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Train talk Provincial pressure for Northlander commitment

Darlene Wroe Speaker Reporter

DISTRICT - Northern representatives will be closely watching the province's upcoming fiscal budget which is due at the end of March.

The province is feeling the pressure being turned up to show a commitment to reinstating the Northlander passenger train that was discontinued in 2012.

Northeastern Ontario Rail Network (NEORN) submitted a letter to the province at the end of January calling for money to be put into the budget for the purpose of bringing the Northlander back.

The City of North Bay is also circulating a motion to fellow municipalities that is calling on Premier Doug Ford and Minister of Transportation Caroline Mulroney to honour the 2018 pledge to bring the Northlander back. North Bay is also calling on the federal government to provide funding assistance for the reinstatement of passenger rail. At Englehart's committeeof-the-whole meeting February 10, Mayor Nina Wallace commented the return of the Northlander was one of Premier Ford's promises during his election campaign.

She later stated in an email that "having a passenger train connecting the northern part of the province to the southern part of the province is essential. Often our roads are closed due to weather or, worse, accidents. When this happens we are cut off from medical services - often appointments must be cancelled or one must leave a day or two in advance to ensure being able to make it to an appointment. This creates added costs for Northerners seeking medical attention."

She continued, "Premier Ford needs to show Northerners that he's the leader of the whole province, not just the GTA. He can show us by giving reliable rail service."

Englehart staff is preparing a motion supporting the push for the Northlander's return. Council will be voting on it at



SHAPING UP

Jeff (in back) and Kobe Wright sharpened their hockey skills on Family Day weekend in North Cobalt in anticipation of the return of minor hockey this week. The Temiskaming region was put back into the COVID green-prevent zone, which allows many activities to return in pandemic-modified formats. (Staff photo by Steven Larocque)

its regular meeting February 24.

MPP'S VIEW

Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP John Vanthof noted that the provincial government has had two-and-a-half years to make preparations to bring the Northlander back.

He acknowledged that there are obstacles to the goal, which includes the fact that a section of the rail track doesn't belong to the Ontario North-

land Transportation Commission (ONTC) which operated the Northlander.

A schedule and connections that work for Northerners also needs to be designed, he said *Continued on 3a*

DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

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

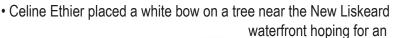
- Temiskaming is listed in the green zone under the province's stayat-home order.
- A newly opened Seniors housing complex in Temiskaming Shores saw its first residents move in, calling the place Home Sweet Home.

host their February meeting in two phases, all online due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

 The Daki Menan Lands and Resources Corporation has received FedNor funding to enhance forestry management and other convises



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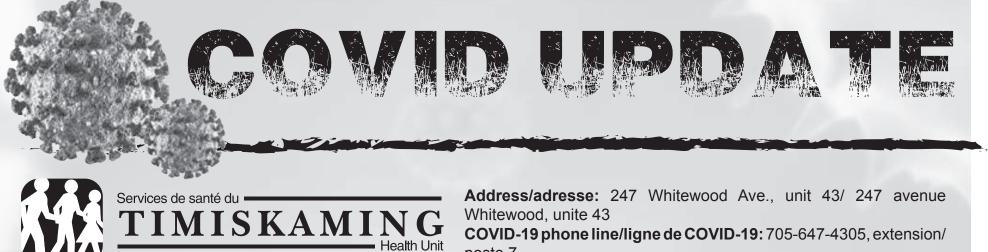
management and other services.

- The CJTT FM 2020 Citizen Awards were announced last week with Marc Dessureault, the Bikers Reunion and Tina Sartoretto as recipients.
- The City readies for two-year roads program by allocating a \$5 million plan for upgrades.
- The Temagami District Chamber of Commerce has received a FedNor funding boost to enhance its community services.
- David Elford, a former New Liskeard Cub, has written a feature story on Justin Brazeau's hockey career called Working on a Dream.



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How do vaccine work?

Vaccines prepare our body to fight off certain bacterial or viral infections (pathogens). They are made from either tiny amounts of a pathogen (live vaccines), or broken up pathogens (inactive vaccines) or for the COVID-19 vaccine, a piece of the wall of a virus (mRNA vaccines).

