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FISHING FUN ON BAY LAKE

The objective was a pickerel but a small bass took the bait instead. After a quick photo-op, the bass was placed back in the lake and the fishing continued for the hoped-for prize of a pickerel. Enjoying the afternoon fishing together from the Latchford dock on Bay Lake May 30 were James Denis of Cobalt (left) and Randy Woodcox of Bancroft. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

More or less

Study of microplastics in lake inconclusive

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

VILLE-MARIE, QUEBEC – Microplastic levels in Lake Temiskaming appear to have decreased.

A recently released 2019 study of microplastic residue in sediments around Lake Temiskaming and on sites further down the Ottawa River seems to show levels have decreased since 2016.

However, those involved in the study are uncertain.

Different systems were used in each of the studies, and more studies are needed, however the pandemic has created a pause in the project.

The most recent study was carried out under the leadership of Carleton University PhD student Shaun Forrest, under the supervision of the Ottawa Riverkeepers.

Citizen scientists were used to collect the samples at various sites around the lake and down the river.

Forrest told The Speaker in an email interview that he had planned to do more sampling in the New Liskeard area this summer, “but for obvious reasons that is on hold.” He hopes he can get some more samples around Lake Temiskaming in the future when pandemic concerns ease.

Forrest’s ultimate objective is that “hopefully it will put in place some kind of urgency to make testing for microplastics a recurring practice for monitoring purposes.”

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DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our June 3 edition...

- A Temiskaming Shores family is stranded in South Korea due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The MPP for Timiskaming-Cochrane is asking for more accountability when it comes to long-term care facilities in Ontario.
- Rural communities are connecting to the idea that they need and want enhanced high-speed internet service as people work from home and students are learning online.
- Human remains found in Harris Township have been identified as those of a missing Temiskaming Shores man.
- Timmins-James Bay MP Charlie Angus paid tribute to Indigenous youth leader Shannen Koostachin on the 10th anniversary of her tragic death.
- Latchford has appointed Peter Gilboe as the town’s new bylaw enforcement officer.
- The New Liskeard Fall Fair will present a virtual presence this year.
- The 40th anniversary of the Terry Fox Run will be a virtual event due to COVID-19 concerns.
- Recreation amenities in Englehart are opening up with COVID-19 guidelines.
- The New Liskeard Cubs are returning their entire coaching staff from last season for the upcoming 2020-2021 season.



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Continued from A Front

Yves Grafteaux of Ville-Marie, director general of Organisme de bassin versant du Témiscamingue (OBVT) which participated in the 2019 and 2016 studies, commented in a telephone interview that it was difficult to assess the difference in levels because the techniques were different.

The 2016 study looked for microplastics in water, while the 2019 study looked in sediments.

“In 2016 the results were surprisingly high, and this year it was quite low,” he commented.

Whatever the case, the numbers in the Lake Temiskaming area were much lower than in areas of higher population further south along the watershed, he noted.

But he said, “we cannot really interpret the results for now. It’s too early to say there is no problem with microplastics.”

The 2019 study found results ranging from 12.31 microplastic particles per kilogram in Sutton Bay to 1.76 in Ville-Marie.

A microplastic is any small piece of plastic less than five millimetres in length which can enter the water system through a variety of sources. Microplastics can originate from clothing, cosmetics and industrial processes. They can also originate from degrading plastic materials such as plastic bags, fishing nets, and plastic bottles.

Fish and other marine animals can get the microplastics embedded in their bodies through their respiratory and digestive systems.



Become a BOARD Member

Timiskaming Home Support is a charitable organization committed to providing home and community support to seniors and physically disabled individuals living in the district of Timiskaming. Like our vision *Living at home – your choice, our goal*, we want to enable individuals to remain in their home environment of choice by providing them with services that are accessible, innovative and quality driven.

Our Board of Directors comprises leaders from non-profit and for-profit sectors who are dedicated to the organization’s mission and vision.

Serving on the Timiskaming Home Support Board of Directors is an extraordinary opportunity for an individual who is passionate about strengthening leadership and governance in the non-profit to make a difference.

Timiskaming Home Support seeks experienced and well-connected individuals who are passionate about seniors and physically disabled individuals. The ideal candidate is committed to supporting and positively impacting the policy environment in which Timiskaming Home Support does its work.
Prior non-profit board member experience is a welcomed asset.



