

# WEEKENDER

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## Status quo Cobalt council votes to maintain council size

**Darlene Wroe**  
Speaker Reporter

**COBALT** - Cobalt council will not be proceeding with a review of the size of council.

A resolution was put before council at its meeting of Tuesday, May 18, whether to seek public input on the proposal to reduce the number of councillors from six to four in the next term of council.

However, council defeated the resolution.

Councillors Joe Dube, Pat Anderson, Matthew Johnson, Doug Wilcox, and Angela Adshead all supported the existing council structure of six councillors and one mayor.

Councillor Bill Gabban spoke on the benefit of reducing the council size, and the potential cost saving

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## BOATING SEASON

As the open waters on Lake Temiskaming beckoned, Rob Ciraco and Sarah Rivers along with their dog, Tucker, headed out for a fun day of fishing at the Murray Street boat launch last week. Pickerel season actually opened the third Saturday in May ahead of the Victoria Day long weekend. Boaters are reminded to be on the lookout for debris in the water and high water levels at this time of year. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

## DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our May 19 edition...

- Local case counts have dropped and Temiskaming is positioned well in managing the latest COVID-19 surges.
- A company from North Bay is brewing up an idea to use the Temagami Dry soda brand name in its product line.
- The City of Temiskaming Shores will be installing water metres for some businesses and institutions in the coming days.
- Be extra careful on area roadways is the message behind the Canada Road Safety Week.
- Temagami has terminated its contract with microFit, a solar panel project streamed with the Feed-In-Tariff program.
- The federal government's Canada Summer Jobs Program received a huge funding boost in the Timmins-James Bay area that has pleased Timmins-James Bay MP Charlie Angus.
- Temiskaming Shores will continue to lease federally owned lands on the Haileybury waterfront.
- Golfers at the Haileybury and New Liskeard golf courses are eager to hit the links once the province hits the latest COVID-19 lockdown out of bounds.
- The Get Active in Temiskaming Run/Walk series is back, starting with a virtual May 14 to May 24 challenge.
- A special cycling jersey is being made available by the Bike Temiskaming Shores group to honour cyclists Jeff Splinter and Garnett Johnson.



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Submitted by Ellen Ibey

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### Sun Safety Tips:

- **Check the UV index daily**
  - A UV index of 3 or higher means that you need to use extra caution to protect your skin. The sun's rays are strongest between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. so try to reduce your time in the sun during these hours. In Canada between April and September, the UV Index can be 3 or more from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., even when it's cloudy.
- **Seek Shade**
  - If your shadow is shorter than you are, it's time to find some shade.
- **Cover Up**
  - Cover up as much of your skin as you can - clothes provide better protection than sunscreen; wear a hat. Many skin cancers happen on the face and neck so be sure to put sunscreen on your ears, chin and neck even when you're wearing a hat.
- **Wear sunglasses**
  - Sunglasses can help prevent damage to your eyes so keep your shades on and make sure your children do too. Close-fitting ones with UVA and UVB protection in a wraparound style are the best option.
- **Use Sunscreen properly**
  - Use an SPF of 30 or higher.
  - Make sure the sunscreen is labelled broad-spectrum (offers both UVA and UVB protection).
  - If you're in the water, make sure your sunscreen is water-resistant
  - Apply a generous amount and put it on before make-up
  - Use a lip balm with SPF — your lips need protection too

### Talk to your health care provider about any changes to your skin like:

- a birthmark or a mole that changes shape, colour, size or surface
- any new growth on your skin — pale, pearly nodules that may grow larger and crust, or red, scaly, sharply defined patches
- any sore that doesn't heal
- any patch of skin that bleeds, oozes, swells, itches or becomes red and bumpy

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## WEEKEND WORK

Meridian Avenue in Haileybury was busy Saturday afternoon, May 15, as workers paved the road as part of the City of Temiskaming Shores' plans for an estimated \$2.15 million in roadwork to be completed this year. (Staff photo by Steven Larocque)

## Cobalt council votes to maintain council size

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to the community of \$12,000 a year. He was in favour of seeking public input on the proposal.

All councillors acknowledged that there could be a cost saving, but felt the benefit of having a diversity of people around the council table outweighed the cost-saving opportunity.

Dube commented that his strength is in matters such as public works, while he leans on other people for advice when it comes to issues such as the library and museums.

