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FAMILY SKATE

The brother and sister duo of Elek, 13, and Ria Katona, 10, had fun using their skateboards at the Carter Antila Memorial Skatepark in New Liskeard on Saturday, June 13. With heat and humidity expected to increase as the week goes on, drinking plenty of water may be a good idea when being active in the outdoors. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

Pressing weights turns to pressing waits

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

COBALT - Cobalt's Hoist Room renovation has been put on hold until 2021.

Councillor Angela Adshead, in addressing the 2020 budget, proposed to council on June 10 that the town should defer the project for this year.

"Realistically, it doesn't make sense to allocate funds to something we can't do right now," Adshead commented at the June 10 budget meeting.

The Hoist Room project has met a couple of obstacles. One is that the equipment remains in the former Cobalt arena and the building no longer belongs to the town. The matter of accessing the equipment, along with another debate, is now in the hands of lawyers.

"We don't know where we're at with it," Mayor George Othmer also commented at the June 10 meeting.

Adshead added that she anticipates legal matters "are going to be backed up" as lawyers and courts deal with issues that have developed during the pandemic.

"It's not going to be a quick fix."

The second obstacle which has

held up the project is the pandemic itself. Volunteers had been working on preparing the space next door to the municipal office. The pandemic social distancing restrictions have hindered people working together on the project.

However, the town still plans to move forward with the Hoist Room eventually. In an interview, Othmer assured that the town has not forgotten about the project where a new accessible door has been installed.

At the June 16 committee-of-the-whole meeting, it was clear that council was facing a bare-bones 2020 budget. While it left many items off the budget, and resigned to doing only the most necessary projects, it resolved to address important needs, such as maintenance items needed for the water treatment plant, as top priorities for January 2021.

The town is also facing the serious need for a new garage for its public works department, with health and safety of the town employees as a strong impetus. A high price tag has been attached to an initial presentation for a new garage and council is hoping to find a more modestly priced solution.

DID YOU GET The Speaker WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our June 17 edition...

- Residents are reminded to take precautions around the COVID-19 pandemic as the first phase of reopening takes place in the region.
- Food bank usage across the district has dropped during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Elective surgeries at the Temiskaming Hospital have begun despite a backlog of procedures.
- Kap-Kig-Iwan Provincial Park is now open for day use.
- Former New Liskeard resident and TELUS employee Chelsie McKnight might be hailed as a local hero as she has helped raise \$90,414.13 for the Temiskaming Hospital.
- Northern Ontario School of Medicine student Emma Goddard has partnered with Health Matters Worldwide creator Noah Chow to secure personal protective equipment for Northern Ontario communities.
- The Latchford Fire Hall is expanding.
- Living Temagami Arts and Culture have completed upgrades to the Temagami Train Station.
- The Black Lives Matter Temiskaming Shores rally will be held at the New Liskeard beach soccer fields on Saturday, June 20.
- The Temagami First Nation will hold a general election on Sunday, July 26.
- The Royal Canadian Legion branches in the Temiskaming region have been waging a war against financial challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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GOLDEN DONATION

To support the health care workers who care for its employees, their families and the community, Alamos Gold has donated 3,500 procedure masks to Englehart and Kirkland Lake hospitals. The donation helps maintain the hospitals’ stock of personal protective equipment when some supplies have been difficult to maintain, said Sean Conroy, the hospitals’ CEO. Pictured above are, standing from left, hospital staffers Monika Schallenger, Carole Lebel, D’Arcy Larson, Tracy French, Jessica Janssen, Krista Jablonski, Natalie Perrault and Conroy; seated, from left, Alamos Gold representatives Al French, Dan Demers and Luc Guimond. (Supplied Photo)

Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

Dangerous Plant Species in the Area

Giant Hogweed

The stems and leaves of this plant are covered with small hairs coated with poisonous sap. Even the slightest touch can cause painful blisters and severe skin irritation. The symptoms can take a couple of days to develop with the skin becoming highly photosensitive producing large watery blisters; however the effects can be long lasting, with contact resulting in recurrent dermatitis. This is a particular concern for small children who may use the stems as pea-shooters or pretend telescopes resulting in horrific injuries.

What does Hogweed Look Like?

