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ON THE ROAD TO IMPROVEMENT

Rehabilitation of an 860-metre stretch of Whitewood Avenue in New Liskeard began earlier this week, at a cost of \$241,100. The repairs extended from Paget Street to the Ontario Northland crossing. The project is the second largest in Temiskaming Shores' 2020 roads plan. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

Video appeal

Latchford still seeking natural gas

By Jamie Mountain

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

LATCHFORD – Latchford is taking another step forward in its effort to get natural gas in town.

Mayor George Lefebvre reported that he has been in communication with an area producer of short, YouTube-type videos and explained what the town had been recommended to do with respect to its natural gas application with Enbridge Gas.

A natural gas pipeline runs a short distance away from Latchford, and the town has been striving to get a connection to the service to help residents move away from electric and wood heating.

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DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our June 24 edition...

- It was a successful way to open up a discussion about the bigger picture of racism at the Black Lives Matter Temiskaming Shores Rally last Saturday.
- District School Board Ontario North East is drafting a plan for the return of school in September.
- Retirements are allowing the City of Temiskaming Shores to reorganize duties to pare down costs.
- Shared services is the way to go in small, rural municipalities.
- Temagami council is preparing to finalize its 2020 budget.
- Author Andrew Hind has just launched his book *Silver and Ghosts* about Cobalt.
- Earleton based physician, Stacey Desilets, has been awarded the Fellowship of Rural and Remote Medicine in the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada and a certificate of merit from the Canadian Association for Medical Education.
- Area waterways are covered with a layer of yellow pollen much to the chagrin of allergy sufferers.
- The Dawson Jibb 3-on-3 Memorial Cup hockey tournament has hung up its fundraising skates.
- The ball diamonds of South Temiskaming are quiet as the Rural Youth Mixed Slo-Pitch League cancels play because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association rep teams won't be allowed to play in Quebec leagues due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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City library unpacking in new digs

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – The typical move requires a lot of boxes.

In the case of Temiskaming Shores’ library consolidation and relocation, those boxes number some 900 – and they’re filled with books.

Earlier this week, those boxes were being transported to the library’s new, central location in the former New Liskeard medical clinic.

But when the public will be welcome inside will depend on COVID-19.

Curbside or contact-less pick-up of library materials may be launched next month, said Rebecca Hunt, head librarian and li-

brary CEO.

Hunt hoped that WiFi service will be installed shortly in order to provide another source of internet availability for the public. Service had been discontinued at the library in downtown New Liskeard early in the pandemic shutdowns to reduce the risk of group gatherings.

Discussions are also underway on how to enable safe public use of computer stations.

Meanwhile, there’s still work to do inside on electrical services and completing the installation of flooring.

The library was in the midst of planning its move when COVID-19 precautions took effect and shut down conventional operations.

Hunt said local patrons’ use

of the OverDrive service, which enables library cardholders to borrow e-books and digital audio-books, has almost doubled.

But because resources are on a provincial database, wait times for popular releases can be long.

She said the library has recently signed on for the Advantage component of OverDrive, which lets it purchase titles that will be available only to local library members.

Online services have always been available to library users, but they’ve garnered more attention as COVID-19 restrictions forced libraries to close their physical space.

One popular summer offering, the TD Summer Reading Club, is back in an online format for 2020.

The bilingual Canadian initia-

tive is designed to instill a love of reading in kids, with recommendations for books and a wide range of activities.

Children need not have a library card to take part in the free program.

For information about programming and updates on the library’s

transformation, staff urge the public to keep an eye on the Temiskaming Shores library’s Facebook page.

As for the buildings in Haileybury and New Liskeard that have served as the city’s libraries, no decision has yet been made on their future.

CITY BULLETIN

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.

Tax Relief

Council passed Resolution No. 2020-344 which will continue to provide penalty relief for the May 15th tax installment until July 31st. Therefore, no penalty will be applied to outstanding May 15th taxes for the months of June or July.

Penalty will begin again effective August 1st so please ensure your May and July installments are paid by the end of July to avoid any penalty charges on your tax account.

À L'ATTENTION DES CONTRIBUABLES

Les dernières factures pour les taxes 2020
ont été mises à la poste.

