father’s Day weekend (June 20-21), and during Family Fishing Week (July 4-12).

- Free fishing events are offered through a partnership between the Ontario government and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

- Veterans and active Canadian Armed Forces members residing in Ontario can enjoy year-round recreational fishing without having to purchase a fishing licence.

- Recreational anglers contribute \$2.2 billion annually to the Ontario economy in direct and related spending.

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### Crossword Answers Puzzle on page 14

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DEW	EVIL	IRON
STEAM	AGENT	
SYRUP	ARC	
HOOT	PLAN	SAD
AROUSE	SESAME	
GEM	HASH	EVEN
ASK	DEANS	
BRASH	ACING	
EACH	ATOM	EBB
ECHO	FELL	LYE
REED	TRAY	YET

# Don't fall for romance scams on Valentines Day

DISTRICT (Special) - Are you falling in love, or falling victim? Canadians engaging in online relationships need to be wary of potential romance scams.

In 2019, 972 victims lost over \$19 million to scammers pretending to be in love. Using fake profiles on social media, and through popular dating apps, scammers would gain the trust of their victims over a period of time before stealing an average of \$28,000 per victim.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police recommends all those looking for relationships online to be vigilant. Always be suspicious of requests for money, even if someone insists it is for an emergency situation. Never trust anyone you have not met in person, who is quick to profess their love, or who claims to live nearby but is working overseas. These are all telltale signs the person on the other end may

not be who they claim.

It is also important to be wary of requests for personal or financial information, intimate photos or video that can later be used for blackmail, or for help transferring or holding funds, which may lead to the victim being unknowingly involved in a much larger fraud scheme.

Reporting scammers is critical. If you believe you have been a victim of a romance scam:

- Stop all contact with the potential scammer.
- Contact your financial institution to halt any outstanding payments.
- Report it to your local police and include as much information as possible.
- File a report with the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) through their confidential online reporting system or by calling 1-888-495-8501.

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# Bunker needs repairs for wall leak

**Darlene Wroe**  
Speaker Reporter

COBALT - Cobalt seems prepared to step in to resolve a water leakage at the Bunker Military Museum.

At the town's committee-of-the-whole meeting on February 4, council heard that the museum was seeking the town's support to cover the cost of a temporary repair of the area that is leaking from outside the building.

Chief administrative officer Brian Walker reported that he had been given an opportunity to sit in on one of the museum's meetings when he heard about the ongoing problem the museum has been encountering with the leaking wall.

The wall adjoins an area which once was a glass sidewalk which was replaced. Through the years though, that area has resulted in leaking problems through that wall. Walker told council that it leaks any time it rains in a significant manner. The mild winter of seesawing temperatures is also resulting in water coming into the museum.

Walker said when there is leaking at the site, the water makes its way along the wall following the brickwork.

Since the problem started occurring, "they really tried many different remedies," he added.

The museum has sought a quote for a temporary repair to the problem, with a cost of \$2,300, and has asked if the town would cover the cost.

Walker commented, "\$2,300 is a small sum of money but it is a large amount of money" in the Bunker's budget.

Councillor Matthew Johnson suggested that the town foreman should look at the wall to see if it would be possible for public works to repair it.