- very tall, 8-14 feet
- Stems have rigid hairs, purple blotches and are hollow
- Flower clusters up to 2 ft across occurring from mid June to late July
- Has a reddish purple stem with fine spines that make it appear furry

Wild Parsnip

Is another weed that should also be avoided. The effects are similar to those associated with Giant Hog Weed. Irritation can occur if your skin contacts the plant’s fluids and is then exposed to sunlight. Contact with the eyes can cause temporary blindness and in rare cases permanent blindness.

Wild parsnip can be found within uncultivated land, roadside ditches, parklands, nature trails and sports fields as well as on and around residential properties.

What Does Wild Parsnip Look Like?

- smells like parsnip
- stands 20-60 inches high, branched, hollow stem
- small yellow clustered flowers
- flowers from late June into late fall (resembles dill)

Being able to readily identify wild parsnip and giant hogweed will minimize accidental exposure to these plants and the painful results that follow.

Anyone having information on specific locations where these weeds are posing a public risk should contact the Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711. You will be asked to send in photos for identification. DO NOT touch, cut or collect parts of the plant.

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Elk Lake fire out

DISTRICT (Staff) – A fire spotted on the weekend west of Elk Lake has been declared out.

Located about 15 kilometres west of the community, the fire – called Kirkland Lake 3 – was reported to have started the evening of June 14 and was 0.8 hectares in size.

In an update issued late June 16, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests Aviation, Forest Fire and Emergency Services reported the fire was out.

That left only one active fire in the South Temiskaming area.

Kirkland Lake 1, located about two kilometres north of Belle-Vallée, continued to be observed, at 15.8 hectares. It began May 21.

Help for increased drinking, cannabis use during pandemic

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Special)

– If you’re turning more to alcohol or drugs in recent weeks, you’re not alone.

According to a recent study cited by the Timiskaming Health Unit, one in five Canadians say they’ve increased their alcohol consumption as they spend more time at home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Help is available.

In a media release, the health unit said it’s joined forces with the Canadian Mental Health Association Cochrane-Timiskaming (CMHA-CT) branch to increase the public’s awareness of the reasons for increased consumption of alcohol and cannabis, and where to seek help.

“People sometimes drink more alcohol and use substances to help them cope with stress and anxiety,” said Dr. Glenn Corneil, the district’s acting medical officer of health.

“COVID-19 has reminded us of something that’s always been important: to be mindful of how much and how often you are using substances, including alcohol, and their impact on your life and the people around you.”

The health unit said changes in drinking patterns were uncovered by a Nanos poll commissioned by the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction.

Increased alcohol consumption was reported by 21 per cent of Canadians aged 18 to 34; 24.5 per cent of those aged 35 to 54; and almost 10 per cent of respondents aged 55 and older.

Lack of a regular schedule, boredom, stress and the increased quantity of alcohol kept in the home in recent months were identified as the leading reasons.

The health unit said increased alcohol and substance use is linked to many health and so-

cial risks.

It can weaken the immune system, which increases the risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus and, if infected, worsens the symptoms.

The health unit and CMHA-CT urge those who are turning to alcohol and other substances because of stress and anxiety to assess their risk, using Canada’s Lower Risk Guidelines for alcohol and cannabis use.

“To anyone concerned about their alcohol or substance usage, reach out,” said CMHA-CT executive director Paul Jalbert.

“There are several services in place to support you. You are not alone, and you don’t need to deal with this alone.”

Further information can be found on the organizations’ websites, at www.timiskaming-hu.com and <https://cmhact.ca>.



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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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.

Learn Something New!
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.

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

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

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. – City Hall,
325 Farr Drive (Live-Streamed)

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. – City Hall,
325 Farr Drive (Live-Streamed)
For further information contact Logan Belanger
705-672-3363 Ext. 4136
or lbanger@temiskamingshores.ca

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Provincial Offences Court will be closed to the public effective

March 23, 2020.

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

If you wish to pay your fines, you can email your payment information to poa@temiskamingshores.ca indicating your credit card information and expiry date and a note giving us authorization to process your payment. Payments can also be faxed to 705-672-3200. To further assist there is a drop box at the building's front entrance at City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury, Ontario. At this time we are not accepting cash payments. If you currently have a suspended driver's license, your fine can be paid at Service Ontario located at 280 Armstrong Street, New Liskeard, Ontario or 10 Government Road East, Kirkland Lake, Ontario or pay online at serviceontario.ca

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

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

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

2020 Final Tax Bills
have been mailed out.

The installments for the 2020 final tax bill are due:
Wednesday, July 15th and Tuesday, September 15th, 2020

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

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

Pre-authorized payment plans, monthly or installment, are also available. For information regarding alternate payment options or inquiries regarding your tax bill, please contact Corporate Services department at 672-3363 or email finance@temiskamingshores.ca.

