VEEKENDER SPEAKER'S WEEKEND EDITION

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There's one sure indicator of when the South Temiskaming Active Travel Organization (STATO) trail will open and that's when the City of Temiskaming Shores public works crew installs the yellow bollards. The installation was continuing between Haileybury and New Liskeard on Wednesday, May 13. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

Crossing purposes

Ontario/Quebec Border opens amidst concerns

Sue Nielsen

Speaker Reporter

DISTRICT — Despite COVID-19 pandemic restrictions that include non-essential travel guidelines, the Ontario/Quebec border opened Monday, May 11.

The members of the Sureté du Québec police force closed the road between Ontario and Quebec on March 28 at Notre-Dame-du-Nord because of rising COVID-19 cases in the Abitibi-Timiskaming region.

Residents on both sides of the border were allowed to cross the border if they were deemed part of the essential services sector or if they had a medical emergency or medical appointments.

Timiskaming First Nation chief Sacha Wabie said her council is advising her

approximately 800 residents in Quebec to avoid non-essential travel.

"The TFN is still restricting the members from going to Ontario unless they absolutely have to. Our checkpoints in the community remain, we chose to Continued on 5a

DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our May 13 edition...

- Love for and in a toddler's memory continues to leave a lasting legacy in South Temiskaming.
- The first Farmers Market at Riverside Place in New Liskeard will be held June 6, with COVID-19 precautions.
- Cobalt is not getting a free ride when it comes to transit costs which are on the rise.
- Funds are being raised for the Temiskaming Hospital from the community, funneled through the TELUS Friendly Future Foundation and the Entwistle Foundation.
- The ice went out on Friday, May 8, on Lake Temiskaming.
- The City's five boat launches are now open.
- The district's COVID-19 cases remain at 18, with 13 being resolved, according to the Timiskaming Health Unit.
- Cobalt council has passed over a decision to include utility bills with tax bills.
- The mayor of Temagami is urging cottagers to stay home this weekend due to COVID-19 concerns.
- The City of Temiskaming Shores will be presented with a recreation master plan in the coming weeks.
- Former New Liskeard Cub, Mario Chitaroni, has been named to an All-Star Italian hockey team.











Work is well underway on the Blanche River Bridge reconstruction project on Highway 569 in Hilliardton and the Ontario Ministry of Transportation says that it is still expected to be completed by the fall of 2021. (Staff photo by Jamie Mountain, LJI reporter)

Hilliardton bridge reconstruction project still on track

Temagami Family Health Team Submitted by Ellen Ibey

Beware of Frauds and Scams During Covid-19

The coronavirus pandemic has meant that people have had to spend more time at home. Criminals have used this as an opportunity to target Canadians, including older adults, in an effort to obtain their personal and financial information. The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre has reported 766 cases of COVID-19 fraud that has resulted in losses of approximately \$1.2 million.

The ways in which criminals try to fraudulently get your information continues to grow, requiring us all to be extra careful. Frauds and scams can come in many forms: from a phone call to an email that appears to come from your bank. Older adults are often the target of these activities. In addition to financial losses, victims may experience emotional and health consequences such as depression or anxiety.

What can be done to protect yourself from frauds and scams? The Government of Canada's Anti-Fraud Centre recommends the following tips to protect yourself:

- Don't be afraid to say no
- Do your research
- Don't give out personal information
- Beware of upfront fees
- Protect your computer with anti-virus software
- Be careful who you share images with

In addition to the above tips, be cautious about clicking on links in emails, even when the email appears to come from someone you know or an organization you may be familiar with.

Government agencies like the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) will never call you saying you need to pay money or face jail time, and telephone calls or emails with these messages are a scam. It is also important to be extremely careful when online shopping by limiting the sites you purchase from to companies you already know and

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By Jamie Mountain

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

HILLIARD TOWNSHIP—The Blanche River Bridge project on Highway 569 in Hilliardton is well underway and still is on track to be completed by the fall of 2021.

According to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO), the project includes the installation of a new, two-lane steel girder and concrete deck bridge as well as realigning a 700-metre stretch of Highway

It also involves making drainage improvements.

"The contractor is completing work to install the bridge piers in the water," Kristin Franks, Regional Issues and Media Advisor for the MTO, said of the project's current status.

"Impacts to traffic will be minimal. The new Blanche River Bridge will be located to the east of the existing bridge."