Les derniers versements pour les taxes 2020 sont dus
les mercredi 15 juillet et mardi 15 septembre 2020

Les paiements par chèques peuvent être déposés dans la boîte située à la gauche de l'entrée principale de l'Hôtel de ville (325 rue Farr) ou au Pool & Fitness Centre (77 rue Wellington).

Les paiements d'impôts peuvent être effectués en utilisant les services bancaires interac. Votre numéro de taxes foncières équivaut à votre numéro de compte. Celui-ci contiendra 15 chiffres débutant par 010, 020 ou 030 dépendamment où se situe votre propriété, par exemple 010009123450000. N'employez ni espaces ni décimales.

Des plans de paiement préautorisés, mensuels ou échelonnés, sont également disponibles. Pour d'autres informations concernant les modes de paiements ou pour votre compte de taxes, veuillez communiquer avec le département des services corporatifs au (705) 672-3363 ou encore par courriel au finance@temiskamingshores.ca.

Allègement fiscal

Par sa résolution no. 2020-344, le Conseil a décidé de poursuivre l'allègement fiscal qui consiste à ne donner aucune pénalité pour les versements fiscaux du 15 mai au 31 juillet. Pas de pénalité donc pour les comptes des mois de juin et juillet.

Les pénalités reprendront au 1er août. Assurez-vous donc que vos versements de mai et de juillet sont payés par cette date afin d'éviter toute pénalité pour votre compte de taxes.

Sale of Land by Public Tender

The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores

Take Notice that Tenders for the purchase of the lands described below will be received until 2:00 p.m. local time, on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, via electronic submission to tender@temiskamingshores.ca. The Tenders will be opened in public on the same day commencing at 2:30 p.m. via teleconference.

Description of Lands:

Property Location:	673 Browning Street
Legal Description:	BUCKE CON 4 PT LT 11 PCL 23001SST
Assessment Roll No.:	5418-030-007-15300
Minimum Tender Amount:	\$5,000.00

Please see the map below for an indication of where the property is located. This map has been produced for illustrative purposes only, and is not a substitute for a legal survey.



Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form. The City makes no representation regarding the title to, crown interests or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchaser(s).

The Successful Purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered, all costs incurred or required to acquire the subject property, and other costs to transfer the property into his/her name. The highest or any bid, not necessarily accepted.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, please visit the City's website at <http://temiskamingshores.ca/en/news/search.aspx?feedId=2c0807c4-38a0-4874-9586-f5ee281859d9>, or contact contact:

Logan Belanger, Municipal Clerk
City of Temiskaming Shores
P.O. Box 2050, 325 Farr Drive
Haileybury, ON P0J 1K0
Email: lbelanger@temiskamingshores.ca
Telephone: 705-672-3363 x. 4136



FOREST FIRE

According to the Cobalt Fire Department, at approximately 4:25 p.m. on Monday, June 22, they were called to a forest fire in the area of Peterson Lake. Since the fire was located in Coleman Township, they passed the call over to the Coleman Fire Department, while assisting with manpower and equipment. The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Ontario Provincial Police were all involved in the incident extinguishing the fire quickly. Fire officials advise people to be careful with fires as the rating for the area is extremely high. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

Latchford still seeking natural gas

Continued from A Front

Communities that apply for the program are being considered under the Natural Gas Grant Program which was launched in January 2017.

Through the program, the provincial government stated it would invest \$100 million to support natural gas projects in northern, rural and First Nations communities.

Latchford was unsuccessful in its application for a first round of funding.

"I outlined how I envisioned such a video unfolding and promoting with respect to natural gas for Latchford," said Lefebvre at council's last regular meeting on June 18, held via teleconference.

"(The producer) agreed that the approach I outlined was feasible and that he could put together such a video. I asked for a quote of a range of prices to realize such a project and while he was reluctant, he offered from \$1,500 to \$3,000 as being realistic."

Lefebvre also noted that the video producer stated that if the town could provide him with a budget for the video he could "work within that."

"Before going any further, I need the consensus of council as to how much we are prepared to spend and ask you for that now," said Lefebvre.

Councillor Mike Brooks commented that he and Mayor Lefebvre had spoken earlier in the day on June 18 and that his mind hadn't changed on his support of the natural gas application efforts.