Full Time Arena/Parks Attendant Competition No. 2020-008

The City of Temiskaming Shores is currently seeking a Full Time Arena/ Parks Attendant within the Recreation Department. The Arena Parks Attendant is part of a team responsible for the operation and maintenance of municipal recreation facilities and parks. Duties will also include minor construction, grounds keeping and ice maintenance.

The successful candidate will possess the following qualifications and education:

- Minimum Grade 12 or equivalent;
- Experience in grounds keeping and minor construction;
- Ability to meet the needs of customers, communicate effectively with facility users and maintain accurate records;
- Province of Ontario Class DZ drivers license considered an asset;
- Basic Refrigeration knowledge considered an asset.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their resumes quoting Job Competition No. 2020-008 no later than June 26th, 2020 by regular mail or email to:

Shelly Zubyc
Director of Corporate Services
P.O. Box 2050
Haileybury, Ontario P0J 1K0
szubyc@temiskamingshores.ca

The City of Temiskaming Shores appreciates the interest of all applicants however, only those selected for interviews will be contacted. The City of Temiskaming Shores is an equal opportunity employer that provides equality of opportunity for employment without discrimination, consistent with The Ontario Human Rights Code. The City of Temiskaming Shores is committed to providing accommodations in all parts of the hiring process. If you require accommodations, we will work with you to meet your needs.

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 Pake Campground is open for the season. Rates for 2020 have been frozen from last year! Pay the same rate in 2020 as you did in 2019. Seasonal Site 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.

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 WastePlastic 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.

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.

For More Information Call 705 672-3363 Write to The City of Temiskaming Shores, P.O. Box 2050, Haileybury, ON P0J 1K0 or Visit our Website: www.temiskamingshores.ca



BOATING PARADISE
Cochrane-based boater Mitch Fortier launched his brand new boat at the New Liskeard waterfront on Sunday, June 14. “I love this region and the lake is the best place for boating. This is a brand new boat never been in the water and there’s no better place to launch it,” said Fortier. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

Drive-by Art & Vendor Tour slated for this weekend

By Jamie Mountain
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

EARLTON – Art lovers in Earlton and the surrounding areas are in for a treat this weekend. In order to follow physical distancing requirements, local artisans have organized a drive-by event dubbed the Earlton Art & Vendor Tour for June 20, allowing all interested 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 out-

side their home,” said Lise Desjardins 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. Saturday and the map has been created and is available on the event’s Facebook page. 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.

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TIMISKAMING HOME SUPPORT / SOUTIEN À DOMICILE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF TIMISKAMING HOME SUPPORT / SOUTIEN À DOMICILE will be held virtually on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 10:00 am, for the purpose of:

- Reading the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 25th day of June 2019
- Reading the report of the Board
- Reading the report of the Chief Executive Officer
- Review the report of the auditor
- Election of Directors
- Appointment of Auditors
- Such further and other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof

To confirm your attendance, please contact Danielle Remillard, Office Manager by calling 1-800-361-5820

On behalf of the Board of Directors

Caroline Morin
Chief Executive Officer

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Employment Opportunity

The Township is seeking a highly motivated, seasoned and dynamic individual for the position of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). To view the complete job advertisement, please visit our website at www.colemantownship.ca/municipal-office/employment-opportunities/, or contact the municipal office. Interested applicants are invited to submit a resume and cover letter to the attention of Claire Bigelow, Acting Clerk-Treasurer by email (toc@ontera.net), no later than **12:00 noon on Wednesday, June 24, 2020.**

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 14, 2020
- Monday, August 11, 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 23, 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: No fire permits for open air burning will be issued during the months of July and August.

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.

