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Next season Determined for new rink structure in 2021

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

CHARLTON-DACK - The Municipality of Charlton and Dack is determined it will have the outdoor skating rink up and ready for community skaters in 2021.



MERRILL BOND

The project was supposed to be completed in December 2020 but was delayed when the contractors hit wet clay four feet down when attempting to sink piers for the structure.

The municipality intends to take their time to ensure there will be no problems with the new structure, Reeve Merrill Bond noted in a telephone interview.

The contractors are willing to complete the job, said Bond, "but we've got to get this foundation straightened out. First



HAPPY TRAILS

The skating trail installed by the City of Temiskaming Shores near the Waterfront Pool and Fitness Centre has been a popular attraction since it opened. Deseree Villneff was among those who wanted to get some fresh air and try it out for herself during an afternoon skate on Saturday, January 9. (Staff photo by Jamie Mountain, LJ1 reporter)

this spring, that's (public works superintendent Jon Schenk's) job."

Bond expressed disappointment the project couldn't be completed for this season.

"The kids sure could have

used it this winter," he said.

Charlton-Dack chief administrative officer Dan Thibeault stated in an email that "the total cost, including clean-up of the old rink, the investigation into the collapse, and the

original amount to build the new one is \$168,075.01. Of this, the municipality has paid their deductible of \$5,000." The remainder is being paid by the municipality's insurance provider, however, the discovery of an

underlying problem with the site is not being assumed by the insurance provider.

"The change to the foundation now required, the insurance company is saying they will not cover," said Thibeault.

DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our January 13 edition...

- Timiskaming recorded its first death from COVID-19.
- A New Year's eve fireworks display lit up the hearts of area residents and also garnered significant donations of \$44,000 for the Community Cancer Care program and the Canadian Mental Health Association.
- One of the longest running fall fairs in the region, the Charlton Fall Fair, has sadly come to an end.
- Three H Furniture Systems has expanded its operations to include a new 10,000 square foot addition.
- With funding from ARTEM, a Cultural Crossroads: 101 Experiences project is taking shape in this region and across Northern Ontario.



- Englehart is planning for a robust year ahead, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Township of Evanturel is moving along on a steady path with the creation of a new township office and garage on the horizon, noted Reeve Derek Mundle.
- Kerns Township is progressing nicely says Reeve Terry Phillips as the township experiences a resurgence in its agriculture sector.
- A provincial lockdown is keeping recreation facilities in the City of Temiskaming Shores closed.



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2021 additions at BRH

KIRKLAND LAKE (Special/Staff) – A doctor who has been working on a temporary basis in the Englehart area for two years is making the move permanent.



PATRICK PHILLIPS

Patrick Phillips is the latest physician to join the Blanche River Health (BRH) team.

Phillips has provided locum coverage at the Englehart hospital site since 2018.

In a news release, BRH said Phillips has decided to relocate to the area from Southern Ontario.

He'll provide regular physician coverage at Englehart's emergency department and as a hospitalist caring for in-patients.

"Dr. Phillips will be a great permanent addition to our team in Englehart. Our physician group looks forward to working with him as he begins this new endeavour at Blanche River Health," said chief of staff Mark Spiller.

BRH, meanwhile, has also welcomed a new addition to its vehicle fleet.

The district's social services administration board has donated a decommissioned ambulance from its emergency medical services division to BRH.

It will be refitted and used for non-urgent transfer of BRH patients in Englehart and Kirkland Lake.

In a statement, BRH chief financial officer Andrew Brown thanked the board for the vehicle's donation.

The two organizations "continue to work together ensuring our hospital patients and staff have enhanced access to non-urgent transfers and return trips."

BRH launched its own transportation service late in 2019. It ferries in-patients between Englehart and Kirkland Lake and to other hospitals in the region for necessary but non-urgent services.



James Besley, at left, paramedic deputy chief with Timiskaming Emergency Medical Services, turned over the keys of a decommissioned ambulance to BRH chief financial officer Andrew Brown, centre, and Jennifer Boudreault, BRH's manager of health information and privacy/security officer. The vehicle will be used for BRH's non-urgent patient transfer service. (Supplied Photo)



HUT HEAVEN

January 10 was a beautiful day for Danny and Emma Belanger to launch their ice hut on Lake Temiskaming joining hundreds of other huts situated around the lake. During the pandemic people have been flocking to area lakes to ski, fish, skate and snowshoe. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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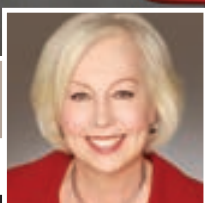
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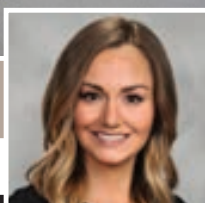
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The ROTARY CLUB OF ENGLEHART would like to THANK EVERYONE for the generosity again this year with your donations to our Christmas boxes. Your kindness, thoughtfulness & sharing to help others is heartwarming!! We could not do, the work we do without the help, you have been so kind to give.
Thank you all again
LIKE RIPPLES IN A POND
by Laurie Eytel
We thank you for all the great things you do. Large and small, they all have meaning to the families you help and to us. One act can make all the difference.
Like ripples in a pond kindness spreads outward, reaching and touching others and can change a life forever. The smiling faces we see say it all... Thank you... you are our stars!