Anderson commented, "We found, especially with this administration, that we have a good diversity of people." She commended staff for the ideas

put forward regarding the value of a four-person council "but I think six has served us well over the years."

Gabbani also commended staff for the report and he supported the proposal.

The remuneration received by council members is "supported solely by the community," he said, noting that the reduction in council members would save the town \$12,000 annually. He expressed the opinion that "four councillors should do it" in representing the community. He added that is the direction that small towns are going at this time.

Johnson supported Dube's comment that there is value in "having six councillors around the table who are well versed"

in a variety of topics. He noted "the tumultuous times we've been through," and questioned whether reducing the council size would send a message that council accepts that the town is shrinking. Down the road there could be a need for diversity at the council table, he said.

He noted the proposal has been rejected repeatedly by councils over the past several years, and has also been rejected by the public.

"The vision for Cobalt is important," he said.

He commended the input of the existing six councillors and one mayor in the town's direction during this term of council and said "I think it has put us in a very positive position. It couldn't have been completed if we didn't have the diversity we have around this table."

Wilcox explained his view that having six councillors and a mayor creates more opportunity to reach out to members of the community.

"We all said transparency is important to us," he commented.

Part of transparency is being accessible in the community, he said.

"The more councillors you have, the more relationships you have."

He noted the importance of working with the people in the community. He listed the individual strengths of each of the existing council members and the talents they bring to the table.

"The more points of view you have, the better," he added.

Adshead also supported maintaining the existing council structure, noting the need for the town to develop a plan for the future. After the plan is established, there could be need for committees as the plans are implemented, she commented. When that work is undertaken, having fewer councillors will create workloads that are too much for one person, she noted.

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A significant piece of history met its demise as the old Palace Theatre building in Englehart was demolished last week. A crew from Priestly Demolition Inc. carried out the demolition work and subsequent clean-up, which drew small crowds of interested residents who watched it unfold from a safe distance. (Staff photo by Jamie Mountain)

# OPG facilities remain no-go zones

DISTRICT (Special) – While out in nature this long weekend, remember that OPG stations and dams are not places to explore.

Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is reminding the public that trespassing near OPG hydropower generating stations and dams is not only illegal, but also dangerous.

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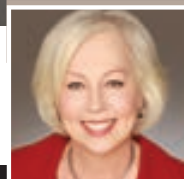
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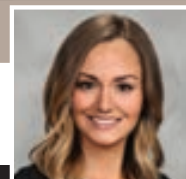
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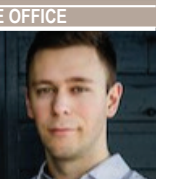
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**Thursday** – Opioid Overdoses  
**Friday** – Emergency Preparedness (the first 72 hours)  
**Saturday** – Paramedic Services Recognition Day

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# EDITORIAL

## Lakeshore Road safety

There have been a number of letters to the editor lately concerning road safety on Lakeshore Road in New Liskeard and Haileybury.

It seems taxpayers are concerned about the safety of Lakeshore Road, the high speeds of vehicles travelling the roadway, safe ways to cross the road and safety surrounding the STATO trail.

This issue needs to be brought into a timeframe, which prevents serious injury, and another year of inaction will let down public expectations.

The issue of road safety is a matter of grave concern to residents living along Lakeshore Road.

Perhaps the city could install painted

crosswalks, add pedestrian islands, have an increased police presence, have LED speed signs, introduce a red light traffic stop to slow down traffic or reduce speed limits altogether and other safety measures?

More stringent road safety measures on Lakeshore Road are what the letter writers are asking for.

We tip our hat to the city for investing in upgraded roadways we are seeing with all the roadwork taking place in the region.

The issue of road safety on Lakeshore Road must go well beyond the letter writing stage.

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## Long weekend

It's the May long weekend, time to go fishing, boating or just hang around the house and relax.

Hanging around the house relaxing might be just what the Acting Medical Officer of Health

for this region has ordered as part of a list of pandemic protocols we should all be following.

In order to keep infection rates down in our region we need to stay home, not travel outside the

region, stay away from crowds, wash our hands, wear masks and get immunized as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful, safe long weekend!

## Paddling the waves

I awoke to beautiful, sunny, warm weather this past weekend.

When I heard the news that Doug Ford had extended the province's COVID-19 lockdown earlier in the week I felt tired.

It was enough to make anyone pull the covers over their heads and head back to dreamland.