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1-800-361-5820
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Faites partie de notre CONSEIL D’ADMINISTRATION

Soutien à domicile de Timiskaming est un organisme de bienfaisance qui offre du soutien à domicile et en milieu communautaire aux aînés et aux personnes ayant un handicap physique qui vivent dans le district de Timiskaming. Comme notre vision *Vivre à la maison – votre choix, notre but*, nous voulons permettre aux personnes de demeurer dans leur milieu familial de choix en leur offrant des services accessibles, novateurs et axés sur la qualité.

Notre conseil d’administration est composé de dirigeants des secteurs sans but lucratif et à but lucratif qui se consacrent à la mission et à la vision de l’organisme.

Siéger au conseil d’administration de Soutien à domicile de Timiskaming est une occasion extraordinaire pour une personne passionnée par le renforcement du leadership et de la gouvernance dans un organisme sans but lucratif de faire une différence.

Soutien à domicile de Timiskaming est à la recherche de personnes expérimentées et bien branchées qui ont à cœur les aînés et les personnes ayant une incapacité physique. Le candidat idéal est déterminé à soutenir et à avoir une incidence positive sur l’environnement stratégique dans lequel Soutien à domicile de Timiskaming œuvre.
L’expérience antérieure a siégé à un conseil d’administration d’un organisme sans but lucratif serait un atout.



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HOT SUN, COOL WATER

The May long weekend saw sunny warm temperatures permeate the Temiskaming region. Testing the waters at the Haileybury beach from the left were Gabrielle Gibson, 15, Charlie Doucet, 7, Leo Doucet, 9, and Owen Evans, 9, of Haileybury on May 16. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)



Proving local saleable cobalt possible

COLEMAN TOWNSHIP (Staff/Special) - First Cobalt has produced battery-grade cobalt sulfate.

This is the second time First Cobalt has produced the product using its refinery flow sheet, but this time a different feed source was used.

The second trial produced battery-grade cobalt sulfate which assayed with 21.4 per

cent cobalt, which surpasses the reference grade for sulfate pricing.

First Cobalt notes that the “ability to treat different feedstocks underlines flowsheet versatility of the permitted hydrometallurgical facility.”

As of March 30, First Cobalt anticipated having a definitive feasibility study completed soon.

“Once we have settled on buyers for the product, we are confident that we can make a sulfate product that will meet the quality requirements of their batteries,” said First Cobalt president and chief executive officer Trent Mell in a press release,

Mell stated that the COVID-19 economic impact is not expected to have a lasting effect on the company’s strategic plans. The company has a partnership with Glencore which Mell says will place it “at the centre of this transition for the North American and European markets.”

First Cobalt owns the only primary cobalt refinery in North America, and believes it could become a strategic asset for the North American and European battery markets.


The feasibility study and the completion of a long-term feed supply agreement with Glencore will be the determining factors in whether the refinery will be put back into production.

First Cobalt had originally anticipated having its definitive feasibility study completed in early April but slowdowns related to pandemic responses have resulted in setting a new deadline for the end of April.

Discussions are also underway regarding funding arrangements.

IN MEMORIAM

KURT LEOPOLD
July 13, 1946 - June 7, 2012



“Memories of you fill our minds, like thousands of bright stars in the sky”

You have been gone 8 years but we still think of you everyday. You will always be missed by everyone who knew you.

We know that you are watching down on us in everything we do. We love you and miss you and wish that you were still here with us.

“Your life was a blessing, Your memory a treasure... You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.”

Your loving wife, Ellen
Your children Shawn & Sherry (Daren)
Your grandchildren Zackery, Tristan & Carlee

In Loving memory of
Robbie Loach
Nov 15, 1992 - June 8, 2008

A Little Angel
Today it would be wonderful,
To see you play and smile,
But heaven lent you to this world,
For just a little while,
And in that short but precious time,
You brought along much love,
And all that love is with you now,
In heaven up above.

Your leaving caused so many tears,
And such a lot of pain,
But God needed one more angel,
So he took you back again.

We miss you Robbie.
Love Mom, Dad, Courtney, Ben, Cody, Tanner & Jaxson and extended family & friends



CITY BULLETIN

Pickleball is being played at the New Liskeard Tennis courts! Check out the public Facebook page 'Ladies Pickleball' for when the game is being played. Please note there are no washrooms available due to COVID19.