"I know it's a very, very important effort on behalf of all the ratepayers and all of the folks that are (still) trying to crack wood to keep themselves warm in the winter time," said Councillor Brooks.

"I know it's a tough time right now but I'm prepared to support you with as much as you need to get this project done."

Mayor Lefebvre then commented that the town had

"made a fairly solid presentation to Enbridge" and that it was the company's suggestion that they backup their application "with a YouTube-type video, which they provided an example of that was used in Red Lake."

"So far we haven't put anything monetarily into this effort yet," Lefebvre added.

"My time is covered by me. Other than that, I really think that we have to commit to doing something positive and the (producer) I talked to provides good project results, he does an excellent job. I would ask that we be prepared to spend up to the \$3,000."

Councillor Jo-Anne Cartner commented she agreed with moving forward with the video for the application as the town "does need to progress, we need to move forward so I'm in agreement."

All of council agreed that the video project would be a good next step and would support it.



CITY BULLETIN

ATTENTION TRANSIT RIDERS:

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.

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 newiskeard@temiskibrary.com. Access our e-resources or find out more on our website at www.temisklibrary.com.

Relax with an eBook or Audiobook!

The library has registered for the **OverDrive Advantage** program and has purchased 30 ebooks for Temiskaming Shores Library patrons to reduce wait times on our most popular titles. Log into OverDrive to see what is available for Temiskaming Shores Library Card holders!

With your library card, access thousands of ebooks and audiobooks on **Overdrive**. Download titles to borrow for 14 days. Items are automatically returned so there are no late fees!

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!

Keep your child reading over the summer with the TD Summer Reading Club, which is all online this year!

View the selection of books online and register today!

English: <https://www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca/books/landing>

French: <https://www.clubdelecturetd.ca/livres/page-de-destination>

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

Council and Committee MEETINGS

No Scheduled Committee Meetings

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 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.

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.

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 Zubycck
Director of Corporate Services
P.O. Box 2050
Haileybury, Ontario P0J 1K0
szubycck@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

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF TEMISKAMING SHORES

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT (File No. ZBA-2020-01)

TAKE NOTICE that The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores will hold a public meeting on the 14th day of July, 2020, at 6 p.m. via remote electronic participation to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990, as amended.

This meeting will be held through remote electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended by Bill 187, the Municipal Emergency Act, 2020.

HOW TO VIEW OR PARTICIPATE IN MEETING:

- Livestream: facebook.com/temiskamingshores/
- Telephone: via conference number. For additional information, please contact:

Shelly Zubycck, Director of Corporate Services
szubycck@temiskamingshores.ca
705-672-3363 Ext.4107

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION: The City of Temiskaming Shores has initiated an Amendment to Zoning By-Law No. 2017-154 in order to permit the erection of a swimming pool in the water yard (i.e. between the high-water mark of a waterbody and a building). Section 4.1.8 of the Zoning By-Law currently restricts the location of swimming pools to only the side or rear yard (i.e. street side for waterfront properties). For added clarity the amendment will prohibit pools to be located in a Flood Hazard Constraint Overlay (F).

If you wish to be notified of Council's decision on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must file a written request with the Director of Corporate Services of the City of Temiskaming Shores. If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Temiskaming Shores before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make an oral submission at the public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Temiskaming Shores before the proposed zoning by-law amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the application please contact: Shelly Zubycck, Director of Corporate Services.

**** Please note that the City's Council Chambers is temporarily closed to the public****

Dated at The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores this 22nd day of June, 2020.

Shelly Zubycck
Director of Corporate Services
City of Temiskaming Shores
325 Farr Drive, P.O. Box 40 Haileybury, ON P0J 1K0
Telephone: 705-672-3363

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.

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.

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

Vanthof calls for protections for agriculture workers

TORONTO (Special) – Timiskaming-Cochrane’s MPP is calling for protections for migrants working in Ontario’s agriculture industry.

John Vanthof, the NDP’s Agriculture and Food critic, says the Ontario government must take immediate action to protect migrant workers from Mexico who are risking their lives and contracting COVID-19 in Ontario.

That follows a decision by the government of Mexico to continue sending migrant workers to British Columbia, but not Ontario, because they’re not being protected.

