



Staying put

Councillor staying despite council's request to resign

By Jamie Mountain

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

TEMAGAMI – Temagami council agreed to a recommendation from the Integrity Commissioner to ask Councillor John Harding for his resignation at its regular meeting held Thursday, May 14, but he is refusing to step down.

At council's last regular meeting on June 4, held electronically, treasurer-administrator Craig Davidson noted that the letter had been sent to Councillor Harding but Harding had not given a written confirmation that he would not be resigning, even though he had said he wouldn't be resigning verbally.

"A letter was prepared that Mayor O'Mara did review and sign and send out. I have received a verbal notice that he has no intention of resigning but I haven't received anything in writing at this point in time," said Davidson.

"I just received a verbal this afternoon (June 4)."

Council's request for Councillor Harding's resignation came after receiving the Integrity Commissioner's report that concluded Harding had a "serious and continuing breach of confidentiality that the investigators have suggested will be unlikely to cease."



MARKET DAY

Sam Cloutier, at left, and Taura Roberts were among the shoppers on opening day at Riverside Farmers' Market. Pandemic precautions meant sales are limited to plants and food products, and Plexiglas screens, hand sanitizer and one-way traffic signs were new additions. Still, opening-day business was "excellent," said Shalom Farms' Solomon Houser, a market vendor for the past seven years. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

On November 12, 2019, the Office of the Integrity Commissioner received two requests for inquiry from a member of Temagami council.

The first alleged that Harding contravened the Municipality of Temagami Code of Conduct by disclosing confidential information from closed meetings.

The second alleged that all members of council had contravened the Code of Conduct by disclosing con-

fidential information from closed meetings.

The essence of the first complaint was that Harding released confidential information from a closed session to Ron Prefasi, a former member of council who did not run for re-election in 2018, and to others. The allegations arose from an investigation into a Code of Conduct request for inquiry made by Prefasi against

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DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our June 10 edition...

- Teen passengers were ejected from a motor vehicle collision on Whitewood Avenue in New Liskeard on Sunday, June 7.
- A group of concerned citizens is organizing a Black Lives Matter Rally for Temiskaming Shores on Saturday, June 20.
- The Temiskaming Hospital is returning to routine patient services.
- Former Temagami First Nation Chief Gary Potts died on Wednesday, June 3.
- Sean Conroy has been named president of the Englehart and Kirkland Lake hospitals.
- Temiskaming Shores council has cancelled the July 1 long weekend fireworks display due to COVID-19 restrictions. The show will be rescheduled to a later date.
- Temiskaming Shores council is still deciding the fate of the New Liskeard Carnegie library building, with input from the public.
- A New Liskeard senior who was in need of an electric lift chair has received the chair thanks to an anonymous donor.
- A newly installed Fixit public bike repair station at the New Liskeard waterfront helps to support cycling.
- The Get Active in Temiskaming group is hosting a virtual event between June 14-June 28.



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RARE TWINS



Ken and Nancy Jefkins of KenNan Percherons in Casey Township were gifted a miracle recently as one of their mare Percherons gave birth to a rare set of twins. Twin births in horses are rare and Mother Nature typically does not favour the births as a significant number of twin embryos spontaneously abort within the first six weeks of pregnancy. Of the twin conceptions present after 40 days of pregnancy, about 80 per cent will subsequently abort, most often after the eighth month of pregnancy, according to the University of California, Davis, Center for Equine Health. In the rare case where the mare delivers one or two live foals, there are increased foaling problems for the mare and greater loss of life for the foals during the first two weeks of life. The combined birth weight of the twins equals the size of one normal, single foal, and the twins never catch up to normal weight and size. As of Wednesday, the Jefkins' Percheron foals were 12 days old and remained in good health, along with the mare. Fingers crossed that continued health comes to all three horses! (Staff photo by Jamie Mountain, LJI reporter)

Temagami tackling speeding issues within the town

By Jamie Mountain
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

TEMAGAMI – Traffic in the town of Temagami will be forced to move along at a slower pace moving forward.

Temagami town council approved a motion for staff to install speed limit signs on streets in accordance with the Traffic By-law 09-826 at their regular meeting on Thursday, June 4, held electronically.