After vaccination, our body's immune system has memory of having been exposed to the pathogen before. A booster dose is often needed to maintain this memory for the long-term. If we are then exposed to the actual pathogen, our body can launch an immune response to either fully kill off the infection or just get mildly ill.

Vaccine development is one of the key medical inventions in history, having saved hundreds of millions of lives over the last century.

COVID-19 vaccines are being held to the same safety standards as the approval process for all other vaccines. They were tested in large studies that included tens of thousands of people to make sure they meet safety standards and protect people of different ages, races, and ethnicities.

COVID-19 Vaccine FAQ

Can I still get infected with COVID-19 if I get the vaccine? Studies are ongoing but possibly yes. If so, like with the flu shot, the symptoms are usually milder, but these people could still be contagious. That's why public health measures need to continue, even if you've been vaccinated.

Do the vaccines work against the new variants of COVID-19? Most of the studies have been with the UK-variant, and the vaccines look to be protective. If we learn that it doesn't work against a certain strain, mRNA vaccines can be modified quite quickly.

Can the vaccine cause long-term damage, like Alzheimer's? No, there is no evidence of this at all. There are many world-wide studies going on to closely watch for any short and long-term issues.

If I'm on immunosuppressant medication, can I get the vaccine? This should be reviewed with your health care provider. If I have other medical problems like Diabetes or COPD, can I get

poste 7

Comment fonctionnent les vaccins?

Les vaccins préparent notre corps à lutter contre certaines infections bactériennes ou virales (pathogènes). Ils sont fabriqués à partir de petites quantités d'un agent pathogène (vaccins vivants), de pathogènes fragmentés (vaccins inactifs) ou, pour le vaccin COVID-19, d'un morceau de la paroi d'un virus (vaccins à l'ARNm). Après la vaccination, le système immunitaire de notre organisme se souvient d'avoir déjà été exposé à l'agent pathogène. Une dose de rappel est souvent nécessaire pour conserver cette mémoire à long terme. Si nous sommes exposés à l'agent pathogène luimême, notre corps peut avoir une réaction immunitaire pour tuer complètement l'infection ou simplement devenir légèrement malade.

Le développement d'un vaccin est l'une des inventions médicales clés de l'histoire, ayant sauvé des centaines de millions de vies au cours du dernier siècle.

Les vaccins COVID-19 sont assujettis aux mêmes normes de sécurité que le processus d'approbation de tous les autres vaccins. Ils ont été mis à l'essai dans le cadre de vastes études portant sur des dizaines de milliers de personnes afin de s'assurer qu'ils respectent les normes de sécurité et protègent les personnes de différents âges, races et ethnies.

Questions liées au vaccine COVID-19

Puis-je quand même être infecté par la COVID-19 si je reçois le vaccin?

Des études sont en cours, mais peut-être que oui. Si c'est le cas, comme dans le cas du vaccin contre la grippe, les symptômes sont habituellement plus légers, mais ces personnes pourraient tout de même être contagieuses. C'est pourquoi les mesures de santé publique doivent être maintenues, même si vous avez été vacciné. Les vaccins fonctionnent-ils contre les nouvelles variantes de la COVID-19?

La plupart des études ont porté sur la variante britannique, et les vaccins semblent être protecteurs. Si nous apprenons qu'il ne fonctionne pas contre une souche, les vaccins à l'ARNm peuvent être modifiés assez rapidement.

Le vaccin peut-il causer des dommages à long terme, comme la maladie d'Alzheimer?

the vaccine?

Yes, absolutely.



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Non, il n'y a aucune preuve de cela. De nombreuses études mondiales sont en cours pour surveiller de près les nouveaux enjeux à court et à long terme.

Si je prends un médicament immunosuppresseur, puis-je obtenir le vaccin?

Il faut en discuter avec votre fournisseur de soins de santé. Si j'ai d'autres problèmes médicaux comme le diabète ou la MPOC, puis-je obtenir le vaccin?

Oui, absolument.