Vanthof said during question period June 17 that Premier Doug Ford has no excuse to continue risking the lives of migrant workers and Ontario’s

food supply. He said the B.C. government did the right thing and is ensuring that all front line workers are centrally cared for and quarantined, and called on the Ford government to do the same.

“Ontario’s agriculture sector is now in the middle of one of the biggest workplace COVID-19 outbreaks in the province. Other countries are losing confidence in Ontario, because Mexico announced yesterday that it won’t allow more workers to come to Ontario because of the dangerous conditions they face,” said Vanthof.

“And Mexico did specify Ontario, because they weren’t going to disallow workers coming to B.C., because they have faith in what B.C. is doing to protect their citizens.

“This is not only a tragedy for the workers in Ontario, but

it could be a long-term disaster for the agriculture sector, because confidence is key, and when other countries are losing confidence in how we protect our workers, who happen to be their citizens, that’s a disaster.

“What is this government going to do to mitigate that, so that workers in this province who deliver our food actually feel, and are, safe?”

Vanthof said the Ford government knew what was happening to migrant workers in Ontario, yet took no action to protect them during this pandemic.

“We asked over a month ago for the government to make sure that those front-line workers have full access to (personal protective equipment). We all know, in these issues - and we should have learned it from long-term care - that time is of the essence,” said Vanthof.

New air exchangers coming to clinic

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Staff) – The city will install two air exchangers at the Hailybury medical clinic, at a cost of \$10,600.

In a report to Temiskaming Shores council, city staff said the equipment is needed in order to meet Royal College of Dentists of Canada requirements on air changes per hour.

“The aim is to achieve 99.9 per cent removal of airborne contaminants,” the report said.

It said the equipment is needed in order for the existing dental practice, a tenant in the clinic, to reopen.

It’s a measure to “keep everybody safe, that’s our main objective,” said Mayor Carman Kidd in an interview last week.

He said the air exchangers, which will be purchased from R&R Company in Temiskaming Shores, will be installed as soon as possible.



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speaker.northernontario.ca

Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

Syphilis is on the Rise in Ontario and in the District of Timiskaming

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection (STI) that is on the rise in Ontario and in the District of Timiskaming. Syphilis is transmitted through oral, genital, or anal sex with an infected person. A pregnant woman with syphilis can pass it on to her unborn child, sometimes causing birth defects or death.

The number of cases continues to grow, suggesting that people are not consistently using safer sex methods.

Syphilis is diagnosed through a simple blood test and is easily treated with penicillin or other antibiotics. However, left untreated, syphilis follows a progression of stages that can last for weeks, months or even years. Tertiary syphilis is the final stage and can affect multiple organ systems, including the brain, nerves, eyes, heart, blood vessels, liver, bones, and joints. Tertiary syphilis is rare; it can occur 10-30 years after the infection was first acquired and it can be fatal.

Not everyone infected with syphilis will develop symptoms. That is why it is important to know if you are at risk and how to take preventative action.

Minimizing Your Risk

Following these suggestions can help you avoid contracting and transmitting syphilis:

- Learn about safer sex practices.
- Make informed decisions. Talk to your partner(s) about their STI status and the use of protection.
- Correctly and consistently using a condom during sex reduces the risk of STIs.
- Get tested for syphilis if you are sexually active. If you are diagnosed and treated for syphilis, follow up with your primary care provider after treatment to make sure the infection is gone.
- Avoid unprotected sexual activities that may put you at risk for reinfection until both you and your partner(s) have completed your antibiotic treatment and have been told the infection is gone.

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Jigs come in various shapes, designed for specifically different fishing situations. Choosing the right one can make all the difference.

The most common shape is the ball-style jig. These are very versatile and can be used in the current or in still water. If in doubt, this is almost always a good walleye lure option. Ball-style jigs can be casted or trolled and are great for vertical jigging as well.

When you're fishing in the weeds for walleye, try a swimming snagging and tempts those walleye to come out from their hiding spots.

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If you're fishing at night or in murky water you might try a bulkier walleye lure with fluorescent colors for increased visibility. No matter what, it is always a good policy to keep trying new fishing lure colors. Light conditions change very quickly underwater and good part of walleye fishing will always be a game of chance.