PULLED ALONG

Chantal Paquin and her son, Remi Paquin, had a blast on Latchford's recently created outdoor rink on Bay Lake as the mother pulled her son along the ice on Sunday, January 10. (Staff photo by Jamie Mountain, LJ reporter)

Emergency order comes amid rising case numbers

DISTRICT (Staff) – With COVID-19 cases doubling over the past two weeks, and the looming threat of the collapse of the province's hospital system and alarming risks posed to long-term care homes as a result of high transmission rates, the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts, says it has declared a second provincial emergency under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMPCA).
 "The latest modelling data shows that Ontario is in a crisis and, with the current trends, our hospital ICUs will be overwhelmed in a few short weeks with unthinkable consequences," said Ontario Premier Doug Ford in a statement.

"That's why we are taking urgent and decisive action, which includes declaring a provincial emergency and imposing a stay-at-home-order. We need people to only go out only for essential trips to pick up groceries or go to medical appointments. By doing the right thing and staying home, you can stay safe and save lives."

Effective Thursday, January 14 at 12:01 a.m., the government issued a stay-at-home order requiring everyone to remain at home, with exceptions for essential purposes, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services, for exercise or for essential work.

The government says this order, and other new and existing public health restrictions, "are aimed at limiting people's mobility and reducing the number of daily contacts with those outside an immediate household. In addition to limiting outings to es-

sential trips, all businesses must ensure that any employee who can work from home, does work from home."

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS

Since the implementation of the province-wide shutdown over two weeks ago, the government says the latest modelling trends in key public health indicators have continued to worsen, "forecasting an overwhelming of the health system unless drastic action is taken."

It says the number of COVID-19-related deaths continues to rise and is expected to double from 50 to 100 deaths per day between now and the end of February.

Most notably, it says data shows that mobility and contacts between people have not decreased with the current restrictions. A new variant of COVID-19 emerged in November. If community transmission of this variant occurs, Ontario could experience much higher case counts, ICU occupancy and mortality.

Additional public health measures include:

- Outdoor organized public gatherings and social gatherings are further restricted to a limit of five people with limited exceptions. This is consistent with the rules during the lockdown during the first wave of COVID-19 in spring 2020 and will allow individuals and families to enjoy time outdoors safely.
- Individuals are required to wear a mask or face covering in the indoor areas of businesses or organizations that are open. Wearing a mask or face covering is now recommended

outdoors when you can't physically distance more than two metres.

- All non-essential retail stores, including hardware stores, alcohol retailers, and those offering curbside pickup or delivery, must open no earlier than 7 a.m. and close no later than 8 p.m. The restricted hours of operation do not apply to stores that primarily sell food, pharmacies, gas stations, convenience stores, and restaurants for takeout or delivery.
- Non-essential construction is further restricted, including below-grade construction, exempting survey.

NEW ENFORCEMENT MEASURES

Under the declaration of a provincial emergency, "the province will provide authority to all enforcement and provincial offences officers, including the Ontario Provincial Police, local police forces, bylaw officers, and provincial workplace inspectors to issue tickets to individuals who do not comply with the stay-at-home-order, or those not wearing a mask or face covering indoors as well as retail operators and companies who do not enforce," the news release stated

Those who decide not to abide by orders will be subject to set fines and/or prosecution.

In addition, all enforcement personnel will have the authority to temporarily close a premise and disperse individuals who are in contravention of an order and will be able to disperse people who are gathering, regardless whether a premise has been closed or remains open such as a park or house, according to the government.

Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum

Annual General Meeting

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic and with concern for our members, the Annual General Meeting for the Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum scheduled for February 10, 2021 is being postponed to a date later this year. Any nominations to the Board can be made now in preparation for the election of the Board by contacting the museum by email at lchmuse@gmail.com or by leaving a telephone message at 705-647-9575.

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Submitted by Ellen Ibey

Foods that Can Lower your Blood Pressure

Have you ever heard of the DASH diet? DASH stands for Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (high blood pressure). It's a way of reducing blood pressure through changes in what you eat. It focuses on fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean meats and low-fat dairy.

Green leafy vegetables: Eat spinach, broccoli, kale, or collards for a potassium boost. The mineral helps flush sodium out of your body and relaxes your blood vessel walls. **Recommended daily serving: 2-3 cups (raw leafy vegetables)**

Berries: The pigments that give blueberries, strawberries, and blackberries their rich colors also come with a benefit for your blood vessels: anthocyanin. It can help artery walls become wider and more flexible to lower your blood pressure and improve your heart health. **Recommended daily serving: 2-3 cups (fresh or frozen)**

Yogurt: Calcium is a key player for good blood pressure because it helps your blood vessels tighten and relax when they should. **Recommended daily serving: 2-3 cups (yogurt or milk)**

Fatty Fish: Another good source of calcium is bone-in fish, like canned salmon or sardines. Oily fish are flush in omega-3s, the fatty acids that boost health and help your heart. **Recommended daily serving: 3-6 ounces (fish, lean meat, poultry)**

Seeds: Unsalted seeds are a source of vital minerals like magnesium, which helps control your blood pressure and relax your blood vessels. **Recommended daily serving: 1 to 1.5 tablespoons**

Garlic: Garlic can add more than just flavor to your dishes. It may also have a hand in boosting your nitric oxide levels, which dilates blood vessels. **Recommended daily serving: 1-2 cloves**

Unsalted pistachios: Unsalted tree nuts can be a great source of healthy fats that help your heart. But for high blood pressure, your best pick is pistachios. They seem to have the strongest effect on lowering both your top and bottom blood pressure readings. **Recommended serving: 1-2 cups per week (nuts)**

Olive Oil: Protective antioxidants in olive oil improve blood vessel health and help them stay elastic. **Recommended daily serving: 2-3 teaspoons (oil, may or salad dressing)**

Dark chocolate: Dark chocolate (at least 50% to 70% cocoa) can give you a boost of a plant compound called flavanol. This antioxidant can make your blood pressure drop a notch. **Recommended serving: An occasional nibble**

If you are a patient of the Temagami Family Health Team and would like to have a consultation with our registered dietitian to discuss the DASH approach to reducing your blood pressure, please call the office at (705) 569-3244.