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BRIDGE BUILD

It's an odd sight for Cobalt and Coleman Township residents to see an empty space where the Larose Bridge had been located for over 100 years, linking the Town of Cobalt with the Township of Coleman, and used extensively during the silver boom of the early 1900s. It has been torn down and construction on a new bridge is taking shape, spearheaded by the Township of Coleman. The bridge has been deemed a vital transportation artery between the two municipalities. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

Train talk Provincial pressure for Northlander commitment

Continued from A Front in a telephone interview.

There are also many smaller issues, such as luggage handling, which Northlander passengers tend to have more of than GO customers. These considered, he pointed out.

"There are lots of logistical challenges," he said.

The ONTC has been conducting a rail track study. Vanthof said another hurdle for passenger rail to be implemented is that the track needs will be in June 2022. to meet a higher standard than is needed for freight traffic.

Vanthof said he will be watching the provincial budget for evidence of the Conservative government's commitment to moving forward with the Northlander.

"If there isn't money allosmaller issues also need to be cated in the budget for the upcoming fiscal year, that will be a really good sign the Conservatives have no intention" of getting the Northlander project restarted in this term, Vanthof commented.

The next provincial election

Vanthof explained that the low level of public transportation in Northern Ontario is a barrier for Southern Ontarians moving to Northern Ontario. "I have talked to employers and talked to others who have people come up to look here to fill jobs, good jobs, and a lot

of these people are very highly gualified."

Public transportation is important to them, he pointed out.

"A lot of people don't even have a driver's license because they never needed one. When they realize there's no transportation compared to what they're used to, it's a black mark on the area."

Meanwhile, Ontario Northland announced Sunday, February 7, that its bus service between North Bay and Toronto, and between Sudbury and Toronto, is reduced because of a decline in ridership during the pandemic, and to support the provincial Stay-At-Home order. Ontario Northland states that daily service is still available for essential travel and parcel shipments.

Sign proposed for **Evanturel road**

Darlene Wroe Speaker Reporter

EVANTUREL TOWNSHIP - Evanturel Township council will be placing a stop sign on Kirbyson Road to improve safety there.

The decision was discussed at council's February 10 meeting and will be brought back to council February 24 for their formal vote.

In a later email, Reeve Derek Mundle explained the decision was made because "recently someone went down Kirbyson Road towards Dairy Lane. In the winter Kirbyson is not maintained past Rodgers Road and the car became stuck in the ditch. The driver left the car on foot ... and fortunately for them a nearby resident contacted the police as it was -27 (Celsius)...."

Mundle said there is a sign informing drivers that the road is not maintained in the winter, but council discussed some other alternatives that will hopefully increase safety and avoid a situation like this in the future.

"Ultimately it was decided a stop sign would be the best idea and would also serve to flow traffic down throughout the year.

"A stop sign requires a bylaw and, as such, it was put off until our next meeting."

Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

Kidney Disease – Early Detection and Prevention

Kidney disease usually progresses silently, often destroying most of the kidney function before causing any symptoms. There are two key tests used to detect kidney damage and to assess how well your kidneys are working.

Blood Test:

A blood test is used to measure your serum creatinine level. This helps to identify how well the kidneys are filtering the blood. Creatinine is a waste product made from muscle use and the breakdown of the protein you eat.

Urinalysis

Simple lab tests such as urinalysis (a urine dipstick), which looks for blood and a protein called albumin in the urine, are also useful in detecting kidney damage at an early stage. The filters of the kidney do not normally allow protein (albumin) in the urine so if protein is detected, it is a sign that the filters of the kidney are being damaged.

Symptoms

Uremia is a Greek word that means "urine in the blood". Uremia develops as the kidneys fail. Signs and symptoms that may occur with uremia:

- · Weight loss
- Weakness
- vomiting
- loss of appetite
- · shortness of breath
- · leg cramps
- itching
- chest pain
- easy bruising

Steps to Help Prevent Kidney Disease

- Have your blood pressure checked regularly. Uncontrolled high blood pressure can speed up the natural course of any underlying kidney disease
- Fatigue
- nausea
 - · bad taste in the mouth
- restless legs
- forgetfulness
 - · difficulty sleeping
 - cold intolerance
- skin color changes
- · decreased sexual desire
- · swelling in ankles and legs

"That's also an issue."