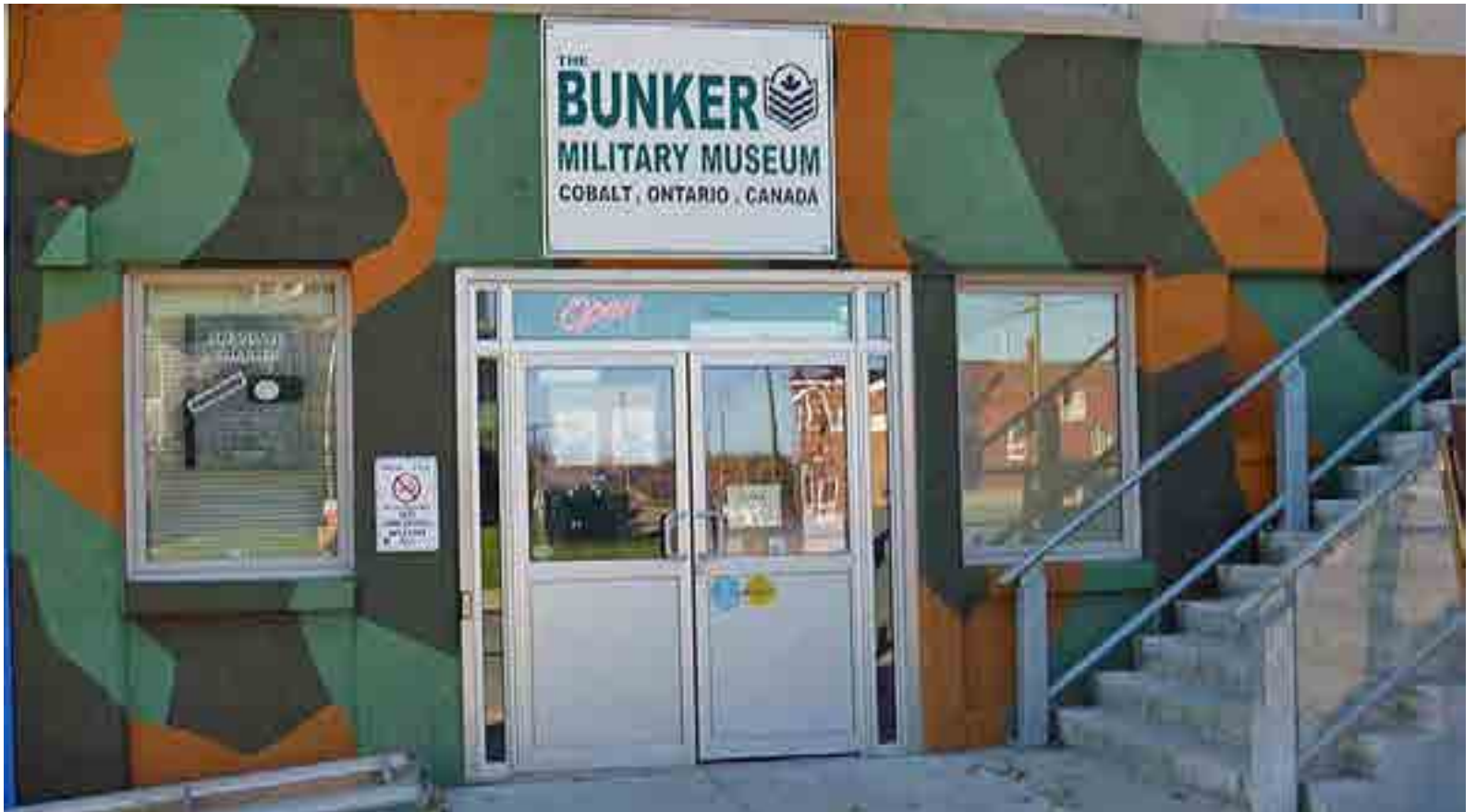
Councillor Joseph Dube suggested other contractors should be given an opportunity to quote.

Mayor George Othmer said finding a permanent solution for the site will be hard to do until the snow melts in the spring.

"Nothing has worked," Walker commented of efforts to date to fix the leaking.

Councillor Bill Gabbani expressed concern with costs which will result from a temporary solution now, followed by a permanent solution in the spring. "If we have to do a temporary fix, it's a patch job," he said. "What they're submitting for a temporary fix is too high."

The town's procurement policy requires a request for quotes if a project ranges between \$1,000 and \$3,000, noted Walker.



