



Arena upgrades Temagami receives COVID infrastructure funding

Sue Nielsen
Speaker Reporter

TEMAGAMI — Temagami is one of several municipalities across the north receiving COVID relief infrastructure funding.

The Temagami Community Centre will see upgrades as a result of a funding boost through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program announced by Nipissing-Timiskaming MP Anthony Rota on June 8.

The arena will benefit from new energy efficient lighting, insulation and a new air purification system as a result of the funding boost.

"We are always delighted when we get to apply and receive funding for projects we prioritize," said Temagami Mayor Dan O'Mara in an email interview.

The upgrades will allow the municipality to utilize the building for year-round large-scale functions.

Continued on 3a



TRUCKING FIRE

A fire at D. Niemi Trucking at the Haileybury Industrial Park on June 8 caused extensive damage to the building. Firefighters from three stations battled the blaze after 5 p.m. Tuesday as dark smoke could be seen rising from the site from as far away as New Liskeard. For more coverage see page 6a. (Staff photo by Steven Larocque)



DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our June 9 edition...

- The Temiskaming Health Unit continues to advocate for increased vaccination rates in the region, with an emphasis on youth vaccinations.
- A sacred fire was lit by members of the Mino M'shki-ki Health Team to honour the remains of the 215 children found at a Kamloops residential school.
- A municipal fire ban on outdoor burning is now in place for Temiskaming Shores, Cobalt, Coleman, Harris and Lorrain Valley.
- Francophone organizations in Temiskaming have received just over half-a-million dollars to assist in creating and protecting jobs.
- Cyclists who are in need of a new-to-them ride can find a free bike at the June 19 Community Bike Exchange event.
- Cobalt-based journalist John R. Hunt passed away leaving a lasting legacy of awards and honours concerning his writing career.
- The Township of Chamberlain will be part of a central police services board.
- The Thornloe Cheese Factory has unveiled an interactive panel on the outside of the retail store describing the history of cheese making in Thornloe.
- A bald eagle was rescued from the Haileybury landfill. It was so badly injured and emaciated that the bird had to be euthanized.



CI ASSANTE WEALTH MANAGEMENT

ROBERT A. NICHOLLS & ASSOCIATES
Financial Peace of Mind Starts at Assante

51 Armstrong St., New Liskeard 705-647-6838 www.nichollsandassociates.ca

The Best of Both Worlds 705-672-2488 1-888-672-2488

JPL STORAGE 425 McKay Clements Drive Haileybury
JPLSTORAGE.CA
OPTIONS, SOLUTIONS & SERVICE THAT WORK.
jplstorage@gmail.com

474 Brazeau Blvd., New Liskeard
Dymond Mini Storage
www.dymondministorage.com



IN REMEMBRANCE

Carole Cloutier of Haileybury, women's representative with the Familles Métis Nipissing Families, sang several songs in a brief service held on the steps of Paroisse Ste-Croix/Holy Cross Parish. At her feet were children's toys, shoes, flowers and sacred herbs left in remembrance of the 215 children whose remains have been found on the grounds of a former Indian Residential School in the B.C. Interior. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

Stay clear, safe and distanced from water hazards

DISTRICT (Special) – As more and more people in Temiskaming head out to enjoy local rivers and lakes, there are important water safety rules to remember.

Activities on or near the water can be lots of fun when done safely. Ontario Power Generation (OPG) urges boaters, anglers, swimmers and other recreational users to remember to stay clear, stay safe and stay distanced.

“We remind the public that even when conditions are dryer than normal, water levels near hydroelectric stations can still change quickly and without warning, creating strong undertows,

turbulence and sudden, powerful surges of water moving downstream in what was once calm-looking water,” said Nicolle Butcher, OPG’s senior vice president of Renewable Generation.

“Please respect the signs and barriers around hydropower facilities. They are there for your safety.”

Despite continued warnings, some people disregard signs and barriers, putting themselves at risk. Barriers and signage are there for the public’s protection.

The OPG works with the Ontario Provincial Police to enforce these warnings and charges can - and have - been laid.

Cobalt opts in to police services board framework

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

COBALT - Cobalt council has opted into the proposal to create three police services boards for the area stretching from Chamberlain Township to Temagami.

At its Tuesday, June 8, meeting, council approved the resolution to opt in to the proposed framework for the police services board.

Councillor Bill Gabbani questioned the structure of the proposed board for the south part of the district, which would include Cobalt. His concern was whether there would be one representative from each of the member councils.

“That’s going to be decided once we know who the partici-

pants are,” Mayor George Othmer said.