After you have the right walleye lure picked out, consider tipping it with either live bait or a plastic substitute. Both options have their advantages and you're better off having both available to you. When it comes to live walleye bait, minnows, leeches, and night crawlers will work best. Generally minnows work best in cooler water (spring and fall), leeches in warmer, and night crawlers in either. You should experiment, however, with all three regardless of when you are walleye fishing.

Plastic substitutes are nice because they require less maintenance and can be just as effective as live bait. This will make it more comfortable on your hands when the weather is chilly and you don't want to be fumbling with minnows.

Of course, you still need to find the fish. Electronic fish finders can be a fisherman's best friend. Once you've found them and your lure is in the water, you should vary the lure motion on your retrieve. First, let the walleye lure sink all the way down. Try popping it off the bottom then let it sink, dragging the fishing lure along the bottom with subtle shakes, and slowly lifting and dropping it as you reel in. These methods take some practice to perfect but will help make your fishing lure look more natural and attractive to 'the big one'.

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Backpacks for Kids hoping to extend its reach

By **Jamie Mountain**

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

DISTRICT – Salvation Army Temiskaming's Backpacks for Kids program has been able to assist school children over the past several years, but they are hoping to reach even more students in need this year.

The program has been advertised through The Speaker over the years and the public has been asked to send in application forms for children they feel could benefit from a backpack filled with school supplies for their return to school in September, assisting approximately 70 kids each year.

But after assessing the program and speaking with educators at various schools in the area, The Salvation Army Temiskaming feels as though there are many more students who could benefit from the program who aren't being reached.

"This year we've changed it up a little bit and we have contacted the principals from the schools in the area and let them know that we want to put together, I call it a crate, of school supplies that would include pencils, rulers, pencil sharpeners, erasers, stuff that we already basically have donated," said Salvation Army Temiskaming corps officer Sharon Dannock in a phone interview.

Schools have indicated that there could be 200, or more, students in the area who could benefit from the program.

So Salvation Army Temiskaming is making a change to the program this year and is planning to give each school a crate of school supplies that they can distribute to their students on a needs basis.

"We get donations through Walmart, they have their back-to-school stuff, and then the excess they donate to us. So we've got that stuff already here and instead of selling it at our Thrift Store, which has been done in the past, we decided that we would pass it on to the schools for them to give to students in need."

Dannock also noted that Salvation Army Temiskaming this year has been asking the various principals how many students of need they have in their respective schools and that what they hope to do is "provide enough backpacks, lunch bags and drink bottles that when they see a child in need, they can provide the backpack that way."

"Most schools already provide the students with the stationary supplies, like their pencils and pens, that kind of stuff, but there are times where kids lose multiple amounts, so (the schools will) have them to be able to hand out so the school doesn't have to pay for those extra resources, or the student doesn't have to," she explained.

At most schools, students are expected to provide their own backpacks, lunch bags and water bottles. These items are more costly and there are even some cases of students coming to school without them.

"Each school in the area that has responded to us is going to get a crate of goods and we'll deliver it, hopefully, the week before school starts (in September)," said Dannock.

"We feel that it will reach more people, more students in need this way where they don't have to come and approach us and fill out an application for help. We'll just let the schools assess their need, they can provide it, without any embarrassment or anything, on behalf of the students or the families."

Dannock said that the Salvation Army Temiskaming has reached out to the Temiskaming Shores Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Lions Club and the Temiskaming Foundation and explained what they are doing with the program this year and requesting their consideration for donations because they feel that local businesses may not be able to donate this year because of the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information or if you're interested in helping out with the Backpack for Kids program, Dannock said that you can call the Salvation Army Temiskaming office at 705-647-4115.

"You can always send, I guess, a cheque noting that the payment is for the Backpack for Kids program, or if they have supplies, especially backpacks and stuff (we'll take them)," said Dannock.

"Gift cards from Walmart would be helpful, we could buy the supplies there. That's probably the best local place that we could get supplies from, at a reasonable price. This year we're trying something new, hoping to reach more families in the community and if there is a need, for them to contact their schools for the assistance."