Use Temiskaming Shores Public Library from home!

The Library is still closed but that doesn't mean you have to go without reading materials or resources. We have a variety of online resources for all ages that can be used with your library card (and some without a card). We can make sure that your card is up to date and help you navigate our digital collection—just call and leave a message at 705-647-4215 or email newliskeard@temisklibrary.com . Access our e-resources or find out more on our website at www.temisklibrary.com . Relax with an eBook or Audiobook!

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You can also read ebooks online through **Romance ebook Cloud** or listen to audiobooks online through **Audiobook Cloud** without a library card.

Interactive Fun for Children!
Designed for children K-3, **PebbleGo Animals, Science and Dinosaurs** has fun information, videos, and pictures for children. The easy to navigate site allows children to learn about a variety of topics. Login with your library card.

If your children want to read, **TumbleBookLibrary Online** is a great place to go! The online collection of ebooks are suited for children in grades K-6. Existing children's books are animated and have audio narration. The collection includes favorites such as The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch, Diary of a Worm, How I Became a Pirate, Miss Malarkey Doesn't Live in Room 10, One Duck Stuck, as well as fairy tales such as Jack and the Beanstalk and Old Mother Hubbard. Use your library card to log in.

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The **Hobbies and Crafts Reference Centre** offers detailed "how-to" instructions and creative ideas to meet the interests of virtually every hobby enthusiast with articles, videos, and more! Subjects Include: Arts and crafts, Collecting, Home and garden, Indoor recreation, and Kids' crafts. Have your 14 digit library card number ready to log in and start crafting!

Want to brush up on a language or learn a new one? **Mango Languages Online** teaches actual conversation skills for over 50 languages. With helpful feedback, you can learn at your pace, wherever you are. Create an account with your library card. Find these resources and more at www.temisklibrary.com/en/eresources.

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, June 24, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m. – Virtual meeting
For further information contact Kelly Conlin
705-672-3363 Ext. 4116 or kconlin@temiskamingshores.ca

Special Closed Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. – City Hall (325 Farr Drive)

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. – Virtual meeting

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. – Virtual meeting
For further information contact Logan Belanger
705-672-3363 Ext. 4136 or lbanger@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.

ATTENTION TRANSIT RIDERS:

Effective **JUNE 1, 2020** a \$2 transit fare will be required for all passengers with the exception of pre-school age children. Boarding through the front door will also resume at this time. The regular 2020 fares will be in effect as of **JULY 1, 2020**. Stay tuned for further information regarding online purchase of monthly passes.

Based on Provincial health guidelines, the Temiskaming Transit Committee is recommending the use of face coverings when physical distancing is not feasible. Please continue to use the transit for essential trips only.

NOTICE

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

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

This program will commence the week of May 25th, 2020 and will continue throughout the City for approximately 6 weeks.

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

Public Works Department

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.

CANCELLATION OF ORANGE DROP EVENT

Due to the current situation and gathering restrictions put in place, this year's Orange Drop Event scheduled for June 6th has been cancelled. We ask that residents hold on to their Household Hazardous Waste until next year's event tentatively scheduled for the first Saturday in June, 2021.

MARINAS

City of Temiskaming Shores Marinas are open for the season! Marinas are 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 is open for SEASONAL SITES ONLY. 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.buckepark.ca.

TENNIS/BASKETBALL COURTS

Tennis and basketball courts are open. Nets for both tennis and pickleball have been 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.

MUNICIPAL RECREATION CLOSURES

The following facilities are closed to the public: Playgrounds, Arenas, Halls, Pool & Fitness Centre, Public Washrooms, Beaches.