The City of Temiskaming Shores has taken responsibility for outlining a proposal to the Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General which will propose three police services boards to represent the communities across central and south Temiskaming. The initial vision by the ministry is for one board to represent an area served by one detachment. The Temiskaming detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police provides policing to central and south Temiskaming. However, locally three boards are being proposed with the argument that geography and other factors create diverse areas with different concerns.

Gabbani commented that for

Cobalt “it would be nice to have someone from our council on that board with all the issues” that are being experienced in the community.

Othmer commented that it is known that there will be quarterly meetings and one general meeting to be held at the beginning of each year.

Currently, resolutions are being awaited from each of 19 municipalities served by the Temiskaming detachment, as well as from the Temagami First Nation which can choose to opt in or form its own board. This information will help determine the structure of the board system in the district.

Should councils opt to not participate, they will still receive policing, but they will not have direct input to the police as they have had through an already existing board or committee.

It is also anticipated that the new system will create new costs for the municipalities that were not already using a board system in their communications with police.

The establishment of boards has been directed by the ministry with a deadline for proposals at the end of June.

Home should be your safe place, if not...
Help is available, call us.

Votre maison devrait être un lieu sécuritaire, sinon...
Il existe de l'aide, appelez-nous.

ABUSE CAN TAKE MANY FORMS:

- Emotional
- Verbal
- Sexual Harassment
- Intimidation and Threats
- Financial
- Using Children
- Physical Violence
- Sexual Coercion
- Isolation
- Extreme Jealousy

Pavilion
WOMEN'S CENTRE • CENTRE DES FEMMES
Pavilion Women's Centre
Emergency Shelter and 24-hour crisis line.
1-888-871-9090
pavilionwc.com

Victim Services of Temiskaming and District
705-647-0096 or 705-568-2154
tdvictimservices.ca

Mino M'shki-ki
Indigenous Health Team
Mino M'shki-ki Indigenous Health Team
Support for Indigenous Women.
705-647-7855
keepersofthecircle.com

LA VIOLENCE PEUT PRENDRE PLUSIEURS FORMES :

- Violence émotionnelle
- Violence verbale
- Harcèlement sexuel
- Intimidation et menaces
- Violence financière
- Utilisation des enfants
- Violence physique
- Coercition sexuelle
- Isolement
- Jalousie extrême

Pavilion
WOMEN'S CENTRE • CENTRE DES FEMMES
Pavilion centre des femmes
Maison d'hébergement et ligne de soutien 24 heures.
1-888-871-9090
pavilionwc.com/fr/

Services aux victimes de Temiskaming et district
705-647-0096 ou 705-568-2154
tdvictimservices.ca

Mino M'shki-ki
Indigenous Health Team
Équipe de santé autochtone de Mino M'shki-ki
Soutien pour les femmes autochtones.
705-647-7855
keepersofthecircle.com

YOUR SAFETY MATTERS. IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911

Funding provided by:
Ontario
Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.

VOTRE SÉCURITÉ COMPTE. EN CAS D'URGENCE, APPELEZ LE 911

Financé par:
Ontario
Ministère des Services à l'enfance et des Services sociaux et communautaires

Meet Sawyer...

Neutered & vaccinated year old. Long hair brown tabby.

Temiskaming Cat Rescue
705-622-0555



PREPARING FOR DISPOSAL

Barrels were stacked and ready in the parking lot between the New Liskeard fire station and Temiskaming Printing on June 5 for Orange Drop 2021. Among the crew coordinating the collection of household hazardous waste – ranging from old paint to burnt-out light bulbs and dead batteries – was Eddie Amin of the Napanee-based company Drain-All. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

DTSSAB to renovate north office

KIRKLAND LAKE (Staff) - Renovations will be carried out at the Kirkland Lake office of the social services administration board.

The work was approved by the board at its regular meeting May 19.

The \$360,000 project has been awarded to Crema Enterprises Inc. of Kirkland Lake.

The money for the project will be withdrawn from the board's working fund reserve which currently stands at just over \$5 million.

The work being done to the 29 Duncan Avenue North location is in part to meet the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board's (DTSSAB) obligations under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities

Act. This portion of the project will include the addition of ramps, a vestibule, wider doorways, a public washroom, and a reception desk.

The project will also include the construction of dedicated interview rooms where staff can meet with clients. One of the interview rooms will be completely accessible.

In a later email interview, DTSSAB chief administrative officer Kelly Black commented that the board will be working with the contractor to determine the official start of the project which will then determine the completion date.

She said the goal is to have the work completed before the winter of 2021.