I could have stayed in bed nursing white Russians (the drink, not the men), but that's not me.

So I rose.

The morning light was intoxicating, soft and golden and I could hear the birds singing.

To live is to rise.

And whether we like it or not, adventure does not fit into convenient time slots of nine to five.

I wiped the sleep out of my

eyes, grabbed my paddling gear and flew off to the lake.

It was a new day and there was daylight to burn.

I paddled around the lake knowing where the orchids of the north, the pink lady slippers are located, soon to pop their pretty heads up to greet me.

They take their name from a resemblance to a delicate pair of pink lady slippers.

A loon surfaced quite close to my canoe. I saw its large red eye, beautiful pearl necklace and later heard its eerie call.

Nothing says spirit of the north quite like the loon's call.

A male and female mallard flew close over my head landing in a small marshy area. I saw the beautiful iridescent feathers of the drake's head shining in the sunlight.

I then spotted something swimming in the middle of the lake all by itself.

When I got closer I saw a tiny moth, the size of a toonie, trying to keep itself afloat.

Its little nose was sticking out of the water and its wings were wet so it couldn't fly. I placed my paddle down and lifted it out of the water.

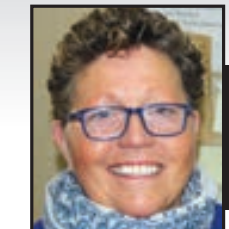
Within a minute or two the sun had dried its wings and it happily flew away.

I'm no martyr, but I believe everything has a spirit to honour.

Aren't we all just trying to stay afloat during this pandemic?

Soon the suckers will fill the waters on the east shore of the lake with their spawning activity.

The water is still murky but getting clearer and clearer by the



Sue Nielsen



# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Sensible approach is needed

Dear editor,

Society tires of endless lockdowns and restrictions by the preening camera hungry experts and decision makers who don't represent the experience of clinicians and those essential workers on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lockdowns prevent low risk individuals - i.e. children, teenagers and healthy middle-aged people - from going about their normal lives with sensible precautions: sensible social distancing, sensible masking and sensible hand sanitizing.

To quote a McMaster university professor educated in epidemiology, "There is a 300 per cent increase in reported self-harms among children in primary and elementary schools." As a great-uncle, grandfather and great-grandfather of young children, this writer now takes this subject matter personal and is written from the heart.

This abomination, COVID-19, has to be addressed with common sense and practicality and not with the arrogance and certitude of the experts with their ongoing "paralysis by analysis" cannon fodder approach that no longer has any merit or benefits and is now outweighed by the risks created i.e. mental health issues and sadly, self-harm to society's horizon of hope - the children.

Remember, they are children only once and then only for a few years. Those years are the most impressionable of a lifetime. Never again will the world and everything in it be so new and so filled with wonder to a child.

During these few years, habits become ingrained, tastes are developed and personality takes form. A child's being is geared to learning. A child reaches out for the truth, has no prejudices and seizes upon that which is good and beautiful.

As a parent or guardian, awaken the child's imagination, bring forth laughter, help them to understand and love their fellow man. They will learn that mankind is essentially good and that life is infinitely worth living.

Children, now more than ever, are owed this opportunity. They are the future of tomorrow and our horizon of hope in these strange and troubling times. We must never underestimate their power and influence.

The essence of their loyalty and well-being will be through reciprocity - reciprocity by the experts and decision makers. In the interest of mutual give and take, the forgoing conclusion is end the draconian lockdowns and measures now.

Let the children enjoy their friends, enjoy their relatives, enjoy their schooling, enjoy their sports, enjoy their laughter, enjoy their normality of development through their God-given right of socialization.

You must not subject them to the same collateral damage your decisions and expertise have inflicted upon local economies, peoples' livelihoods and long-term care homes to name a few. They, the children, deserve better.

J.D. McNamara  
New Liskeard

## National Parks open Victoria Day weekend

DISTRICT (Special) - Spending time in nature and outdoors has a number of health and wellness benefits. As Canadians do their part to limit the spread of COVID-19, having access to national historic sites and national parks to get outside while following the guidance of public health experts, has been more important than ever.

Parks Canada is prepared for the kick off to its 2021 visitor season over the May long weekend.

Parks Canada is following the advice and guidance of public health experts and continues to make every effort to limit the spread of COVID-19.