RECYCLING PROGRAM

The processor of the City's recyclables has recently noticed an increase in the amount of garbage or non-recyclable materials in our shipments. Non-recyclable materials can cause problems during the sorting process and are expensive to dispose of, as the processor hand sorts the materials to get the garbage out. Mixing garbage with recycling significantly increases program costs, and ultimately the cost to the taxpayer.
Beginning immediately, random inspections will be completed by looking inside the recycling bins to check for garbage. Recycling bins found with unacceptable materials will be tagged to identify why the notice was issued, and to ensure the bin is not collected. Further occurrences may lead to fines or the suspension of collection services.
Please help to reduce the amount of garbage found in our recycling, and do not place the following prohibited materials in the blue recycling bin:

- Batteries • Extension Cords
- Clothing, shoes, other fabric materials
- Garbage Bags and Diapers
- Christmas Lights • Garden Hoses
- Medical Waste/Plastic Shovels, Toys, Buckets
- Electronics • Large Plastics: Tarps, Pool Covers/Liners
- Wood • Yard Waste: grass clippings, leaves, sticks, branches

Prior to setting out your recycling bin for collection, please ensure all of your mixed recyclable materials are placed in the bin loosely (except for shredded paper packaged in a clear plastic bag). Any items received at the processing facility in garbage bags are considered non-recyclable, as these bags are not opened and the contents are not sorted. Residents can find guidelines regarding curbside garbage and recycling collection on the City's website at www.temiskamingshores.ca, or by contacting City Hall at (705) 672-3363.

PUBLIC NOTICE

OPEN AIR BURNING PERMITS

May 22, 2020 - 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 the Temiskaming Shores Fire Department wants to advise all residents that all 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. For tenants requesting a burning permit, you will require written permission from the property owner to have a fire. Also, there is no cost to obtain a burning as Municipal Council has waived all fees for burning permits for 2020.

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.

When a Municipal Fire Ban or Restricted Fire Zone is in effect, no open-air burning is permitted and all burning permits are suspended.

For more information please email: tuttley@temiskamingshores.ca or slangford@temiskamingshores.ca



FEEDING THE NEED
The English Catholic Central School student council Prime Minister John Turner holds a \$500 cheque recently donated to the New Liskeard Salvation Army Foodbank. Students raised the money by selling hot chocolate over the winter months. “We are proud of the fact that the students were so eager to help and so excited that they could make a difference for those in need in our community,” said teacher/student council liaison Todd Bosak in an email message. There are 21 members of the school’s student council ranging from Grade 4 to Grade 8 with each class having two representatives. (Supplied photo)

Support for building addition at Village Noël

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Special) – A FedNor tourism initiative will help showcase Aboriginal and Métis communities at the next Village Noël Témiskaming.

Under recent funding announced by the federal economic development program for Northern Ontario, the Centre culturel ARTEM has been awarded \$7,200 for a kiosk to highlight the importance of Aboriginal and Métis people.

The local funding comes from a \$7.6 million-plus package for tourism across Northern Ontario.

“Our tourism sector and the 1.8 million people it employs across Canada have been hit hard by COVID-19, and we’re here for them,” said Mélanie Joly, minister of Economic Development and Official Languages and the minister responsible for FedNor, in a statement.

The government, she said, is “focused on ensuring that businesses, organizations and local governments are ready to reopen the industry and help Canadian tourism come roaring back.

“Our message to the sector and those whose livelihoods depend on it is clear: we’re here for you now with immediate measures, we’ll be here for you as our economy reopens and we’ll get through this together, and come back stronger than before. We’re working with you.”

COVID-19 et usage D'ALCOOL et de CANNABIS

Les gens peuvent recourir à l'alcool et le cannabis pendant la pandémie de COVID-19 pour les raisons suivantes :

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Bouleversements à la routine quotidienne.

Plus d'alcool et de cannabis à la maison après en avoir fait des réserves.

L'usage excessif ou à risque élevé de [cannabis](#) et [d'alcool](#) peut affaiblir le système immunitaire et rendre plus vulnérable à la COVID-19 et à d'autres maladies.

Où trouver de l'aide :

Association canadienne pour la santé mentale (services de toxicomanie)
Kirkland Lake—705.567.9596 | New Liskeard—705.647.4444
Northern Treatment Centre Kirkland Lake : 705.567.7778
Northwood Recovery Clinic Haileybury : 705.672.1044
Intervention en situation de crise - Temiskaming : 1.888.665.8888
Connex Ontario : 1.866.531.2600 | www.connexontario.ca
Jeunesse J'écoute : 1.800.668.6868 | Texte : CONNECT to 68686
LGBT Youth Line : 1.800.268.9688 | Texte 647.694.4275
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Email: collisioncentre@personalinfernet.net