Town staff had received a letter from a concerned citizen who was worried about children's safety on Mountainview Avenue due to high rates of speed from passing traffic. The resident said they would like to have a "Slow Down" sign placed on the road.

Town staff reviewed the area and found that the road is a residential junction between Highway 11 North and the Ontario Northland (ONR) property. The road receives traffic from local residents, transport trucks making deliveries and the ONR, who use the road to access both Highway 11 North and the ONR corridor.

The street, like some others in the town, does not have any posted speed limit currently and the cost to install the signs on those streets would be \$60 a sign.

Town staff recommended that posted speed limit signs be installed on all roads listed in the

Traffic By-law 09-826, Schedule "H", as amended, in accordance with the Highway Traffic Act.

Furthermore, staff recommended that all concerns of moving vehicle violations be directed to the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for proper enforcement actions.

As amended, Schedule "H" in Traffic By-law 09-826 is a list of roads that have rates of speed that are contrary to the provisions of the Highway Traffic Act.

The Schedule contains numerous roads in Temagami with speed limits ranging from 30 to 70 kilometres per hour.

The bylaw has listed the speed limit of Mountainview Avenue as 30 kilometres per hour.

The passed bylaw would be enforceable if the roads were posted with the speed limits as approved in the Traffic By-law 09-928, as amended.

Posting a "Slow Down" sign would serve as a caution but would not be enforceable. Without the proper sign posted, the street speed limit would be deemed to be 50 kilometres per hour.

Councillor John Shymko felt that installing the speed limit signs on streets where there currently aren't any was a great first step to take.

"At \$60 a sign and what is there...35 (streets) on the list that was given to us. A lot of those already do have (speed limit) signs. I think it's money well spent to be honest with you as a start," he remarked.

Councillor Barret Leudke questioned if the OPP could also run a speed enforcement campaign.

"The OPP are the only ones who can enforce a moving violation," Municipal Law Enforcement Officer Daryl Bell replied.

"So we would have to get them to come on board for that sort of a process and everything to get any control there."

Mayor Dan O'Mara also commented that, at some point in time, the town could install "Kids At Play" signs in speeding problem areas.

Councillor and Deputy Mayor Cathy Dwyer suggested that council should amend the traffic bylaw in the near future so that every street in Temagami has a speed limit of 30 kilometres an hour.

"In the meantime, we (should) put some signage up on the street for this resident but we need to deal with this and we'll deal with it through an amendment in the bylaw, to start off with," she reasoned.

TENDER APPROVED

Also at the June 4 meeting, council approved the three-year tender for maintenance and servicing of navigational aids on Lake Temagami from Temagami Electrical Services Inc. in the total amount of \$21,215.88 plus HST.

Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

What You Should Know About Lyme Disease

If you work outdoors or participate in outdoor activities such as golfing, hunting, camping, fishing, hiking and walking in fields, you may be at greater risk for tick bites. The risk of getting a tick bite starts when the weather warms up in the spring, through until the fall.

Know the Risk

Ticks attach themselves to the skin. Removing them within 24 to 36 hours usually prevents infection. Using clean tweezers, grasp the head as close to the skin as possible and slowly pull straight out. Afterwards, wash the site of the bite with soap and water or disinfect with alcohol or hand sanitizer. If possible, save the tick in a zip-lock bag and record the date of the bite. If you develop fever, headache, muscle and joint pains, fatigue and a skin rash, especially one that looks like a red bull's eye in the weeks after being bitten, promptly contact your primary care provider. Bring the tick with you to your medical appointment as it may help your provider assess your illness.

How to avoid ticks?

- Wear light-coloured clothing. It makes ticks easier to see and remove before they can attach to feed
- Wear long pants and a long-sleeved shirt
- Wear closed footwear and socks
- Tuck your pants into your socks
- Use a tick repellent that has "DEET". Apply it to your skin and outer clothing. Avoid your eyes and mouth, as well as cuts and scrapes.
- Put a tick and flea collar on your pet and check them for ticks periodically
- If you are going to areas where ticks are present, examine yourself thoroughly - pay special attention to the groin, scalp and armpits. Use a mirror to check the back of your body or have someone else check.

