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## Right-of-Way Headframe heritage designation sought

**Darlene Wroe**  
Speaker Reporter

COBALT - Cobalt council intends to declare the Right-of-Way headframe a heritage property.

The Cobalt Historical Society had requested the designation from the previous council, but the project was never brought to fruition.

The society approached the current council to reintroduce the proposal at Cobalt council's committee-of-the-whole meeting February 2.

Councillor Pat Anderson noted she had not realized the Right-of-Way headframe had not been previously designated as a heritage site.

Council will officially vote on the request at their next meeting Tuesday, February 16. The request is expected to be approved, and then will move to the next step, which will be the publication of that intent in a local newspaper for 30 days so that anyone with any objection can respond.

The Right-of-Way headframe overlooks Cobalt Lake and the town of Cobalt from behind St. Patrick School. It has become an iconic image reflecting the town's history as part of the Cobalt Mining Camp, and it is one of 20 sites on the Cobalt Heritage Silver Trail.

The site includes 0.25 hectares of land, including two outbuildings and was included on the Cobalt Silver Heritage Trail in the mid 1980s.

Cobalt Historical Society president Maggie Wilson explained in a telephone interview that the designation would allow the historical society to be at the table with representatives of Ontario Northland if there are any discussions in the future regarding the building.

She commented that, at the same time, the society is attempting to get a lease from Ontario Northland so the society



## SNACK TIME

A steady hand and some patience was all that was needed for Carole Rivard-Dallaire of Earlton to have the neat experience of feeding a hungry squirrel near the Scenic Lookout at Kap-Kig-Iwan Provincial Park in Evanturel Township on Sunday, February 7. (Staff photo by Jamie Mountain, LJI Reporter)

can be on the property. As tenants, they can also apply for funding to put a new roof on the building.

"That's another prong in our efforts," she said.

If they can get a lease from Ontario Northland for the building "we have access to funds through Parks Canada, but only if we own or lease it."

At first it had been assumed the building belonged to Agnico-Eagle, Wilson commented, which was a tenant at one time. "They leased the property but they never owned it. We discovered it was owned by the ONR. We first approached the ONR three or four years ago to talk about leasing."

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## DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

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

- The provincial shutdown is continuing until February 16 according to Premier Doug Ford and the Temiskaming Health Unit.
- Everything was owl right last week when two snowy owls were rescued from a farmer's silo.
- The Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) struck pay dirt with a half-million dollar funding boost from FedNor for its virtual conference.
- The Charlton Agricultural Society has offered artifacts from past fall fairs to the Charlton-Dack municipality for safekeeping.
- The Bunker Military Museum is taking its best shot with a funding request to the Town of Cobalt.
- Armstrong Township is seeking a new librarian.
- School children in the area may feel broken hearted as they cannot hand out Valentine's Day cards and treats this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic safety protocols.
- A yoga instructor has donated funds from a Bell Let's Talk Day to support mental health resources in the area.
- The Ontario Fire College closing leaves a gap in training resources for provincial fire fighters, but it will have little impact locally.
- Local anglers in the district of Temiskaming can get hooked on the Rotary Club's Virtual Derby beginning this weekend.



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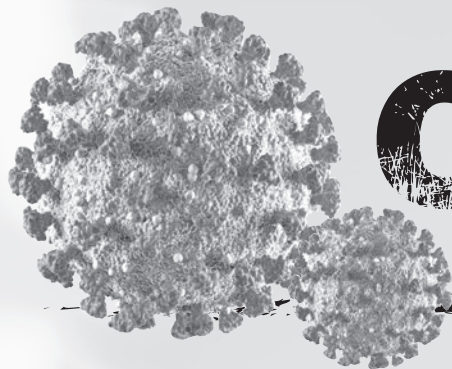
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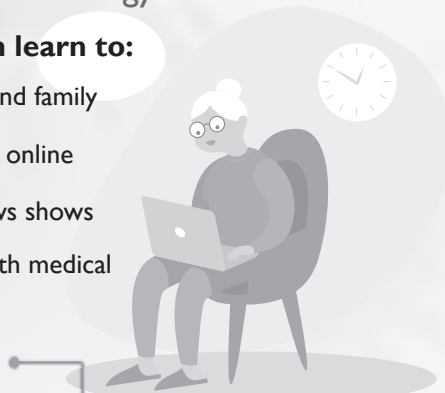


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**Staying active while at home**

Being active is the single most effective thing older adults can do to remain healthy as they age, maintain their independence, and reduce risk of a fall. Group exercise programs are on hold due to COVID-19, but now more than ever it's important to stay active while at home for both your physical and mental health. If

you have access to technology, check out the many virtual physical activity options available at [www.stayonyourfeet.ca](http://www.stayonyourfeet.ca). If you don't have access to technology, consider trying ten simple exercises you can do at your kitchen sink! Contact the Timiskaming Health Unit for your copy of a "Guide to Living Independently for Older Adults," which includes exercises that can be done independently at home, like toe taps, mini squats, leg lifts, and more. If you're heading outside for some fresh air and a brisk walk be sure to wear sturdy boots that have a deep tread and fit well, and consider trying ice grippers on your boots for better traction. Plan some time each day to exercise and enjoy the benefits of improved balance, strength, endurance, and flexibility, as well as improved mood and better sleep. Let's be active!



**Restez actif à la maison**

L'activité physique est la méthode la plus efficace pour les personnes âgées de demeurer en bonne santé, de maintenir leur autonomie, et de réduire leurs risques de chutes. Les programmes d'exercices de groupes sont suspendus dû au COVID-19, mais il est important, plus que jamais, de

rester actif à la maison pour votre santé physique et votre santé mentale. Si vous avez accès à la technologie, consultez de nombreuses options d'activité physique virtuelle disponibles à [www.stayonyourfeet.ca/fr](http://www.stayonyourfeet.ca/fr). Si vous n'avez pas accès à la technologie, considérez essayer dix exercices faciles devant votre évier de cuisine! Contactez les Services de Santé du Timiskaming pour obtenir votre copie du « Guide pour vivre de façon autonome à l'intention des aînés » qui comprend des exercices pouvant être effectués de façon autonome à la maison, comme des tapotements de pieds, des mini-accroupissements, l'élévation des jambes, etc. Si vous allez à l'extérieur pour prendre de l'air frais ou pour faire de la marche, assurez-vous de porter des bottes offrant un bon support qui ont une semelle profonde et qui sont bien ajustées et considérez installer des crampons sur vos bottes pour avoir une meilleure traction. Chaque jour, planifiez du temps pour faire de l'exercice et profitez des bienfaits d'une amélioration de l'équilibre, de la force, de l'endurance et de la flexibilité ainsi que d'une meilleure humeur et d'un meilleur sommeil. Soyons actifs!



# Police warning of phone fraudsters

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Staff) – When the phone rings, Temiskaming Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are warning the public of fraudsters claiming to be police officers.

In a media release, police say the “fake cops” call potential victims advising that their bank has noticed suspicious transactions and then request social insurance numbers and the amount of funds in their account.

Police say fraudsters are using caller ID spoofing, which disguises telephone numbers appearing on a caller ID display.

Because the calls appear to come from a local or familiar number, people are tricked into answering the phone and trusting the caller.

Police advise that fraudsters may use a variety of other scam tactics to create anxiety, in hopes that the victim will respond quickly or feels pressure to send money to remedy a problem.

Police say they do not contact individuals by email or telephone to collect social insurance numbers. Nor will police request banking in-

formation on behalf of someone else.

Police offer the following tips:

- Don't trust your call display. It may say “Police” or “ABC,” but it is actually a scammer.

- If you get a call from someone claiming to represent a company or a government agency and requesting personal information, hang up and call the number on your account statement, in the phone book, or on the company or government agency's website to verify the authenticity of the request.

- Never give out personal information such as account numbers, social insurance numbers, your mother's maiden name, passwords or other identifying information in response to unexpected calls.

If you or someone you know have become a victim of fraud and have been tricked into disclosing personal or financial information, contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122, and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, at 1-888-495-8501 or through their online reporting tool.

# Englehart wants Ontario Fire College to stay open

**Darlene Wroe**  
Speaker Reporter

ENGLEHART - The Ontario government plans to close down the Ontario Fire College in Gravenhurst and have firefighters train through online programs or regional training centres.