Franks also noted that "the current bridge will remain open while the new one is being built."

For the latest information on highway closures and construction, the public can call the MTO's Road Information Line by dialling 511, or by visiting the website 511on.ca.

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The Temiskaming Transit Committee continues to receive concerns about the number of people "joyriding" on the buses. Transit should only be used for essential purposes – travelling to work, attending medical appointments and picking up groceries/ supplies. Non-essential use of the transit will not be tolerated.

LANDFILL AMNESTY

The Amnesty Program will run for 2 weeks commencing Tuesday May 5th to Saturday May 9th and Tuesday May 12th to Saturday May 16th with the following conditions:

- Hours of operation will be 8:30 am to 4:30 pm;
- Vehicle access within the Landfill will be restricted to support physical dis-
- Normal Amnesty Program restrictions/conditions will apply and can be found on the City's website.

Updates associated with the future operation of the Landfill will be provided prior to the conclusion of the Spring Amnesty Program on May 16th. The City apologizes for any inconvenience the temporary closure had but appreciate your comments, concerns and continued support!

Curbside collection of garbage and recycling will continue as normal

RESTRICTED

The Ontario government has taken action to protect people and communities from the risk of preventable human-caused fires and to ensure that the province's emergency response system remains strong during the COVID-19 outbreak.



As of April 3, 2020, Ontario declared a Restricted Fire Zone which includes the City of Temiskaming Shores. Under a Restricted Fire Zone, all burning permits issued in the City of Temiskaming Shores are suspended and it is now illegal to have an outdoor fire—this includes burning of grass, debris and campfires, even when using an outdoor fire grate, fire place or fire pit.

Everyone must make alternate provisions for cooking and warmth, such as using propane stoves or charcoal burners intended for that use. The Restricted Fire Zone will remain in effect until further notice, and until Ontario's ability to respond to emergencies is no longer impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak.

The Temiskaming Shores Fire Department would like to thank all residents for their cooperation during this period. For more information contact Timothy H. Uttley, Fire Chief at 705-672-2733 ext. 4701 or tuttley@temiskamingshores.ca.

AGE FRIENDLY VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR WEDNESDAY MAY 27TH AT 10:30 AM.

Join us from home on your computer, tablet or smart phone and enjoy an interactive presentation with guest speaker Matthew, the Cobbler from Poor Boy Soles. You will need to download the free meet app called 'Jitsi Meet' and join the room https://jitsi.temiskamingshores.ca/ agefriendlycoffeehourPoorBoySoles

If you need further information please contact Yvonne, Age Friendly Coordinator at ywalford@temiskamingshores.ca or phone 705-672-3363 ext 4227.

MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUNDS, SPORTS FIELDS, AND TRAILS CLOSED

All outdoor recreational amenities, including municipal playground structures, park shelters, tennis courts, basketball courts, sports fields and skate parks within the City of Temiskaming Shores are closed.

Also closed are trails at Pete's Dam Park and Devils Rock and walkways at the New Liskeard Waterfront and Haileybury Waterfront.

The STATO trail is closed between Wellington St. South and Beach Blvd. in New Liskeard and Browning St and City Hall in Haileybury.

PORTION OF STATO TRAIL OPENING MAY 16TH

The majority of the STATO trail will open for the season, weather permitting, Saturday May 16th and will be symbolized by the installation of the white and yellow bollards. Portions of the trail along the waterfront in Haileybury from City Hall to Browning St. and in New Liskeard from Beach Blvd to Wellington St. will remain closed

Please remember to follow physical distancing practices at all times including while on the trail and note that all park amenities remain closed.

The City of Temiskaming Shores thanks you for your cooperation.

CITY OF TEMISKAMING SHORES MARINAS CLOSED

City Marinas are still closed to the public. We are excited to welcome back our boaters once Provincial restrictions have been lifted. City staff are currently preparing both marinas to open and we will begin taking boat slip registrations when our opening date

Thanks for your patience and we hope to see you on the water soon!

MUNICIPAL BOAT LAUNCHES OPEN MAY 15TH

Boat Launches within the City of Temiskaming Shores will open to the public on Friday May 15th. Staff will install docks once water levels have risen to a safe level. All boat launch users MUST follow physical distancing requirements and all other public health

For More Information Call 705 672-3363 Write to The City of Temiskaming Shores,

CITY BULLETIN

NEED TO MAKE A PAYMENT?