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EDITORIAL

Healthy boundaries

One thing we know about the coronavirus is it doesn't make its way around the world on its own.

It needs bodies to help it travel and travel it does.

The virus is travelling faster than most countries can adapt and there are now even variant strains of the virus found in the United Kingdom and Africa that have made their way to Canada.

What some people are wondering is why air travel remains so widely available during the pandemic, especially taken advantage of by politicians.

The common greeting in Alberta these days seems to be "aloha" as politicians jet off to Hawaii while everyday people observe lockdown rules.

But what the people of Northern Ontario may be

wondering about is why isn't the Quebec border closed and why aren't people from Southern Ontario destinations prevented from coming north?

Health experts maintain regional movement remains a far greater driver of transmission.

The vast majority of cases in Ontario are being spread by Ontarians.

The countries around the world that have successfully managed the pandemic have instituted strict travel requirements within regions.

How often must we hear Premier Doug Ford stand at a podium and tell us "this is serious" without any concrete policies to restrict travel to protect north-erners?

Get a grip

So after Premier Doug Ford announced the new lockdown measures this week has anything changed?

Perhaps I am missing something, but what I heard from the Premier this week isn't anything revelatory concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.

In fact, what I heard is mixed messaging.

Bigger retail outlets can remain open selling everything including non-essential goods while smaller mom and pop stores remain shuttered.

I cannot imagine what small retailers are going through during this pandemic. Some are faced with paying the bills at their home while paying bills at their place of business, while there is no money coming in.

And to be excluded from the busiest most lucrative shopping season of all, Boxing Day, is in my mind, a travesty.

The lockdown measures are coming months after the fact and a pandemic emergency situation is long past its time in Ontario.

Why not bubble wrap the entire province thereby closing off the province to bring infection rates down?

Why not close off all borders into the province and shut down all major airports?

Why is the Quebec border still open if we are in an "emergency" situation?

I feel for educators in this part of the province, who see their counterparts completing online learning but they are being forced back to class.

Schools are places of learning and not babysitting services.

I see the role of teachers being unfairly morphed into educator, parent, healer, psychologist and on and on.

If it isn't safe for children to go back to school in Sault Ste. Marie, Ottawa and Toronto, why is it safe in Northeastern Ontario?

Even the mayor of Toronto, John Tory, is confused by the newest lockdown measures implemented by the province.

I may scream if I witness another press conference with the premier speaking at a podium while taking very little action to address the core issues of the pandemic.

"The success of these measures will ultimately depend on you," said Ford.



Sue Nielsen

No, no premier, they rest with your government. Here in this region we have done our part.

We've washed our hands raw to the core and for the most part we've avoided travel outside the region, and we've not assembled in large gatherings as the health units have advised.

Across this province, we see overcrowded hospitals, far too many long-term care deaths, the military led vaccine rollout is a sham and yet the premier places the pandemic surge on our shoulders.

Get a grip on your paddle premier and steer this pandemic canoe around the rocks.

A pandemic response is like a canoe trip, it must be balanced and concise or it won't work.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you supporters of the Haileybury Food Bank

Dear editor,

Every year it seems more difficult to adequately express our appreciation as so many engaged members of our community continue with their generous support making it possible for the Haileybury Food Bank to fulfill its mission.

The magnitude of your generosity creates a contagious zest to our dedication in providing consistent compassion and care to individuals and families in need. At the same time we maintain our incurable optimism that one day our clients will emerge from poverty. In the meantime it is of great comfort to us knowing we have the support of our community.

The sharing spirit was very evident at the Christmas season as so many individuals and groups came forward with generous donations of money and food as well as participating in food drives and the annual Food Share project. All of these activities ensured every client had a generous supply of food during this special season.

Hoping the year 2020 blossoms with your dreams and wishes becoming a reality.

Pat Rhiness,

On behalf of the volunteers of the Haileybury Food Bank

First Cobalt arranges refinery feedstock

By Jamie Mountain

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – First Cobalt Corporation says it has secured long-term cobalt hydroxide feed arrangements with Glencore AG and IXM SA, a fully owned subsidiary of CMOC, which will provide 4,500 tonnes of contained cobalt per year to the First Cobalt Refinery starting in 2022.

Once it is operational, the First Cobalt Refinery will be “North America’s only producer of cobalt sulfate for the electric vehicle (EV) market,” said the company in a news release.

It went on to state that under the terms of a binding cobalt hydroxide supply contract, “Glencore AG will supply the First Cobalt Refinery from the KCC mining operation in the Democratic Republic of Congo for five years” starting in late 2022.

“First Cobalt has also signed a memorandum of understanding with IXM SA for cobalt from CMOC’s Tenke Fungurume mining operation in the (Congo) over the same time period.