Englehart council is hoping the province will change its mind on the shutdown.

Council passed a motion at its regular meeting Wednesday, January 27, calling on the government to reverse its decision.

Prior to the vote, Englehart chief administrative officer Shawn LaCarte informed council that Englehart fire

chief Tom Henderson believes the change will mean higher costs for smaller municipalities when sending their firefighters to courses for training, where they will have higher costs for accommodations and other expenses.

The Ontario Fire College has been operational since 1949 it was noted, and has served as “one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario firefighters,” Englehart's motion read. The college has “built a reputation of integrity, credibility and reliability in providing some of the best training to our fire services in the province of Ontario.”

The Ontario Fire College has

been used to train and certify volunteer, part-time and career firefighters, and provides another option to regional training centres for obtaining national fire protection association certification, Englehart's press release stated.

Englehart council stated “the Ontario Fire College is the most cost-effective method to certify firefighters to NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) fire standards.”

The province is being called upon “to reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College as it is one of the best and most cost-effective methods to train our firefighters who assist us by protecting our residents.”

## Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

### What is Celiac Disease?

Celiac disease (CD) is a common disorder that is estimated to affect about one percent of the population. It is a condition in which the absorptive surface of the small intestine is damaged by a substance called gluten. Gluten is a group of proteins present in wheat, rye and barley and their cross bred grains. The damage to the intestine can lead to a variety of symptoms and result in an inability of the body to absorb nutrients such as protein, fat, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, which are necessary for good health.

#### Common (typical) symptoms include:

- Abdominal pain
- Malabsorption
- Chronic diarrhea
- Weight loss

#### Less common (atypical) symptoms include:

- Anemia
- Extreme fatigue
- Liver enzyme abnormalities
- Infertility
- neurological problems
- Osteoporosis
- Oral ulcers
- Constipation
- Dental enamel defects

\*Children can present with short stature, irritability and vomiting

#### Diagnosis

##### (1). Screening

The IgA-tissue transglutaminase (TTG) antibody is the currently recommended test for screening. You must be on a regular (gluten-containing) diet at the time of testing to make the results valid.

##### (2). Biopsy

The definitive diagnosis of CD is made by a small intestinal biopsy. The biopsy is performed via endoscopy. Again, it is important that gluten not be removed from the diet before the biopsy is completed as it may impair the confirmation of the diagnosis.

#### Treatment

At present, there is no permanent cure for CD but it can be effectively treated with a gluten-free diet. Gluten-free diet can be challenging and complicated and a consultation with a registered dietitian with expertise in gluten-free diet is essential. Careful label reading each time when buying products is important.

If you think you may have celiac disease and your primary care provider hasn't raised the possibility, don't be afraid to bring it up yourself. You are an important member of your health care team.

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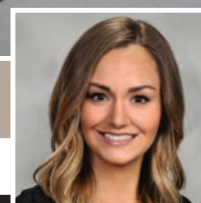
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# EDITORIAL

## Accountability?

The news came as a shocker when it was announced Laurentian University, a publicly funded accredited university in Sudbury, has filed for creditor protection.

Hundreds of thousands of students from around the north attended the university over the years, not to mention those from all parts of Canada and international students.

The educational institution was vitally important to Sudbury's economy - and had been failing for years?

The low point came when the institution didn't have enough money

to pay staff recently.

Was that low point an indication that the board of governors was not equipped to do its job?

The huge irony in all this is the university offered a Master of Business Administration (MBA) program.

In the bigger picture, perhaps this is also an important wake up call for more scrutiny and transparency from boards of directors of publicly funded organizations.

And that we question the level of public funding provided to these organizations, which has been steadily clawed back over the years.

## Lockdown friendly?

The reaction to Premier's Ford's decision to keep most of the province in a COVID-19 lockdown for another week was fast and furious.

Small business owners in the region were understandably upset as we deal with one active case in the Temiskaming district, yet three re-

gions in Southern Ontario were allowed to end the lockdown.

Many of those small business owners wish the premier would stop calling the people of the province his "friends" because they clearly don't see him or his pandemic policies as friendly.

## Oh the places we'll go!

Have you noticed there's much more light during the day now?

Perhaps there is also light at the end of the pandemic tunnel as we all dig deep in support of COVID-19 safety measures.

Maybe one day we will be able to travel again.

Once again the premier of Ontario has sent out mixed messages this week when he announced the claw back of some lockdown measures in certain areas.

It is confusing for the average person to try and figure out what he was allowing to open and what he was not.

Here in this region we have one active case and yet other parts of the province are being allowed to come out of lockdown?

If I was a small business owner I would be furious at the inconsistency coming out of Queen's Park.

When the COVID dread threatens to overwhelm me I let my mind travel to a beautiful campsite surrounded by tall pines next to a northern lake with a loon calling in a far off bay.

I think about my plans to organize my Sue-baru as a car camping option with a canoe and a kayak loaded on top. I'll take off to parts unknown if the travel lockdown ever gets lifted.

I'll hang out a sign saying, "Gone fishing" and have all the peace and quiet I want.

I long to eat in restaurants while chatting with friends and even give an occasional hug and kiss on the cheek as we say

goodbye to one another.

I will return to Scotland for a wee adventure to the Outer Hebrides and the Isle of Lewis to visit the Callanish Stones, which pre-date Stonehenge.

I've been to the Inner Hebrides but not the outer, which are more remote and wild.

I am told you can walk right up to the stones and touch them without having to buy a souvenir.

I'd love to fly in to beautiful Florence Lake in Lady Evelyn Provincial Park via Lakeland Airways in Temagami and then paddle out by canoe.

I've heard Florence Lake is a jewel.

I feel for the airline, hotel and restaurant industries decimated by the pandemic.



Sue Nielsen

And certainly I have tried to patronize our local restaurants and businesses as often as possible during all this upheaval.

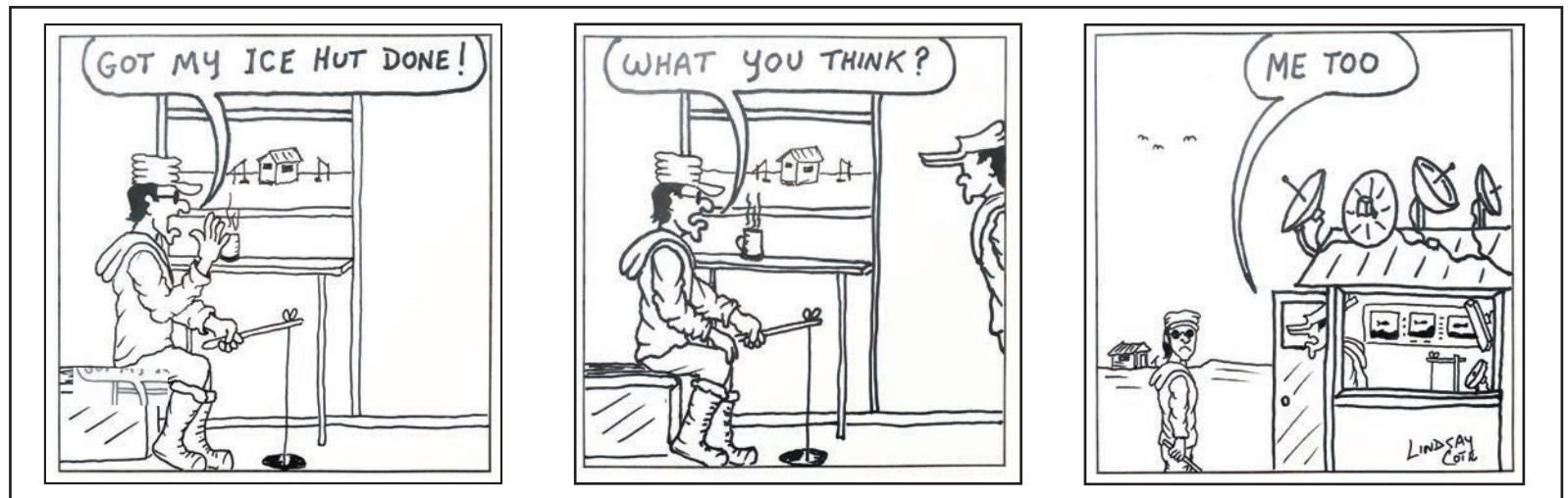
As much as we'd like to return to normal, it might not happen unless we get control of this virus by doing everything asked of us by public health officials.