Payments by cheque for taxes and other items can be dropped off in the drop box located to the left of the front doors at City Hall (325 Farr Drive) or at the Pool & Fitness Centre (77 Wellington Street).

Tax Payments can be made utilizing interac banking. Your property tax roll number is your account number. The account number will be 15 digits starting with 010, 020 or 030 depending on where your property is located, example 010009123450000, do not include any spaces or

Pre-authorized payment plans, monthly or installment, are also available. Please email <u>finance@temiskamingshores.ca</u> for more information. If you any other questions regarding payments, please email finance@temiskamingshores.ca.

May 15th Tax Installment

The second installment due date for the 2020 Interim tax bill is May 15th. Council is encouraging all taxpayers to make the May 15th payment; however, if a taxpayer is not in a position to do so penalty will not be applied to any unpaid taxes effective May 15th.

If a taxpayer has already made payment arrangements for the May 15th installment, i.e. postdated cheque or pre-authorized payment plan (installment or monthly plan); it is the responsibility of the taxpayer to contact the finance department in writing at finance@ temiskamingshores.ca to cancel these payment arrangements. If no direction is received the payments will proceed as scheduled. If you any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Laura-Lee MacLeod, Treasurer at 705-672-3363 ext.4121 or email lmacleod@temiskamingshores.ca

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 in Haileybury on May 11, New Liskeard on June 1 and Dymond on June 15, 2020.

Thank you for your co-operation as Environmental Crews carry out this important maintenance activity.

NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE

Whereas Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores through By-law No. 2019-117 has authorized the Temporary Road Closure of Golf Course Road for the purpose of the completion of the rehabilitation of Chester Creek Bridge.

Therefore, the following road shall be temporarily closed on the dates specified below:

- Golf Course Road Chester Creek Bridge Rehabilitation Closure - Commencing on or about Monday May 25th 2020 until Monday June 22nd, 2020
 - Golf Course Road, from River Road easterly to include Chester Creek Bridge (most westerly Bridge on Golf Course Road), to Highway 11North.

Signage will be installed to notify the Public of the road closure and Detour Routes will be established and maintained throughout the construction

The Public are advised that there will be no access through the construction area and to refrain from vehicular use during the road closure. Local residents will have access to their property from either end of the Road

Issued this 11th day of May 2020.

"Original Signed by"

Director of Public Works - G. Douglas Walsh

The roadway will not be open to through traffic, or emergency traffic, between the River Road - Golf Course Road intersection and the first property on the east side of Chester Creek Bridge. There are no dwellings or structures located within the road closure area

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Protection to Persons and Property Committee Wednesday, May 13, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m. - Virtual meeting

Corporate Services Committee

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. - Virtual meeting

Public Works Committee

Wednesday, May 27, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m. - Virtual meeting

Building Maintenance Committee Wednesday, May 27, 2020 @ 10:30 a.m. - Virtual meeting For further information contact Kelly Conlin 705-672-3363 Ext. 4116 or kconlin@temiskamingshores.ca

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. - Virtual meeting Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 2, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. - Virtual meeting

Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, June 16, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. - Virtual meeting For further information contact Logan Belanger 705-672-3363 Ext. 4136 or lbelanger@temiskamingshores.ca

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Provincial Offences Court will be closed to the public effective March 23, 2020.

Should you require assistance call our office at 705-672-3221, or email poa@temiskamingshores.ca. Our staff is working and available to assist

If you wish to pay your fines, you can email your payment information to poa@temiskamingshores.ca indicating your credit card information and expiry date and a note giving us authorization to process your payment.

Payments can also be faxed to 705-672-3200. To further assist there is a drop box at the building's front entrance at City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury, Ontario. At this time we are not accepting cash payments.

If you currently have a suspended driver's license, your fine can be paid at Service Ontario located at 280 Armstrong Street, New Liskeard, Ontario or 10 Government Road East, Kirkland Lake, Ontario or pay online at serviceontario.ca

If you are dropping off Extension of Time to Pay forms or Reopening documents, these can be left in our drop box located at city hall. There is an Order made by the Chief Justice pursuant to s. 85 extending timelines for applying for reopenings (s.11), when a fine is due (s. 66) and when a fine goes into default (s. 69). Unless your matters went into default prior to March 16, 2020, the applications are not considered

Courts are cancelled until July 6, 2020. Please do not attend city hall or Northern College in Kirkland Lake for your court dates. You will be advised of your next court date in writing.