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BUCKE-ROO CAMPING

By Robert Ritchie
Temiskaming has had a great start to the 2020 camping season. The weather has been co-operative, giving us early July temperatures to enjoy. The feel of the heat of the sun, the sound of music when kids splash and play and the smell of campfires with the taste of smores.

With Stage 2, the Ontario government announced campgrounds can open for Recreational vehicles, car camping and tenting, but campers must adhere to social gatherings size restrictions of 10 and maintain two-meter physical distancing with people outside their household when outside their campsites. Beach access is permitted with physical distancing and with limits on capacity. Swings and climbers and closed shelters are still off limits but I'm sure that will change for the Temiskaming region soon.

The hot weather brings visitors to campgrounds seeking a sandy beach with cool water and a picnic area for children to enjoy summertime meals or snacks surrounded by Temiskaming's scenic landscapes.

And within the Temiskaming landscapes is its black bear population. Here are a few tips for campers about black bears. A bear wants nothing to do with humans, their only interest is food. To keep black bears away, take away the scent of food. Put your garbage in designated garbage receptacles in your campgrounds. Garbage should be placed in well secured bags, keep your BBQ clean and scent free, don't use your campfire pit to put grease like bacon grease or other refuge that may allure a bear to your campsite.

The blue berries aren't out yet, they are one of the black bears favorite foods especially Temiskaming's sweet, wild blueberries. A bear doesn't like noise, so make some and you'll probably never encounter a bear.

Camping in Temiskaming is one of the most natural things to do and enjoy. The clean, northern air with its sights and sounds, like northern birds and waves splashing on the beach. As some campers have said when they camp in Temiskaming "we are in paradise."

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Englehart author pens uplifting children's story

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

ENGLEHART - There are many fresh and unique angles behind the uplifting and hopeful children's book recently written by Englehart author Jerry Dougherty.

The newly published book is titled *Comment transformer une banane en vélo (How to transform a banana into a bicycle)*. Written for children between ages four to eight, it is the first book written by Dougherty, 25, and also the first book published by the newly established publishing firm KATA, based in Montreal. It is now available in French, and there are plans to publish it in English at a future date.

Dougherty and KATA editor and publisher Luca Palladino are friends from having worked together in Sudbury on a festival (Dougherty's background is in public relations) and when she related a unique real-life story on Facebook, Palladino urged her to write it because, as he said, it was an incredible story.

Dougherty relates the experience that inspired the book. About a year ago, she was at home and there was a knock at her door. "There was a child at the door and he was asking me for a banana. I thought it was a pretty random request, but I provided him with one and he went on his way."

The child returned about an hour later with a group of friends and presented her with a coffee machine. At first she tried to refuse it, but learned that the children had given the banana to someone in exchange for a toonie. With the toonie they were able to obtain a cookbook from someone. And in exchange for



Jerry Dougherty is pictured here with her newly published book *Comment transformer une banane en vélo*. (Supplied photo)

the cookbook, someone traded a coffee machine. Dougherty learned that because she had provided the child with a banana, she was now being given a coffee machine.

"This is what your banana got you," she was told.

"I took a lesson from that.... A random act of kindness and generosity will eventually be returned in your favour."

The children in the story are represented as being of several different races, and the main child is depicted as being gender neutral.

Artist Ravy Puth of Montreal believes in the power of representativeness, that's why she likes to illustrate differences, Palladino explains.

Palladino outlines the story's premise in an email:

"Led by the temerity of children, this fable proves that it is possible to change old habits and make a difference in those around you. The work promotes ecological transition, a

zero waste society and citizen movements. In order to be the best version of yourself both for others and for the planet, *How to transform a banana into a bicycle* offers a fable on mutual aid between neighbors and the exchange of goods according to their unsuspected value."

Dougherty was born and raised in Brampton and moved to Englehart when she was 16. She attended Englehart High School and was a first-place winner in the *Hardy Boys* story competition in 2012.

"I've always had a passion for writing," she said.

Dougherty commented that due to the pandemic and resulting store closures and social distancing restrictions, plans for a full launch of the book, planned for March 2020, have been set aside and a decision was made to move ahead with an online launch.

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Canada Day – from pow wow to parade

Sue Nielsen
Speaker Reporter

DISTRICT — Dust off your Canadian flags and the red and white clothing, it is time to celebrate being Canadian eh!

