




COVID-19, Not In Our House!

Temiskaming Hospital Hôpital Temiskaming

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Some restrictions City reopening to play again

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – It's OK to stroll along the city's waterfront, hike the trails, and practise tricks in the skatepark.

On May 19, Temiskaming Shores lifted the restrictions imposed almost two months ago as pandemic precautions on the use of trails, paths and walkways.

Included in that ban had been the New Liskeard and Haileybury waterfront walkways and trails at Pete's Dam and Devil's Rock.

The city also followed the lead of the province which, earlier that day, approved reopening outdoor sports facilities and



OPENING DAY

The lure of open water on the first day of walleye season on Lake Temiskaming had local anglers Eric Lafond and his father, Mike Lafond, early morning fishing just off the New Liskeard waterfront. Ontario walleye fishing season opens the third Saturday in May, but on Lake Temiskaming it opens one day earlier - Friday, May 15, this year. Anglers are being asked to maintain all physical distancing protocols while out on the water. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

multi-use fields, outdoor picnic sites, and BMX and skateboard parks.

On May 19, city council followed suit, approving for use the municipality's soccer fields, ball fields and the Carter Antila Memorial Skatepark in New Liskeard.

The need to practice physical distancing and restrict gatherings to no more than five people remain in place.

Still closed are playgrounds and the Waterfront Pool Fitness Centre.

SKATEPARK

It was the skatepark's reopening that spurred discussion about public health concerns and enforcement if guidelines aren't followed.

Councillor Mike McArthur questioned how the municipality would have the staff available for enforcement.

Councillor Doug Jelly saw skateparks as comparable to playgrounds, in light of the materials used and concerns over their sanitation. *Continued on 2a*

DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our May 20 edition...

- The Town of Englehart is looking for partners in the operation of Kap-Kig-Iwan Provincial Park.
- Phyllis Shields is Temiskaming's newest centenarian.
- Interest in shopping locally is spreading fast in Englehart due to COVID-19.
- Students attending schools in the province of Ontario won't be going back to class until September.
- 100 Women shares their success by offering donating options in place of their May fundraiser.
- The Rod Inglis Memorial Earlton Steam Show has run out of steam as organizers cancel the popular event this summer.
- The Charlton Fall Fair, with roots dating back to the turn of the century, has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The province-wide fire ban was extinguished just in time for the May long weekend.
- Elective surgeries could resume soon at Northern hospitals.
- Get growing is the message for young gardeners in Englehart.
- The Northern Loons swim club is busy diving into dryland training during COVID-19.
- Getting active in Temiskaming may still be an option moving forward into the summer months.



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Some restrictions

Continued from A Front

If the city is going to encourage the use of the skatepark and picnic shelters, he asked how it would protect people using the facilities.

If it feels it can't meet public health criteria for their use, then it doesn't have to open them, commented Councillor Danny Whalen.

But Councillor Jeff Laferriere urged that the facilities be open. Larger centres are doing so, he said.

He said the local public transit system is running, even though buses are enclosed spaces and physical distancing has been a challenge.

But based on what he's observed, he said the public is acting responsibly.

It's important for physical exercise and mental health that people get outside, he said.

"I understand the risk component of that," he said.

But as parents and as adults, "we need to have some trust."

Unlike playgrounds, where kids are all touching the same

surfaces, skatepark users typically have their own equipment, said Councillor Jesse Foley.

In light of the news that schools won't reopen, many youth consider that summer holidays have begun, Whalen said.

"So you're not going to keep them out of the skatepark, whether we make an announcement or not."

City manager Chris Oslund said a public education plan has been drafted.

"I think we all in the community have our own responsibility as well to work together to ensure our community safety," Oslund said.

"And if there are abuses, we always have that option to close certain facilities down again."

In other recreation developments, tennis and basketball courts and boat launches in the municipality have also opened.

The New Liskeard and Haileybury marinas open May 22, while Bucke Park campground opens to seasonal campers on May 29.