Put the conspiracy theories aside, trust the science and remember to support each other.

Let's focus on the things we can control.

Much love and light to all this Family Day weekend.

And remember what Super Bowl champion quarterback Tom Brady tweeted to his players each night before the big game: "We will win."





# Vanthof continues playing key role in NDP

**Sue Nielsen**  
Speaker Reporter

COLEMAN TOWNSHIP — Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP John Vanthof continues to play a key leadership role in the provincial New Democratic Party (NDP).

NDP party leader Andrea Horwath recently announced a shuffle of department critics and a house team change.

And it seems Vanthof has

found favour with the party leader.

He has been named Chief Whip and with this new role comes added responsibilities.

Some see it as a feather in the MPP's cap to be regarded as a member of the legislature who has a solid reputation as a hard worker who gets results.

He remains one of two Deputy Party Leaders as well as the Critic for Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

"I am happy that Andrea has the confidence in me to give me the added responsibility of Chief Whip," said Vanthof in an email interview.

"I am a known quantity, have done it before when we were the third party, and I am looking forward to doing the job again."

The Chief Whip's role is to work with the Government Whip to make sure all the MPPs are in the right place at the right time. The Chief Whip makes

sure there is an MPP at each important debate and committee. The Whip makes sure there is always a member ready to speak and vote if need be. This is where the origin of the term whipped vote comes from.

One of the duties of the opposition Whip is to work with the Government Whip to make sure the legislature works smoothly. Vanthof noted both the opposition party and the governing party have to work together during the pandemic because the legislature has to operate without all the MPPs in attendance.

## SOLID STAFF

The MPP did note the position is one of the most time consuming jobs in the party, but he has much support around him, including acknowledging the work being done by his New Liskeard office staff.

"It is going to be busy but I have a good constituency staff



JOHN VANTHOF

team to help me cover things (away from) the riding. I am still one of the only MPPs who has no staff in Toronto. All my scheduling for Queen's Park is done through the Temiskaming Shores office," he explained.

Vanthof said he is pleased to be continuing his role as the Critic for Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs considering he was a lifelong farmer and knows farming like the back of a pitchfork.

"I was a lifelong farmer before I became MPP for Timiskaming-Cochrane. This experience helps me understand the people and the issues this community faces. I am charged to critique the work of the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Ernie Hardeman, who is also my uncle. We get along personally but do not agree on many of his government policies."

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# A deep and abiding responsibility

Dear editor,

I want to thank all who wear masks and follow the arrows.

Many in our area are battling cancer. Others have serious health problems.

As a Christian, God holds me responsible to do my best to protect my family, friends and neighbours.

Book of Matthew 22:37 commands us to 1. love the Lord our God; 2. love our neighbours.

Book of Titus 3:1 commands me to be subject to authority of governments.

Luke 4:30 – Jesus is our perfect example. He walked among the people. When the mob wanted to kill him, He simply stepped into the

crowd, blended in so much so that the mob couldn't find Him.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Judas had to kiss Him, to identify Him. He was dressed like the apostles.

Jesus proves what He said in Matthew 6:20 and Luke 12:22, where He asked us to not worry about our apparel as we are much, much more precious to Him than what we wear. He gave His life to prove it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Barb Beneke  
New Liskeard

# ONTC and rail assessment outlined in conference

**Darlene Wroe**  
Speaker Reporter

DISTRICT - There are new synergies developing since the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (ONTC) moved from under the portfolio of the Minister of Northern Development and Mines to the Ministry of Transportation.

The insight into the impacts of the changed portfolio were

discussed at the virtual 2021 Conference of the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).

Among the speakers was ONTC vice-president of corporate services Chad Evans, who shared an overview of the current divisions.

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) president Danny Whalen reported on the conference, stat-

ing that there is currently a process underway to assess rail conditions.

In a telephone interview, Whalen expressed satisfaction that the ONTC is now under the portfolio of the MTO, and said this was something FONOM had been working on for many years.

The ONTC was "always looked at as a financial burden

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**Note:** The Municipal Complex will be closed Monday, February 15, 2021, for the Family Day Holiday. Therefore, the next Regular Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will take place electronically. Details will be posted in advance of the meeting. Anyone interested in listening in on the meeting can call the Office for details.

**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.

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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, February 23, 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.**

**Administration:** Interim Tax Bills will be going out before the end of February with due dates of March 23 and April 23, 2021. A public meeting is scheduled to increase water rates on March 1, 2021. Notices went out to affected residents and was posted on the Township's website and front of Complex.

**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 or other by-law infraction, 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.

**Employment Opportunity:** The Township is seeking someone to fill the position of Administrative Assistant. Details can be found on the Township's website at [www.colemantownship.ca/municipal-office/employment-opportunities/](http://www.colemantownship.ca/municipal-office/employment-opportunities/).





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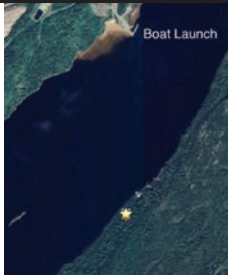
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# Wave of consumer demand creating boat shortages

By Jamie Mountain

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

TEMAGAMI – A benefit of the pandemic is that it has allowed people to discover new passions or interests.

That is certainly true when it comes to boating and water activities, as the Toronto International Boat Show reported in a news release those activities “soared in popularity” at the onset of the pandemic last year, with no signs of slowing down in 2021.

They added that many in the boating industry are forecasting a similar second wave of demand in 2021 that “may imminently create a boat shortage in Canada.”

That wave of consumer demand last year was felt even in Temagami.

Temagami Marine, which is owned and operated by Kim and Jim Krech, is expecting another wave of boat sales for 2021 and will likely be sold out of boats by the end of May.

“In April of last year we were down in sales by 86 per cent and we were very nervous,” said Kim Krech in an email interview.

“By mid-June we were sold out of windshield model boats and only had two pontoon boats left in stock.”

Krech noted that Temagami Marine ordered its 2021 model year boats last June and now says the manufacturers are sold out until model year 2022.

“Sales are very strong right now, even with people shopping before there is no stock left,” she said.

Krech feels the reason that the demand is so high for boats and water activities right now is because they are recreational opportunities that the whole family can enjoy outdoors while also isolating and following COVID precautions.

“There is vacation money not being spent and people are anticipating not travelling for a few years,” she reasoned.

“It is a great family getaway (while) still remaining in a tight bubble and at home.”

## KEEPING UP

The Toronto International Boat Show, which held a virtual show this year from January 18-24, noted in the news release that it’s not just customers who are rushing to get their hands on new boats - dealers are, too.

They say manufacturing, logistics and supply chain challenges have slowed inventory, making it difficult to keep up with the high demand.

“Many people may not realize that in a normal year, if you waited until the weather gets warmer to start thinking about buying a boat, it’s already too late,” said Linda Waddell, director of the Toronto International Boat Show, in the news release.

“There’s a heightened sense of urgency - driven by the pandemic - to get an earlier start on planning for the boating season.”

In a survey conducted by the Toronto Boat Show, 80 per cent of participating dealers/exhibitors indicated they anticipate current inventory to be in low supply, if not sold-out, within the next few months.

Comparing the 2020 numbers to 2019:

- 80 per cent of exhibitors experienced a significant increase in enquiries/sales from new boaters and first-time buyers
- 50 per cent of exhibitors noted an increase in enquiries/sales from customers under the age of 40
- 40 per cent of exhibitors estimated that overall sales increased by 15 to 25 per cent, and Pontoons, bowriders, and personal watercraft such as Sea-Doos and WaveRunners were some of the top-selling categories in 2020 among boat show exhibitors.

# IPM is back on track for 2021

KAWARTHA LAKES (Special) – In an effort to plan ahead should pandemic-related conditions improve, directors and staff of the Ontario Plowmen’s Association have announced that they will be “Moving Forward” with plans for the 2020-21 International Plowing Match (IPM) and Rural Expo.

While continuing to honour and respect the health situation and health regulations caused by COVID-19, the organizers will be simultaneously planning both the traditional IPM and a re-envisioned IPM.