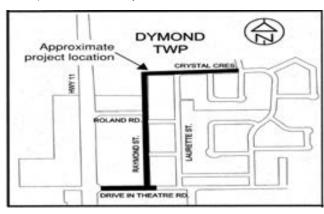
May 1st, 2020

Public Bulletin NWL-01901030 - Dymond Watermain Infrastructure Upgrades

The City of Temiskaming Shores is performing upgrades to the watermain system within Dymond. The project location includes parts of Drive In Theatre Road, Raymond Street and Crystal Crescent, as shown in the figure on the right.

Construction is slated to start immediately and is anticipated to last approximately two months. Residents may experience brief periods of water shutdowns and may experience temporary road detours as a result of the construction. Access to the right turn ramp off of Highway 11 onto Drive In Theatre Road will be limited.

Should you have any concerns or questions regarding the construction works, please contact the City or EXP at the addresses below.



Amy Kwaka, P.Eng. Amy.kwaka@exp.com 705-647-4311 extn. 240 EXP Services Inc.

Hayden Fiset, P.Eng. Hayden.fiset@exp.com 705-647-4311 extn. 238 EXP Services Inc.

Steve Burnett sburnett@temiskamingshores.ca 705-672-3363 City of Temiskaming Shores

Notice of Public Meeting

Potential Sale of Municipal Land: Haileybury Public Library Notice is hereby given in accordance with By-law No. 2015-160 in respect to the City considering the sale of the Haileybury Public Library. This public notice is being given to advise the public that Council is considering the sale of the subject land as described below and shown in the key map.

The Public Meeting will be held: Further information or

written submissions: Date: Monday, May 19, 2020 Logan Belanger, Municipal Clerk

Time: 6:00 p.m. Email: clerk@temiskamingshores.ca Location: Virtual Meeting Phone: 705-672-3363 x 4136 The public can provide input on the proposed sale, as follows:

- Submit Comments in Writing: Persons wishing to provide written comments may submit in writing, using the email address above, prior to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020; or may submit comments during the live-streamed Council meeting, viewed on the City of Temiskaming Shores Facebook page.
- Register to Speak at the Virtual Meeting: Persons wishing to speak to Council must register with the Clerk prior to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, using the above-noted email or telephone

number. Following registration, a confirmation email containing meeting details and a toll-free number will be provided. Please note that neither a computer, nor a video sharing device is required.

Description of Land: Haileybury Public Library, 545 Lakeshore Road

Legal Text: PLAN M37NB PT LOTS 1,59 RP TER709 PART 2 PCL 11350,12171,11247SST LIBRARY & **ART GALLERY Key Map**

Notice of Public Meeting Potential Sale of Municipal Land - 673 Browning Street

Notice is hereby given in accordance with By-law No. 2015-160 in respect to the City considering the sale of 673 Browning Street;

This public notice is being given to advise the public that Council is considering the sale of the subject land as described below and shown in the key map

Any person may attend the public meeting or provided written comments prior to the public meeting.

The Public Meeting will be held: Further information or written submissions:

Date: Monday, May 19, 2020 Logan Belanger, Municipal Clerk Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting

Email: clerk@temiskamingshores.ca Phone: 705-672-3363 x 4136 The public can provide input on the proposed sale, as follows:

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Description of Land: 673 Browning Street **Legal Text:** BUCKE CON 4 PT LOT 11 PCL

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Key Map



Notice of Public Meeting

Potential Sale of Municipal Land: New Liskeard Public Library Notice is hereby given in accordance with By-law No. 2015-160 in respect to the City considering the sale of the New Liskeard Public Library; This public notice is being given to advise the public that Council is considering the sale of the subject land as described below and shown in the key map.

The public can provide input on the proposed sale, as follows: The Public Meeting will be held: Further information or written submissions:

Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: Virtual Meeting

Date: Monday, May 19, 2020 Logan Belanger, Municipal Clerk Email: clerk@temiskamingshores.ca Phone: 705-672-3363 x 4136 The public can provide input on the proposed sale, as follows:

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Description of Land: New Liskeard Public Library, 50 Whitewood Avenue Key Map

Legal Text: PLAN M22NB PT LOT 29 TO 32 PCL 1487NND PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Non-essential

There's been a great deal of controversy about protocols surrounding COVID-19 and non-essential travel.