The company and IXM will work to complete a definitive contract.”

First Cobalt president and CEO Trent Mell said the arrangement was a “pivotal moment” in the company’s North American cobalt refining strategy.

“Our globally competitive cost structure and industry-leading (environmental) credentials put us in a strong position for a rapidly growing EV market,” he said in a statement.

“With feedstock arrangements in place, we can continue to advance our vision to create a new cobalt supply chain in North America. Electric vehicle sales in Europe were up more than 100 per cent in 2020 and the (United States) will be the next large market to take off.”

Mell added that First Cobalt is “now focused on offtake arrangements and the financing package, with the goal of commencing construction in mid-2021 and full commissioning in the second half of 2022.”

The company says Cobalt hydroxide will be purchased at prevailing market prices, “providing First Cobalt invest-

ors with exposure to the cobalt market and, by extension, a growing EV market.”

Together, the company says the arrangements will provide 90 per cent of the refinery’s annual contained cobalt capacity of 5,000 tonnes per annum.

The company also plans to purchase an additional 500 tonnes per annum of feed at a later date through contract or spot market purchases.

In December, the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario announced a joint \$10-million investment in the First Cobalt Refinery, which will help accelerate the commissioning and expansion of the Temiskaming Shores facility.

The facility was permitted in 1996 with a nominal throughput of 12 tonnes per day and operated intermittently until 2015, producing cobalt, nickel and silver products.

According to First Cobalt Corporation, approximately 80 per cent of the global supply of cobalt sulfate comes from China and there is no production in North America.



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Municipal Office: The Office is closed to the public until further notice. This is to minimize non-essential travel and in-person visits to the office to help keep staff and the public safe and to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. The Township continues to encourage the use of internet payments through your financial institution, or by mailing cheques to the Municipal office. Residents can call the office at 705-679-8833 for assistance as the office is staffed during this time.

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 of household garbage will be picked-up weekly. Please ensure your garbage is out by 7 am.

Recycling: Next collection date is Tuesday, January 26, 2021. Reminder to residents – **All recyclable material must be bagged in clear bags (30”X 32”), with the exception of cardboard. All cardboard must be flattened for pick up. Please have recycling out before 9 am to ensure pick up.**

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

By-law Enforcement: To report a property standards issue or if you want to report some illegal dumping, please contact Pete Gilboe at 705-648-3750.

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

A reminder to Coleman Residents now that Winter is here, in accordance with By-law 12-15, as amended, it is an offence to deposit snow on or across a township road, on township or other private property that doesn’t belong to you. It is also an offence to deposit and/or re-deposit or move snow in such a way that interferes with or obstructs normal visibility or obstructs vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the street and to deposit or re-deposit snow in a way that encroaches on the cleared portion of the street. We thank everyone in advance for your assistance and cooperation.

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Chamberlain plans busy year for 2021

Darlene Wroe

Speaker Reporter

CHAMBERLAIN TOWNSHIP - Chamberlain Township is moving forward on several fronts in 2021.

Reeve Kerry Stewart says that at the top of the list for the new year are the preparations for the reconstruction of the Krugerdorf Bridge on Road 7.

Engineering assistance has been secured and design and construction tenders will be put out, said Stewart in a telephone interview.

He anticipates soil studies will be done this year, which are needed to determine what design is suitable for the site. "Probably we will get into the actual design work, but the construction won't start until next year at least."

Stewart noted that government funding assistance allows the township until 2026 to complete the project.

Ditching throughout the township will be continued this year, he noted.

"There's a lot that needs to be done," said the reeve.

The township is looking at getting another excavator, he said, to allow more of that work to be completed.

The township has received financial assistance from the Timiskaming Health Unit to purchase a sunshade to be erected in its ballpark complex on Road 5.

"We're continuing to try to develop that into a family-friendly park that people can go to and use," said Stewart.

The new sunshade will provide a shelter where people can get out of the sun if it's too hot, he said. The township also intends to set up picnic tables in the area for people's further enjoyment.

The township has received Ontario Community Infrastructure Funding, and that money will be directed toward more gravelling on roads, explained Stewart.

COMMUNITY HALL

The township has also made an application for funding through the COVID-19 Resilience Fund, and if successful the township intends to use the money to make improvements at its community hall. The Chamberlain Township Community Hall is the alternate emergency operation centre for the joint emergency management program committee. The Dack hall is the primary command centre, he noted, and the Chamberlain hall would be used in the case of a severe situation that requires the joint emergency management program to be put into action.

The township has renewed its partnership agreement with the Englehart Public Library, which means Chamberlain residents can have access to the library as its services are available.

Stewart said he is pleased with the shared services agreement the township has with the Municipality of Charlton and Dack. He noted there are now five employees working on the shared public works department.

"It means that things don't just come to a halt when someone's sick or away on holidays," he explained. "Now we have the manpower to continue with projects."

He commented that the shared services agreement is "going very well. I think it's really good coverage for both townships."

The two municipalities share staff, excavators, backhoes, brush mowers and other small pieces of equipment.

Each of the municipalities has their own plow truck and grader, explained Stewart.

The two municipalities are considering jointly hiring a summer student to carry out the smaller jobs that would take public works staff away from their regular road work, Stewart also explained.

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CITY BULLETIN

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What municipal buildings are closed to the public?