He agrees with Conservative Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli who says time is needed to get it right, but Vanthof emphasized that the province has had twoand-a-half years to do that.

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EDITORIAL Green does not mean go!

This week the Temiskaming region will enter a pandemic green zone with stores, restaurants and businesses re-opening.

Instead of viewing this news as a return to the old ways of behaving, let us remember, we still need to social distance, wear masks, wash our hands and remain rooted in our region.

Only by abiding by public health guidelines will we have a chance of beating this virus in the long haul.

With more transmissible variants popping up around the province we surely know as soon as people start moving about – and so does the virus.

And as soon as the variants begin to infect our communities, we may need to have even stricter lockdown measures.

It really is a matter of following public health guidelines to the letter.

We need to stay at home as much as possible, while supporting our local business community.

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Provincial Police, or anonymously

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And it has been a nightmare for Celine Ethier, the mother whose daughter, Melanie, went missing in New Liskeard over two decades ago.

No one should have to live like vanishing into thin air.

Have mercy

The police didn't release the person's name, but we all knew who it was.

The person who overdosed lived a stone's throw from my house in Cobalt.

I myself saw this person on the streets just days before their life ended.

I was angry and heartbroken for this young person and for his family.

Not just another addict, he had a name, he was a real person, not just a statistic.

He was someone's son, broth-

We have mismanaged and continue to mismanage the opioid crisis happening in our communities.

It is rare that we find a family today that hasn't been affected by the opioid epidemic in one way or another.

People don't choose addiction it is a disease that any one of us could fall into at any time, save for a few bad breaks here and there.

The rising rates of opioid related deaths have been a public health crisis for over a decade in Canada.

The opioid epidemic is a national catastrophe and all demographics are impacted by this crisis.

as a result of opioids?

Certainly the pandemic hasn't helped people dealing with addiction and mental health issues.

The combination of unregulated street drug supplies, a lack of addiction and mental health services and physical distancing leading to more people using drugs alone, and feeling more alone, are all factors in the opioid crisis.

People, through no fault of their own, have nowhere to go for help.

When they get into the court system there should be mandatory addiction counselling, educational upgrading and recognition and treatment for childhood trau-When did we go so far down the rabbit hole as every second person we know is being prescribed powerful opioids? The opioid epidemic isn't one



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person's problem to solve, it is all of ours.

If we can keep one person from an early grave we must speak up now, removing the stigma of addiction.

We seem to be more outraged at those who have fled to Florida during the pandemic over those who have died in our communities from opioids.

It's long past the time for a na-

Where's Melanie? It's been 24 long years since a that without knowing where your Here's hoping this is the year mother held her daughter in her child is and what happened to Ethier finds out what happened to her precious daughter. her.

And it has been traumatic for the police and the greater community as well knowing a young girl wasn't safe walking home all those years ago, seemingly

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er, cousin, friend and maybe even father.

No one deserves to die like that. The ruthless, dishonest criminals that sold him those drugs should feel the full repercussions of the law.

How is it that we have amassed resources to fight the COVID-19 pandemic in one year, even developing vaccines, while we look the other way when death comes

tional strategy on opioid usage with more education and compassion. Let's unfreeze our hearts to the personal pain people are experiencing, especially during the pandemic and let's all be more merciful.





FIRST FISHING TRIP OF THE SEASON A crisp, sunny Saturday morning on the Haileybury waterfront January 23 found Doug Caldwell

preparing his snow machine and portable ice fishing hut for a first outing on to Lake Temiskaming. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

Temagami considering rec equipment subsidy

By Jamie Mountain

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

TEMAGAMI – Temagami council is considering offering residents a subsidy for winter sport/recreational equipment.

With the region being in the green-prevent zone of the province's COVID-19 response framework, it's expected that Temagami will be unable to host its annual Shiverfest event.

At council's regular meeting on January 21, Councillor John Shymko brought forward a notice of motion that he would like municipal staff to explore the possibility of offering residents a subsidy for winter sport/recreational equipment using the funds normally used to host Shiverfest.