CITY BULLETIN

Full Time Arena/Parks Attendant Competition No. 2020-005

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. 2020-005** no later than **May 29th, 2020** by regular mail or email to:

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szubycy@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.

MARINAS

City of Temiskaming Shores Marinas will open on Friday May 22nd. Marinas will be staffed from 11am to 7pm on the following days: New Liskeard - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Haileybury - Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rates for 2020 have been frozen from last year! Pay the same rate in 2020 as you did in 2019. Slip registration forms are available online at www.temiskamingshores.ca/en/resident/marinas.asp.

BUCKE PARK CAMPGROUND

Bucke Pake Campground will open on Friday May 29th. Rates for 2020 have been frozen from last year! Pay the same rate in 2020 as you did in 2019. Campsite registration forms are available online at www.temiskamingshores.ca/en/resident/parks-recreation-sport.asp.

TENNIS/BASKETBALL COURTS

Tennis and basketball courts in the city will open on Tuesday May 19th. Nets for both tennis and pickleball will be installed at both New Liskeard and Haileybury courts. Please remember to follow physical distancing guidelines and remember that gatherings of more than 5 people are still banned.

NOW OPEN

New Liskeard Boardwalk, all sections of the STATO trail and trails at Pete's Dam and Devil's Rock.

Also opening are all baseball diamonds, soccer fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, and the Carter Antilla Memorial Skate Park.

Amenities within parks are now open including outdoor picnic sites, benches and park shelters.

Playgrounds and indoor recreation facilities remain closed.

Physical Distancing while using outdoor recreation facilities is still required and there are still restrictions on gatherings of more than 5 people.

MUNICIPAL BOAT LAUNCHES OPEN

Boat Launches within the City of Temiskaming Shores are open to the public. Staff have installed docks at boat launches in New Liskeard and Haileybury. The boat launch at Bucke Park Campground will remain closed until May 29th. All boat launch users MUST follow physical distancing requirements and all other public health recommendations.

PUBLIC NOTICE OPEN AIR BURNING PERMITS

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, City and fire department officials have faced difficult decisions about how to adjust day-to-day operations in order to both protect their employees while continuing to serve their communities.

As a result of the closure of municipal buildings and facilities the City of Temiskaming Shores and Temiskaming Shores Fire Department wants to advise all residents that during this unrepresented time, and until further notice, residents who obtained a Burning Permit in 2019 may continue to burn in accordance with the conditions as outlined on the open air-burning permit. Please note, any resident requiring a new burning permit are asked to contact the fire department by calling (705) 672-3363 ext. 4701 or 4702 and leave a detailed message and someone will contact you to arrange an inspection.

Residents are reminded that you may only burn if conditions allow the fire to burn safely and all necessary steps are taken to control and extinguish the fire. All other conditions as outlined on the burning permit must be followed. Please ensure you adhere to the following burning safety tips so you can enjoy your fire and help reduce the risks to our Firefighters:

- No Day Burning - You may only burn from 6pm – 8am.
 - Only Burn Dry, Woody Type Materials - Household trash, plastic or tires are illegal to burn. You may not burn grass or leaves or anything that may cause excessive smoke.
 - Always Stay with Your Fire - A responsible person of 18 years of age or older must be present to supervise the fire at all times.
 - Respect Your Neighbour - Don't burn where smoke will bother your neighbour or blow across roadways or hamper visibility.
 - Control Your Fire - Only burn what you can effectively control. Don't even consider burning when it is windy.
- For more information please email: tuttley@temiskamingshores.ca or slangford@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.

May 1st, 2020



Re: 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.



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Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

Be Safe in the Sun

No one wants to stay inside when the sun's shining. So when you're outside, be safe and protect yourself and your family from getting too much sun.

Sun Safety Tips:

• Check the UV index daily

- A UV index of 3 or higher means that you need to use extra caution to protect your skin. The sun's rays are strongest between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. so try to reduce your time in the sun during these hours. In Canada between April and September, the UV Index can be 3 or more from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., even when it's cloudy.