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## Schedule of Events

**Snow Sculpture Contest**  
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**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14th**  
6:30 pm - Skating Races & Hockey Puck Shootout (Rink Conditions permitting)  
Points will be awarded to everyone who comes out Friday night

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15th**  
**Bear Island Lakeview Gathering Place**  
8:00 - Breakfast Family Event (your family team will get points if your team all shows up for Breakfast before 8:30 am.)  
9:00 - Bubble Boiling: Family Event The first team to have their bubbles boil over wins  
9:45 - Spike Driving + Log Sawing simultaneously run timed events  
10:30 am -12:30 pm - Greasy Pole - (on Lake) \$100 prize for the person who gets to the top.  
10:30 - Jello Eating (including 60+ group)  
11 am -1 pm - Minnow Races (including 60+ group)  
11 :00 - Musical Chairs (including 60+ group)  
11 :30 -Tug of War Family Event  
12:00 - Lunch  
1 :00 - 2:00 \*\*Axe Throwing : Held at the Ball Field. Hosted and sponsored by Daycare. This will be PAY TO PLAY and WIN a cash prize.

12:15 - Bingo (12:15 approx. start time) No participation points awarded for bingo  
Approx. 1 :45 - Relay Race (includes snowshoeing, running/ sliding and pulling) Family Event  
2:30 - Arm Wrestling (Ages 10 and up ONLY)  
3:30 -Zhooshman (Snow Snake)  
4:30 - Spaghetti Supper and presentation of awards

**Saturday, February 15th Temagami Arena**  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Sons of Sasquatch (band)  
9:00 pm - 10:00 pm DJ Shiverfest Dance  
10:00 pm - 11:30 pm The Relic Kings (band)  
11:30 pm - 1:00 am DJ Shiverfest Dance

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16th**  
**Temagami Arena**  
8:00 am - 10:00 am Pancake Breakfast  
9:00 am - 10:00 am Donut Eating Contest  
10:00 am - 11:00 am Money In The Hay  
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Sleigh Competition  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Kiddie Corner  
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Councillor BBQ  
1:00 - 2:00 pm Snowshoe Relay Obstacle Race  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Human Bowling  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Family Dance

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 17th**  
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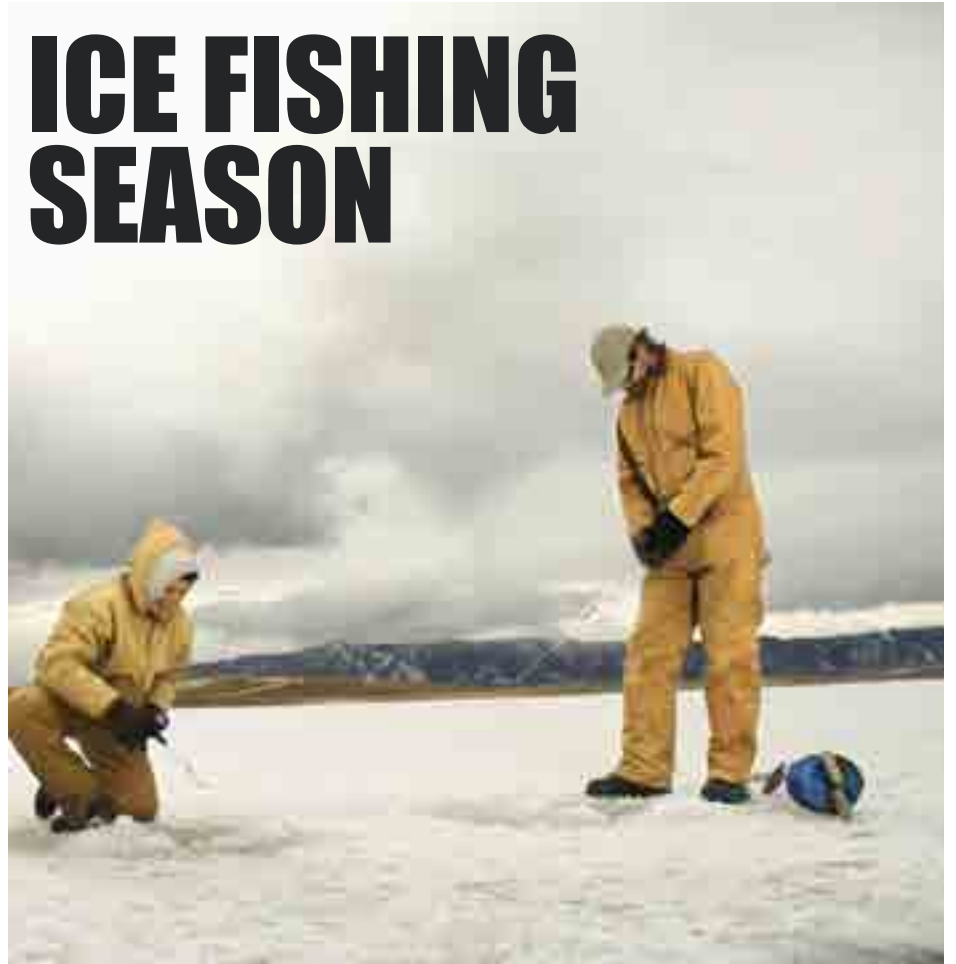
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*Ice fishing season will soon be here, so here are some tips for new and experienced enthusiasts to make the most of the season.*