With the beautiful spring/summer weather upon us, it's time to heighten your awareness. By taking the right precautions and spreading the word, you can protect yourself and your family from Lyme disease.

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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.

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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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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.

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**.

The Temiskaming Transit now has Tickets and Monthly passes available for purchase online. Once processed, please allow 2-3 business days for delivery, as they will be mailed.

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.

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.

Council and Committee MEETINGS

Corporate Services Committee
Wednesday, June 10, 2020 @ 12:00 noon
– Virtual meeting

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

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 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 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.

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:
tutley@temiskamingshores.ca or
slangford@temiskamingshores.ca

Part Time Lifeguard/Swim Instructors Competition No. 2020-007

The City of Temiskaming Shores is currently seeking Part Time Lifeguards for the Summer Season at the Haileybury Beach.

The successful candidates will possess the following qualifications:

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- Works well with minimal supervision; and
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No. 2020-007 no later than June 12th, 2020 by regular mail or email to:

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The City of Temiskaming Shores is committed to an inclusive, barrier free environment. Accommodation will be provided in all steps of the hiring process. Please advise the Director of Corporate Services if you require any accommodations to ensure that you can participate fully and equally during the recruitment and selection process.

We thank all applicants; however, only those considered for an interview will be contacted.

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

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 Park 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.

BEACHES

The New Liskeard Beach is open for unsupervised swimming. Please respect physical distancing guidelines and other public health recommendations.

The Haileybury Beach is closed to the public but is tentatively planned to open on June 29th for supervised swimming.

WASHROOMS

Public Washrooms at the Spurline Building are open to the public from 9am to 9pm daily. Washrooms at the Haileybury Harbourfront Pavilion are open to the public from 9am to 7pm daily. City staff will be cleaning and disinfecting washrooms three times daily. Other washrooms within parks around the city remain closed at this time.

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.

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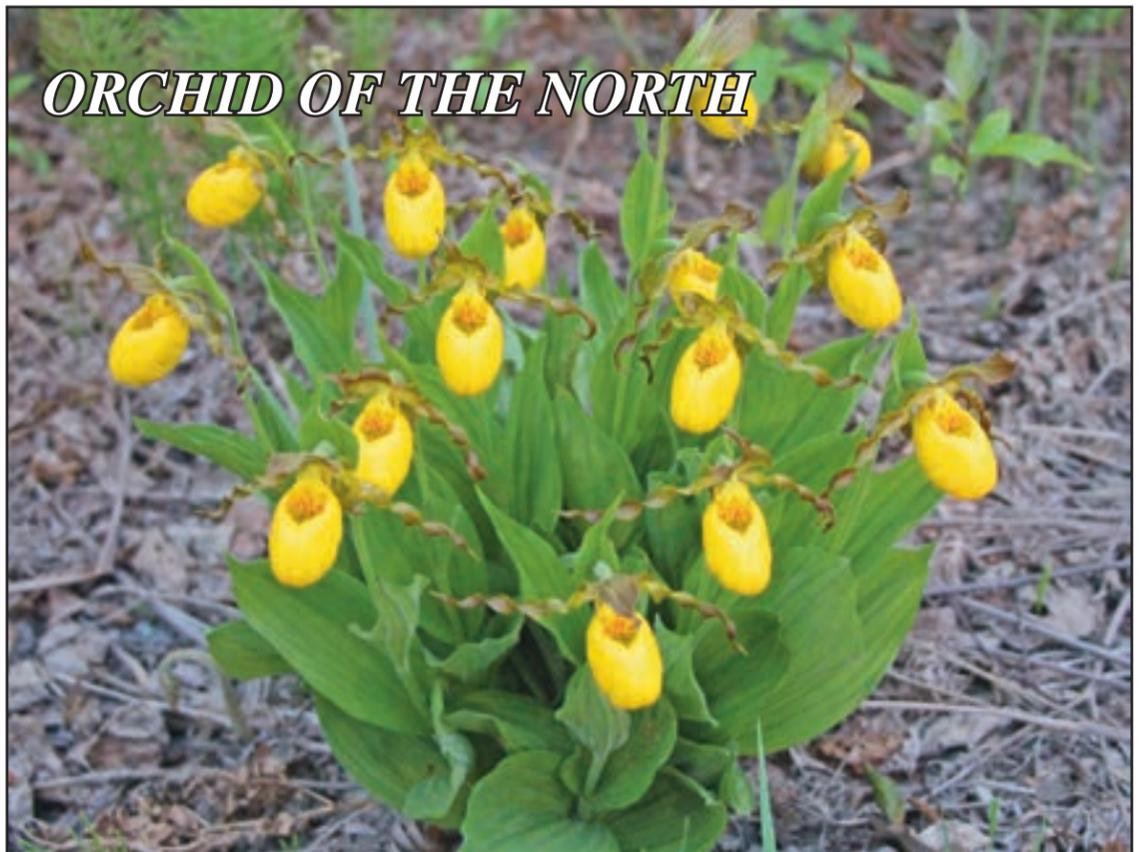
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If you take a hike in the area woods you will likely witness the beauty of the yellow lady slipper flowers dotting the forest floors. (Photo contribution by Sue Nielsen)