"Typically Shiverfest does try to be a break-even event but normally we budget a \$3,000 expense," treasurer-administrator Craig Davidson said at council's regular meeting on February 11.

"But being able to maybe have more equipment given to our residents, or a subsidy in that light, is something that can be considered by council."

Before council passed a motion for staff to prepare a cost analysis of offering a skate/snowshoe/cross-country ski/ toboggan subsidy in lieu of hosting Shiverfest this year, Councillor Shymko asked recreation manager Kelly Hearn if there was any physical way that he thought the event could be hosted this year.

"With Shiverfest being hosted usually on Family Day weekend, I do not see that happening at all," replied Hearn.

"If we want to postpone it to another weekend, that would be up to council and the rec committee to do so, but at this point, with everything happening and all the lockdowns in place, I do not see much happening in the very near future."

Council will consider the report of the cost analysis of the subsidy at its next regular meeting on March 4.

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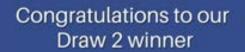
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Memorial Arena and Thursday, February 25, at the Shelley Herbert Shea Memorial Arena.

Power sessions will be Tuesday, February 23, at 7 a.m. and Friday, February 26, at 6 p.m. at the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena - if there is enough interest we will run a session for the younger group on Friday, February 26, at 7 a.m.



Melissa K. of Haileybury

who took home

\$37,000

StarSkate sessions start Monday, February 22, at 3:45 p.m. and 7 p.m. at The Shep.

New Liskeard and Haileybury Figure Skating Clubs are very happy to welcome all skaters back with all COVID-19 rules in place and thank everyone for your help in chasing COVID-19 out of our area!

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Safety and Well-being Plan development starts

Darlene Wroe Speaker Reporter

DISTRICT - DTSSAB has agreed to take on the preparation and administration of the Community Safety and Well-being Plan.

The provincial government has legislated that municipalities and First Nation communities must prepare Community Safety and Well-being Plans to improve and better coordinate responses to social issues in their communities.

The plan will be focused on vulnerable populations, and will bring together police and other local service providers in areas of health, mental health, education, community and social services, and children and youth services.

The decision to take on a lead role in conjunction was reached at the regular meeting of the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board (DTSSAB) Wednesday, January 20.

Board chief administrative officer Kelly Black outlined that DTSSAB was approached a year ago by individual municipal members of DTSSAB asking for the agency to take on the role of developing and administering the plan.

When the pandemic hit in early 2020, the project was derailed, she said.

The province then delayed its original implementation date of January 1, 2021, to July 1, 2021.

DTSSAB has now agreed to proceed, and the cost of development and administration of the plan will be shared among the member municipalities.

Black noted that as part of her preparations, she has been working with the Timiskaming Health Unit and draft terms of reference have been created.

"We have been doing some background work so we can hit the ground running," she told the board in a Zoom meeting.

"July 1 is not that far off and there is a lot of work to be done."

By early this week, four municipalities still needed to provide resolutions for their partnership in the plan, but Black said positive discussions have been taking place in conjunction with the Temiskaming Mayors Action Group with the goal of bringing all municipalities on board.

"The conversations that I have had with municipal clerks is that they just don't have the capacity and they are looking for somebody to help them through that process," Black commented to the board.

She emphasized that the preparation of the plan is the responsibility of the municipalities, but "I think we are well positioned to be able to support them to do that work."

She said a staff member or a consultant would lead the work and take an advisory role in the project.

She later told The Speaker in a telephone interview that the Timiskaming Health Unit will be taking a support role in the development of the plan.

The cost of the project will be carried entirely by the member municipalities and will be billed to the municipalities using their existing cost-sharing formula.

"Obviously it's going to be Kirkland Lake and Temiskaming Shores that will pay a good portion of it," DTSSAB chair Doug Jelly said.

"I think we all gain by doing this under one umbrella."

A harmless coffee break can do more harm than you think.

Kirkland Lake Mayor Pat Kiely concurred with Jelly's comments, as did DTSSAB vice-chair Derek Mundle, although he raised the question of whether Temagami would be included in the district plan. Temagami has some connections with Temiskaming and some connections with North Bay. It is not yet known, he was advised.