In 2020, Parks Canada took health and safety measures - including operating campgrounds at a reduced capacity, adjusting the capacity and visitor flow of indoor spaces such as visitor centres, historic buildings and washrooms, and modifying interpretative activities - to ensure that Canadians across the country could continue to enjoy nature.

This season will once again be

different than previous years. Visitor access and services will vary across the country depending on local circumstances and only services where health and safety risks can be properly managed will be opened.

Before visiting, there are a few things that everyone should remember:

- Plan ahead. The Parks Canada website provides detailed information on what locations are open, what to expect, how to prepare, and what services are available. Be sure to check the website before you visit.

- Follow travel restrictions and respect the guidance of public health experts. We all need to do our part to limit the spread of COVID-19 and keep one another safe. It is important to always follow travel restrictions, even when visiting national parks and national historic sites.

- Make safe choices. Choose activities that correspond with your level of experience in order to help minimize the demands on emer-

gency response, search and rescue teams, and on the health care system.

- Be self-sufficient. Pack a kit that includes extra hygiene supplies such as hand sanitizer, soap, masks or face coverings, garbage bags and a tablecloth. You should be prepared to bring your own water and food.

- Leave no trace. Help us keep these special places clean by using appropriate garbage containers or by taking all your garbage with you.

- Respect wildlife. Learn more about the wildlife in the park or site you will be visiting, remember to never feed wildlife, always give them space, maintain a clean campsite, respect closures and speed limits, and keep your dog on a leash at all times.

Further information and tips for a safe and enjoyable visit are available on the Parks Canada website at: <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/voyage-travel/securite-safety/covid-19-info/covid-19-visite-visit>.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

**Council Meetings:** Monday, May 24, 2021 is Victoria Day therefore, the next Regular Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will take place electronically. Details of the meeting will be posted in advance of the meeting. Anyone interested in listening in on the meeting can call the Office for details.

By-law No. 16-35 outlines that during the summer months of June, July and August, there will be one (1) regular monthly meeting only. During the 2021 summer season, the regular council meeting schedule is as follows:  
 Monday, June 21, 2021  
 Monday, July 12, 2021  
 Monday, August 9, 2021

**Municipal Office:** The Office is still 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 Province has extended the Provincial shutdown and Stay-at-Home order until at least June 2, 2021. The Township continues to encourage the use of internet payments through your financial institution, or by mailing cheques to the Municipal office. Residents can call the office at 705-679-8833 for assistance as the office is staffed during this time.

**Municipal Waste Site:** Hours of Operation Tuesday and Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed: Statutory Holidays  
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**Spring Clean Up Week:** In the interest of health and safety, please maintain physical distancing practices, including from Township employees.

**Landfill Site:** The amnesty program (no tipping fees) at the Coleman Landfill site will occur from **Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, to Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.** Vehicle access within the landfill site will be restricted to support physical distancing. Names and addresses from those depositing material will be required.

**Curbside Collection:** Collection of bulky items will occur from **Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021.** Please have waste set out for collection no later than 7:00 a.m. on May 26<sup>th</sup>; no return trips will be made.

- All small or loose materials must be securely bagged or bundled/tied appropriately to facilitate efficient collection.
- No brush or construction material will be collected.
- As outlined in the Clean Yards By-law No. 12-06, no Freon containing appliances will be collected, unless the Freon Gas was removed by a qualified technician and the appliance has been tagged.

**Recycling:** June collection dates will be on Tuesday, June 1, Tuesday, June 15 and Tuesday, June 29, 2021.

**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 the municipal office or Pete Gilboe directly at 705-648-3750.

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

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Clark Wabie, 4, of Cobalt, admired the wall of murals across from the Cobalt Train Station. He is pictured here beside the painting of Fred Larose who, legend says, discovered silver in Cobalt when he threw a hammer at a fox. Larose was actually a prospector and was exploring for interesting metals when he made the discovery. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

# Northern College outlines \$7 million-plus capital plan

DISTRICT (Special/Staff) – Northern College has approved a \$7-million-plus investment in buildings across its four campuses.

In Haileybury, work includes the renovation and expansion of its veterinary sciences labs.

The Kirkland Lake campus will see new brick facing and the replacement of frosted, cracked windows with clear, energy-efficient models.

Ventilation systems will be installed in carpentry trade shops at the Moosonee campus.