With the border opening between Quebec and Ontario, it would seem non-essential travel guidelines put in place by Medical Officers of Public Health on both sides of the border bear little merit.

We know in this region the Timiskaming Health Unit's Acting Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Glenn Corneil, advises us not to partake in non-essential travel out of our region.

This is being done to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect the most vulnerable among us. When we all pitch in and follow the guidelines we work in each other's best inter-

And guidelines are just that, not laws. They work on the honour system.

An example of someone who tossed aside non-essential travel guidelines would be the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford.

He admitted to travelling to his Muskoka cottage during Easter weekend to check on a plumbing issue.

The public is then put at risk when we hear confusing, conflicting messages being from government.

There are seven-year-olds sewing masks to give away to front line health care workers. If they can be decent people during this pandemic then we all can do the same thing.

The mayors of the towns around Muskoka asked people to stay home out of respect for local health care workers and



Sue Nielsen

the high population of vulnerable elderly people in those communities.

Closer to home, Temagami Mayor Dan O'Mara has asked people to stay away from their cottages, as he understands the seriousness of the COVID-19 pandemic.

While I believe Doug Ford has done an amazing job of communicating with us during COVID-19, his lapse of judgment about travel restrictions was disappointing.

The premier could have easily hired a contractor to check on his cottage.

I'd love to take off for a day of shopping in Sudbury but that would be non-essential travel.

And with the Quebec/Ontario border opening this week, will the flood of border shoppers to and from this region result in new cases of the virus?

We've all worked so hard to flatten the COVID-19 curve, why throw it all away to have restrictions possibly last long into the summer months?

The bottom line is don't take risks and stay home.

Surely the cost of lives are much more important than cheap smokes and booze?

Happy long weekend every-

RUFF DAY

The ruffed grouse was having a ruff day, so to speak, with feathers flanged in full courting mode this week on the West Cobalt Road. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

EDITORIAL

Frontline heroes

Not all heroes wear capes, some wear under the recognition radar. scrubs.

From the beginning of life, to the end of life, nurses are on the job caring for everyone from babies to our seniors.

Nurses, the highly educated workforce that often goes unnoticed and in many instances, unappreciated - until a major health crisis comes along.

This week marks National Nursing Week May 11-17.

In a global context, 2020 is the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife.

It also marks the 200th birthday of Florence Nightingale, the woman who turned hand washing into a public health weapon and who founded the first professional school of nursing.

Nurses make up the largest cohort of health professionals across the globe, says the World Health Organization.

And they are in short supply and badly needed on the frontlines of health care.

We know there is a shortage of nurses, in our region and country.

A degree-educated nurse is trained to process large amounts of clinical information.

They are being asked to operate at a higher level during COVID-19 and they are invaluable to the control of the dis-

Nursing is very much a female dominated profession and one that often flies

So let's appreciate nurses not only during Nursing Week, but each and everyday for the long hours, the stress and the dedication they provide in keeping us healthy and well.

Whether working in mental health, long term care facilities, in hospitals, in health care clinics and with public health units, our nurses are proving to be health care heroes during COVID-19.

Nurses are braving the outbreak of COVID-19 to help others.

In many countries around the world people are standing in the streets clapping and singing to honour nurses and health care workers.

How about we support and honour our nurses the next time they ask the province and their employers for better working conditions, more flexible working hours, more resources, decreased workloads, more personal safety on the job, added professional development and on and on.

The Temiskaming Speaker and Weekender newspapers thank all the courageous nurses who find themselves on the frontlines of this public health emergency.

We owe you a tremendous debt of gratitude.

Thank you.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Things will turn for the better

Dear editor.

I appreciated the editorial Hard Days that appeared in The Weekender on May 1.

Not only were your words insightful but they were encour-

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These indeed are hard days for us all.

But if we all do our part we will get through this pandemic

crisis and as you say, see "better days" ahead.

Sincerely, Margaret Paraskevopoulos Temiskaming Shores

Crossing purposes

Continued from A Front

keep our school closed and a curfew in place because we feel the virus is still being transmitted within the region," she said.