"Like Doug and Pat both said, Temiskaming Shores and Kirkland Lake are going to pay the bulk of that," said Mundle.

"It would have been cost prohibitive for a lot of the small municipalities and the deadline is approaching." He added, "It's going to be good value for everybody involved."

Black later commented to The Speaker that "it is challenging in our type of environment where we have 23 different municipalities who will have to come to some kind of consensus of who sits at the working table. It's a lot different in the city environment."

She said the plan will involve health, education, children's support services, mental health and addictions, health services, hospitals, and the Ontario Provincial Police.

"It will be nice to have that in our community," she commented. "We are really well positioned to support our member municipalities to get it done so I was happy the board made the decision to let me take it forward." Wear a mask, wash your hands and physically distance to stop the spread of COVID-19. Learn more at ontario.ca/covid-19

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FAMILY OUTING

It was a family outing for Brad Morin, his fiancée Veronique Lantaigne, and their daughters Quinn Morin and Ellie Morin, as they enjoyed some fresh air and skating at the outdoor rink in Dymond Township February 6. (Staff photo by Jamie Mountain, LJI Reporter)



Armstrong to hire IT intern with **FedNor** funding

By Jamie Mountain Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

EARLTON - Armstrong Township is taking a step forward in its modernization efforts.

The municipality is receiving FedNor funding of \$31,500 to hire an Information Technology (IT) intern for a one-year period.

The IT intern will support a variety of priority projects for Armstrong, such as a full review and modernization of the township's IT infrastructure and processes to improve accessibility, services and security.

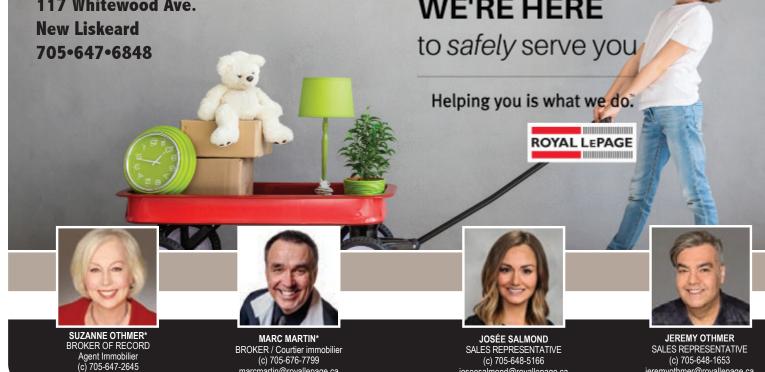
Armstrong's allocation is part of more than a \$616,000 investment by FedNor to support five initiatives designed to create and maintain jobs, support recovery efforts and enhance business development and growth throughout the region.

"We're very happy that we got accepted for an intern, any financial help from the government is good for the community," said Armstrong Township mayor Jean-Marc Boileau.

"We apply so often for some grants and things like that and it's one of those things that is really welcome here," he noted in a telephone interview.

Township Armstrong clerk-treasurer Amy Vickery-Menard said the municipality has created a job ad for the intern position and, as per FedNor requirements, it will be looking to hire a person under the age of 30 to work full-time

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"We're hoping that they will help us to develop a new (municipal) website, or at least refurbish our website, to be accessibility compliant and more user friendly," she explained in a telephone interview.

"So update the content, as well as help us to modernize our IT. So, like everyone else at this point in the pandemic, recognizing we're challenged ... like even the desktops don't have the video capability, so we're just looking at an overall IT review/ modernization for everything."

Vickery-Menard noted the successful applicant would also assist municipal staff with other smaller duties.

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.

Lakeshore Road South - Sidewalk Closure -

Commencing on or about Friday January 22nd, 2020.