COLEMAN TOWNSHIP

OFFICE
937907 Marsh Bay Road, Coleman, 705-679-8833

CLOSED COMMUNITY NEWS

The Township of Coleman is continuing to monitor the evolving COVID-19 situation, and encourages everyone to take all reasonable precautions, including staying informed by only sharing information from official sources. To view the latest municipal service updates, and for further information please visit: www.colemantownship.ca/covid-19

Council Meeting: The Regular Council meeting schedule has resumed. By-law No. 16-35 outlines that during the summer months of June, July and August, there will be one (1) regular monthly meeting only. During the 2020 summer season, the regular council meeting schedule is as follows:

- Monday, June 22, 2020
- Monday, July 13, 2020
- Monday, August 10, 2020

The Procedural By-law permits electronic participation in a meeting, during any period where an emergency has been declared to exist. During this time, Council meetings are being held via teleconference. 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.

Essential services: including road safety, fire response services, waste collection, and water treatment/ distribution continue to operate as normal.

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: Next collection date is Tuesday June 16, 2020. Reminder to residents – All recyclable material must be bagged in clear bags, with the exception of cardboard.

Municipal Office: The municipal office is closed to the public for in-person transactions. Staff members will be conducting business during this time period for the continuation of essential municipal services.

Building Permits are required for all construction in the Township of Coleman. Please allow sufficient processing time for your application.

Burning Permits - are required effective April 1st, 2020. The permit is NOT valid between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on any day - **Daytime burning is prohibited.** Please visit the Township's website to complete an on-line application.

Reminder: Open air burning is considered to be any fire set outside, other than a small confined fire for obtaining warmth and cooking. Small confined fires for cooking and warmth, that comply with the regulations and are contained to your own property, or a property in which an individual has permission to use, are exempt from requiring a Fire Permit under the Open Air Burning By-law. No. 13-23. There are size limits, clearance requirements, and provisions respecting fire control measures that you must have in place, if you decide to burn.

Coleman Fire Department: In Case of Fire Emergency - Please Call 911

For more information about the current forest fire danger, forest fire activity and fire restrictions across the province, please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires>

Animal Control
For emergency animal control services, please contact the Animal Control Service Provider at 705-648-4583.

Beware of the Wildlife

Bears have been sighted in areas of the Coleman Township. Walk with caution and ensure you bring protection (e.g. bear whistle, bear banger). Place open food containers, barbecue, used garbage bins and bird feeders away from your outside living area.

Should you sight or encounter a bear, notify the Ministry of Natural Resources:

Toll free "Bear Wise" line 1 866 514-2327.

"Turtle nesting"

It's the "Turtle nesting" time of the year. Please respect our natural habitat and spread the word of turtle nesting locations. Take a picture and report to the Coleman office, we will do our part to help protect our turtles.

Note: Canada Day celebration will be postponed to a later date due to the COVID19 restrictions

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Temiskaming Hospital COVID-19 Update



**A message from Temiskaming Hospital
President & CEO Mike Baker**

“Our Drive-Through Regional Assessment Centre located at Temiskaming Hospital has expanded both its hours of operation and criteria for testing.

As done previously, those presenting with COVID-19 symptoms will continue to be eligible for testing. Symptoms include:

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- sore throat
- nausea
- vomiting

Our expanded testing criteria will now include people who are **not** showing symptoms but are concerned that they may have been exposed to COVID-19 through contact with a confirmed or suspected case of the virus.

We will also be expanding testing to those who are at high risk of exposure through their place of employment. This includes grocery store workers, health care workers and retail workers even if they are not showing symptoms.

If you are showing symptoms, please stay home, and call the Timiskaming Health Unit at 705-647-4305 extension 7 or our Regional Assessment Centre at 705-648-1844 right away to schedule an appointment. Please note that all testing, including the expanded testing, will require an appointment.

Through this expanded testing in Temiskaming Shores, we hope to be able to detect the virus sooner and avoid spread through the community especially with individuals who have the virus but aren't showing symptoms."