• Seek Shade

- If your shadow is shorter than you are, it's time to find some shade.

• Cover Up

- Cover up as much of your skin as you can - clothes provide better protection than sunscreen; wear a hat. Many skin cancers happen on the face and neck so be sure to put sunscreen on your ears, chin and neck even when you're wearing a hat.

• Wear sunglasses

- Sunglasses can help prevent damage to your eyes so keep your shades on and make sure your children do too. Close-fitting ones with UVA and UVB protection in a wraparound style are the best option.

• Use Sunscreen properly

- Use an SPF of 30 or higher.
- Make sure the sunscreen is labelled broad-spectrum (offers both UVA and UVB protection).
- If you're in the water, make sure your sunscreen is water-resistant
- Apply a generous amount and put it on before make-up
- Use a lip balm with SPF — your lips need protection too

Talk to your health care provider about any changes to your skin like:

- a birthmark or a mole that changes shape, colour, size or surface
- any new growth on your skin — pale, pearly nodules that may grow larger and crust, or red, scaly, sharply defined patches
- any sore that doesn't heal
- any patch of skin that bleeds, oozes, swells, itches or becomes red and bumpy

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CITY BULLETIN

Haileybury Landfill Operations

Attention: Residents of Temiskaming Shores and Cobalt

Effective Wednesday May 20th, 2020, the Haileybury Landfill will be open to the public with normal hours of operations (Tuesday – Saturday, 8:30am – 4:30pm).

The City requests that all residents that utilize the landfill practice physical distancing and attempt to bring the appropriate payment to mitigate the exchange of cash. To assist in calculating payment please visit the City's website for the most up to date Tipping Fee Schedule. Note: 1 half ton truck load is approximately equal to 2 cubic yards.



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.

Adoption of the 2020 Budget

In accordance to the City's Notice By-law, notice is hereby given that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores will be considering a By-law to adopt the 2020 Budget at the June 2, 2020 Regular Council meeting scheduled to commence at 6:00 p.m. – Virtual Meeting.

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.

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:

1. **Golf Course Road - Chester Creek Bridge Rehabilitation Closure – Commencing on or about Monday May 25th 2020 until Monday June 22nd, 2020**
 - (a) 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 period.

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 Closure.

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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Council and Committee MEETINGS

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, 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

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:

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 decimals.

Pre-authorized payment plans, monthly or installment, are also available. Please email finance@temiskamingshores.ca for more information.

Other (Marina Boat Slips and Bucke Park):

To make arrangements for payments for a seasonal Marina boat slip or Bucke Park campsite, please contact finance@temiskamingshores.ca. Payment includes 3 items: seasonal rental agreement, proof of insurance and payment in full of any applicable rates. Failure to provide all required documents will result in not be able to utilize the facility.

If you any other questions regarding payments, please email finance@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 you.

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 urgent.

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.

Notice of Public Meeting

Potential Disposition 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 disposition of the Haileybury Public Library.

This public notice is being given to advise the public that Council is considering the disposition of the subject land as described below.

The Public Meeting will be held:

Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting

Further information or written submissions:

Logan Belanger, Municipal Clerk

Email: clerk@temiskamingshores.ca

Phone: 705-672-3363 x 4136

The public can provide input on the proposed disposition, 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, June 2, 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, June 2, 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

Notice of Public Meeting

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

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

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HOP TO IT

What's a bunny rabbit's favourite style of music? Hip-hop. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

Good thoughts

“Your mind will always believe everything you tell it. Feed it faith. Feed it truth. Feed it with love.”



Sue Nielsen

V. Erickson

After a long winter and the confinement of the COVID-19 pandemic, the freedom and joy of my first paddle of the season was akin to a religious experience.

That feeling when you push off from shore and you're floating freely never gets old.

As far as I am concerned, as soon as I leave solid ground, I feel I have arrived.

It was a beautiful evening with the clouds reflected off the still water as if I was paddling through the sky.

I inhaled a deep breath as I moved quietly over the water.