Amelia flies

I took my Norco red and silver mountain bike named Amelia out for a spin last weekend.

Why is my bike named Amelia (Amelia Earhart)?

Because she flies with the greatest of ease.

Mind you that was when I was in biking shape.

I've loved riding bikes ever since I was a child in Cobalt. There's no better place to ride than in a mining town with its hills and corners.

It's hard to describe that feeling of freedom when riding a bike.

I enjoy the wind in my face and I feel so alive.

When I was 12 I bought my first bike. It was a red CCM bike. I paid \$20 for the bike and coincidentally, I earned money to pay for it by delivering Temiskaming Speakers. I paid \$5 per week for a month until the bike was paid off.

I've not paid much attention to Amelia the last couple of years because my canoe takes up so much of my time.

And for those who have experienced vertigo there can be slight issues with balance that a cyclist may not be thrilled with.

I was meeting the Bike Temiskaming Shores group at the new Fixit public bike repair station last Thursday for a photo op.

It was so nice to see all those riders and chat with them.

I wanted to hug my friend Linda Scott, but because of COVID-19 protocols, I didn't.

Linda is a biking machine and loves to ride.

She is an inspiration to all who know and love her.

I remember when I was a



Sue Nielsen

cyclist with the former women's bike group called the *Non-Group*.

There were no fancy t-shirts, no photo ops, we just took off and rode places around the Temiskaming region.

And in the winter months we'd cross-country ski at the Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club.

June is Bike Month in Ontario and I see good things happening in the region concerning cycling.

The South Temiskaming Active Travel Organization (STATO) activity trail is a godsend to cyclists, walkers, runners and roller-bladers.

With the emphasis on health these days, it is encouraging to see the City of Temiskaming Shores supporting active travel with the STATO trail and the newly installed bike repair station.

Because when people are healthy and happy, they aren't draining the health care system of resources.

The emphasis these days is on health and wellness as we ride out the COVID-19 pandemic.

On another note, I'd like to extend my deepest condolences to Greg Dunn's mother Ruth and his family and friends.

And I'd like to wish my former co-worker, Pauline Leveille, a happy, healthy retirement. Enjoy!

EDITORIAL

Gary Potts

The sad news came last week that former chief of the Teme-Augama Anishnabai, Gary Potts, had passed away on June 3.

In light of National Indigenous History Month, it is important to acknowledge the influences Gary Potts had on the history of First Nation people in Northern Ontario as he led the fight to establish land rights over almost 4,000 square miles of land across 110 townships stretching from Matachewan to Marten River. He was chief of the then Temagami Indian Band (now Temagami First Nation) when the land caution was established in 1973.

He was a leader of the Red Squirrel Road blockades which were held in the late 1980s

to protect old-growth forests from being logged.

Potts was described as a leader of intelligence, charisma and tenacity standing for traditional knowledge.

He was passionate about protecting the land around Temagami and he was passionate about the history of the Temagami First Nation people.