Local and provincial volunteers will welcome visitors to the Municipality of Kawartha Lakes from Wednesday, October 13, to Saturday, October 16. As planned, the IPM will be hosted on the Lindsay Fairgrounds and neighbouring farms.

The traditional IPM features such as the BMO Plowing Competition, the Hydro One Education and the Queen of the Furrow Competition presented by Ontario Mutuals may look a little different this year but visitors can be assured they will be just as exciting and memorable.

Alternate designs for both the Tented City and the RV Park are being developed. The revised designs will protect exhibitors, volunteers and visitors with additional health protocols.

“Our provincial and local volunteers will be ramping up their committee planning with conference calls and video calls. And, we really look forward to the in-person committee and community meetings that we will be held just as soon as the provincial health situation allows”, said Don Priest, vice-president of the Ontario Plowmen’s Association.

As part of their commitment to the community, and through the Celebrate Ontario grant program, the Ontario Plowmen’s Association has partnered with the Lindsay Agricultural Society to present the “Merry and Bright Festival.” The IPM display highlighted some of the features visitors will be able to see in-person at the 2020-21 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo.

Visitors and volunteers are urged to check additional plans and progress at [www.plow-inghmatch.org](http://www.plow-inghmatch.org).

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Applications can be found on our website: [www.temiskamingshores.ca](http://www.temiskamingshores.ca)

### COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND RESUMES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO:

Shelly Zubycck, Director of Corporate Services

City of Temiskaming Shores

Box 2050

Haileybury, ON P0J 1K0

Email: [szubycck@temiskamingshores.ca](mailto:szubycck@temiskamingshores.ca)

### DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:

March 12, 2021 at 4:30pm

**PLEASE NOTE:** In order to apply for a summer student position, you must currently be enrolled in full-time studies and returning to full-time studies in the fall of 2021. All applicants must also complete an application form and submit said application by the above noted date.

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.

### Temiskaming Shores Public Library

The library will continue to be open for **Contactless Pickup service only** for the month of February. Please call the library at 705-647-4215 or check our Facebook page or website at [www.temisklibrary.com](http://www.temisklibrary.com) for more information.

#### Library Hours for Contactless Pickup Service

The Library will be closed on Monday, February 15 for Family Day

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 continues to be available throughout the month of February. Call the library at 705-647-4215, email us at [info@temisklibrary.com](mailto:info@temisklibrary.com) or use our online catalogue at [www.temisklibrary.com](http://www.temisklibrary.com) to order your items, and arrange come by to pick them up while you are out for your essential shopping. A staff member will call to book an appointment when your items are ready. 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.

#### Pre-Overdue Email Notification

The Library has subscribed to the Pre-Overdue Email Notification service through our library system. If you have an email on file with us, you will receive an email reminding you that your items are due, one day before they are due. If you would like to be signed up for this service, simply contact the library at 705-647-4215 and ensure your email address is up to date in our files.

#### Book Return Drop Box

Don't forget to continue returning your items to the library when you are out and about doing your essential shopping! It is really important to receive our items back in the library so they can be quarantined and go out to the next person on the list. The library's drop box is located on the parking lot side of the building. 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 while staying at home. Snowshoes, walking poles and backpacks are great for winter outdoors activities. The backpacks come equipped with information about outdoor activities to do in the area, 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! 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.

#### Ontario Provincial Parks Day Pass Lending Program

Ontario Parks has provided three free vehicle day-use permits for members of the Temiskaming Shores Public Library so they can enjoy using its network of provincial parks. The pass is for day use entry for all occupants of a vehicle (excludes buses). Be sure to check the Ontario Parks website for up-to-date information on their COVID-19 protocols. The Library also has backpacks, snowshoes, walking poles and books on hiking and camping to complete your trip!

#### Here's what you need to know

- You are advised to consult the Ontario Parks website at <http://www.ontarioparks.com/> for important information about park locations, visits, hours of operation, and closures so you can plan your visit accordingly.
- Provincial Park Passes can be checked out for 7 days.
- There is a limit of one pass per library card.
- You may place a hold to reserve your pass in order to plan for trips.
- The pass entitles one vehicle to enter any provincial park subject to park regulations.
- Overdue fees for late returns and replacement fees for lost passes will apply.

The program is part of the Healthy Parks Healthy People initiative, which aims to make it more affordable for people to enjoy provincial parks. For more information on the program, visit <http://www.ontarioparks.com/hphp> 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](http://www.temisklibrary.com) and click on the OverDrive button.

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

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#### 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](http://www.temisklibrary.com).

## Council and Committee MEETINGS

### Public Works Committee

Thursday, February 18, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.

(To be determined - Virtual or In-Person at 325 Farr Drive)

### Police Services Board

Monday, February 22, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.

(To be determined - Virtual or In-Person at 325 Farr Drive)

### Corporate Services Committee

Monday, March 8, 2021 – 12:00 noon

(To be determined - Virtual or In-Person at 325 Farr Drive)

### Recreation Committee

Monday, March 8, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

(To be determined - Virtual or In-Person at 325 Farr Drive)

For further information contact Kelly Conlin

705-672-3363 Ext. 4116 or [kconlin@temiskamingshores.ca](mailto:kconlin@temiskamingshores.ca)

### Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. – Virtual Meeting

### Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. - 325 Farr Drive

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 web-page following the meeting.

### Question and Answer Period Procedure

In consideration of the current COVID-19 pandemic and prevailing public health orders limiting large public gatherings of people within indoor public spaces, and requirements for physical distancing between persons, in-person attendance at Council meetings may be limited and/or restricted from time-to-time.

Question and Answer Periods during a regular meeting of Council are an opportunity for members of the Public to submit questions pertaining to an item on the Agenda, or the business of Council.

Members of the public who wish to submit questions to Council at a Regular Council Meeting during a Declared Emergency, may submit in writing or via email to [questions@temiskamingshores.ca](mailto:questions@temiskamingshores.ca). The questions received will be read aloud and responded to during the Question and Answer Periods.

Emailed questions will be received until the second Question and Answer Period. Questions received after this time, will not be read aloud at the Meeting. Note: Correspondence sent to the Mayor and Council may be included in a Council agenda/package, and become part of the public record.

Comments or questions submitted via the City of Temiskaming Shores Facebook page, will not be considered, and the moderator of the live-streamed Meeting may remove any and all comments.

For further information, contact Logan Belanger

705-672-3363 Ext. 4136 or [lbelanger@temiskamingshores.ca](mailto:lbelanger@temiskamingshores.ca)

## NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE

Whereas Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores through By-law No. 2019-117 has authorized the Temporary Road Closure of Uno Park Road for the purpose of the completion of the replacement of Roy Bridge.

Therefore, the following road shall be temporarily closed on the dates specified below:

### 1. Uno Park Road – Roy Bridge Replacement Closure –

Commencing on or about Monday March 1st, 2021 until Thursday September 30th, 2021

(a) Uno Park Road at Roy Bridge

Signage will be installed to notify the Public of the closure and Detour Routes will be established and maintained throughout the construction period.

The Public are advised that there will be no access through the construction area and to refrain from vehicular use during the road closure. Local residents will have access to their property from either end of the Road Closure.

Issued this 5th day of February 2021.

"Original Signed by"

Manager of Transportation Services – Mitch Lafreniere

## NOTICE OF TEMPORARY SIDEWALK CLOSURE

Please be advised of the Temporary Closure of a section of sidewalk on Lakeshore Road South in Haileybury for precautionary reasons related to pedestrian safety issued by the City of Temiskaming Shores.

1. **Lakeshore Road South – Sidewalk Closure – Commencing on or about Friday January 22nd, 2020.**

(a) Lakeshore Road South from Probyn Street to Browning Street.

Signage will be installed to notify the Public of the sidewalk closure will be established and maintained throughout the closure period.

The Public are advised that there will be no access through the area and to refrain from pedestrian use during the closure.

Issued this 22nd day of January 2021.

"Original Signed by"

Manager of Transportation Services – Mitch Lafreniere

**Notes:** Signage will be erected to notify the public to Closures as they are required. The roadway **will not be affected** between the closure.