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Once you have your fishing license, you're going to need an auger. Augers come in a number of different sizes; power augers are more efficient if you're drilling a number of holes but you really only need an inexpensive hand auger in the 6-to-8-inch range.

Your rod & reel needs to be a simple setup with a fairly stiff rod and an eight-pound fishing line; these will cover the bases for lake trout, walleye, perch and more. Having a second line as a tip-up will increase your chances of a catch. A tip-up is a simple trap that you set with just a sinker and minnow; when a fish takes the bait, a flag rises to alert you.

Other items you'll want to check off your list include an ice scooper, minnows/bait, rod holders, and a bucket. A comfy seat and good company are great ideas too.

### **CHOOSE YOUR BAIT**

Many lures work, but it is hard to beat live bait as fish naturally eat minnows.

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## DRESS FOR THE ELEMENTS

This should be a no-brainer, but nothing ruins any winter day like being cold. Dress well with warm boots, a good snow suit, toques and mitts, etc.

## TAKE SHELTER

Shelters are not necessary but they sure can make your ice fishing experience more enjoyable, especially if there's any breeze. John's Tackle Box has a variety of temporary shelters available for any budget.

## TEST THE ICE

Once you have all your gear, you're ready to hit the ice—or are you? Great care must be taken when Ice Fishing. Ice thickness can differ within a few feet, and it is very important that you pay close attention to your surroundings when you are out. Below are some general ice thickness guidelines.

- 2" or less – STAY OFF
- 4" – Ice fishing or other activities on foot
- 5" – Snowmobile or ATV
- 8" – 12" – Car or small pickup
- 12" – 15" – Medium truck

## TIME TO FISH!

After drilling your holes, you can set up your lines with your minnows or lures. Let them descend all the way to the bottom, and then reel them up two feet. This will place you in prime fish habitat and give you an excellent chance at a catch.

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**ACROSS**

1. Hold title to
4. Difficulty
8. Impact sound
12. Low grade
13. Unconnected
14. Dry, as dishes
15. Dawn drops
16. Bad
17. Strong metal
18. Hot vapor
20. Broker
21. Pancake topping
23. Rainbow shape
25. Owl's cry
26. Think ahead
27. Heartbreaking
30. Excite
32. Bun seed
34. Ruby, for one
35. \_\_\_\_\_ browns (potatoes)
37. Neck and neck
38. Question
39. University officials
40. Cheeky
44. Serving perfectly
46. Per
47. Nature's building block
48. \_\_\_\_\_ and flow
51. Yodeler's feedback
52. Tripped
53. Soap ingredient
54. Cattail, e.g.
55. Waiter's aid
56. Although