I returned to the pew of my canoe letting the sermon of the loons and their haunting calls preach to me.

The loons and a lone Canada goose all kept me company as I navigated my canoe around the lake. You know heaven truly is a place on earth.

I had missed the smell of the water, the crispness of the air and the calmness of the lake.

A cottager friend is allowing me to keep my canoe at his place while the public beach remains closed.

I feel a primal need for connection with nature and water now more than ever.

Mindfulness is the new age term for being in the present moment, the here and now. It comes easily to me when I am

on the lake.

Paddling stills the mind and invigorates the spirit.

It's hard to worry about things onshore when you are floating offshore.

Being surrounded by nature and the physical exertion of paddling can untether the mind leading to calmness, clarity and creativity.

Life is made from the things we pay attention to and it's important to hit the pause button every now and then.

Slowing down long enough to observe the way the sunlight filters through the clouds at dusk is a radical act in this fast paced world.

With the constant barrage of COVID-19 news it's not hard to think about worse case scenarios these days.

We need only think about the conspiracy theories being floated around from Bill Gates taking over the world to vaccines being made from fetus tissue to the bogus Plandemic video circulating on social media.

Social media is made for false health news. Be mindful of what you're ingesting.

We can't open the door and invite paranoia into our living rooms because it will sit on the couch and ask for a sandwich.

No, no, out the door you go.

Keep good thoughts my friends and find your own creative way to have a healthy perspective.

EDITORIAL

Class of 2020

Without a doubt the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the landscape of our lives.

None more so than for children and youth who are enrolled in our elementary, secondary and post-secondary schools across this region and nation.

This week the Ontario Education Minister, Stephen Lecce, announced students in the province would not be going back to class until next September.

But we know learning continues as teachers are delivering e-learning modules up until June 26.

And for secondary school and post-secondary learners they will be allowed to graduate based on their marks up until mid-March.

To those graduates it might seem like the odds are stacked against you in terms of this being a challenging year.

The future may seem uncertain as we deal with a changed world due to the pandemic.

But you have survived one of this young century's most unique and challenging situations which means you can do and be anything you want in life.

This is your moment, COVID-19 or not. You have worked hard, you earned your right to graduate and you are to be commended.

In many ways, your year has ended on a positive note as moving forward you know how to deal with life's challenges

faced during COVID-19.

And you know that if you want to get anywhere in life you have to work with others as we are all connected.

From the frontlines of public health to the retail sector, sports and onwards, the restrictions and restraints of COVID-19 have shown us that working together for each other's best interests is a win-win any way you look at it.

Life's experiences are often the best way to learn.

COVID-19 has brought some seismic changes - from the classroom to the boardroom.

Indeed, many graduates have had to deal with the cancellation of commencement ceremonies to celebrate their educational accomplishments.

This might seem like a rip-off but it's not.

If you have participated in your graduation ceremony through Zoom or by some other virtual means, don't worry, there will be plenty of time in the coming months for hugs, handshakes and high-fives from friends and family - or will there?

The one thing remaining a constant is the fact that education, literacy and the love of learning will continue long after the virus leaves our communities.

Good luck graduates, it is your time to shine. Go out and change the world for the better.

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Cobalt 2019 open-air fire permits extended to 2020

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

COBALT - Cobalt residents who had an open-air fire permit from 2019 will be allowed to have fires in 2020.

The decision to grandfather in existing permit holders for 2020 was made at council's regular meeting Tuesday, May 19.

The decision to not issue new permits was made because the municipal office is currently closed, following provincial COVID-19 regulations.

In a press release issued Wednesday, May 20, the town asked for the public's understanding that new applications for 2020 will not be issued.

Any open-air burning without a permit is prohibited, the town reminded residents.

The town's restrictions also extend to grass and brush fires, as well as the use of fireworks.

Council members approved the extension of the 2019 fire permits into 2020.

Councillor Pat Anderson commented in the May 19 meeting, which took place online, that it is important to provide an opportunity for people to have something to do when they are being asked to stay at home.