Patience and understanding would be greatly appreciated during the closure

## NOTICE TO PUBLIC

**Provincial Offences Office is closed to the public.**

Note: In person courts remain cancelled until **further notice**. 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](http://www.temiskamingshores.ca/poa). Payments will also continue to be accepted by telephone at 705-672-3221, email at [poa@temiskamingshores.ca](mailto: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](http://serviceontario.ca)

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) 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>

## 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.

## 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](http://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](mailto:finance@temiskamingshores.ca)

## RECREATION UPDATE

### Facilities

- The Waterfront Pool and Fitness Centre is closed and will reopen to the public on Monday February 15th. 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 February 15th.
- All municipal halls are closed until February 15th. 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 further notice.
- 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.

### Memorial Bench and Tree Program

Applications for the City of Temiskaming Shores' Memorial Bench and Tree program are now being accepted. Leave a lasting memory of a loved one by having a bench installed or tree planted in their name. This is a great way to make a low-cost, lasting impact to our community. Applications are being accepted until April 15th and the application form with instructions is available at [www.temiskamingshores.ca/recreation/](http://www.temiskamingshores.ca/recreation/)

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- 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.**
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- NO HOCKEY STICKS, NETS, PUCKS OR GAMES OF TAG ARE ALLOWED.**
- ALL SKATERS MUST WEAR ICE SKATES OR ICE SLEDGES.**

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](http://www.temiskamingshores.ca)



# Latchford hosting ONTC and rail assessment snow sculpture contest outlined in conference

By **Jamie Mountain**

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

LATCHFORD – Dig out your shovels and put your best creative thinking cap on.

The Latchford recreation committee is hosting a snow sculpture contest, with the judging to take place on Sunday, March 14.

“We’ve put things out on our Facebook page and we’ve sent stuff out to the mailboxes for families to put their names in and we’ll have a couple of people that will go around and kind of judge (the sculptures),” said recreation committee chair Sharon Gadoury-East.

She said that the sculptures can be whatever participants feel like creating.

“The kids always come up with some pretty cool ideas, I find,” she noted in a telephone interview.

“They can do whatever they want, a nice snow sculpture of some sort.”

Gadoury-East said the participants will create their snow sculptures in their own yards. In order to follow social distancing guidelines, the judges will drive by “and take a look and then we can talk on the phone and decide who’s going to be the winners.”

She also said the recreation committee would have more discussions at their next meeting February 11, but were thinking about having some prizes for the first, second and third-place finishers.

“We’re going to discuss some things. I’d actually like to have some prizes, so this is what we’ll do at our parks and rec meeting,” she said.

“We’ll see about some prizes and then kind of go from there.”

## WINTER CARNIVAL

The recreation committee is also hoping to host a winter carnival that same weekend, but Gadoury-East said they don’t know yet if the pandemic restrictions will loosen enough in time.

Under the province’s current lockdown restrictions, gatherings outdoors are limited to just 10 people.

“We can’t really decide what we’re going to do as we’re locked down for another week,” said Gadoury-East.

“Our meeting is next week for council and I don’t know if (the government) is going to open the restrictions up enough that we can do very much. I’m thinking we might not be having a March Break carnival, but our snow sculpture contest will still be going on.”

Gadoury-East reasoned that with the snow sculpture contest, at least people can participate from the safety of their own yards or vehicles.

“People don’t have to get out of their cars when we get them to go around and look at them.”

She added that those interested in taking part in the contest must register with the Latchford town office by March 5 by calling 705-676-2416.

“It should be interesting, I’m actually looking forward to see if people participate and do up some cool things.”

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rather than an economic driver,” he said of recent years under the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines.

Now under the MTO, the ONTC has a working partnership with Metrolinx (the Crown agency which manages roads and public transportation, mainly in Southern Ontario).

“So there’s a whole new line of communication open there,” Whalen commented, “because Metrolinx has the expertise to do whatever needs to be done to reinstate the Northlander.”

One of the needs will be to review the entire rail system, he said.

“This is all ongoing work.”

The review of the rail system will be taken into consideration by the provincial government when discussing the return of passenger rail, he commented.

He said reinstating passenger rail is “not going to be inexpensive, for sure.”

However, Ontario is spending about \$8 billion in Southern Ontario to solve the gridlock problem there.

“That’s a lot of money, a lot of subsidy. Some of that has to be spent in the north,” said Whalen.

Passenger rail service is part of the transportation strategy for Northern Ontario, he noted.

“We’re just saying, if you’ve got it in there, let’s talk about it.”

## SECONDARY HIGHWAYS

The FONOM president says the provincial government needs to also consider transportation requirements on secondary highways, as well as on the more highly travelled Highway 11 and Highway 17 routes.

There is a need to ensure the provincial government sees the importance of linking northern communities with each other, and not simply ensuring there are links between the north and the south, he pointed out.

“The first thing they do is highlight Highway 17 and Highway 11,” said Whalen, adding that the reason for the prioritization of these two systems is to get people and resources out of the north and to get commercial truck traffic to the north.

“They forget about moving people around in the north.”

He stated that the Northern Provincial Transportation Strategy makes “very little mention of secondary highways.”

He added that he understands the need to make Highways 17 and 11 priorities, but “there is a lot more to transportation in the north than those two highways.”

## AIRPORTS

Whalen commented that there was no mention in the Northern Provincial Transportation Strategy of the four major airports in the north (North Bay, Sudbury, Timmins and North Bay).

The province views the airports as being under federal jurisdiction, he said, but “the province has to realize they play a major part in the transportation in the north, so they should be considered.”

Whalen pointed to the high financial needs for transportation infrastructure upgrades in Southern Ontario, resulting in provincial funding being funnelled mainly there.

“One of the biggest problems financially we’re facing right now is the gridlock in Southern Ontario.”

The subway strategy and highway strategy have an estimated cost of \$8 billion, he said.

A different strategy would be to use the airports as points of entry for the cargo flying in and out of the north, he suggested, and that would in turn take significant pressure off the Southern Ontario highways.

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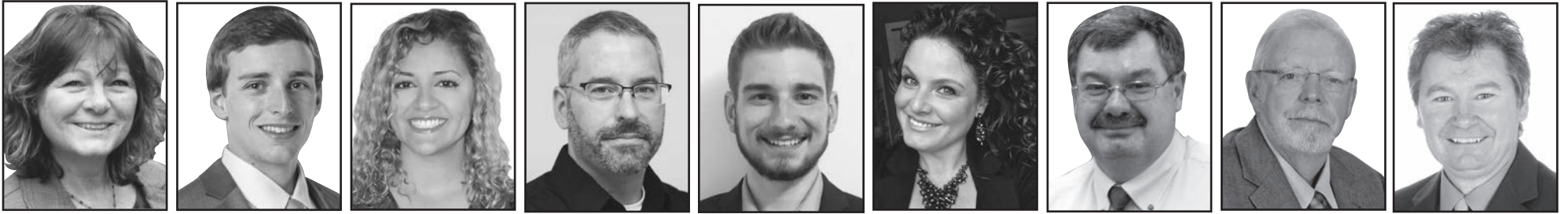