"We just had two new confirmed cases in our region. We are not out of the woods yet. TFN will continue to have these safety precautions in place within our community," said Wabie in an online message.

Dr. Glenn Corneil, the Timiskaming Health Unit's (THU) acting medical officer of health, continues to stress people avoid travelling out of their region for non-essential travel as part of the COVID-19 precautions.

As the mayor of the largest municipality in South Temiskaming, and as the THU chair, Temiskaming Shores Mayor Carman Kidd is coming at the border opening issue from two sides.

"There has never been any restriction on people coming into our area from Quebec or other regions of the province," said Kidd in an email to The Speaker.

"It is a provincial recommendation that people try to limit their travel in and out of our area. My only hope is that everyone physical distances themselves and preferably wears masks when they are out in the public."

A popular destination for Temiskaming residents is the municipality of Notre-Damedu-Nord, especially when fishing season opens on the Blanche River during the May long weekend.

"It was my hope that they would have kept the border closed for a couple more weeks. At least until after the long weekend," said Notre-Dame-Du-Nord Mayor Nico Gervais.

"We know shoppers go to Walmart in Temiskaming Shores and people are coming here, but my concern is social distancing. Are they going to stay two metres away from each other? I certainly hope so," he said in a telephone interview.

Quebec has the largest number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in the country as schools in Northwestern Quebec were set to reopen this week, with attendance optional.





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Temiskaming Hospital COVID-19 Update



A message from Temiskaming Hospital President & CEO Mike Baker

"We'd like to thank the community for their continued discipline. It is because of your support in following the guidelines that there is still a relatively low number of COVID-19 cases in our district.

Please continue to stay home, self-monitor your health, social distance during essential outings, wash your hands often and avoid touching your face.

Even with the warm weather around the corner, we must continue to follow these guidelines until we have flattened the curve, and it is not yet flattened."

The Ministry of Health has added new COVID-19 symptoms to be aware of including:

- pink eye
- hoarse voice
- difficulty swallowing
- sneezing
- vomiting
- abdominal pain

These symptoms are added to the existing list of new or worsening cough, fever and sore throat.

If you are experiencing any of the abovementioned symptoms, **stay home** and call Telehealth at 1-866-797-0000 or the Timiskaming Health Unit at 705-647-4305 who will provide you with information as to what your next steps should be.

Timiskaming Connections is a volunteer-run phone line for those looking for help doing groceries, running errands or if you just need someone to talk to. To reach the Timiskaming Connections phone line, please call 1-866-747-4305 ext. 2278.

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LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

English Catholic Central School Child/Youth Worker Barb Dombroski, as part of the photo activity called "My Light in the Darkness," created a chalk message on her backyard patio stones on May 8 in Cobalt. It is her version of the Catholic Education Week (CEW) theme, "Be a light in the darkness," during the COVID-19 pandemic. Her colourful message of hope and inspiration also involves Mental Health Week. "When a child comes to school, we have to consider the whole child, their physical and mental health when it comes to learning," she said. Dombroski said with the support of staff, in the coming weeks she was going to focus on activities involving the five pillars of mental wellbeing, connect, take notice, stay active, keep learning and give. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)





Youth Slo-Pitch league holding off registrations for now

By Jamie Mountain

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

ENGLEHART – The sounds of bats cracking and balls hitting the back of gloves won't be heard for a little while longer yet in the district.

The Rural Youth Mixed

Slo-Pitch League has decided to postpone registrations for the 2020 season in the City of Temiskaming Shores until further notice due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"When we know more about the fields being reopened by the province, then we can make a

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better decision," said lead organizer Alex Regele in an email to the Speaker.

"We would appreciate if every other town or township holds off on holding registrations until then and we could potentially all hold registrations on the same timeline."

The league is comprised of about 500 players each year, ranging from T-Ball to 17 and under.

Players also come out to enjoy the sport from all over the District of Timiskaming -Englehart, the Tri-Towns, the townships of Kerns, Harley, Hudson and Casey and from Timiskaming First Nation in Quebec.

Regele said that he would send out another update as the league learns more as it navigates through these unprecedented times.

"This might mean a shorter season with the season-ending tournaments," Regele conced-

"It's all up in the air at this point."