**DOWN**

1. Uncanny
2. Very tiny
3. Mary Richards's office
4. Slumber
5. Bossa \_\_\_\_\_
6. "\_\_\_\_\_ House"
7. Hair-care goo
8. Branch
9. Charter
10. At the summit of
11. Fender imperfection
19. Ballet dancer's skirt
20. Teen affliction
21. Type of rug
22. Past years
24. Foolhardy
26. Black-eyed veggies
27. Fiercely
28. Congregation's reply
29. Hibernates
31. Former ruler of Iran
33. Visualized
36. Ice Capades member
39. Faintly
40. Brewed drink
41. Run like mad
42. Tooth pain
43. Not barefoot
45. Soda flavoring
47. Astern
49. Quick farewell
50. Play the ponies

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# Horoscopes

**Answers For Crossword on 8a**

**CAPRICORN**

The winter blues will be in full effect this week, and nothing beats them better than some physical activity. You may discover a new winter sport.



**AQUARIUS**

You'll feel more tired than usual this week. All you need to regain your energy is a visit to your massage therapist or even your doctor's office.



**PISCES**

Stress is the greatest scourge of the 21st century. There may be changes you can make in your life that will remedy the situation.



**ARIES**

You'll be offered the opportunity to travel with a group. If you're in a relationship, you'll feel especially romantic this week. Single? Someone who's interested in you could make their feelings known in a rather impressive way.



**TAURUS**

You may experience a whole range of emotions this week. You'll be inspired to take a trip that will guarantee relaxation and a way to find mental and physical balance.



**GEMINI**

Someone close to you may make a declaration of love that will leave you confused. At work, you'll organize a meeting or event that's better attended than expected.



**CANCER**

Take the time to finish a task that you started and haven't yet finished. You'll also find something that will considerably improve your health.



**LEO**

You may be under a lot of pressure at work and will have to work harder than usual to finalize an agreement or sign a contract. You'll start to exercise in order to improve your health.



**VIRGO**

You'll spend a lot of time at the office and your hard work will be rewarded with a promotion. You'll spontaneously decide to invest in a new hobby or sport that you've developed a passion for.



**LIBRA**

You won't keep your opinions to yourself, even if you face some criticism for them. Try to be more tactful in the future. You'll plan a romantic activity to enjoy with your partner.



**SCORPIO**

More and more, you want to become a homeowner. Before the week is over, you'll find something that works for your family and fits your budget.



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# Cobalt policing committee recommended

**Darlene Wroe**  
Speaker Reporter

COBALT - There will be more Crime Stoppers posters going up around Cobalt.

At Cobalt's regular council meeting Tuesday, January 28, Councillor Angela Adshead advised council that posters will be available for distribution throughout the town.

She explained that the Crime Stoppers program is in place for people who see a crime happen and wish to report it. The program makes it possible for them to avoid being called as a witness or even being identified.

Adshead reported to council that she had been in a meeting with Inspector Joel Breault and has been advised that he will be able to meet with council once every six months.

She urged council to form a policing committee which can have access to more information regarding policing than a council. She commented that the OPP's "hands are tied in what they can give to a governing body." A police committee could serve as a liaison between the OPP and the council, she said.

## TEMISKAMING DART LEAGUE

### Week of February 3:

(PPD=Points Per Dart this week; HCO=High Checkout;  
YTD= Year to Date Points Per Dart Average):

	PPD	180s 171s	140 133+	95+	HCO	Pts.	YTD
Dave Hack	22.62	-/8	3/32	8/123	130	88	23.53
Steve Peckover	21.51	1/3	3/13	7/51	84	4	21.31
Bob Livingston	19.35	-/1	1/16	12/84	102	48	19.96
Mike Mackfall	----	-/-	-/10	-/38	104	27	19.07
Ken Snarr	18.45	-/-	2/9	3/63	92	49	18.96
Dwane Hays	----	-/-	-/-	-/19	52	13	17.78
Robert Venne	15.23	-/-	-/6	8/53	78	30	16.16
Al King	----	-/1	-/-	-/8	16	5	16.16
Bill Gagne	17.99	-/-	-/-	1/17	52	8	16.08

### High Score

Steve Peckover 171X1, 133X3

Robert Venne 133X2

Dave Hack 140X3

### High Checkout

Ken Snarr 92

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