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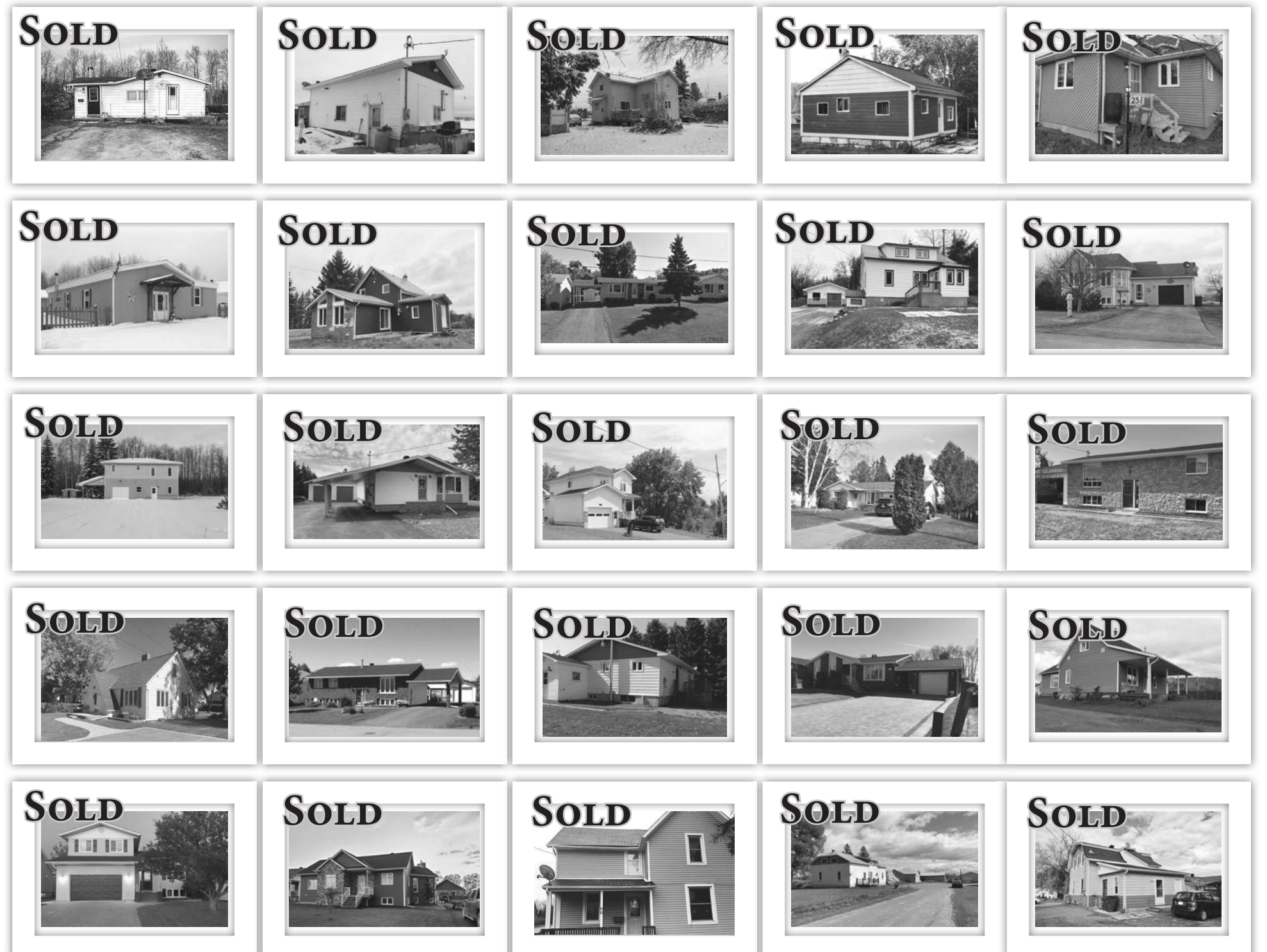
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# TSSAC has new board of directors and messaging

**Sue Nielsen**  
Speaker Reporter

**DISTRICT** — To say 2020 was a challenging year for the Temiskaming Shores and Area Chamber of Commerce (TSACC), and the approximately 350 members they represent, might just be an understatement.

But they are moving forward into 2021 with a new board of directors and promoting a message of “shop local” to area residents.

The Chamber has created a message meme of *Be Vocal, Shop Local-Keep the Cheer Here* in order to help promote local businesses that have been adversely affected by the pandemic lockdowns.

In terms of how the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic has affected the Chamber and business interests in the region, “It has been challenging and frustrating,” said TSACC business manager Lois Weston-Bernstein in an online message.

“However, we’ve been encouraged with the way our community has pulled together to support each other. We can’t emphasize the ‘Shop Local’ message enough. Support those small businesses that have always supported our communities.”



**AGM**

TSSAC held their annual general meeting on January 21 at the Chamber boardroom and they welcome new board member Stacey Weatherbie of Moving Forward, replacing outgoing directors Jessica Caldwell and Terri Culhane.

A new board of directors was elected at the AGM.

The president is Paul Crombeen, first vice president Melanie Denis, second vice president Tammy Mackey, treasurer Dan Dawson, secretary Bea Demarce and the directors are Chuck Durrant, Paul-André Lajeunesse, Rollie Allaire, Ben Fairfoull, Jenny Adshead and Weatherbie.

Weston mentioned the Chamber office is open from 12 to 7 p.m. for the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission bus. Members and the public can also reach the staff via their Facebook page, email [manager@tsacc.ca](mailto:manager@tsacc.ca) or by calling 705-647-5771.

As far as predicting if the TSSAC Annual Dinner will take place this coming May, Weston-Bernstein said a decision has not been made as yet to cancel the event.



## February is HEART MONTH



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### Heart health: the importance of stress management

According to Health Canada, as many as 11 million Canadians are experiencing high stress levels in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since February is Heart Month, here’s a look at the impact of stress on heart health and what you can do to manage it.

**HOW STRESS AFFECTS YOUR HEART**

Sudden intense stress causes a spike in heart rate and blood pressure, which can trigger a heart attack, especially if you have a pre-existing condition or risk factors for heart disease. While the effects aren’t as immediate, chronic stress can also put a strain on your heart, elevate your blood pressure and increase your risk of heart disease. Fortunately, according to the Heart and Stroke Founda-

tion, nearly 80 per cent of premature heart disease and stroke cases can be prevented by adopting healthy lifestyle habits, including proper stress management.

**HEALTHY WAYS TO MANAGE STRESS**

Many people smoke, drink alcohol or eat junk food as a way to cope with stress. Unfortunately, these behaviours have a negative effect on your heart health. Here are some healthy ways to lower your stress level:

- Get seven to nine hours of sleep every night
- Exercise for at least 30 minutes every day
- Spend time with friends and family members
- Practise yoga, meditation and deep breathing exercises



- Find creative outlets such as journaling or painting
- Regularly visit parks, beaches, hiking trails and other natural settings
- Take breaks from using social media
- Speak with a mental health professional

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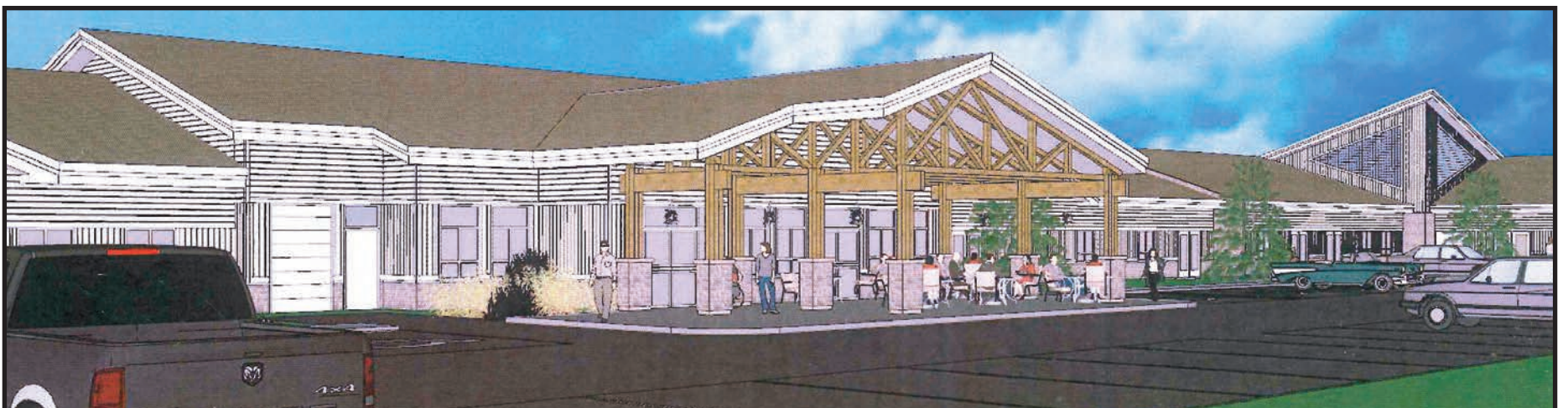
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# Rotary derby coincides with Free Fishing week

**Sue Nielsen**  
Speaker Reporter

**DISTRICT** — Drop a line in the water, reel in a pickerel and you could be on your way to winning a prize in the Rotary Club of Temiskaming Shores and Area Virtual Derby.

This coming weekend sees the beginning of the first Virtual Rotary Angler ice fishing derby taking place from February 12 to 28, open to all anglers in the Temiskaming district.

The event encourages people to get outside but also to maintain safe distances under COVID-19 protocols.

The entry fee for the event is \$50, plus a minimal fee for the app creator called FishDonkey.