Potts was the subject of a documentary by director James Cullingham called *Temagami-A Living Title to the Land*.

We wish to extend our condolences to the Potts family, Gary's friends and the greater community of the Temagami First Nation.

Serving and protecting

While there is a great deal of negative rhetoric circulating about law enforcement in the wake of an American black man named George Floyd who died at the hands of a white police officer, we would like to acknowledge not all police are bad and not all police are racist.

Everyone is tiring of the isolation regime imposed by the arrival of the COVID-19 virus and it seems like on a daily basis our local Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have been busy serving and protecting us while dangerous incidents occur in our region.

Police are putting their lives on the line each day to serve and protect us in some very traumatic and dangerous situations.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the police

for helping to keep us safe, especially during the social media storm where they are being heavily criticized for the work they do.

It might be easy to jump on the "bash the police" bandwagon but it is important for us to acknowledge when good work is being done by the police in our communities.

It is in our collective best interests to recognize we are all human beings, we all deserve to be treated and respected fairly and despite what is happening in other countries and parts of this country, our law enforcement men and women are to be commended and thanked.

Remember, these officers are part of our community, they coach our kids in hockey and other sports and they are our neighbours and friends.

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Conserving Indigenous history through portrait project

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

TEMAGAMI - Temagami Indigenous artist Hugh McKenzie has been working on a project to commemorate the chiefs and other family heads of the regional First Nations bands.

Mckenzie has been researching his Deep Water Shoreline Portraits Project for the past few years and believes he will be finished sometime in the next year, he explained in an email interview.

He expects the project will include 17 paintings of area chiefs and family heads from the last 100 years or so, he added in a telephone interview.

Two have already been completed and one hangs in the Bear Island Multicultural Band Office, and depicts the portraits of current chief Arnold Paul and his brother Alex Paul, who is a past chief.

The other is that of Chief Tonene of the Beaverhouse Band. Tonene was originally a Bear Island native.

Mckenzie says he has been

visiting elders for personal photographs which he can use as a resource in creating the chiefs' portraits.

Mckenzie explains his process includes drawing the portraits on Mylar paper and using stencils which he has cut out to create the elements of the painting. He said that while it is "a slow process that I have been perfecting since Expo 67, this style using sponge/stencils and brush has become my unique style for the past 50 years. Each 36x48-inch canvas will have the shoreline background of Lake Temagami or the shoreline from each family's (chief's) hunting cabin. In the early years we all lived along the shoreline on our trapping grounds during the winter months as this is when the animal's fur was prime."

The most important time during the project will be sharing his artwork with Indigenous youth, upcoming artists and elders in the community, he noted, and added that he will be working on the portraits from his home and studio on Bear

Island. His project has been given approval by six area bands.

Mckenzie said the project reflects on the lives of the people who lived along the shorelines where "these small isolated communities were holding together and surviving together."

The stories of the families who lived on the shorelines of Temagami and other area lakes are of interest to the Indigenous people, as well as tourists and cottagers, Mckenzie noted.

"All the tourists are really interested in the culture, and the cottagers are really interested in the history of it. There's a story in every little bay. How did they make a living? What did they eat? We know they didn't have gardens, there was lots of woods and lots of wildlife."

The stories go on and on, he said.

Every painting will feature a "mystical" background of shoreline and old-growth forest, with mists, sunrises and sunsets.



Bear Island Chief Arnold Paul and his brother Alex Paul, past chief, are depicted in this portrait by Bear Island artist Hugh McKenzie. (Supplied photo)



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Province plans to reopen child care centres

QUEENS PARK (Special) - The Ontario government has announced its plan to reopen child care centres across the province to support the next stage of the province's reopening framework.

Developed in consultation with Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health and medical leaders at The Hospital for Sick Children, the plan will require child care operators to follow strict health protocols to ensure the safety of child care staff and children.

Details of the plan were provided Tuesday, June 8, by Premier Doug Ford, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Christine Elliott, and Minister of Education Stephen Lecce.

"As we prepare to reopen more businesses and services, it is critical that we ensure supports are in place so people can return to work knowing their children will be cared for in a safe and healthy environment," Ford stated. "Our child care plan sets out strict protocols that must be followed to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We have made great progress to contain the virus, but we must be mindful that there is still a public health risk," he added.