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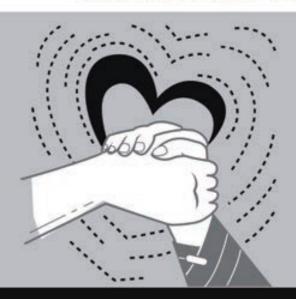
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ACROSS

- Mas' mates 1.
- 4. Stair part
- 8. Military attack
- 12. Card in the hole
- 15. Rainbow shape
- 16. Homeowner's
- hangover?
- Uneasy 17.
- 18. Peat source
- 19. Crag
- 20. Asian ruler
- Man-goat deity 21.
- 22. Jug handle
- 23. Ostrich's cousin
- 24. Flood
- 26. Add gas to
- 28. Powerful person
- 30. Kitchen wrap
- 32. Elide
- 33. Faith
- 36. Stride
- 38. Debit's opposite
- 40. To's cohort
- 42. Silent okays
- 45. Scheme Sea wall's kin
- 46. Bubble 48.
- 50. «Convoy» sight
- 51. Old harp
- 52. Therefore
- 55. Maiden-name
- preceder 56. Greek letter
- 58. Surmise
- 60. Dam
- 61.
- Wine-label word 62. Lab letters
- 63. Moss's kin
- 65. Send away
- 67. Reaper's tool
- 69. Extol
- 72. Basil sauce Foot-to-leg joint 74.
- 78. Lay bare
- 80. Harsh ruler
- 83. Need aspirin
- 84. Thing, in law
- 85. Against
- Petty argument 87.
- 88. Spoiled
- 89. Pumpernickel
- ingredient 90. Wanton look
- Medieval slave 91.
- 92. Unmatched
- Up until now 93.
- 94. London trolley
- Eye drop 95.
- 96. Railing

DOWN

- 1. Church dish
- 2. Redolence
- 3. Rub vigorously Planting area 4.
- 5. Gentle
- Like a villain 6.
- 7. Survey
- Recommend 8.
- Hayward film 9.
- 10. Pet lizard
- 11. Unit of force

- 12. At a right angle,
 - nautically
- 13. Raccoon's kin
- 14. White-plumed bird
- 25. Blunder
- 27. Engine part
- 29. Yield to commands
- 31. Earlier
- 34. The Jersey _
- 35. Road for Cato
- 37. Facts, briefly
- 38. Scale
- All right 39.
- 41. Atoll feature
- 43. Person who

Beer vessel

- receives gifts
- 45. For

44.

- 47. Blood carrier
- 49. That girl
- 51. Slat
- 53. Count (on)
- 54. Courage
- 57. Enthusiasm
- 59. Foul 60. «___ Harry Met
- Sally ...»
- 62. Fish eggs
- 64. Schmooze 66. Top popper
- 68. Constricting
 - garment
- 69. Absorbent fabric
- 70. Wild daisy
- 71. Agitated
- 73. Blizzard, e.g.
- 75. Barbecue choice

Woody vine

77. Senior citizen

76.

- 79. Fine sand
- 81. Cathedral recess 82. Grandmother
- Chamomile drink 86.

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Horoscopes

94

CAPRICORN

93

Your self-esteem will get a boost after you accomplish something you didn't think was possible. This will help you uncover a new talent. Your family may impose some



TAURUS

You'll feel like you're

being pushed around

this week. Luckily, you'll

be able to reach out to

people and get things

sorted. People will

AOUARIUS

You'll spend a good part of the week at home, either painting a wall or taking care of other pressing repairs. You decision to move.



Your imagination will be in overdrive. You'll start to create a masterniece and see a show or exhibit that deeply moves you.



VIRGO

Someone will confide in you or you'll discover a secret. Perhaps you'll decipher a message in another language or a cryptic comment made by your partner.



might make a last-minute



95



Your emotions will run high this week, but you may only cry tears of joy. One of your children will accomplish something that moves you, even if it's something small.



You might let a secret slip out.

staying quiet about it.

PISCES

You won't keep your

opinions to yourself

you'll have trouble

this week. If you know

something others don't,

Your social life will be particularly busy this week All your friends will want to spend time with you. You'll attend a few large gatherings where there will always be



SCORPIO

Put your emotions to the side while you negotiate something important. You'll also have to respect rules and regulations carefully to avoid problems.



Answers For Crossword on 2b

96

This is an excellent time to start thinking more seriously about buying or selling a property. You'll soon realize you have the means to make this dream a reality.