- City Hall - 325 Farr Drive – CLOSED (phone calls only)
- Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena – CLOSED
- Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena - CLOSED
- Waterfront Pool and Fitness Centre - CLOSED
- 200 Lakeshore – Public Works Office - CLOSED
- Dymond Fire Hall Administrative Office - CLOSED
- Riverside Place - CLOSED
- New Liskeard Community Hall – CLOSED
- Dymond Community Hall – CLOSED

When is City Hall open for phone calls?

Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Is the Library open?

The library is closed to the public during the provincial shut down, except for booked curbside pickup times. Please call the library at 705-647-4215 or check our Facebook page or website at www.temisklibrary.com for more information.

Modified Library Hours during the Shutdown

Mondays: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - By appointment
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m. - By appointment
Fridays and Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - By appointment

How long will buildings/facilities remain closed?

Currently, all facilities are tentatively scheduled to reopen on January 25th, 2021 pending Provincial direction.

Where can I get a bus pass?

You can purchase a bus pass online at www.temiskamingtransit.ca or make an appointment at the Library by calling 705-647-4215.

Can I get a refund for cancelled hall or facility bookings?

Yes, we will be providing full refunds for all rentals affected by the closures. Please contact Patti at phughes@temiskamingshores.ca

I have a membership to the Pool and Fitness Centre, will it be extended?

Yes, we will be extending all memberships at the Pool and Fitness Centre by the duration of the closure. Please contact pf@temiskamingshores.ca if you have any questions.

Is public transit still operating?

Yes, the buses are still operating.

Will my garbage and recycling still be picked up?

Yes, garbage and recycling curb side pick-up is still operating.

Is the landfill still open?

The Haileybury Landfill will be open to the public with normal hours of operations (Tuesday – Saturday, 8:30am – 4:30pm).

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

How can I pay my taxes?

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 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.

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

Are there still POA Court dates?

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

If you wish to pay your fines an online payment portal is available at www.temiskamingshores.ca. Select Online Payments and follow the directions for the Provincial Offences Office Speeding/Traffic/Infractions. Payments can also be dropped off into the 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 or emailed to poa@temiskamingshores.ca. 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). The extension is granted until February 25, 2021. Unless your matters went into default prior to March 16, 2020, the applications are not considered urgent.

Courts are cancelled until further notice. You will be advised of your next court date in writing. court date in writing.

Council and Committee MEETINGS

Police Services Board

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.
(To be determined - Virtual or In-Person at 325 Farr Drive)

Public Works Committee

Thursday, January 21, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. – Virtual

Recreation Committee

Monday, January 18, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. - Virtual
For further information contact Kelly Conlin
705-672-3363 Ext. 4116 or kconlin@temiskamingshores.ca

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. – Virtual Meeting

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. – 325 Farr Drive

January Council meetings will be held electronically. Residents are encouraged to watch the live-streamed meeting on the City's Facebook page. In addition, the open portion of the meetings, will be recorded and available for public viewing on the City's webpage following the meeting.

For further information, contact Logan Belanger
705-672-3363 Ext. 4136 or lbelanger@temiskamingshores.ca

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Modified Library Hours during the Shutdown

Mondays: 10-4—By appointment
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: 12-6—By appointment
Fridays and Saturdays: 10-4—By appointment

Contactless Pickup Service

Our Contactless Pickup Service is in full swing! Call the library at 705-647-4215, email us at info@temisklibrary.com or use our online catalogue at www.temisklibrary.com to order your items. When they are ready for pickup a staff member will arrange a time for pick up at the lobby of the library. Not sure what you want? Call us for help! All returned items will be quarantined before being put back on the shelf. Remember that it is still mandatory to wear a face mask when picking up your books, and you must have your library card for identification.

Book Return Drop Box

The library's drop box is located on the parking lot side of the building. Please return all books and materials in the Drop Box. If an item is too large for the Drop Box, please call or email to arrange a drop off time.

Snowshoes, walking poles, backpacks and games and puzzles

The library has a wide variety of materials other than books and movies to help keep everyone occupied during the shut down. Snowshoes, walking poles and backpacks are great for winter outdoors activities. The backpacks come equipped with trail maps, a bird guide and a compass. The snowshoes are very popular right now, so be sure to call well in advance to reserve a pair! Keep an eye out for our Provincial Parks Day Pass lending program which will be up and running at the end of the month. We also have a wide variety of games and puzzles to entertain while indoors. All of our items are quarantined for 72 hours before being made available for checkout again.

Relax with an eBook or Audiobook!

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! Go to the library website at www.temisklibrary.com and click on the OverDrive button.

Interactive Fun for Children on the Eresources page of our website!

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 and both English and French books are available. 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.

- The Waterfront Pool and Fitness Centre is closed and will reopen to the public on Monday January 25th. All memberships have been extended to account for the closure. All pool rentals will be rescheduled or refunded. Swimming lessons that were scheduled to start this month have been canceled.
- All Age Friendly programming has been paused and will return on the week of January 25th. All participants signed up to participate in Age Friendly programming beginning the week of January 4th will be contacted.
- All municipal halls are closed until January 25th. All rentals will be contacted to rescheduling or refund their booking.
- Both the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena and the Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena are closed until January 25th. All rentals during this time will either be refunded or rescheduled.
- Outdoor rinks and the skating path at the Waterfront Pool and Fitness Centre are open, weather dependent. No team sports shall be played at any outdoor recreation facility as per provincial mandate.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Provincial Offences Office is now open to the public.