For those who may think Canada Day celebrations in South Temiskaming are cancelled, there are a couple of events taking place that may be of interest to individuals and families.

POW WOW

A group of four local Indigenous women volunteers are organizing a pow wow demonstration at the New Liskeard Algonquin Regiment Memorial Beach Park soccer fields on

Wednesday, July 1, beginning at 10 a.m.

Organizers say it is a perfect time to highlight and promote awareness of Indigenous culture and traditions through the pow wow.

The lead drum group is Bull Rock and everyone is encouraged to adhere to social distancing guidelines and wear a face mask if possible.

There will be a Facebook page up and running soon and people can contact Maria Wabie at 819-629-7123 for more information.

LATCHFORD PARADE

A group of volunteers from Latchford headed by Sharon

Gadoury and Francine Miller Blowe are organizing a Canada Day Parade on July 1, beginning at 1 p.m. from the municipal office.

It will be organized in the same fashion as the former Easter parade with vehicles or four wheelers decorated with Canada Day attire. The parade route will travel down all streets in Latchford and over to Murphy Mill Road.

Participants are most welcome to take part in the parade and people are being encouraged to wear red and white and stand outside their homes and watch as the parade drives by.

City finds deferrals not too taxing

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES — In an effort to help ratepayers through the financial impact of the pandemic, the city agreed to waive penalty and interest charges if property taxes normally due in May weren't paid.

But council and city staff worried about the impact on the municipality's bottom line.

Last week, they learned that it had suffered few ill effects.

Only a small proportion of taxpayers took up the offer to defer their May tax instalment, reported city treasurer Laura-Lee MacLeod June 16.

"We really didn't expect to see the tax payments coming in as normal as they have been.

We were quite pleased with the numbers," she said.

"Our cash flow has not been impacted negatively and we're hoping to see this trend continue with the July and September instalments."

In a memo to council, she said a total of 671 properties had not paid their May instalment by what would have been the usual deadline.

However, almost 30 per cent of those had not paid taxes in the previous year, and almost as many had missed the pre-pandemic March instalment.

That meant 286 property owners, of some 2,860 in the city, took advantage of the relief offered by council. That cost, in terms of foregone penalty and interest charges, was about

\$8,665.

In her memo, MacLeod said the number of properties with outstanding taxes is dropping daily as payments are "continuing to be made at a steady rate."

In an interview, Mayor Carman Kidd said the majority of deferrals in May were on the residential side. Non-residential ratepayers accounted for about 11, he said.

The tax relief is now coming to an end.

City council agreed to extend the interest-and-penalty-free period for the May instalment until July 31.

As of August 1, charges will once again be applied to outstanding taxes.

Temiskaming Hospital COVID-19 Update



A message from Temiskaming Hospital President & CEO Mike Baker

"As we head into the warmer months and with the government beginning to lift various restrictions, we want to remind everyone to continue to be consistent in your hand washing, the self-monitoring of your health and making sure you are distancing yourself from those who are not part of your social circle.

Interregional travel will continue to climb during the next few months, so we must be diligent when we are out in public. As recommended by the Health Minister, wear a mask when social distancing can't be practiced.

Access to COVID-19 testing has never been easier, so if you are concerned you have come in contact with the virus or are at high-risk through your place of employment, call the Temiskaming Health Unit at 705-647-4305 ext. 7 or COVID-19 Regional Assessment Centre at 705-648-1844 to schedule your appointment to be tested.

Services at Temiskaming Hospital continue to reopen with our Ontario Telehealth Network being the latest. This is in addition to our Surgical Department and Diagnostic Imaging Department.

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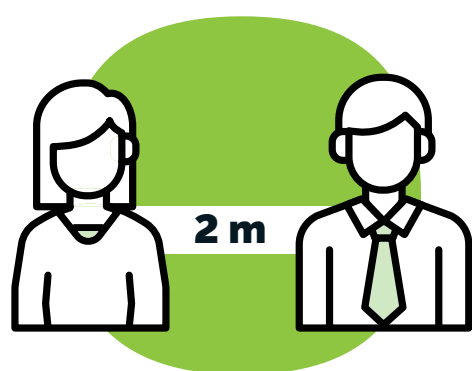
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