Area municipalities issue outdoor fire ban

Sue Nielsen
Speaker Reporter

DISTRICT — As the heat wave that has been felt across the Northeast region of Ontario continues, and an extreme forest fire rating is in effect, a municipal fire ban has been put into place in the Temiskaming region.

The City of Temiskaming Shores has issued an outdoor fire ban, in conjunction with the Cobalt, Coleman, Harris and Lorrain Valley communities.

"I spoke with our surrounding municipalities and we all felt with the extreme forest fire danger rating, we had to put in place the outdoor fire ban, effective immediately," said Chief Steve Langford of the Temiskaming Shores Fire Department.

He advised that if someone is unsure if the municipality they live in has adopted an outdoor fire ban to call the municipal office and find out before undertaking any outdoor burning.

Under a fire ban, all burning permits are suspended and all open-air fires are prohibited, including fires for cooking and warmth. Persons must then make alternative plans for cooking and warmth, such as using propane stoves or charcoal burners intended for that use.

The ban means no grass fires, campfires or burn barrels allowed.

"Lots of factors go into a fire ban, previous weather, amount of precipitation, wind speeds and onward. We hope people abide by the fire ban at all times. We do not know when it will be lifted at this point," noted Langford.

Disobeying a fire ban can lead to hefty fines and financial responsibility for costs incurred fighting a fire.

Arena upgrades Temagami receives COVID infrastructure funding

Continued from A Front

"Having the arena set up for year-round use became evident when we were asked to run COVID-19 clinics. With the building being insulated and ventilation improved there will also be more recreation options that could use this space regardless of the season."

The federal government announced \$1,600,563.60 for 11 projects in the Nipissing-Timiskaming region to improve community and municipal infrastructure.

The government feels the COVID-19 pandemic has had a major impact on the well being of those living in the Nipissing-Timiskaming riding.

The project is receiving \$100,000, with \$80,000 as federal funding and the other \$20,000 coming from the province of Ontario.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Robbie Loach
Nov. 15/92 - June 8/08

LOVING MEMORIES OF A SPECIAL SON

To lose someone so special
is really hard to bear
it hardly seems believable
that you're no longer there
You left us far too early
before your time, it seems
& now you'll never have the chance
to fulfill all those dreams

However hard it is though
we'll take comfort in the thought
of all the memories we have
and the happiness you brought
You always lived life to the full
but ours won't be the same
until the day when we can see
your smiling face again

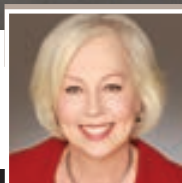
We miss you everyday.
Love Mom, Dad,
Courtney, Ben, Cody,
Tanner & Jaxson

117 Whitewood Ave.
New Liskeard
705-647-6848



WE'RE HERE
to safely serve you

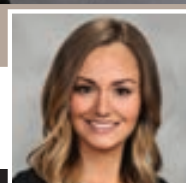
Helping you is what we do.



SUZANNE OTHMER*
BROKER OF RECORD
Agent Immobilier
(c) 705-647-2645
suzanneothmer@royallepage.ca



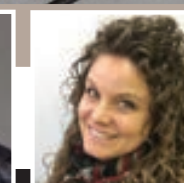
MARC MARTIN*
BROKER / Courtier Immobilier
(c) 705-676-7799
marcmartin@royallepage.ca



JOSÉE SALMOND
SALES REPRESENTATIVE
(c) 705-648-5166
joseesalmond@royallepage.ca



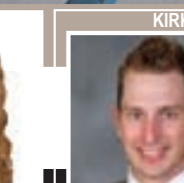
JEREMY OTHMER
SALES REPRESENTATIVE
(c) 705-648-1653
jeremyothmer@royallepage.ca



MYRA GAUVREAU
SALES REPRESENTATIVE
(c) 705-648-0110
myra@royallepage.ca



EVELYNE NEMCSOK
SALES REPRESENTATIVE
(c) 705-647-2729
evie@royallepage.ca



LANDON LAVICTOIRE
BROKER
(c) 705-570-1951
landon@royallepage.ca



CHANDLER ALAIRE
SALES REPRESENTATIVE
(c) 705-962-0715
echandler@royallepage.ca

KIRKLAND LAKE OFFICE

SPEAKER WEEKENDER



General Manager - Lois Perry
Editor - Steven Larocque

TEMISKAMING PRINTING COMPANY LIMITED
18 Wellington Street, P.O. Box 580, New Liskeard, Ont. P0J 1P0
Phone: 705-647-6791 Fax: 705-647-9669
speaker@northernontario.ca
www.northernontario.ca



We acknowledge the financial support of the Government of Canada, through the Publications Assistance Program (PAP), toward our mailing costs.