Note: Courts remain cancelled until **January 22, 2021**. You will be advised of your next court date in writing. Please do not attend City Hall or Northern College in Kirkland Lake for your court dates.

We now offer online payments at www.temiskamingshores.ca/poa. Payments will also continue to be accepted by telephone at 705-672-3221, email at poa@temiskamingshores.ca or by fax to 705-672-3200 or can be left in the drop box at the front entrance of City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury.

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

An Order made by the Chief Justice pursuant to s. 85 extending time-limits for applying for reopenings (s.11), when a fine is due (s. 66) and when a fine goes into default (s. 69) is in effect until February 26th, 2021. If you do not respond by February 26th, 2021 you may be deemed not to dispute the charge and a justice may enter a conviction for the offence.

You may verify the status of your ticket at: <https://www.justiceservices.jus.gov.on.ca/POA/screens/poa/POASC001.xhtml>

CITY INVOICE ALTERNATE PAYMENT OPTIONS

For your convenience, the City website has a Payment Portal located on the home page providing you with an online payment option. www.temiskamingshores.ca

Click on the Payment Portal located in the bottom right corner of the home page and follow the instructions.

NOTE:

Payment Portals cannot be utilized to make Tax Payments.

Tax Payments made in the Payment Portals will be refunded to the taxpayer and a \$25 service fee will be applied to the tax account.

For inquiries regarding these matters, please contact the Corporate Services Department at 672-3363 or email to finance@temiskamingshores.ca

NOTICE PET OWNERS

PET TAG LICENCE RENEWAL FOR 2021

Effective 2019, the City changed its Pet Licensing program to a permanent tag that is renewed annually. The fee for tag renewal is \$10 if paid by December 31, 2020. After this date, the renewal fee increases to \$20. If your pet has a tag that has a year identified (2018 and prior), then you need to get a new permanent tag, for a fee of \$20.

New or replacement tags are available at the following locations: Pet Valu, Temiskaming Animal Hospital, Temiskaming Vet Clinic, K-9 Doggy Daycare, Animals First or City Hall.

Please be advised that Tag Renewals can only be done at City Hall.

NOTICE – OVERNIGHT PARKING

Effective November 1st, 2020 to March 31st, 2021

By-law No. 2008-069 prohibits the parking of vehicles on municipal streets or City-owned parking lots between the hours of **12:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

For further information contact the By-law Officer at (705) 672-3363.

CAN A KNOCK ON THE DOOR CAUSE A FIRE?

YES- If you leave your cooking unattended.

Always turn the stove off before leaving the room.



OUTDOOR RINK RULES

- STAY HOME IF YOU'RE SICK OR SUSPECT YOU HAVE COVID-19.
- MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCE OF 2-METRES FROM OTHERS.
- WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY AND MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.
- NO ALCOHOL, SMOKING OR PETS ON THE ICE.
- NO HOCKEY STICKS, NETS, PICKS OR GAMES OF TAG ARE ALLOWED.
- ALL SKATERS MUST WEAR ICE SKATES OR ICE SLEDGES.

NORDIC NEWS

A gentle reminder to our members to practice social distancing while at the Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club (TNSC).

For the health and safety of our members as well as for the sake of our club, we encourage all to not congregate in numbers specifically around the chalet entrance. Other winter sports are not permitted during this lockdown and it would be a shame for our club to be shut down because social distancing is not being adhered to.



Please stay safe by keeping your distance from other members while attending the ski club. We ask that you take the time to review the COVID-19 Safety Information provided on our website.

Safety Practices are as follows:

1. Safety starts in the parking lot. Always maintain a two-metre distance. If you cannot, WEAR A MASK
2. Come prepared to ski: dressed, skis waxed ready to go.
3. When skiing, keep a safe distance and always keep a mask handy in case you need it on the trails.
4. Ski then go home. This saddens me as one of the joys for me was sitting by the fire and socializing after the ski. Hopefully, we will do that again, but not this year. Do not socialize in the parking lot or around the chalet. That said, a very quick exchange of pleasantries is fine.

PLEASE observe the Health Unit protocols.

OUTDOOR FIRE PIT

For those who have asked about the outdoor fire pit, regrettably because of the lockdown, we cannot have an outdoor fire at this time as this would encourage gathering.

CHALLENGE UPDATE

Lastly, for those of you who are participating in the Cross Country Ski Ontario Kilometre Challenge, a link has been provided on our website (under the COVID-19 Safety Information) to record your distance skied.

Stay safe and see you on the trails!