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

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

2021 Interim Tax Bills have been mailed out. The installments for the 2021 interim tax bill are due: Monday, March 15th and Monday, May 17th, 2021 Your 2021 interim bill is based on 50% of the 2020 taxes. Taxes can be paid in person at: 325 Farr Drive in Haileybury or mailed to: P.O. Box 2050 Haileybury ON P0J 1K0 Drop Boxes are located at: 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury (City Hall)

77 Wellington, New Liskeard (Pool Fitness Centre)

Please contact the Taxation Department for alternative payment options (online banking, pre-authorized plans)

For inquiries regarding your tax bill, please contact City Hall at 672-3363 or email to finance@temiskamingshores.ca

RECREATION UPDATE

Facilities

- City of Temiskaming Shores Arenas will reopen to the public on Tuesday February 16th. City of Temiskaming Shores Halls will be available for bookings beginning on

Tuesday February 16th. The Waterfront Pool and Fitness Centre Gym will reopen on Wednesday Feb-ruary 17th at 6am. All memberships will be reactivated for this date. All users will need to pre-book their workout time when the PFC reopens. Book your workout time by contacting the PFC at 647-5709 or by emailing <u>pfc@temiska-</u> mingshores.ca

The Waterfront Pool and Fitness Centre Pool will reopen on Monday February 22nd. All users will need to pre-register for swim times when the PFC reopens. Book your swim by contacting the PFC at 647-5709 or by emailing pfc@ temiskamingshores.ca

- Age Friendly programming will begin returning the week of February 15th. For details check out the Age Friendly programming calendar on the city website (<u>www.temiskamingshores.ca</u>) or by calling Lynn Marcella at 647-5709 ext.
- Outdoor rinks and the skating path at the Waterfront Pool and Fitness Centre

are open, weather dependent. **City of Temiskaming Shores Facility Screening** Starting February 16th, everyone who enters a city facility is required to fill out the electronic Covid-19 screening and contact tracing form. Simply use your phone to come the OP acde at the forset descendence required to make the forset descendence of the forset descend scan the QR code at the front door and answer a few simple questions. You can also fill out the form by going to <u>www.temiskamingshores.ca/covid19form/</u> 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 <u>www.</u> temiskamingshores.ca/recreation/

EVERYONE MUST CHECK-IN BEFORE ENTERING FACILITY



For more information go to www.temiskamingshores.

- 1. Scan QR Code with your camera (form is also available at temiskamingshores.ca/
- covid19form) Complete entire form If you answer yes to any
- screening questions you may NOT enter



CITY BULLETIN Temiskaming Shores

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES 2021 The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores offers a variety of summer employment opportunities for both secondary and post secondary students.

Haileybury

New Liskeard

Lifeguard/Swim Instructors Parks Labourers Marina Attendant **Cemetery Labourers** Building/Property Maintenance Labourer Public Works General Labourers Applications can be found on our website: www.temiskamingshores.ca

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND RESUMES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO:

Shelly Zubyck, Director of Corporate Services City of Temiskaming Shores Box 2050

Haileybury, ON P0J 1K0 Email: szubyck@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 for more information.

Library Hours for Contactless Pickup Service 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 or use our online catalogue at 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.

<u>Pre-Overdue Email Notification</u> 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 guarantined 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 <u>http://www.ontarioparks.com/</u> 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
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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 Tuesday, 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**

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 <u>kconlin@temiskamingshores.ca</u> Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, March 2, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. - 325 Farr Drive Regular Council Meeting Tuesday, March 16, 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 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.

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 ndoor 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.

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**. The questions received will be read aloud and responded to during the auestions 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 <u>Ibelanger@temiskamingshores.ca</u>

City Hall has Reopened to the Public with Regular Opening Hours

Please follow floor stickers to maintain physical distancing; a maximum of

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.

Click on the Payment Portal located in the bottom right corner of the home page

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.

We now offer online payments at <u>www.temiskamingshores.ca/poa</u>. Payments will also continue to be accepted by telephone at 705-672-3221, email at <u>poa@</u> <u>temiskamingshores.ca</u> 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 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 $26^{\rm th}$, 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.

Masks or face coverings must be worn upon entering the building.

8 people will be permitted in the lobby area.

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and follow the instructions.

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

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Provincial Offences Office is closed to the public.

Note: In person courts remain cancelled until <u>further notice</u>. 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.