Authorized as publications mail. Post Office Department, Ottawa, Number 8154 Member Ontario Community Newspapers Association, Canadian Community Newspapers Association.

The publisher reserves the right to restrict all ads to their proper classifications, and to edit or reject any copy.

The advertiser agrees that the publisher shall not be responsible for errors in advertisements submitted other than in clear writing, nor for more than one incorrect insertion of any advertisement. The advertiser agrees that the publisher will not be liable for damage arising out of errors in advertisements beyond the amount paid for the space actually occupied, whether such error is due to the negligence of the publisher's servants or otherwise, and there shall be no liability for noninsertion of any advertisement beyond the amount paid for such advertisement. All claims or errors in advertisements must be received by the publisher within 30 days after first publication.

The contents of the Weekender are protected by Copyright registered with the Copyright Office at Ottawa. Reproduction of any material herein may be made only with the written permission of the General Manager.

EDITORIAL

Hair brained?

This coming Friday, June 11, the province is finally easing restrictions for businesses, events and recreation outlets.

So many people have suffered, especially small business owners, tourist operators and hair salons during the lockdowns as they have been denied a way to make a living.

What has been left out of the reopening plans are the easing of restrictions around in-person hair salons.

This isn't fair to all the hair stylists who have lost major amounts of revenue in the last few months.

In Ontario, personal care services must remain in lockdown.

The hair salons have done their part and followed pandemic protocols to the

letter and yet they are not allowed to open in this round of easing restrictions.

We wonder how many COVID-19 infections have taken place in a hair salon to warrant this kind of treatment?

And with the heat of summer upon us, many people are wanting haircuts.

For the time being the government plans on letting hair salons open sometime in July.

The answer for everyone in the province who is going without a haircut or other services is to get vaccinated.

Currently we are at 72 per cent of the province having received at least one dose of vaccine, with an emphasis on those aged 12-17 getting vaccinated.

How to reach us...

705-647-6791

Toll Free: 1-800-461-8751

Fax 705-647-9669

Email:

speaker@northernontario.ca

www.northernontario.ca

LOIS PERRY

General Manager ext. 224

Cell 705-648-5337

loisperry@

northernontario.ca

ALAN ROY

Sales Manager ext. 225

speaker.al@

northernontario.ca

ARIANNA CLASSIFIEDS/ CIRCULATION

ext. 227 or 228

classifieds@

northernontario.ca

STEVEN LAROCQUE

Editor ext. 239

speaker.steve@

northernontario.ca

DIANE JOHNSTON

Reporter ext. 241

speaker.diane@

northernontario.ca

SUE NIELSEN

Reporter ext. 246

speaker.sue@

northernontario.ca

DARLENE WROE

Reporter ext. 240

speaker.darlene@

northernontario.ca

SPEAKER

WEEKENDER

18 Wellington St.,
South, New Liskeard
705-647-6791

Toll Free: 1-800-461-8751

Fax 705-647-9669

Email:

speaker@northernontario.ca

www.northernontario.ca

A growing concern

Temiskaming residents love a beautiful garden.

However, a number of people in the Temiskaming region are reporting someone is stealing freshly installed plants from area gardens.

Who would do such a thing?

Gardeners pay good money for their plants in an attempt to beautify their homes and it is such a senseless, destructive act when they are stolen.

If you see any suspicious activity concerning plant thefts, please report it to the police.

And to the plant thieves - stop the nonsense.

Big canoe in the sky

I slipped my greenish blue anti-despair machine (canoe) into a glass-like northern lake in the early morning light.

I exchanged the warmth of my bed for the stillness of the lake.

Being on the lake when it is still is akin to a meditation, where everything is wordless and all about the elements.

As I paddle around the lake I meet up with a pair of loons.

I hope we see a baby loon on the lake soon, but as long as there are high-powered motorboats and personal watercrafts that is questionable.

Nesting loons lay their eggs low to the water, as their bodies aren't suited for walking on land.

Any boat traffic will cause waves and it is those waves that could wash the nest away.

I have seen this happen.

As Indigenous author Richard Wagamese rightly said, "I am my silence. I am not the busyness of my thoughts or the daily rhythm of my actions."

Being near water is my magic elixir and I suspect it can be for you.

I thought about two esteemed Cobalters, John R. Hunt and Albert Chitaroni.

John R. Hunt needs no introduction from me as his long and illustrious journalism career speaks for itself.