As the province continues to implement its Framework for Reopening the Province, child

care centres and home care providers across Ontario will be able to reopen with strict safety and operational requirements in place, similar to the safety guidelines required for emergency child care centres. Centres will be required to adopt specific rules, including: putting children and staff in groups of ten or less; all child care settings will be required to have a plan in place if a child, parent or staff member/provider is exposed to COVID-19; all staff and children must be screened prior to entry to the child care setting, and anyone feeling unwell must stay home; child

care settings must keep daily records of all attendees in order to support contact tracing; child care settings must be thoroughly cleaned before opening and frequently cleaned thereafter; only essential visitors are permitted entry into the child care setting; implementing drop-off and pick-up protocols in a way that facilitates physical distancing.

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Many hands make quick work of new sanitizer

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – The global pandemic may have put a lot of things on hold, but it's also been an accelerant.

An entrepreneur originally from Temiskaming Shores has used her experience in skin care products in a new partnership that has created a moisturizing hand sanitizer.

The first batch of Lathered Essentials hand sanitizer hit shelves in mid-April. "We've been getting great feedback from people," said Jennifer Cote in a recent phone interview from her home in Airdrie, just north of Calgary.

Cote was born and raised in New Liskeard. After studying esthetics in North Bay and Sudbury, she opened Indulge Esthetics and Wellness in New Liskeard in 2008.

She went on to launch a line of skin care products under the J.Co Organics name.

Late in 2015, she and husband Christopher Moore moved to Alberta.

Their telecommunications business shares an office with the Lathered Cleaning Company. Established in 2013 by Kristin Verbeek and Meghann Peters, it has expanded to other locations in Alberta with the help of office manager Lisa McIntosh.

Given the shared office space, the four women met "and they started buying my skin care line," Cote said.

"We had talked about a partnership for the cleaning products line but we hadn't started anything," she said.

"Once COVID hit, we decided to kind of just hit the ground running and start with a hand sanitizer."

The Lathered Essentials company was formed.

But just as sanitizing products were in short supply, so too were the supplies they needed, including raw materials and packaging.

"It was definitely a big challenge, but we found a Canadian lab that was able to do everything for us, and they helped us kind of work around what we had envisioned," she said.

"We wanted something that was simple, clean ingredients, but effective."

The hand sanitizer has a gel texture, with ingredients including ethanol, glycerin and xanthan gum.

The product was originally called a "cleanser" because it had not yet been certified a "sanitizer" under Health Canada regulations.

Cote said they didn't want to hold up production while wait-



Jennifer Cote displays a bottle of Lathered Essentials hand sanitizer, which hit store shelves in April. The New Liskeard native, now living in Alberta, is a partner in a new company that launched what it hopes will be the first in a line of cleaning products. (Supplied Photo)

ing on approval and the issuance of a Natural Product Number from Health Canada.

That approval did come...just after the first "cleanser" labels were printed.

The first batch of Lathered Essentials hand sanitizer arrived in Temiskaming Shores April 18.

It's carried by Findlay's Drug Store in New Liskeard as well as some stores in Western Canada, and can also be ordered through

the company's website at www.latheredessentials.ca.

Launching a new product that's in such high demand has been "pretty overwhelming," she said.

Having a team on board, she said, has been "absolutely essential."

The new company is not stopping at hand sanitizer. The next Lathered Essentials project will be a general household cleaner.

Cobalt wants better four-wheeler bylaw

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

COBALT - Cobalt staff are very busy trying to get a budget out, Cobalt Mayor George Othmer commented at the town's committee-of-the-whole meeting held electronically Tuesday, May 5.

The focus of the town staff means some concerns are being pushed off to the side, at least for a while, as the town gets that looming deadline dealt with.

One of those concerns was raised by the councillors and involved four-wheeled All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) which are using the town roads without regard for rules.

However, there are others who use ATVs for chores around the property, such as snow removal, noted Councillor Doug Wilcox. Council agreed it did not want to punish those who are using the four-wheelers responsibly.