"I think it's important because we're asking people to stay at home. We need to give them something to do at home as long as it's safe to do so."

Chief administrative officer Brian Walker advised council that the fire chief is in favour of the extension of the 2019 fire permits into 2020.

Taking a mulligan Fundraiser on the Fairways cancelled for 2020

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Staff) - The annual Fundraiser on the Fairways golf fundraiser, held at the New Liskeard Golf Club to help needy families in South Temiskaming, has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It is with heavy hearts that the Fundraiser on the Fairway committee has made the decision to cancel the event planned for August of 2020," said Temiskaming Speaker general manager Lois Perry.

This year's event would have been the third annual. In the past two years the event has raised over \$37,000 for three local families who have been dealing with life-threatening health issues.

The organizing committee maintains the Fundraiser on the Fairways golf event will resume in 2021.

"We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all of the partners who have contributed to the tourney in making it a success," noted Perry.



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Council Meeting: The Regular Council meeting schedule for the month of May 2020 has been cancelled. The Mayor can call a special meeting of Council to discuss urgent business, if required. Agendas are posted on the website. If you would like information on listening on a teleconference meeting, or would like to submit written comments regarding the agenda items, please contact the municipal office.

Spring Clean Up Week – Important Update

Coleman Residents – Due to COVID-19, the following changes have been made to the Township's annual Spring Clean-Up program schedule. In the interest of health and safety, please maintain physical distancing practices, including from Township employees.

Landfill Site: The amnesty program (no tipping fees) at the Coleman Landfill site will occur from **Wednesday, May 20th, 2020, to Saturday, May 23rd, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.** Vehicle access within the landfill will be restricted to support physical distancing. Names and addresses from those depositing material will be required.

Curbside Collection: Collection of bulky items will occur from **Wednesday, May, 27th, 2020 to Friday, May 29th, 2020.** Please have waste set out for collection no later than 7:00 a.m. on May 27th; no return trips will be made.

- All small or loose materials must be securely bagged or bundled/tied appropriately to facilitate efficient collection.
- No brush or construction material will be collected.
- As outlined in the Clean Yards By-law, No. 12-06, no Freon containing appliances will be collected, unless the Freon Gas was removed by a qualified technician and the appliance has been tagged.

Intention to adopt a 2020 Municipal Budget:

Section 291 of the Municipal Act, 2001, outlines that before adopting all or part of a budget under section 289 or 290, or amending such a budget, a municipality shall give public notice of its intention to adopt or amend the budget at a council meeting specified in the notice. Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Coleman intends to adopt the 2020 Budget at an Electronic Public meeting of Council held on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference. The complete Public Notice and the 2020 Budget Presentation is available for viewing on the Township's website. For questions or information regarding the proposed budget, including information on listening to the public teleconference meeting, contact the Acting Clerk-Treasurer at: 705-679-8833, or by email at: toc@ontera.net.

Those who would like to make comments on the proposed budget; submit written comments to the Acting Clerk-Treasurer by 12:00 noon on Friday, May 22, 2020. The comments will be distributed with the agenda package and will be subject to disclosure by way of publication of the agenda. The meeting will be recorded and posted on the website.

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Armstrong council to support Charlton Sustainability Hub

By Jamie Mountain

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

EARLTON—Armstrong Township listened to a thorough presentation from Ambrose Raftis of the Green Timiskaming Development Co-operative at its council meeting held online May 13.

Raftis, who is the Co-operative's chairman, said the group plans on repurposing the former Charlton-Savard Public School building - which has sat vacant for the last eight years - and transforming it into the Northern Ontario Centre for Sustainable Development.

The 20,000 square-foot build-

ing would become the location for courses, workshops, webinars and hands-on experiences to give people the skills and confidence needed to participate in the development of a rural economy.

The centre will model, develop and teach traditional rural skills like food production and preparation as well as new contemporary skills in renewable energy sources, conservation and efficient resource management and also will be run as a not-for-profit community co-operative with charitable status.