Let's continue to stay safe, follow the guidelines and spread the word about our increased COVID-19 testing criteria so we can continue to say,

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EMPTY ENDEAVOUR

The Royal Canadian Legion Sgt. Aubrey Cosens Branch 629 in Latchford held a successful May long weekend bottle drive raising \$1,550 for operating expenses. Pictured are Vicki and Larry Wilks, two of a handful of Legion members who drove around collecting the empty bottles in Latchford on Saturday, May 16. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)



Charlton Sustainability Hub gets Englehart's support

ENGLEHART (Staff) - The Town of Englehart is also stepping up to the list of municipal councils who are giving their support to the proposed Charlton Sustainability Hub. At the town's regular council

meeting Wednesday, May 27, deputy clerk treasurer Malorie Robinson explained municipal support is important for the cooperative in its application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation.

The cooperative is seeking funding from the fund and Fed-Nor in order to be able to hire a consultant to move the project forward.

The Charlton Sustainability Hub would teach people and organizations how to have an economy in a low-carbon setting, and would facilitate sharing and building low-carbon products, including producing and harvesting food locally.

Englehart Mayor Nina Wallace commented that the concept behind the Hub is now "more critical than ever."

Providing municipal support gives the town the opportunity to participate in the development of a regional plan.

Ambrose Raftis of Savard Township is heading the initiative which is being developed around the former Charlton-Savard Public School.

Raftis has been working to introduce the project to area municipalities and Indigenous leaders.

"The Charlton Sustainability Hub will help communities to adapt to climate change by reducing their impact on the environment while increasing their quality of life," said Raftis in a document outlining the project.

"The Sustainability Hub with its charitable status will be self-sustaining by design. The low cost of operation will ensure its long-term viability."

It is envisioned that the centre "will be sustained through a cost-recovery business model by client accommodations, community support, volunteerism, and incomes from training, and a year-round farmers market."

The Hub would also "include the development and use of renewable energy technology as well as local four-season food growing, processing and storage technology within a community co-op structure."

Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

Hyperthyroid and Hypothyroid Disorder Awareness

According to the Thyroid Foundation of Canada, 1 in 10 Canadians suffer from a thyroid condition of one type or another. And as many as 50% of those are undiagnosed.

The two most common types of thyroid disease are:

- Hypothyroidism (underactive thyroid)
- Hyperthyroidism (overactive thyroid)

Clinical features of hypothyroidism may include: poor appetite; intolerance to cold; dry, coarse skin; brittle hair; fatigue; constipation; muscle weakness; and poor memory retention. Sometimes the voice becomes croaky and hoarse. Examination may reveal dry, scaly, cold, pale skin; a thickening of the skin and underlying tissues; very slow reflexes; and a slow heart rate.

Clinical features of hyperthyroidism may include: weight loss, nervousness, irritability, intolerance to hot weather, excessive sweating, shakiness, and muscle weakness. Other signs include a rapid pulse, loss of body fat and muscle bulk, thyroid enlargement (goitre), fine tremors of the fingers and hot, moist, velvety skin.

Thyroid disorders for the most part are treatable; however, untreated thyroid disease can produce serious results in other parts of the body.

Each person's experience of thyroid illness will be different depending on a number of factors; a patient will not necessarily have all (or even any) of the above symptoms and some patients have the symptoms in the absence of thyroid disease, perhaps due to other causes. A primary care provider should be consulted if thyroid illness is suspected.

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Twice monthly meetings considered by Charlton-Dack

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

CHARLTON-DACK - The Municipality of Charlton and Dack is considering returning to meeting twice a month.

At their regular meeting Monday, June 1, which took place electronically, council also discussed whether they will be able to return to meeting in person.

Acting Reeve Debbie Veerman suggested that meeting in person could be possible if physical distancing is provided.

To have five people meet together is currently permitted, it was noted.

Currently Reeve Merrill Bond is out of the area and has been keeping contact through phone calls and emails, and attending the meetings online through the Zoom app. The remaining four council members and chief administrative officer Dan Thibeault constitute five people.

Veerman continued that if the provincial regulations regarding gatherings are relaxed to 10 from five, the full council could start meeting in person again when Bond returns to the area.

Councillor Sandra Parkin observed that “our meetings seem to be going a lot faster when we’re on Zoom.”

Council agreed that they will have a second meeting this month, which is slated for June 15, in order to discuss the municipal budget and a contract matter.

Councillor Clem Yantha commented that it the decision could be made monthly whether it would be necessary to call a second meeting.

Councillor Jim Huff expressed support for having two meetings a month.