I recall the time he pulled a fool's checkmate on me upstairs in the Cobalt Legion, when I was a novice chess player and beverage enjoyer.

He was a fierce critic of Cobalt councils over the years. I served on council for a decade and I came to regard his critique

as teachable moments, the same as I regarded my chess encounter with him.

I extend my deepest condolences to Mary Jane and Hudson and extended family and friends.

He was the last of the Nickel Street gang, having lived on the street with Dr. Dunning, Gwen and Gurney Smith, Mrs. Merla, the Bazinet family, Bronte Svekera, the St. Louis and others.

He was the most highly decorated northern journalist I know and he sure knew his way around a sentence.

On to the handsome, hard working Albert Chitaroni.

Albert singlehandedly did more good work for Cobalt than most people, other than let's say Jack Church, his longtime friend.



Sue Nielsen

Albert was friendly, outgoing, and incredibly generous.

He was the driving force behind Cobalt being named a National Historic Site of Canada.

He also was a longtime councillor for the Township of Coleman.

I send heartfelt condolences to his children, Gino, Nina and Mario and extended family and friends.

I am sure one will tip a glass of scotch and the other a glass of wine to each other as they take a seat in the big canoe in the sky. The next time we hear thunder in the distant skies that will be them singing the Cobalt song.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A call to invest fully in Ontario museums

Dear editor,

This is an open letter from the Ontario Museum Association to Premier Doug Ford and Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries:

The Ontario Museum Association (OMA), as a representative of the more than 700 museums, galleries, and heritage sites in the province, is calling on the government to invest in Ontario's museums so they can survive the pandemic and fully contribute to the province's recovery and vitality.

Further to the recent media release about the allocation of annual operating funding to Ontario's 166 'Community Museums' through the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG) program, we call on the government to act on the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs to "bolster the Community Museum Operating Grant Program" (October 2020); a longstanding request of the OMA and Ontario museums.

This recommendation is supported by Ontarians: 88 per cent of Ontarians agree that arts and cultural activities, like museums, are important to local economic well-being.

Currently, only 25 per cent of Ontario's museums (166) receive operating funding from the CMOG program. The amount of funding in the program has been stagnant for over ten years and prevents museums from fulfilling their potential and their expanded roles in their communities. The underfunded program is not meeting the needs of our communities and the museums that serve them. This underfunding exacerbated the pandemic's impacts on museums, placing them and Ontario's heritage at risk. Fur-

thermore, to date, the provincial pandemic relief programs are not reaching the majority of museums due to a competitive and protracted grants process. Municipal museums and the smallest volunteer-run museums are specifically excluded.

We call on you to take urgent action to invest in Ontario museums and increase operating funding to \$15 million (an increase of \$10.1 million) to reach more than 300 community museums across the province at a level of support averaging 15 per cent of museums' operating budgets.

Ontario invests up to 50 per cent of the operating budgets of our outstanding provincial museums and agencies to a total of more than \$90 million, recognizing the vital role that operating funding plays in their contributions to Ontario's economy and vitality.

Operating funding supports the key museum functions and is essential to the stability and success of the sector.

With this recommended investment, 150 more community museums - excluded for years from the closed CMOG program - can better serve Ontarians in every city, town, rural, and Northern community and better reflect the diversity of the province. These new, innovative, and achieving community museums, like all museums in Ontario, are significant economic and social contributors.

For every dollar spent on their operations Ontario's museums have a return-on-investment of \$3.70, contributing an estimated \$1.6 billion in economic benefits each year to this province. These benefits come in the form of education, community and social connections, and tourism. Museum visits have measurable impacts on student achievement in reading, math,

science, and critical thinking, and strong museums support a strong educational system.

Over the past year, museums have continued to adapt to serve their communities, and engage volunteers, seniors, and youth where possible. Our province's museums will continue as important parts of economic, tourism and social recovery if they are empowered to fill that role.

Now is the time to ensure that Ontario's museums across the province can once again welcome back visitors with authentic and unique experiences as we safely and gradually reopen to the world.

Sincerely,
Paul Robertson,
President,
Ontario Museum Association



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Corporation of Temiskaming Hospital will be held by electronic means, on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of:

1. Reading the minutes of the Annual Meeting June 23, 2020.
2. Receive the Financial Statements & Reading of the Auditors Report.
3. Election of Directors
4. Announcement of Board Executive
5. Appointment of Auditor.

If attending please RSVP to Carla Porter at 705-647-1088 ext. 2220, or via e-mail to cporter@temiskaming-hospital.com.