Councillor Angela Adshead said the town has to "tighten some of the loopholes," in its bylaw so that the rules are clear to owners. But she also expressed the need to ensure that handicapped users are not penalized in the bylaw.

Chief administrative officer Brian Walker said the town's current bylaw was adopted by the council in 2005.

Since that time there have been "significant revisions of the Highway Traffic Act," he commented.

He has obtained sample bylaws from other municipalities, he noted.

Wilcox noted that working on bylaws in this time is difficult because council members cannot work together as a group.

But it is important to develop a new bylaw soon, he added.

Adshead suggested that it could be submitted to everyone in an email.

Temiskaming Hospital COVID-19 Update



A message from Temiskaming Hospital President & CEO Mike Baker

"I want to thank the community for the amazing way in which you have all responded to the COVID-19 situation. As a thank-you for your commitment to the guidelines, we will slowly be able to begin to reopen departments and resume services at our hospital beginning with our Diagnostic Imaging Department.

We are currently developing a plan to reintroduce surgeries beginning mid-June.

Please note, visitor restrictions are still in place at Temiskaming Hospital.

We ask for the community's patience as we work through this. You will be contacted when the hospital is ready for you, so please refrain from calling or visiting the hospital in regards to appointments and surgeries.

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BUCKE-ROO CAMPING

By Robert Ritchie

Campers ... who are they? Campers are like bikers, they come from all kinds of backgrounds - they could be accountants to zookeepers. And like bikers, they don't just camp they do all kinds of activities and have diversified interests, whether it be sticking to the campground for planned activities or spontaneous ones outside the campgrounds like exploring downtowns, visiting museums and art galleries.

Some of the planned activities in some campgrounds are Canada Day, Christmas in July, fish derbies, even Halloween. Camping is family oriented where all members of the family get to participate in the fun, whether it is getting presents from Santa or dressing up and getting candy, the smiles on their faces is worth seeing.

One of the best but the saddest of the festivities is the closing supper that is usually a potluck. Best because you get to eat other people's special food and share the experience with your camping friends you made in the past year or years and the sad part is that the camping season is at an end and you have the long Temiskaming winter to get through to the next great summer of camping.

Regardless what the world will throw at campers, they will keep being friendly and interactive with others. Campers face nature all the time and through their persistence, willingness to adapt and overcome adversity when its pouring down rain, they will find humor and a silver lining.

At present beaches, playground equipment, closed in areas & public washrooms are still off limits due to covid-19, but there is still fishing offshore.

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The investigation was carried out by Darren Nesbitt, an investigator employed by Investigative Solutions Network as an agent of the Integrity Commissioner. Nesbitt's findings were not wholly reported upon in the public report pertaining to the matter due to the statutorily confidential nature of the evidence.

A full report was made to the municipality's legal counsel who in turn advised council at a special meeting, held May 12 in a closed session.

The second allegation arose from a Facebook post on a public Facebook group called "Temagami Ron Prefasi: Your Voice Matters." The post called into question legal fees associated with the presentation by Temagami's lawyer on November 7, 2019.

At the time the post was allegedly made on November 5, 2019, the topic of the special closed meeting of council had not yet been disclosed in the public agenda. This matter was investigated by Shawn Mahoney, an investigator employed by Investigative Solutions Network as an agent of the Integrity Commissioner.

The member of council who lodged the complaint was not aware of who may have leaked the information regarding the closed session subject matter, and therefore submitted a complaint naming all members of council, including the complainant.

The investigation found that the allegation of the release of confidential information by Harding regarding the Facebook post by Prefasi, contrary to Section 4.6 of the Municipal Code of Conduct, was unsubstantiated.

It also stated that Investigator Mahoney could not find any evidence to support the allegation that the Mayor nor any other members of council had released confidential

information. It was therefore deemed unsubstantiated.

But the investigation did determine that Harding violated section 4.6 of the Code of Conduct by releasing confidential information prior to the November 7, 2019, council meeting to the public/constituents.