A participant need only download the FishDonkey app, scroll down to Rotary Anglers to download.

All fish caught during the derby are to be photographed, video recorded and measured with the assistance of the App.

There are YouTube videos if anyone has trouble understanding how to work the app.

The top prize is 50 per cent of the revenue generated from the derby, along with other prizes donated by merchants in the region.

The Rotary Club will use the proceeds from the event to round off the funding for the New Liskeard waterfront Splash Pad and other community work they do.

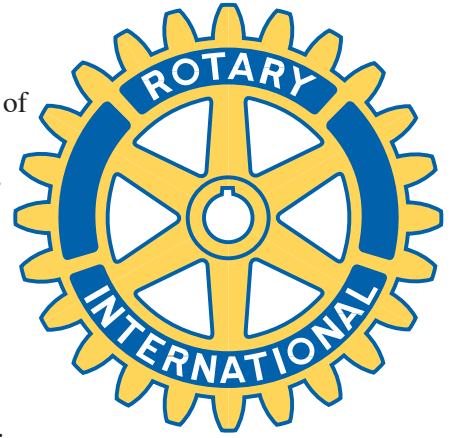
## FREE FISHING

The Rotary Angler virtual derby happens to coincide nicely with Family Fishing Weekend in Ontario (February 13-15) whereby people can fish for free without needing a fishing license.

Those fishing under the free Family Fishing Weekend must abide by all size and limit requirements as set out in the Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulation Summary.

Prizes are being awarded for the largest pickerel caught plus some additional prizes for participants.

For more information contact Rotary Club members Einas Makki or Elisa Bernstein or check out the club's Facebook page.



## EXAMEN

### Examen du programme proposé de Lutte antiparasitaire Forêts Abitibi River, Gordon Cosens, Martel, Nipissing, Pineland, Romeo Malette Spanish, Sudbury, Temagami et Timiskaming

Le **ministère des Richesses naturelles et des Forêts (MRNF) de l'Ontario** vous invite à examiner et à commenter le programme proposé de lutte antiparasitaire et les propositions de projets relatifs à un ou des projets précis d'épandage aérien d'insecticide afin de contrôler l'infestation de spruce budworm dans les **forêts Abitibi River, Gordon Cosens, Martel, Nipissing, Pineland, Roméo Malette, Spanish, Sudbury, Temagami et Timiskaming** des districts de Chapleau, Cochrane, Hearst, Kirkland Lake, North Bay, Sudbury et Timmins. D'après l'analyse des options de lutte antiparasitaire accessibles, le MRNF propose un plan d'action comprenant l'épandage aérien d'insecticide sur certains peuplements forestiers.

Le forum d'information sur l'examen du programme proposé de lutte antiparasitaire se tiendra au cours de réunions individuelles ou de groupes à distance, qui peuvent être organisées en appelant la personne indiquée ci-dessous pendant la période d'examen du **1<sup>er</sup> mars 2021 au 15 mars 2021**.

Des réunions à distance avec des représentants de l'équipe interdisciplinaire qui a élaboré le programme de lutte antiparasitaire peuvent également être demandées en tout temps pendant la période d'examen. Des occasions raisonnables de réunion à distance avec des membres de l'équipe d'élaboration du programme en dehors des heures d'ouverture seront offertes sur demande. Si vous avez besoin de plus amples renseignements ou que vous souhaitez discuter des points qui vous intéressent avec un membre de l'équipe d'élaboration du programme, veuillez faire parvenir un courriel à l'adresse [NERbudworm@ontario.ca](mailto:NERbudworm@ontario.ca).

#### Comment participer

Pour faciliter votre examen, les renseignements suivants peuvent être obtenus par voie électronique sur le Portail d'information sur les richesses naturelles, selon que l'UGF a été intégrée ou non, à l'adresse <https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online?language=fr> :

- les renseignements sur les infestations d'insectes et les prévisions quant à la population;
- une représentation des zones admissibles à la lutte antiparasitaire;
- la version actuelle des renseignements sur les valeurs pour les unités de gestion concernées dans les districts du MRNF;
- l'évaluation des options de gestion;
- le plan d'action retenu ainsi que les raisons pour lesquelles il a été retenu;
- les propositions de projets relatifs à des projets précis d'épandage aérien d'insecticide et des produits d'information connexes (p. ex., cartes);
- les résultats du programme de lutte antiparasitaire de district pour la même espèce d'insecte au cours de l'année précédente (le cas échéant).

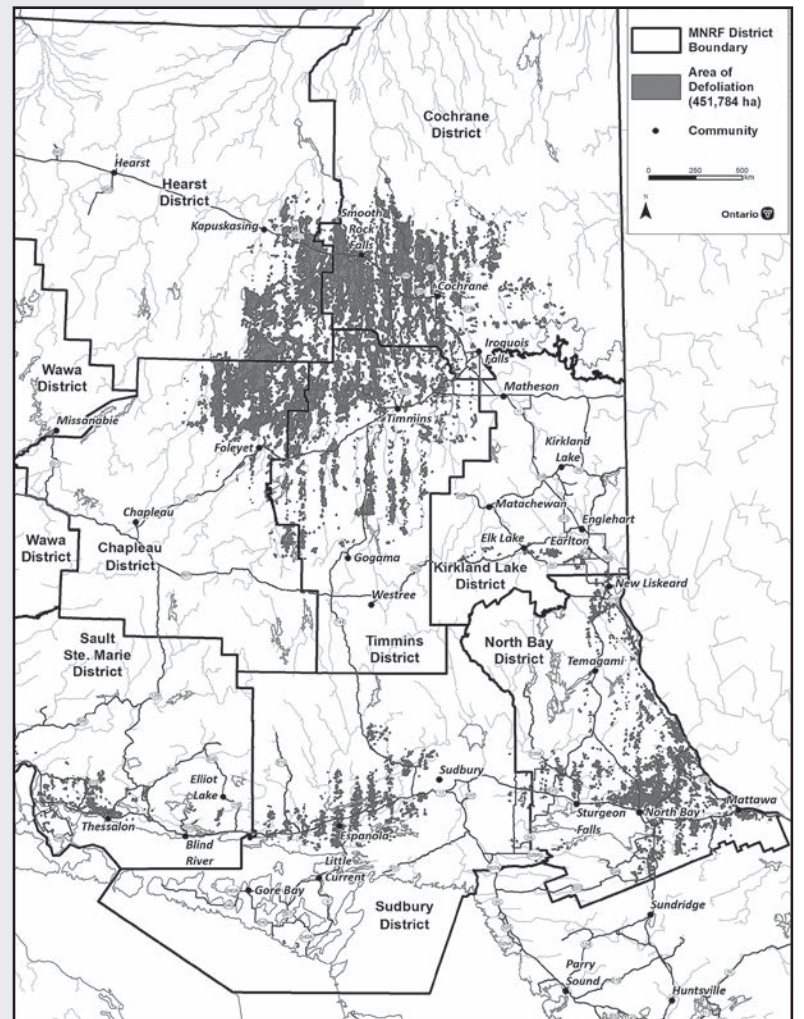
Les commentaires sur le programme proposé de lutte antiparasitaire et les propositions de projet connexes doivent parvenir à la personne-ressource du MRNF indiquée ci-dessous d'ici le **15 mars 2021**.

Pour en savoir davantage sur le programme de lutte antiparasitaire, veuillez communiquer avec : [NERbudworm@ontario.ca](mailto:NERbudworm@ontario.ca).

Au cours du processus de planification, il sera possible de formuler une demande par écrit pour la résolution de problèmes avec le directeur du district du MRNF ou le directeur régional au moyen d'un processus décrit dans le *Manuel de planification de la gestion forestière 2020 (partie D, article 7.5.4)*.

La date limite pour demander la résolution de problèmes avec le directeur régional est le **30 mars 2021**.