FUNdamentals

Arenas are closed once again due to the pandemic lockdown. Hockey fans young and old like Tyke U7 program coordinator John Zubyck and his young charges hope to be back on the ice as soon as conditions allow. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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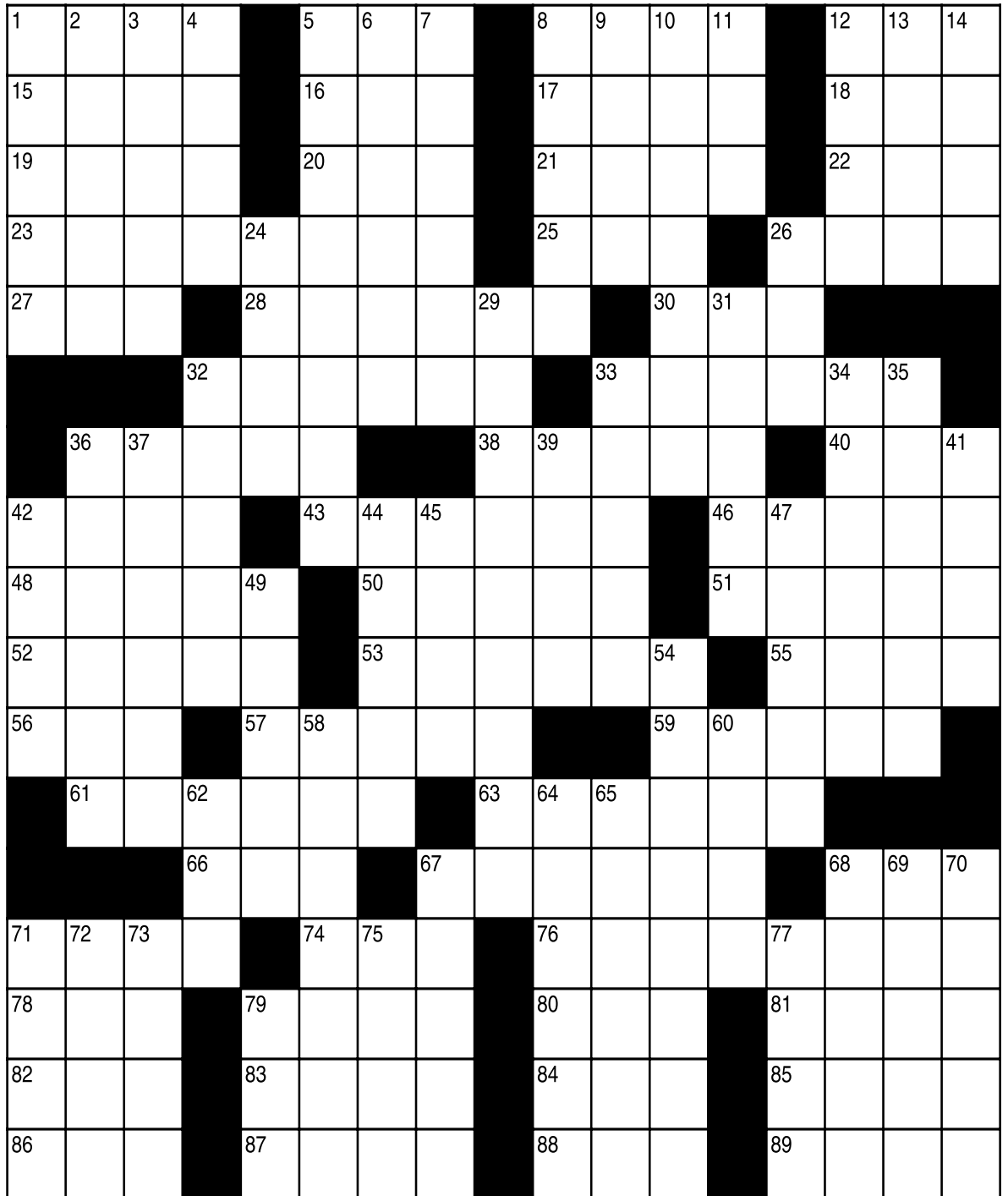
ACROSS

- 1. Mark permanently
- 5. Label
- 8. Humid
- 12. Craze
- 15. "A Horse With No ____"
- 16. Unclose, to a poet
- 17. Like a villain
- 18. Dollar bill
- 19. Above
- 20. Take the gold medal
- 21. Nosegay
- 22. Pleased Julia Child
- 23. Famous
- 25. Night animal
- 26. In the company of
- 27. Physics unit
- 28. Mountain-climber's coup
- 30. Snake shape
- 32. Hold fast
- 33. Nautical unit
- 36. Diameter components
- 38. Doctrine
- 40. Defective
- 42. Sculpt
- 43. Minister
- 46. Bizarre
- 48. Abundant
- 50. Gaucho's tool
- 51. Brownish gray fabrics
- 52. Sales pitch
- 53. Join
- 55. Cheat
- 56. Scope of knowledge
- 57. Mushrooms, e.g.
- 59. Senseless
- 61. Eye section
- 63. Put in order
- 66. Conjunction
- 67. Duelist
- 68. Beret
- 71. Which thing?
- 74. Ma that baas
- 76. Collection of clothes
- 78. Pronoun
- 79. Fortitude
- 80. Nipper's master
- 81. Concluded
- 82. Openings
- 83. Not a pretty fruit
- 84. Outward appearance
- 85. Tree of India

- 86. Disorderly crowd
- 87. Informed
- 88. Remit money to
- 89. West Pointer's team

DOWN

- 1. Pitfall
- 2. Indulge, with "to"
- 3. Surrounded by
- 4. Default result
- 5. Small city
- 6. Each
- 7. Sex
- 8. Station
- 9. Frankly declare
- 10. Delude
- 11. Fabric layer
- 12. Bubbles
- 13. Dissenter
- 14. Ownership document
- 24. Dry watercourse
- 26. Hearth residue
- 29. Juicy fruit
- 31. Got up
- 32. Mix up
- 33. Untamed
- 34. Procure
- 35. Agate
- 36. Tot's garment
- 37. Type of skiing
- 39. Printing method
- 41. Student's furniture
- 42. Halloween attire
- 44. Sporting facility
- 45. Emulate Elvis
- 47. Citified
- 49. Pixieish
- 54. Bookish
- 58. Experience
- 60. Techie
- 62. Make doilies
- 64. Envelop
- 65. Locust, e.g.
- 67. Stinking
- 68. Cloak
- 69. Crosswise
- 70. Cheerful
- 71. "For ____ the Bell Tolls"
- 72. Submarine sandwich
- 73. Bedouin
- 75. Determination
- 77. Roster
- 79. Destroy the interior of



Answers For Crossword on 2h

Horoscopes

CAPRICORN

You'll take care of your family and things around the house, but you'll also need to make time to pamper yourself and have fun. You might also prepare meals ahead of time for all of your loved ones.