Green Timiskaming has proposed to help the region move

into the renewable energy economy by making the centre a living model of a zero-carbon community facility.

"This would be done by supplying the heat and electrical energy through a net metering solar energy system," Raftis explained.

"It will be operated on a cost recovery basis to make it affordable. This is not a new idea, sustainable hubs exist in Britain, Germany, the U.S. and Denmark, where they have been operating for 30 years."

Raftis noted that Timiskaming, in particular, is seeing an accelerating collapse of its economy due to youth out migration and other economic factors, which is why Green Timiskaming has felt the need to pursue the Northern Ontario Centre for Sustainable Development initiative.

"For those who attended the recent conference in New Liskeard, the reality is quite startling," Raftis said.

OPENINGS

"We are unable to get people to fill an increasing number of jobs. This inability to supply professional, medical, technical and commercial employees will

cause a decline in our services, forcing more people to leave," Raftis stressed.

"Without changes, this down pressure will continue to accelerate. This study says that in the next 10 years, Northern Ontario will be 50,000 people short of what it needs to operate the existing economy.

"Most of this shortfall is in the rural areas - change is needed," he added.

Raftis also said that the Green Timiskaming Development Co-operative has been looking at four recommendations from the Northern Policy Institute to help tackle those issues, which included refocusing human and natural resources, improving education and awareness, re-tooling the economy and retaining and attracting youth.

Raftis said that rural communities with low-cost energy will become extremely attractive to the youth and that "we need to develop the plans and infrastructure to retain youth and attract others."

He also noted that inexpensive community-owned solar will soon be able to supply much of the energy of the district's businesses, homes, and

institutions.

"This means millions of energy dollars that will stay here and circulate in our communities. Year-round growing of local food means better health and circulation of more food dollars around the community," he explained.

"Low-carbon housing means that young people will be able to afford a home and this will attract and retain youth. Connecting with others through the Charlton hub will reduce social isolation, increase knowledge flow, and allow green tech development and attract computer-based jobs."

Raftis said that the Co-operative has learned that private and public funds are available for projects such as the Charlton sustainability hub and that it wants the region to have the resources it needs to plan a better future.

"We need a discovery process to find out what the dreams and aspirations of the community are and how they see the future unfolding and how a more secure future can be planned," Raftis noted.

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In the coming weeks, we need to continue to remain diligent. We must continue to stay home, self-monitor your health, social distance during essential outings, wash your hands and avoid touching your face.

The virus has not yet been contained, and until the curve is flattened, we must continue to follow the guidelines.

In closing, I would like to thank our team at the Hospital for their dedication and professionalism in adopting new procedures required by COVID-19. It has been a true team effort!

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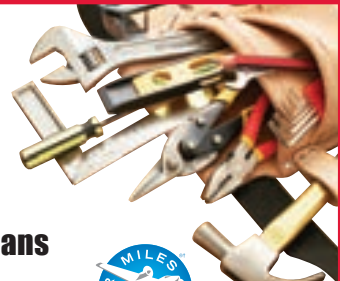
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- 15. Spelling competition
- 16. James ____ Jones
- 17. Perky
- 18. Items for hire
- 21. 18 or 30
- 22. Bends
- 24. Cosmetic
- 26. Wobble
- 28. Fled
- 29. Feminine title
- 30. Fodder
- 34. "____ the season ..."
- 36. Fondue essential
- 37. Craving
- 41. Yard tool
- 42. "Ain't ____ Sweet"

43. Priests' speeches

- 45. Cream or shoulder starter
- 47. Took legal action
- 48. ____-key
- 51. In the know about
- 52. Care for
- 53. Zip
- 54. "____ Pilot"
- 55. Abilities
- 56. Porky's place