DATED the 11th day of June, 2021

Mike Baker, Secretary



WE HELP

Cancer Patients & their families

With:

- Emotional Support
- Mastectomy
- Finances
- Accommodations
- Specialized dental treatments
- Physiotherapy
- Medical supplies, dressings
- Special chemotherapy
- Prescription drugs
- Lab tests
- Prosthesis
- Nutritional supplements
- Rental of equipment

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY 10am - 1 pm

Temiskaming Englehart Office &

Hospital Room 724 Englehart Family Health Team

Check out our Website: communitycancercare.ca

705-628-8800 705-544-2301 ext. 5256

Sponsored by the Temiskaming Speaker



Become a BOARD Member

Devenez un membre du conseil



Centre pour enfants Timiskaming Child Care provides a safe, positive learning environment for children and their families, respecting their cultural and linguistic differences.

We are looking for members who are passionate about strengthening leadership and governance in this sector to make a difference.

For more information call 705-672-2100 ext. 226 or
Visit our web site www.timiskamingchildcare.ca

Le Centre pour enfants Timiskaming Child Care offre un environnement d'apprentissage sûr et positif aux enfants et à leurs familles, en respectant leurs différences culturelles et linguistiques.

Nous sommes à la recherche de membres qui sont passionnés par le renforcement du leadership et de la gouvernance dans ce secteur pour faire une différence.

Pour plus de renseignements, signalez le 705-672-2100 poste 226 ou
visitez notre site web www.timiskamingchildcare.ca



Is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Mai est le mois de la sensibilisation aux agressions sexuelles

1 in 4 women

experience sexual assault during their life

1 femme sur 4

subira une agression sexuelle au cours de sa vie

We believe you.

On vous croit.

- 24 hour telephone support
- Individual and group support
- Sexual assault counselling
- Accompaniment (court, lawyer, police, etc.)

- Service téléphonique offert jour et nuit
- Soutien individuel et de groupe
- Consultation pour les victimes d'agression sexuelle
- Accompagnement (cour, avocat, police, etc.)

WWW.PAVILIONWC.COM

1-888-871-9090

[FACEBOOK.COM/PAVWC](https://www.facebook.com/pavwc)

MISSED us at the OFFICE? Book your classified ad ONLINE!

www.northernontario.ca

Firefighters battle indus



Flare-ups could be spotted as firefighters Jason Boyce, left, and Ryan Eckensviller of the New Liskeard station were surrounded by smoke. They are seen here attending to the front of the D. Niemi Trucking building on June 8 in Haileybury. (Staff photo by Steven Larocque)

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – Almost 50 firefighters and a fleet of equipment were called into service when fire broke out at a large industrial shop in the Haileybury Industrial Park earlier this week.

The cause of the fire late in the afternoon June 8 at the D. Niemi Trucking location on Niven Street South is still under investigation.

But it's not suspected to be suspicious in nature, said Temiskaming Shores Fire Chief Steve Langford in an interview the next day.

Firefighters were called at approximately 5:40 p.m., and reached the scene within about five minutes, he said.

"Upon arriving, crews were faced with a large industrial building that was fully involved," he said.

"This fire grew very quickly."

Forty-seven firefighters from the municipal-

WE·DO·THAT

Hacky Sacks

MIN. OF 50
\$1.98
EACH



2" Diameter

- PU
- Phthalate free
- Packed with PVC pellets
- Great for indoor and outdoor play
- Have fun with this foot bag that is easily portable
- A simple and fun game
- Can also be used as a stress ball and for juggling

WE WILL MATCH ANYONE'S PRICE!