“I don’t think we’re being very effective when we’re a month apart between meetings,” he commented.

However he agreed that by meeting through Zoom “the meetings do seem to be much shorter.”

He noted that at this time there is much going on related to shared services with Chamberlain and other area municipalities.

Thibeault said that the procedural bylaw will have to be amended to move back to a twice-monthly meeting schedule.

Huff commented that Charlton-Dack made the change to one meeting a month when it entered a shared services agreement with the Township of Chamberlain. Thibeault serves as chief administrative officer for both municipalities.

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Earlton artisans hosting drive-by Art & Vendor Tour

By Jamie Mountain
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

EARLTON – Artisans in Earlton are getting more creative in light of COVID-19.

In order to follow physical distancing requirements, local artisans are organizing a drive-by event dubbed the Earlton Art and Vendor Tour on Saturday, June 20, for those to tour and shop in support of artists and home-based businesses.

It will be hosted by Josée Gauthier of Deja Vu Boutik and Gen Skelling.

“What we plan to do is ask all the people that do art and stuff and wants to sell it to set-up outside their home,” Lise Desjardins of Lise’s Creations, who will be selling sola (wooden) flower creations at the event, said in a telephone interview.

“And we’re going to (create) a map so people can have a map and do the tour in Earlton and you can see who does art in Earlton and sells it. It’s like a yard sale, but it’d be art and is mostly for people who do art and want to sell it.”

The event will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 20 and Desjardins noted that the map will be created and available soon.

For more information and to stay up to date with the event, you can follow along with it on Facebook by searching Earlton Art & Vendor Tour.



A SHOW OF LOVE FOR MOTHER’S DAY
Extendicare nursing home activities manager Denise Roberts (pictured here with her dog) said she couldn’t believe the strong response to the Mother’s Day parade she organized for Sunday, May 10. About 40 vehicles with family members and friends drove by Extendicare and Temiskaming Lodge, decorated with balloons, ribbons and messages of love for mothers in the nursing homes during the COVID-19 lockdown. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)



FAMILY STROLL
It was a beautiful, sunny day for a recent stroll along the open section of the New Liskeard boardwalk for Perry Wuest, left, Jasper, 4, and Hans Wuest, 2, Angela Hunter and their dog George. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)



BUCKE-ROO CAMPING

By Robert Ritchie

A new way of camping for 2020 season seems to be so far seasonal campers only until the Ontario government says differently. This is ok campers are a resilient and innovative bunch.

Campers must follow the health authority expert’s guidance during these times.
1. Wash your hands, wash your hands, wash your hands. 2. Don’t touch your face, wash your hands. 3. Distance yourself 2 meters (6 feet) from people. Talk to them but stay 2 meters (6 feet) away. 4. No more than 5 people in a group and that group is practicing the 2-meter rule. 5. Do not use public playground equipment, public washrooms, or public beaches. We need to take a moment to think of the future and do what’s needed now for the type of future we want to see.

If your camping park has a hiking trail or shore fishing please respect the 2-meter rule by stepping off the trail for others, or if you are fishing 2 meters or more is better for not tangling of fishing lines. Now if we could just get the mosquitoes and black flies to social distance.

The Temiskaming District has done very well and has no active cases of Covid-19, lets work together by following the health expert’s advice. Now during this time, we can still have fun. We can modify the events and games we enjoy by thinking outside the box while still following the health expert’s guidelines.

This year commemorates the group of 7’s (A group of artists who established a Canadian art) centennial year and I’m sure any member of The Group of Seven would appreciate the motifs of any of the campgrounds in the district of Temiskaming. The Temiskaming Art Gallery is hosting a celebration of the anniversary of the Group of Seven and Tom Tompson.

The transient campers will be misted this year at least until the Ontario government lifts the ban on transient camping. Campers love meeting new people from outside the area and hear with them the history of the area, camping experiences, and just conversation. Transient tourists help our local economy and tell others to come to Temiskaming, so if you meet a camper welcome them and make a new friend.

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Artists continue creating during lockdown

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

DISTRICT - Artists around the world are experiencing varying levels of impact on their sales and their ability to show their work as the pandemic lockdown continues.

In Northeastern Ontario, scheduled exhibitions for 2020 and into 2021 have been either put in question, postponed, or cancelled outright.