At the Timmins campus, the building envelope at the Innovation Hub will be restored. Outdoor gathering spaces and a sacred garden of Indigenous medicines will be added.

In a media release, the college said it'll be covering all the costs of the projects without debt.

"These renovations and restorations will help us welcome everyone back when this pandemic ends so that we can be together again," said Audrey Penner, Northern's president and CEO, of the investment.

"What we have learned over the past year is that as much as we can achieve learning via distance education efficiently and effectively, there is nothing like the energy created when we gather in the same space physically," Penner said.

"We are proud to be North, and proud to be Northern," said Doug Walsh, chair of the college's board of governors.

"We are seeing a greater number of learners and others wanting to move north from highly congested areas in southern regions of the province, and we have lots of room for them here," he said.

"The quality of life we have in Northern Ontario is unmatched, and we welcome newcomers and others so that they can help grow the region and be inspired to learn as they change their lives for the better."

Plans for the renovations have begun and will be staged in phases to follow physical distancing requirements.

"Renewed campus spaces will lift the spirits of those who have been working and studying in their homes at their dining room tables, couches, and offices," Walsh said.

"We hope that everyone can take a moment to close their laptops, start up their cars for the first time in a long time, or board busses, and return to connect in the spaces where they can join one another in person and begin a new chapter for all of us that involves being happy and healthy together in close proximity to one another for the first time in a long time."

The college noted that use of campus buildings over the past year has been light, with the exception of hybrid classes where small groups spread out to learn hands-on applications.

Northern took part in a pilot project last summer to test how to safely deliver in-class

instruction, including the use of equipment, with physical distancing and other pandemic precautions in place.

"Our staff, faculty and students have shown us that their passion for learning is unfettered and they will do what they can to continue succeeding in their studies," Penner said.

"We are proud of the accomplishments of everyone as we approach the end of another academic year that culminates with convocation on June 11," she continued.

"It is our hope that next spring, we will be celebrating together in the newly refurbished buildings and spaces with renewed energy, excitement and hope."

## Multiple Births Awareness Day is May 28

DISTRICT (Staff) — The Dionne quintuplets may be the most famous multiple birth children Canadians know and their birthday is celebrated on May 28, the same day as National Multiple Births Awareness Day (NMBAD).

The theme of the 2021 NMBAD is equity and inclusion.

Multiple Births Canada (MBC) raises the profile of multiple births with Awareness Day, held on the Dionne Quints birthday each year.

MBC began in 1978 as a national support organization for families of multiple birth children and individuals in Canada.

Their mission is to improve the quality of life for multiple birth individuals and their families by providing support, education, research and advocacy.

"We would like to highlight that we are grateful to people and organizations that treated our twins equitably and with inclusion," said Temiskaming Multiple Birth chairperson Erin Little in an email interview.

"For example, the school that included parents in placement decisions (same class or separated, where in room the multiples are placed), people who provided parents with time to bond with one multiple at a time (often grandparents and sometimes friends)."

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# Young art gets rewarded



Kai Hill, 7, at left, and brother Mason, 9, are seen above in a supplied photo with their chalk creation at a playground along the New Liskeard waterfront. Kai, seen below, had his name drawn from some 20 entrants in a chalk art contest that invited kids to decorate public spaces in Temiskaming Shores. The contest was sponsored by the city's Healthy Kids initiative to brighten parks and playgrounds. He won a family outdoor activity pack for summer fun that included water guns, balloons, games and bubble-making gear. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)



## Multiple Births Awareness Day

*Continued from 6a*

She said many people might not be aware of inequities that exist for prenatal care, parental leave and breastfeeding support services not readily available in Northern Ontario.

"We often need to travel to Sudbury or North Bay."

There are other challenges she said involving things like swimming lessons when the parent/child ratio is deemed one to one.

"It is not always possible as two adults are needed, costs for two of everything, double diapers and formula," said Little.

Temiskamig Multiple Births is hosting a socially distanced neighborhood scavenger hunt with prizes including the whole community to mark NMBAD.

During the month of May, MBC asks all institutions, agencies and government ministries to analyze their policies, evaluating whether they encourage equality and inclusion among multiple birth parents.



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# Armstrong begins 2021 budget discussions

By Jamie Mountain

EARLTON – Armstrong Township council has begun discussing the municipality’s 2021 budget.

Clerk-treasurer Amy Vickery-Menard recently presented the draft budget to council.