SPEAKER
PRINTING, PUBLISHING
AND PROMOTIONS

CONTACT YOUR SALES REP
OR AMY:
(705) 647-6791 ext. 229
promo@northernontario.ca

Temiskaming Hospital Foundation 50/50

Congratulations to Diana C. of Haileybury who won

\$1,000

in our Early Bird Prize Draw

Draw 6 Guaranteed Take-Home Prize

\$23,500

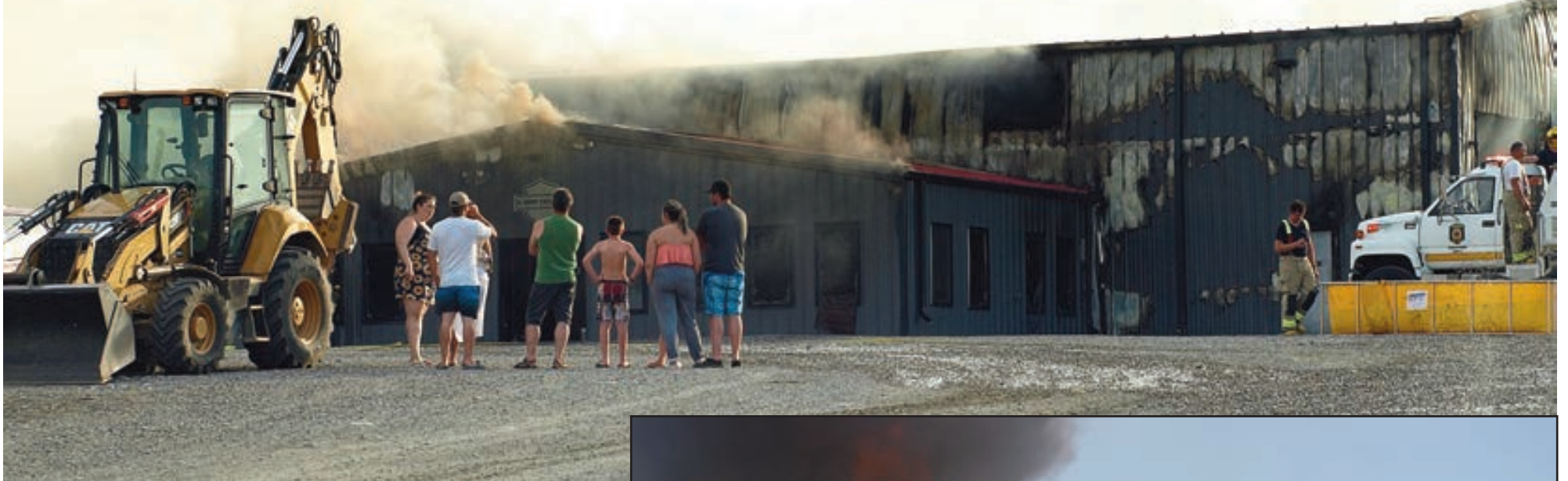
Draw 6 closes June 16th at 11:59 pm

MORE CHANCES TO WIN CONTINUES!

150 tickets for \$40

www.thf5050.com

Industrial blaze in Haileybury



Onlookers survey the damage at D. Niemi Trucking in Haileybury where fire caused extensive damage Tuesday evening, June 8. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

City's three fire stations responded, using three pumpers, three pumper-tankers and three rescue vehicles.

For water, Langford said they connected to the reservoir at the intersection of Main Street and Niven and relay-pumped water to a portable tank on site.

He said tankers also shuttled water from the Haileybury fire station.

He said firefighters initiated a defensive attack on the blaze and did "a very good job under very difficult conditions," in light of the high temperatures.

He also thanked the OPP, paramedics and Hydro One for their assistance.

Aside from a firefighter who sustained a small cut to one finger, there were no injuries.

"At the end of the day, as difficult as it is, at least no one was hurt," Langford said.

He said firefighters remained at the scene throughout the night monitoring for any hotspots.

Damage to the building was described as extensive.



Firefighters took on billowing smoke and fire June 8 at the D. Niemi Trucking building at the industrial park in Haileybury. (Staff photo by Steven Larocque)

Buy local!

It's Local Food Week
June 7-13

Ontario's farmers and food producers need your support now more than ever.

Show your love for local food in four easy steps:

1 Look for the Foodland Ontario logo when you shop.

2 Make delicious recipes with fresh, local ingredients.

3 Visit a farmers' market in your community.

4 Ask for local ingredients when ordering from restaurants and shops.



Good things grow in Ontario.
Visit www.foodlandontario.ca to learn more.





The public works crew have just finished up placing sand around new playground equipment at the Charlton beach. The \$36,000 playground equipment set was purchased for the park by the Charlton-Englehart Lions Club. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

Charlton fireworks planned for September 4

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

CHARLTON - Donations are flowing in for the annual fireworks display in Charlton.

At the regular meeting of the Municipality of Charlton and Dack on June 2, chief administrative officer Dan Thibeault told council that “everything is ready to go” for the show.

However, because there are still reservations about having

a fireworks display on Canada Day, due to the ongoing pandemic restrictions, a decision has been made to hold the event on Saturday, September 4.

Holding the fireworks display later in the summer was accepted by the council as a good alternative.

Councillor Jim Huff commented that there will be several things to celebrate in the community at that time, including upgrades at the town’s

waterfront and beach area where new playground equipment has recently been added, thanks to a donation by the Charlton-Englehart Lions Club.

By September 4, people will have been experiencing the pandemic for a year-and-

a-half, along with restricted activities. However, it is expected many people will be fully vaccinated against the coronavirus, and there will be a return of some optimism. It is expected children will be returning to school in the fol-

lowing week as well.