At the last regular meeting of council held on March 12, 2020, council received a report from the Integrity Commissioner regarding two Code of Conduct Complaints.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations from the Integrity Commissioner were as follows:

"This investigation has revealed a serious and continuing breach of confidentiality that the investigators have suggested will be unlikely to cease. Breaches of confidentiality like those perpetrated by Councillor Harding prejudice council's proper administration of municipal matters. These breaches are seen as very serious. Accordingly, it is recommended that council should ask Councillor Harding for his resignation. The investigators do not believe that Councillor Harding will - or can - stop breaching confidentiality of closed session meetings as is particularly evidenced by his being seen at Mr. Prefasi's residence shortly after this investigation was commenced.

"Although many and ongoing breaches of confidentiality were found, it is recommended that council suspend Councillor Harding's pay for a period of three months. This is the maximum suspension for a single event that council can levy. Perhaps a financial penalty will assist Councillor Harding in amending his ongoing failure to maintain confidentiality.

"It is recommended, to reduce his access to confidential information, that Councillor Harding be removed from all boards and committees.

"In an effort to improve the

council team and its understanding of why confidentiality is critical in closed session meetings, it is recommended that council review and update their Accountability and Transparency by-law and receive training on those issues. Further, training about the municipality's obligations of confidentiality in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Occupational Health and Safety act should occur within six months.

"Finally, in an effort to assist council in moving forward for the benefit of all ratepayers in Temagami, it is recommended that council complete a Council Term Plan and develop a Council Report Card. One of the priorities in the Council Term Plan should be to take concrete steps to building in the staff Council team."

Council carried a motion for all five of the Integrity Commissioner's recommendations regarding the investigation at their May 14 regular meeting and drafted a letter for Councillor Harding that asked for his resignation.

The Speaker reached out to Councillor Harding for comment on the investigation's findings and his plans moving forward, to no avail.

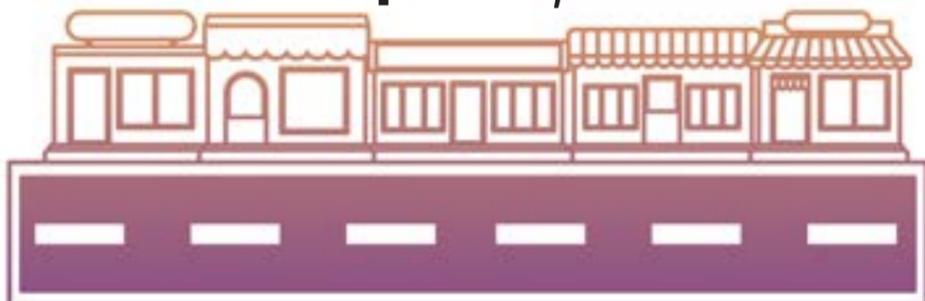
LOOKING AHEAD

Moving forward, Councillor Harding won't be receiving a monthly stipend for the next three months, Davidson said at the June 4 meeting.

"The day after council met the last time (May 14), that direction was sent to our payroll department with a period of time that the three months is not to be paid," he said.

Also at the June 4 meeting, council agreed to direct staff to prepare a report concerning all of the legal fees and the Integrity Commissioner's recommendations pertaining to the investigation of Councillor Harding.

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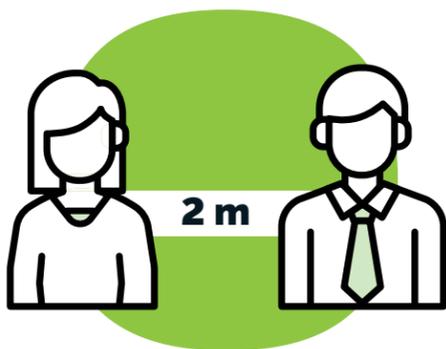
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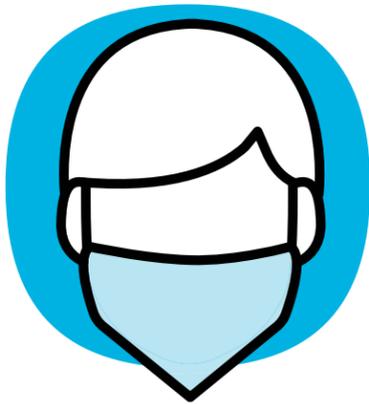
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