It was noted that a one per cent increase in the overall tax levy is being proposed this year.

“Because we’re in COVID again, or still, and people are still probably having challenges, we’re proposing only a one per cent overall levy change,” she explained to council at their regular meeting April 14.

The budget is valued at just under \$3.8 million.

There is no change in assessment for 2021 and the tax impact to the residential tax class is minimal, with the average

household experiencing a \$15 increase.

Water rates are expected to increase by 0.5 per cent while wastewater is anticipated to go up one per cent.

Garbage and recycling would see a two per cent increase.

“Your contractor basically charges a two per cent inflation (hike), so it should probably be reflected in your user charges,” said Vickery-Menard.

### LONG-TERM DEBT

Armstrong is expected to make \$109,585 in long-term debt repayments in 2021.

Vickery-Menard noted that it was all of the municipality’s debt combined for the year.

“We’re close to pretty much paying off everything I guess, except for the fire department roofing apparatus,” she said.

“We also have Guy Laurin’s water and wastewater truck.”

### RESERVES

Armstrong also is expected to have a transfer to reserves of \$220,184, and a transfer from reserves of \$293,887, this year.

### CAPITAL PROJECTS

Capital projects in the township are proposed to total \$770,080.

A bigger ticket item is \$354,750 that is earmarked for the Earlton pool project.

Also included among the capital projects is IT modernization for all departments, revamping of the municipality’s website, renovations to the township office (including a new HVAC system), a new fire alarm system for the Earlton Recreation Centre, landscaping of the Parkland within the Jules Gravel Subdivision and the rehabilitation of four kilometres of Church Road.

“Everyone gave their suggestions for this year and obviously some of the stuff

council had already previously decided on, like going ahead with the service delivery review and IT modernization,” said Vickery-Menard.

“We’re not going to know exactly what that looks like except that we would start that process.”

She said it was a “pretty aggressive” capital budget and that, if anything, Armstrong would “probably run out of time and resources to actually see all of it through.


“Keeping in mind some of it might actually cover two years. The pool project I think will actually probably be a two-year project and the office renovation it may end up being pushed part of the year, depending on if we can get started or not, if there’s anybody available to help do it.”

Council will consider the municipality’s 2021 budget and set tax rates and other rates at its May 26 regular meeting.