AQUARIUS

You'll be doing a lot of running around. Your family and friends will need you to lend a hand as well as an ear. Fortunately, they'll be sure to express their immense gratitude for your support.



PISCES

Affection will be a major theme this week. If you're single, you'll meet a rare gem who's looking for a serious commitment. If you're in a relationship, you'll make long-term plans that will strengthen your bond.



ARIES

You'll display exceptional dynamism and interpersonal skills. Among other things, you'll organize an event that ends up being a major success. All of your initiatives will have a significant impact on your future.



TAURUS

You'll experience a lot of action, with some spectacular twists and turns, and time will feel like it's in short supply. A big dream of yours will become increasingly attainable, even if the path to achieving it remains unclear.



GEMINI

A bit of fatigue is likely to set in after a few stressful days. You'll find yourself in a creative frame of mind, and you'll complete a remarkable masterpiece.



CANCER

Time won't be easy to manage, and you'll find that you can no longer put off certain tasks. At work, you'll be responsible for managing crises and important files that will help advance your career.



LEO

You'll need to be forceful if you want to get that promotion. Give it your all, and you'll be rewarded for your efforts; success is waiting. A getaway with friends will be planned at the last minute.



VIRGO

A change in your family's circumstances will make you consider moving somewhere more convenient. You'll have an important decision to make that'll require a long period of reflection before you jump into action.



LIBRA

The idea of going back to school or signing up for a course will cross your mind. At work or elsewhere, there's a good chance you'll have to negotiate with strangers and converse in another language.



SCORPIO

At work, you'll have a number of detailed tasks that will take a ridiculously long time to complete. In terms of your health, you'll get your hands on the right medication or treatment to deal with a chronic problem.



SAGITTARIUS

You'll end up in the spotlight, in spite of yourself. This anecdote will be a joke at the office for years to come. Needless to say, your pride might get bruised in the process.



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Local dealer may charge additional administration/documentation fees or other fees up to \$1,221. Fees may vary by dealer.

*Drivers should always be responsible for their own safe driving. Please always pay attention to your surroundings and drive safely. Depending on the conditions of roads, vehicles, weather, etc., the Toyota Safety Sense systems may not work as intended. Please see toyota.ca, your local Toyota Dealer or Owner's Manual for details.
¹On approved credit. 1.69% APR on a new 2020 Corolla LE CVT (BPRBLC "A") for 60 months equals 260 weekly payments of \$60 with \$0 down. First weekly payment (\$60) due at lease inception. Total lease obligation of \$16,413.54 (real). All-in lease includes freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC fee and air conditioning tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Based on a maximum of 100,000 km. Additional km charge of \$0.07 for excess kilometres, if applicable. Dealer may lease for less. Vehicle must be leased, registered and delivered by February 1, 2021. Or finance from 0.49% APR on a new 2020 Corolla LE CVT (BPRBLC "A") for 36 months equals 156 weekly payments of \$148 with a down payment or trade equivalent of \$0. Cost of borrowing is \$172.96 for a total obligation of \$23,013.96 (real). All-in finance payments include freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC fee and air conditioning tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Vehicle must be leased, registered and delivered by February 1, 2021. Dealer may sell or lease for less. See ShopToyota.ca for details.
²On approved credit. 3.99% APR on a new 2020 RAV4 LE AWD (B1RFVT-A) for 48 months equals 208 weekly payments of \$89 with \$2,500 down. First weekly payment (\$89) due at lease inception. Total lease obligation of \$20,910.32 (real). All-in lease includes freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC fee and air conditioning tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Vehicle must be leased, registered and delivered by February 1, 2021. Or finance from 2.99% APR on a new 2020 RAV4 LE AWD (B1RFVT "A") for 36 months equals 156 weekly payments of \$216 with \$0 down. Cost of borrowing is \$1,504.01 for a total obligation of \$33,665.01 (real). All-in finance payments include freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC fee and air conditioning tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Vehicle must be leased, registered and delivered by February 1, 2021. Dealer may sell or lease for less. See ShopToyota.ca for details.
³On approved credit. 2.49% APR on a new 2020 Highlander AWD LE (BZRBHT "A") for 48 months equals 208 weekly payments of \$99 with \$5,700 down. First weekly payment (\$99) due at lease inception. Total lease obligation of \$26,355.65 (real). Based on a maximum of 80,000 km. Additional km charge of \$0.15 for excess kilometres, if applicable. Dealer may lease for less. Vehicle must be leased, registered and delivered by February 1, 2021. Or finance from 0.99% APR on a 2020 Highlander AWD LE (BZRBHT "A") for 36 months equals 156 weekly payments of \$296 with \$0 down. Cost of borrowing is \$697.19 for a total obligation of \$46,158.19 (real). All-in finance payments include freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC fee and air conditioning tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Vehicle must be leased, registered and delivered by February 1, 2021. Dealer may sell or lease for less. See ShopToyota.ca for details.