DOWN

- 1. Weep
- 2. Honest ____
- 3. Punctured
- 4. "____ Will I Be Loved"
- 5. Stove
- 6. Arrangement
- 7. Cashier
- 8. Preschool downtime
- 9. Indian, for one
- 10. Brink
- 11. Daisylike flower
- 19. Manor lands
- 20. Long cut
- 22. After-hours bank: abbr.
- 23. Actor Stephen ____
- 25. Student doctor
- 27. Radiates
- 31. Motives
- 32. Solicit
- 33. Microscopic
- 35. Midday snooze
- 36. Bond firmly
- 37. Broad neckerchief
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- 46. Decimal point
- 49. Adapted
- 50. Move through the air

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January 20 - February 18

PISCES

An accomplishment you're very proud of will be recognized and appreciated. Your romantic partner will pay attention to your wishes and propose big plans for your relationship.



February 19 - March 20

ARIES

You'll spend a lot of time with demanding children this week. You might need to drive them around, but take advantage of the situation and have some fun together.



March 21 - April 19

TAURUS

Pay attention to instructions to avoid doing the same thing twice at work. Expect some miscommunication this week and double-check your information.



April 20 - May 20

GEMINI

A closer look at your budget will reveal you have the means to start a project that's close to your heart. Some details regarding your love life will need clarification.



May 21 - June 21

CANCER

Your leadership skills will increase tenfold this week and a substantial pay raise awaits. Take the time to negotiate with people before making a decision that concerns them.



June 22 - July 22

LEO

A dip in your energy will remind you to take better care of yourself. A new diet or treatment will improve your quality of life and help you accomplish your goals.



July 23 - August 22

VIRGO

Your love life and social life aren't always compatible, and you'll need to make a choice between the two. You'll also have to adjust your priorities to balance fun and responsibilities.



August 23 - September 22

LIBRA

You'll be inspired to redecorate and take on larger projects at home. Thankfully, your friends will be more than happy to lend a hand.



September 23 - October 22

SCORPIO

You'll start planning your summer vacation. Don't hesitate to tighten your belt to save up for a dream trip or a pilgrimage that'll reinforce your spirituality.



October 23 - November 21

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November 22 - December 21

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Armstrong council to support Charlton Sustainability Hub

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MUNICIPAL ROLES

Councillor Kevin Léveillé wondered what a municipality's role in a project such as the sustainability hub would be.

"I guess really it's just talking to their citizens and finding out who's interested and maybe helping set up a focus group so that when the plan develops, there's a way that municipalities can use them," said Raftis.

"I imagine that in the future that municipal leaders might want to go and take a course on renewable energy so they know how it works in their community.

"But the other thing we've learned through watching other communities is it's hard to develop some of these larger projects if the public aren't aware of it. So, I guess the role of the centre will be to help bring information to the larger part of the community, including municipal leaders, so that when a project becomes feasible from a business case perspective, that they have the community backing them to proceed with it."

Before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Raftis noted that the organization was hoping to develop its plan for the sustainability hub within seven months before then taking another few months to put the funding together. The project development then likely would start

within a year.

"We're going to be doing a fair bit of building," Raftis explained.

"So we're going to be putting in a net metering solar system, green housing and some of the community kitchen and different components. So we have an 18-month development phase and that before we actually have any training going on there. And then the training starts off slow, with 30 per cent capacity, and then we move up from there."

While an exact total for the project wasn't known, Raftis did say that it would cost "about \$2.2-million to get (the project) up and running and to break even after three years."