TIMISKAMING HOME SUPPORT / SOUTIEN À DOMICILE

AVIS DE CONVOCATION ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ANNUELLE

AVIS EST PAR LA PRÉSENTE DONNÉ QUE L'ASSEMBLÉE GÉNÉRALE ANNUELLE DE TIMISKAMING HOME SUPPORT / SOUTIEN À DOMICILE aura lieu de façon virtuelle le 25 juin 2020 à 10 h, aux fins suivantes :

- Lire et adopter le procès-verbal de l'assemblée générale annuelle du 25 juin 2019
- Recevoir le rapport du conseil d'administration
- Recevoir le rapport de la directrice générale
- Recevoir les états financiers de l'auditeur
- Élire les administrateurs et les administratrices
- Nommer les vérificateurs
- Délibérer sur toute autre question qui pourrait être dûment soumise à l'assemblée et à toute reprise de celle-ci en cas d'ajournement

Cet avis est donné par ordre du conseil d'administration

Pour confirmer votre présence, veuillez communiquer avec Danielle Remillard, Gestionnaire de bureau, en composant 1-800-361-5820.

Caroline Morin
Directrice générale

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Armstrong council to consider 2020 budget

By **Jamie Mountain**

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

EARLTON – Armstrong Township council will consider the 2020 budget and set tax rates and other rates at their June 24 meeting, to be held electronically at 7 p.m.

The budget, valued at just over \$3 million, requires a 3.7 per cent increase to the taxation levy. The impact to the residential tax class is a 4.4 per cent change over 2019, with the tax class average experiencing a \$52 increase from 2019.

The township's 2020 capital projects include new municipal welcome signage, technology improvements, updates to the gym facility, single surface treatment of 2.2 kilometres of road, gravelling of 1.3 kilometres of road and inspection and repair to wells one and four.

The 2020 budget highlights include:

- Revenue from taxation totals of \$1,382,096
- Capital Projects planned total \$204,300
- Long-term debt repayment of \$183,289
- Transfers to reserves totalling \$68,250
- Water rates at a 0.5 per cent increase
- Waste water rates at a one per cent increase
- Garbage/recycling at a two per cent increase.

Council meetings are open to the public and will be held at 7 p.m. on the following upcoming dates: June 24, July 8 and August 12.

To attend the meetings electronically, or by phone, you need to contact Armstrong Township clerk Amy Menard two days in advance.

Menard can be reached at 705-563-2375 or via email at amy-vickerymenard@armstrong.ca.

At the last regular meeting, held electronically on June 10, council also unanimously carried a motion from Councillor Theo Cull to proclaim June as Pride Month in the township.

LTC residences reopening to visitors

Diane Johnston

Speaker Reporter

DISTRICT – Visitor restrictions at Ontario's long-term care residences are slowly being lifted.

Last week, the Ontario government announced that visitors would once again be granted access beginning June 18, but under what it described as strict health and safety protocols.

They include requiring visitors to pass active screening every time they visit, confirming with staff that they've tested negative for COVID-19 within the previous two weeks, and bringing and wearing a face covering during visits.

Visits will not be permitted at residences experiencing an outbreak of the virus.

In Haileybury, Extendicare Tri-Town is "so pleased" that it will soon be able to welcome families to visit with residents, said Extendicare regional director Susan Enouy in an email.

"These visits are so important for our community, and we look forward to reconnecting loved ones after so much time apart," said Enouy June 17.

It has informed residents' family members and substitute decision-makers of the steps to be taken to limit potential exposure to the virus.

Visits, for example, must be scheduled in advance and will be limited to 30 minutes. A resident may have one visit with a single visitor per week.

The precautions announced by the province also apply.

In Englehart, Northview Nursing Home reopened to visitors this week, following provincial directives and guidelines, said Lori Turcotte, senior manager, nursing operations, at Conmed Health Care Group which owns the residence.

"Based on the Directive, as of June 18, one family member per week will be permitted to visit a loved one outside," said Turcotte in an email.



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By Robert Ritchie

Well, it looks like transient camping is back in Ontario with just a few new restrictions, gatherings of 10 people are allowed, public washrooms are in use and marinas can be used. Social distancing is still recommended by our health care professionals.

Opening to transient camping is good news for campgrounds in Temiskaming and good news for retailers, museums, and art galleries. Let the tourists come and enjoy all that Temiskaming has to offer.

Many campgrounds have specific areas set up for tent camping and a trail system for nature walks that the whole family can enjoy. This is where the family can exchange knowledge of nature, pointing out poison ivy (leaves of three, let them be) or the bunny rabbit hiding behind a bush or even sharing the story of the travels of the Monarch Butterfly, as it flutters around the path in front of you.