ARIES



You may start your own business. At the very least, you'll take a huge step toward an executive position at your current job. Once you settle in, you may enjoy this new position until you retire.



SAGITTARIUS

You'll have a mountain of work to do and no time to relax. Plus, you may not feel very well. You'll need some rest before you feel like





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City road plans 2020 unveiled

Diane Johnston

Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – What does almost \$1 million buy on the street?

In Temiskaming Shores, it'll mean the repair of almost 8.7 kilometres of roads.

City council recently approved a detailed road rehabilitation and resurfacing program for 2020. The work will be done by Miller Paving Northern, at a cost of \$995,700.

To select the asphalt roads slated for work, the city and Miller Paving used data from Street-Scan, explained public works director Doug Walsh.

The technology conducts a variety of visual inspections to assess pavement condition.

Traffic volumes and savings anticipated by the work were also identified as factors in the decision-making process.

Walsh noted that about 70 per cent of the roadways slated for repair had once been essentially provincial highways.

Prior to downloading the roads to the municipalities, he said 90 per cent or more of the cost of their repair would have been funded by the province.

Repair treatments vary by road. Listed below are the stretches of roadway slated for work and the estimated cost:

- Mowat Landing Road, between Hwy. 11 and Firstbook Line Road, \$276,710;
- Whitewood Avenue, between Paget Street and the ONR crossing, \$241,110;
- McKelvie Street, between Hessle Avenue and Dawson Point Road, \$121,060;
- Silver Centre Road, between Mill Creek and the south limit, \$108 185:
- Armstrong Street, from Hwy. 65 East southward 125 metres, \$71,020
- Paget Street, between White-wood and Spruce Street, \$53,805;
- Elliot Street, between Farr Drive and Bruce Street, \$47,080;
- Birch Street South, from Lakeview Drive to the end, \$34,240;
- Davidson Street, from Broadwood Avenue to the end, \$14,750;
- Stewart Avenue, from Birch South to Carter Boulevard, \$11,240:
- Maple Street South, from Lakeview to the end, \$9,130;
- Agnes Avenue, from Davidson Avenue to the end, \$7,3675.

Rolling out a new response agreement

Darlene Wroe Speaker Reporter

LATCHFORD - The Latchford Fire Department and the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) have reached an agreement for the fire department to respond to medical calls as a tiered response team.

EMS is administered by the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board (DTSSAB) and obtained approval from DTSSAB at its regular meeting April 22 to enter the new agreement and to also donate a response truck, defibrillator and other necessary equipment to the fire department.

EMS and the Latchford Fire Department have been working together for many years, but up until now EMS has taken the lead role in operating, training, providing equipment and maintaining it, EMS District Chief John McCarthy later explained to The Speaker in an email.

But tiered response agreements have been growing across the province, in which the fire departments are responsible for their own operations, and there are seven fire departments with similar agreements in the district, reached over the past 14 years, McCarthy also explained in the email.

Both Latchford and EMS

have seen reasons why it would be beneficial for the Latchford Fire Department emergency response team to become a tiered response team, he continued.

At the DTSSAB meeting, McCarthy commented that he has "the utmost respect for the Latchford firefighters."

DTSSAB chair Doug Jelly also thanked the Latchford Fire Department for their role as first responders "to ensure the safety of people."

McCarthy told The Speaker that the medical first response experienced in the Latchford area will be unchanged, and the agreement only means a change in which party is responsible for the management and operation of the service.

He anticipates the agreement will be enacted in early to mid-May, pending COVID-19 workload issues.

Latchford Fire Chief Mike Beaupre also commented to The Speaker the following day that the change will free up the vehicle, which had been housed in the Latchford fire hall, but until now could only be used for medical response. Under the fire department's operation, the vehicle can be used for all needs the fire department encounters, not only medical.

"It will roll when we roll," he said.

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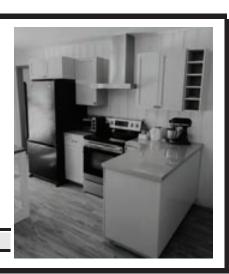


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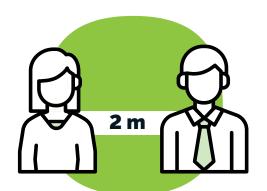
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