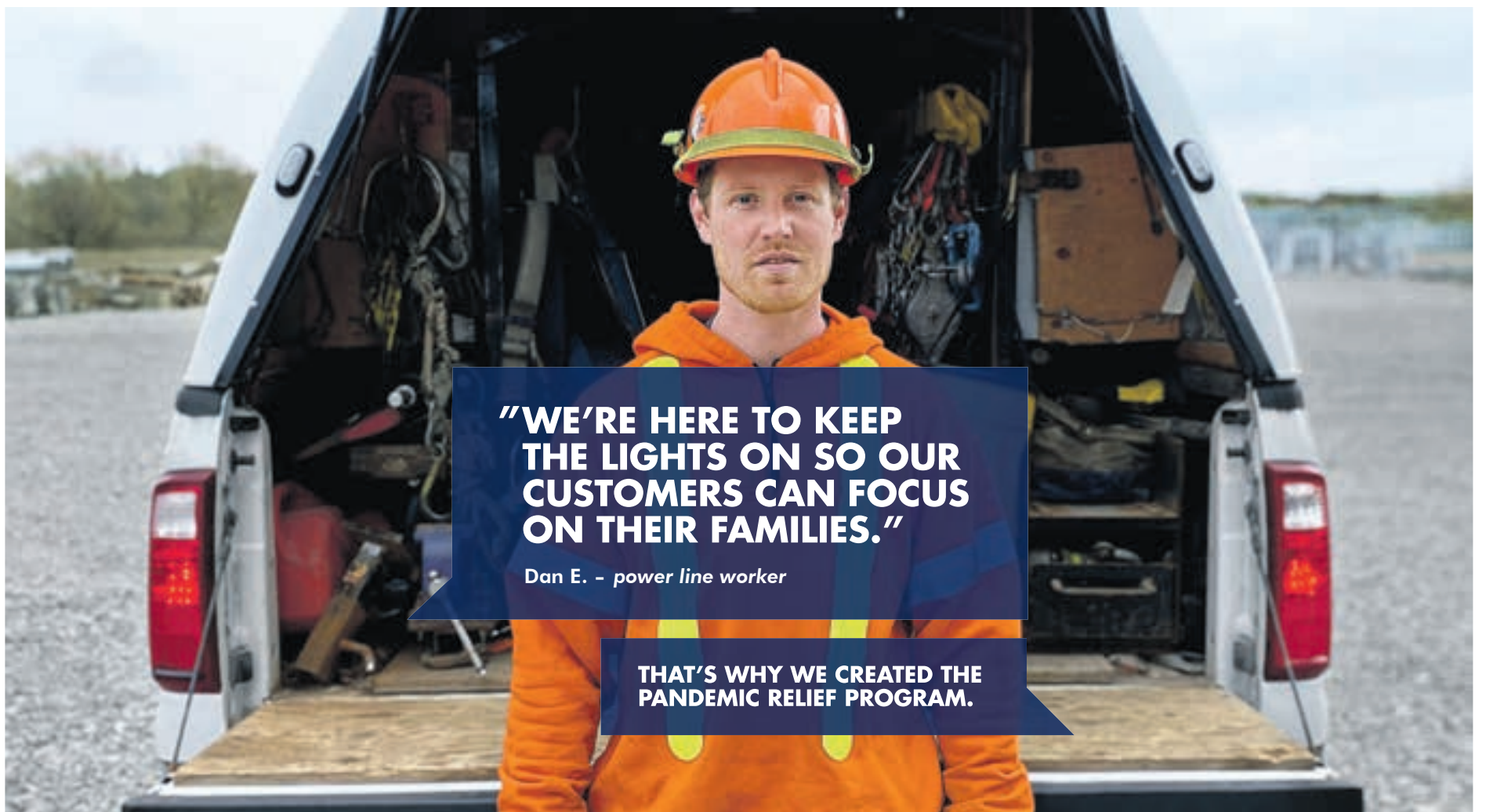
"We look at that amount as not that unreasonable for what we can accomplish with it because with that we can set-up the E-classroom," he explained.

"We can set up a virtual hub, so we can pass information not only just locally, but also to other communities throughout the North and we can bring information in from just about anywhere. So it's a fairly big social development because it's really going to change the information level that we have on what's new and I think that's, really, what's going to change how we can move forward."

Council thanked Raftis for his presentation and agreed to support the effort of the Charlton Sustainability Hub.



Connor Buchberger of Haileybury, 6, was recently out soaking up the sunshine and doing his part to help out the environment as he picked up garbage with his mom, Chantal Dinel, on Kap-Kig-Iwan Road in Englehart. (Supplied photo)



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