Le ministère des Richesses naturelles et des Forêts (MRNF) recueille vos renseignements personnels et vos commentaires en vertu de l'autorité du Manuel de planification de la gestion forestière 2020 approuvé en application d'un règlement aux termes de l'article 68 de



la *Loi de 1994 sur la durabilité des forêts de la Couronne*. Tout renseignement personnel que vous fournirez (adresse résidentielle et l'ouï de courriel, nom, numéro de téléphone, etc.) peut être utilisé et transmis au MRNF et (ou) au titulaire d'un Permis d'aménagement forestier durable pour que nous puissions communiquer avec vous concernant les commentaires soumis. Vos commentaires seront intégrés au processus de consultation publique et pourraient être communiqués au grand public. Le MRNF peut également utiliser vos renseignements personnels pour vous transmettre davantage d'information sur cet exercice de planification de la gestion forestière. Si vous avez des questions sur l'utilisation de vos renseignements personnels, veuillez communiquer avec Jennifer Rosko au 705 668-0534.

Information in English: [NERbudworm@ontario.ca](mailto:NERbudworm@ontario.ca).



## City drafting active transportation plan

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Staff) – The city wants to develop a plan that would make it easier for cyclists, runners, hikers, skateboarders and wheelchair users to make their way around.

Temiskaming Shores council is seeking a consultant to develop an active transportation plan.

In a document for prospective consultants, the city said the plan “will help give direction to create and improve opportunities to connect schools, parks, sports and recreation facilities and neighbourhoods.”

“A key consideration,” it continued, will be integration with its existing and proposed active transportation amenities, including the STATO trail, Pete’s Dam Park, Bucke Park and the cycling network.

The plan would include “a complete inventory” of existing active transportation infrastructure, said Matt Bahm, the city’s director of recreation, in a report to city council January 19.

It would also prioritize recommendations for new facilities, recommend signage, and provide “an overall guiding document that will assist staff with funding requests,” he said.

But the work will have to be done quickly, it must include “robust public consultation” and be delivered prior to the development of the city’s 2022 budget, he said.

The city has budgeted \$45,000 for the project this year.

Consultants are to submit proposals by February 22.



*Pete’s Dam Park in the former Dymond Township is one of the year-round local destination points for both residents and visitors looking to enjoy the outdoors. (Staff photo)*

## REVIEW

### Review of Proposed Draft Spruce Budworm Insect Pest Management Program The Abitibi River, Gordon Cosens, Martel, Nipissing, Pineland, Romeo Malette, Spanish, Sudbury, Temagami And Timiskaming Forests

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)** invites you to review, and comment on, the proposed insect pest management program and draft project proposals for specific aerial insecticide project(s) to control the spruce budworm infestation on the **Abitibi River, Gordon Cosens, Martel, Nipissing, Pineland, Romeo Malette, Spanish, Sudbury, Temagami and Timiskaming Forests** in Chapleau, Cochrane, Hearst, Kirkland Lake, North Bay, Sudbury and Timmins Districts. Based upon the analysis of the available insect pest management options, the MNRF is proposing a course of action that includes aerial spraying of insecticide on selected forest stands.

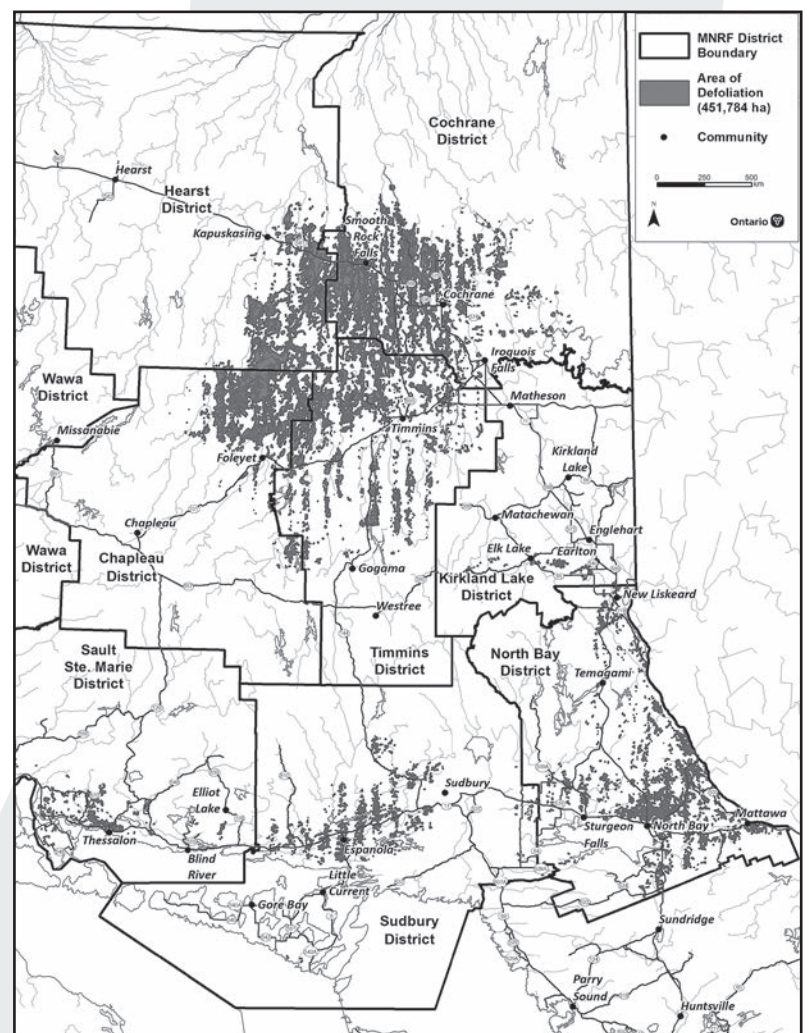
The Information Forum related to the review of the proposed insect pest management program will be held via individual or group remote meetings which may be arranged by calling the individual listed below during the review period from **March 1, 2021 – March 15, 2021**.

Remote meetings with representatives of the interdisciplinary team that developed the insect pest management program can also be requested at any time during the review period. Reasonable opportunities to remotely meet the program development team members during non-business hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests with a program development member, please e-mail [NERbudworm@ontario.ca](mailto:NERbudworm@ontario.ca).

#### How to Get Involved

To facilitate your review, the following information can be obtained electronically on the Natural Resources Information Portal <https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online>:

- insect infestation information and population forecasts;
- a portrayal of areas eligible for insect pest management;
- the current version of values information for the affected management unit(s) in the MNRF district(s);
- the evaluation of management options;
- the selected course of action, with reasons;
- draft project proposals for specific aerial insecticide projects, and associated information products (e.g., maps); and
- the results of the district insect pest management program for the same insect species in the previous year (if any)



Comments on the proposed insect pest management program and associated project proposals must be received by the MNRF contact individual listed below by **March 15, 2021**.

For more information on the Insect Pest Management Program please contact [NERbudworm@ontario.ca](mailto:NERbudworm@ontario.ca).

During the planning process there is an opportunity to make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the MNRF District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the 2020 *Forest Management Planning Manual (Part D, Section 7.5.4)*.

The final date to request issue resolution with the Regional Director is **March 30, 2021**.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority provided by the Forest Management Planning Manual, 2020 approved by regulation under Section 68 of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994*. Any personal information you provide (home and/or email address, name, telephone number, etc.) may be used by MNRF to contact you regarding comments submitted. Your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may also be used by the MNRF to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Jennifer Rosko, MNRF, District Business Co-ordinator, at 705-668-0534.

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### WINTER WORK FOR PLAY

Arena attendant Trevor McNaught swept off a light dusting of snow to prepare the Dymond rink for skaters on a recent weekend. As the provincial lockdown continues, outdoor rinks are one of the few recreational venues open to the public. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

# Right -of-Way

## Headframe heritage designation sought

Continued from A Front

She said Ontario Northland was surprised to learn that they owned the property.

"They had just recently hired a lawyer to make an inventory assessment of all ONR property. It's massive."

Wilson emphasized the goal of the historical society is to preserve the building, the investment of labour and materials that were used to upgrade the inside of the building, and to maintain the integrity of the building by putting a new roof on it.

She said that while there were tours through the building at one time, it is not the intention to bring those tours back.

"There's way too much in terms of liability."

"A great deal of money was spent on timbering the stairs, the floors, and the windows." The upgrade projects had a total cost of about \$35,000.

It is estimated that a new roof would have a cost of about \$40,000.

"We put a whole lot of money in there. We don't want to see it rot away because of a leaky roof."

Wilson summed up the goal of the Cobalt Historical Society for the headframe.

"We want to protect it and the integrity of the building, and we want to have the right to have a say for future planning for the site."

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