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 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

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

on.ca/POA/screens/poa/POASC001.xhtml

ca/covid19









RECOGNIZE THE SYMPTOMS OF CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING



Stay Safe from Carbon Monoxide

- Get an annual inspection of all fuel-burning appliances in your home. Find a registered contractor at COsafety.ca.
- 2 Check that outside vents and chimneys are not blocked.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms and test them monthly. 3

For more information contact your local fire department.



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 ACROSS

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Answers For Crossword on 1b



CAPRICORN

You'll need to make some compromises to restore harmony both at home and at work. New accomplishments will follow as you manage to broker deals with future client



TAURUS

After you purchase a new gadget, you'll have a lot of questions about how it

AOUARIUS

You'll devote all of your time to your career this week. If you're looking for a job, you'll find a position that's highly demanding but that will give you better prospects for the future.



GEMINI

Your enthusiasm and dynamism will ensure you have a lot of fun this week.

If you feel the slightest bit

You'll have a lot of details to sort through at home or with your relatives. Fortunately, once tensions ease, you'll feel great about where you stand with your partner and loved ones.



LEO You'll be easily distracted this week. Fatigue might be to blame, in which

of dissatisfaction with your career, you'll make changes and find a job that better aligns with your ambitions. You might also aim for a leadership position.



PISCES

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Rest is essential before you iump into action. It'll do you good to get out of the

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CLASSIC ROCK OLDIES

The TRAIN (103.1FM) also playing Canadiana' & Country Flavoured Rock. works. You may have to go to a few different places to get satisfactory answers.



VIRGO At work, you'll come across a mountain of documents that require your immediate attention. This will be what motivates you to get organized so that you can be more efficient and leave work earlier.

September 22

You might get your hands on some cash, and you'll decide to treat yourself to a vacation or an outing.

LIBRA

Before you commit to a

project that will give you a

lot of responsibilities, take

some time to unwind and

have fun. A promotion is in

the works, and the future

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looks bright.

house and break up your routine. Being more open and assertive will allow you to find inner peace.



SCORPIO

about planning a getaway

or going on an adventure.

You'll finally find the time

deserved vacation, or at

least an exciting day trip.

and money to take a much-

You'll be enthusiastic

case some down time is in order. Many people will be impressed by your creativity when they see one of your masterpieces.



SAGITTARIUS

A rather irritating situation is developing, and it's a sign that changes need to be made if you want to truly be happy. Harmony is rarely restored by sticking to the status quo.







2021 Corolla XSE



2021 Corolla LE

for 60 months at With \$0 Down

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Finance from **19**% For 36 months

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Available Features

Remote start | Apple CarPlay[™] / Android Auto[™] Heated steering wheel | Wireless charging

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

¹Drivers should always be responsible for their own safe driving. Please always pay attention to your surrouting and drive safely. Depending on the conditions of roads, vehicles, weather, etc., the Toyota Safety Sense systems may not work as intended. Please set toyota.ca, your local Toyota Dealer or Owner's Manual for details. ¹On approved credit 2.99% APR on a new 2021 Corolla LE CVT (BPRBLC ¹A') for 60 months equals 260 weekly payments of \$64 with \$0 down. First weekly payment (\$64 with \$0 down. First weekly payment) {\$64 with \$0 down. First weekly payment (\$64 with \$0 down. First weekly payment) {\$64 with \$0 down. First weekly payment (\$64 with \$0 down. First weekly payment) {\$64 with \$0 down. First weekly payment (\$64 with \$0 down payment) {\$64 with \$0 down payment (\$64 diverable). 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 March 1, 2021. Or finance from 1.49% APR on a new 2021 Corolla LE CVT (BPRBLC ¹A') for 36 months equals 156 weekly payment of \$1,686 22 (real). All-in finance payments of \$157 with a down payment or tade equivalent of \$0. Cost of borrowing is \$552.77 for a total obligation of \$24,443.77 (real). All-in finance payments of \$16,686 29 (real). All-in finance payments of \$24,443.77 (real). All-in finance payments of \$24,443.77 (real). All-in finance payments of \$16,686 29 (real). All-in finance payments of \$200 down. First weekly payment (\$260 down. First weekly payment set paylicable). HST, licensing, registration and insuranc