Three local artists were contacted about how they have been impacted by social distancing.

Lionel Venne of Elk Lake is still seeing sales occurring for his paintings, but he noted the closure of the exhibition venues. However his paintings are still selling online, and a collector regularly reaches out to him, he said in a telephone interview. Venne spends the days painting, sitting on his deck, and listening to music.

Coleman Township artist Cal Knight says, “social distancing is impacting sales but it will pass.”

Knight also noted the cancellation of exhibitions.

“I miss going to all our area shows. We are blessed with some strong art and great local organizations, and the volunteers that make it work.”

In the meantime, he is focusing on creating.

Linda Mustard of Savard Township says the social distancing requirement has resulted in a slowdown for her art sales.

She particularly noted the impact of the cancellation of numerous juried art shows this year.

However, she has been spending time in the garden and says, “This year I am going to have a great garden.”

Hugh McKenzie of Temagami says he and his wife are “pretty well isolated” and food is being delivered to them at their

property.

His work is displayed at the Temagami Train Station, although the building is closed to the public at this time until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Mckenzie said he is still receiving some calls and orders for his artwork, and is receiving some big commissions.

While he can still order and receive canvas and paints, it is difficult to get frames, he noted.

Bruce Cull of Henwood Township says, “the arts are taking yet another big step backwards” during this time. Online sales are non-existent, he says, on top of galleries and shops being shut. “Prior to the pandemic it was a struggle for artists, but now, for me, I continue to work and produce good work, much of which is reflecting the times we’re living in, but there isn’t a proper outlet to have the work seen.”

For now he is working in his studio “on themes of grouse drummers, on themes of courageousness, persistence and faith.”

CHANGES

The Boreal North Sculpture exhibition, scheduled for June, will not be taking place, and other shows at the Kirkland Lake Museum of Northern History have been cancelled until the museum has been given the go-ahead to reopen.

The Englehart and Area Historical Museum, which offered regular exhibitions through the year, has also been closed for 2020.

The Northern Ontario Art Association (NOAA) travelling exhibition has been cancelled and the art pieces which had been entered are now in storage in Sudbury.

July’s Cobalt Artists’ Colony has been cancelled this year,



Bruce Cull of Henwood Township has chosen the image of the grouse to reflect on qualities needed during the time of COVID-19 - courage, persistence and faith. (Supplied photo)

explained NOAA representative Karen Pilch, who lives in Englehart and organizes the Colony.

Preparations for the Northern Impressions 2.0 show would

have had to begin now, even though the exhibition wouldn’t have been shown until 2021, so that event has been cancelled.

The Temiskaming Art Gallery’s Group of Seven exhibi-

tion, in which originals from the Group of Seven were to be shown in late spring/early summer in conjunction with local juried pieces, has been postponed to the fall.

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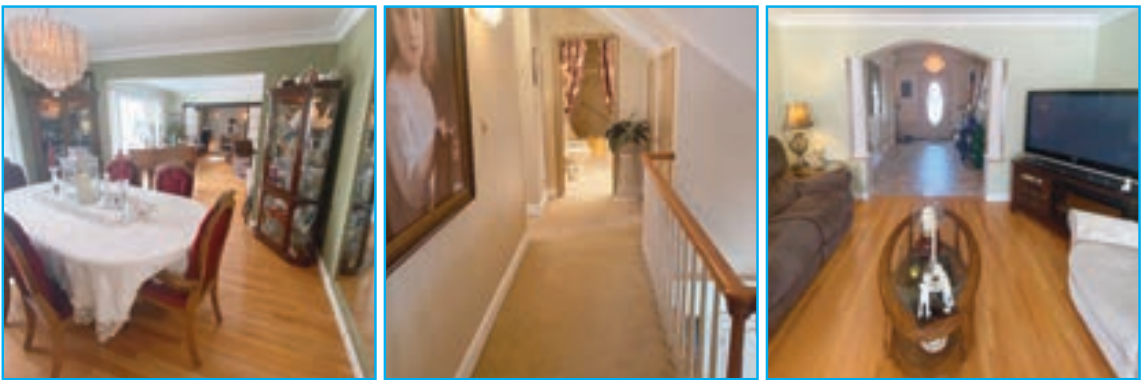
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