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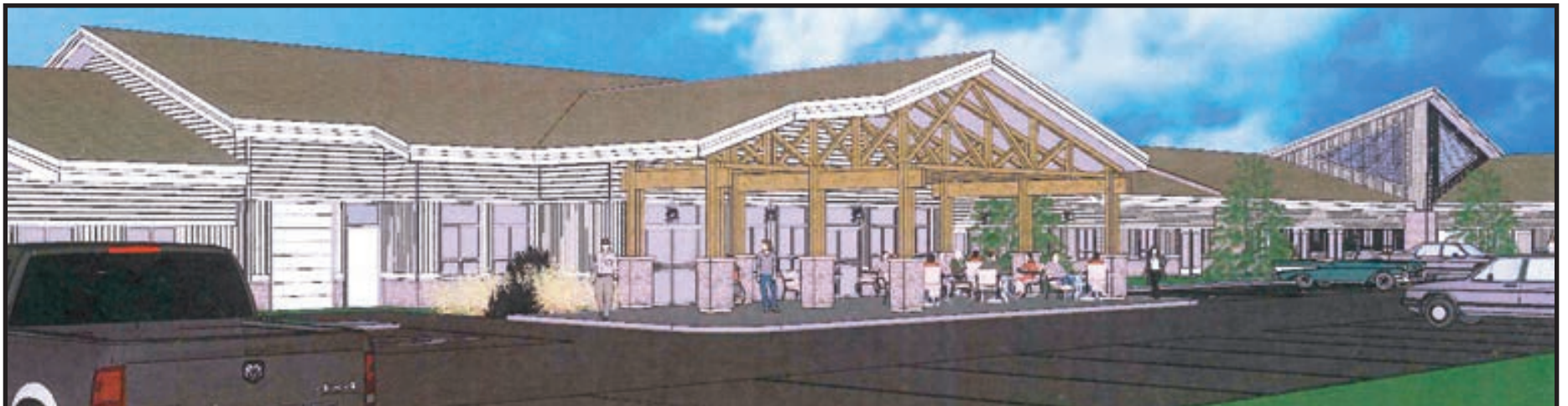
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Based on maximum of 80,000 km. Additional km charge of \$0.07 for excess kilometres, if applicable. Vehicle must be leased, registered and delivered by May 31, 2021. <sup>2</sup>0.49% purchase finance APR on a new 2021 Corolla (BPRBEC A) for 36 months equals a weekly payment of \$148.34 for 156 weekly payments with a \$0 down payment or trade equivalent. Cost of borrowing is \$170.33 for a total obligation of \$23,141.33 (with incentive). All-in finance includes freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC, fee and air condition tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Dealer may sell for less. Vehicle must be purchased, registered and delivered by May 31, 2021. <sup>3</sup>All-in price of a new 2021 RAV4 LE FWD (Z1RFVT A) is \$30,581. All-in price includes freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC fee and air condition tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Dealer may sell for less. 4.49% lease APR on a new 2021 RAV4 LE FWD (Z1RFVT A) for 48 months, equals 208 weekly payments of \$78.84 with a \$2,900 down payment or trade equivalent. Total lease obligation of \$19,299.66 with incentive. All-in lease includes freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC fee and air condition tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Dealer may sell for less. Based on maximum of 80,000 km. Additional km charge of \$0.10 for excess kilometres, if applicable. Vehicle must be leased, registered and delivered by May 31, 2021. <sup>4</sup>3.49% purchase finance APR on a new 2021 RAV4 LE FWD (Z1RFVT A) for 36 months equals a weekly payment of \$206.54 for 156 weekly payments with a \$0 down payment or trade equivalent. Cost of borrowing is \$1,639.09 for a total obligation of \$32,220.09 (with incentive). All-in finance includes freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC, fee and air condition tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Dealer may sell for less. Based on maximum of 80,000 km. Additional km charge of \$0.10 for excess kilometres, if applicable. Vehicle must be purchased, registered and delivered by May 31, 2021. <sup>5</sup>All-in price of a new 2021 Highlander XLE AWD (GZRBHT A) is \$48,441. All-in price includes freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC, fee and air condition tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Dealer may sell for less. 4.39% lease APR on a new 2021 Highlander XLE AWD (GZRBHT A) for 48 months, equals 208 weekly payments of \$115.72 with a \$5,700 down payment or trade equivalent. Total lease obligation of \$29,770.52 with incentive. All-in lease includes freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC, fee and air condition tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Dealer may sell for less. Based on maximum of 80,000 km. Additional km charge of \$0.15 for excess kilometres, if applicable. Vehicle must be leased, registered and delivered by May 31, 2021. <sup>6</sup>2.99% purchase finance APR on a new 2021 Highlander (GZRBHT A) for 36 months equals a weekly payment of \$324.74 for 156 weekly payments with a \$0 down payment or trade equivalent. Cost of borrowing is \$2,218.97 for a total obligation of \$50,659.97 (with incentive). All-in finance includes freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC, fee and air condition tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Dealer may sell for less. Based on maximum of 80,000 km. Additional km charge of \$0.10 for excess kilometres, if applicable. Vehicle must be purchased, registered and delivered by May 31, 2021. <sup>7</sup>All-in price of a new 2021 Camry SE FWD (G11AKT A) is \$31,171. All-in price includes freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC fee and air condition tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Dealer may sell for less. 4.49% lease APR on a new 2021 Camry SE FWD (G11AKT A) for 48 months, equals 208 weekly payments of \$85.37 with a \$2,200 down payment or trade equivalent. Total lease obligation of \$19,956.02 with incentive. All-in lease includes freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC fee and air condition tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Dealer may sell for less. Based on maximum of 80,000 km. Additional km charge of \$0.10 for excess kilometres, if applicable. Vehicle must be leased, registered and delivered by May 31, 2021. <sup>8</sup>2.49% purchase finance APR on a new 2021 Camry (G11AKT A) for 36 months equals a weekly payment of \$207.42 for 156 weekly payments with a \$0 down payment or trade equivalent. Cost of borrowing is \$1,186.18 for a total obligation of \$32,357.18 (with incentive). All-in finance includes freight and fees (PDE, EHF, OMVIC, fee and air condition tax, where applicable), HST, licensing, registration and insurance are extra. Dealer may sell for less. Vehicle must be purchased, registered and delivered by May 31, 2021.