Many of the older paths, like the one at Bucke Centennial Park that leads to Devils Rock, is probably thousands of years old. It was probably once a gathering place for worship and guidance. Along the path you hear birds, see snacks like blueberries and wild strawberries, edible mushrooms, but only for the most knowledgeable of naturists. Also, along the path are wildflowers, buttercups, daisies, wild roses, and trees ranging from junipers to the tall pines of Temiskaming.

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Cochrane to get highway bypass

COCHRANE (Special) – The Town of Cochrane will be getting a long-awaited highway bypass project, the Ontario government has announced.

While improving safety and reducing travel times for families and truck drivers, the project also will create jobs in local communities as the province reopens the economy.

The government says the project will connect Highway 652 to Highway 11, providing an alternate route for travellers and trucks moving goods and reducing traffic on municipal roads.

It is anticipated that the bypass could divert approximately 960 vehicles and 195 trucks per day away from municipal roads.

“This is a critical project as it will make it easier and safer for both travellers and truck driv-

ers by reducing traffic on local municipal roads,” Minister of Transportation Caroline Mulroney said in a statement.

“We understand the unique transportation challenges of the North and are committed to ensuring everyone has access to a safe transportation network that supports northern businesses, communities and families. This also includes optimizing bus services and options for passenger rail service.”

The province says it will be proceeding with the planning, preliminary design and environmental assessment for the extension of Highway 652 to Highway 11 at Cochrane.

“Our government recognizes the need to improve transportation options for the people and businesses of Northern Ontario,” said Greg Rickford, Minister of

Energy, Northern Development and Mines, in a statement.

“Today, we are taking the next step in this important project that will better connect Northeastern Ontario and help grow the local economy.”

The bypass would provide a connection for travellers on Highway 652 to access Highways 11, 574 and 579.

This is the first phase of the project, which is expected to take up to two-and-a-half years. Work is anticipated to begin in 2020.

The bypass is expected to be two-lanes wide and between three and six kilometres in length.

The planning, preliminary design and environmental assessment will review the connection to the Rockshield, Tembec and ONR industrial facilities.

Temiskaming Hospital COVID-19 Update



A message from Temiskaming Hospital President & CEO Mike Baker

“On June 10th, 2020, the Surgical Department at Temiskaming Hospital resumed elective surgeries after a three-month hiatus due to COVID-19.

While equipment has been purchased to minimize turnaround times in the operating room, it is expected to take five weeks for Temiskaming Hospital’s Surgical Department to reach 70 per cent of pre-COVID-19 surgeries.

We are currently working to reschedule over 400 surgeries that were put on pause in March. An ethical triage methodology has been used to determine the priority of back-logged surgeries with priority being given to cancer cases.

Patients awaiting surgeries are reminded to refrain from calling or visiting the hospital to inquire about surgery dates. All patients will be contacted when the hospital is ready for them.

We want to remind patients with scheduled appointments to follow social distancing guidelines while in the hospital and be aware of any directional signage in order to manage patient flow.

We continue to review all patient services in Temiskaming Hospital in order to continue to keep our staff, patients and community members safe.

Visitor restrictions remain in effect at this time.

We will keep you updated as more services reopen.

Thank you.”

Let’s continue to stay safe and follow the guidelines so we can continue to say,

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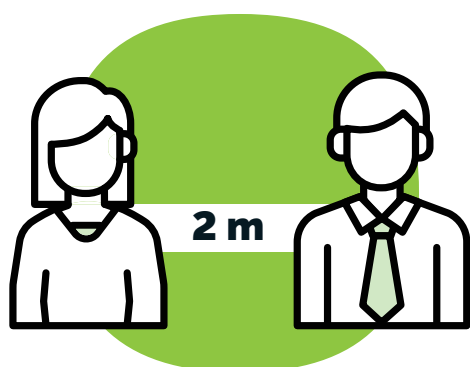
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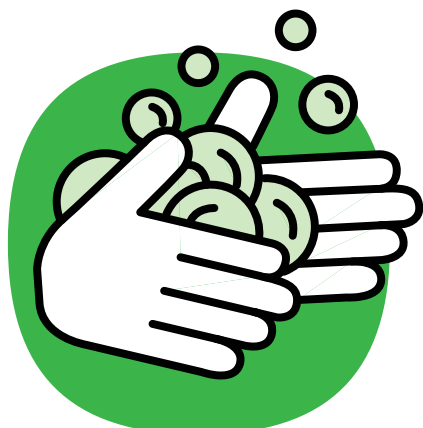
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