Huff envisions that people will be in the mood to celebrate at that time.

“It will get some positivity into the community and the surrounding communities,” he said.



Faites partie de notre CONSEIL D'ADMINISTRATION

Soutien à domicile de Timiskaming est un organisme de bienfaisance qui offre du soutien à domicile et en milieu communautaire aux aînés et aux personnes ayant un handicap physique qui vivent dans le district de Timiskaming. Comme notre vision *Vivre à la maison – votre choix*, notre but, nous voulons permettre aux personnes de demeurer dans leur milieu familial de choix en leur offrant des services accessibles, novateurs et axés sur la qualité.

Notre conseil d'administration est composé de dirigeants des secteurs sans but lucratif et à but lucratif qui se consacrent à la mission et à la vision de l'organisme.

Siéger au conseil d'administration de Soutien à domicile de Timiskaming est une occasion extraordinaire pour une personne passionnée par le renforcement du leadership et de la gouvernance dans un organisme sans but lucratif de faire une différence.

Soutien à domicile de Timiskaming est à la recherche de personnes expérimentées et bien branchées qui demeurent dans le district ou en dehors du district de Timiskaming qui ont à cœur les aînés et les personnes ayant une incapacité physique. Le candidat idéal est déterminé à soutenir et à avoir une incidence positive sur l'environnement stratégique dans lequel Soutien à domicile de Timiskaming œuvre.

L'expérience antérieure a siégé à un conseil d'administration d'un organisme sans but lucratif serait un atout.

Pour de plus amples renseignements ou pour soumettre votre candidature: info@homesupportservices.ca 1-800-361-5820 poste 2202 www.homesupportservices.ca

TIMISKAMING HOME SUPPORT / SOUTIEN À DOMICILE

Vous avez besoin d'un vélo?



Samedi le 12¹⁹ juin 2021, de 10 h à 14 h

Old Horse Barn, 340, rue Armstrong, New Liskeard (à côté de la station de la PPO)

Échange de vélos!

Comment ça fonctionne : les vélos donnés par les membres de la communauté sont offerts gratuitement selon le principe du premier arrivé, premier servi. Ils sont prêts à être utilisés. Il n'est pas nécessaire de donner un vélo pour en recevoir un. Cette activité s'adresse à tous les groupes d'âges. Les enfants de moins de 12 ans doivent être accompagnés d'un adulte.

Mesures de sécurité relatives à la COVID-19 y compris le dépistage, des protocoles de sécurité et la distanciation physique seront mises en place.

Pour faire un don de vélo : appelez Erika au 705 647-4305, poste 2253.

Autres activités

- ◆ Cliniques d'ajustement de casques de vélo
- ◆ Information sur la sécurité routière
- ◆ Sacs à surprise

Pour obtenir plus d'informations, composez le 705 647-4305, poste 2253, ou envoyez un courriel à : aeltermane@timiskaminghu.com.





SHELTER FROM THE SUN

For Lee-Anne Smith and daughters Olivia, centre, and Violet, it was just a short stroll from their home to the Haileybury beach on Sunday. It was the perfect day June 6 for a dip – and to practise sun safety – as the temperature surpassed 30C and the area recorded its first heat event of 2021. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)



Become a BOARD Member

Timiskaming Home Support is a charitable organization committed to providing home and community support to seniors and physically disabled individuals living in the district of Timiskaming. Like our vision **Living at home – your choice, our goal**, we want to enable individuals to remain in their home environment of choice by providing them with services that are accessible, innovative and quality driven.

Our Board of Directors comprises leaders from non-profit and for-profit sectors who are dedicated to the organization's mission and vision.

Serving on the Timiskaming Home Support Board of Directors is an extraordinary opportunity for an individual who is passionate about strengthening leadership and governance in the non-profit to make a difference.

Timiskaming Home Support seeks experienced and well-connected individuals who live within or outside of the district of Timiskaming and who are passionate about seniors and physically disabled individuals. The ideal candidate is committed to supporting and positively impacting the policy environment in which Timiskaming Home Support does its work. **Prior non-profit board member experience is a welcomed asset.**

For inquiries or to submit a letter of interest:

TIMISKAMING HOME SUPPORT / SOUTIEN À DOMICILE

info@homesupportservices.ca
1-800-361-5820 ext 2202
www.homesupportservices.ca

Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

Dangerous Plant Species in the Area

Giant Hogweed

The stems and leaves of this plant are covered with small hairs coated with poisonous sap. Even the slightest touch can cause painful blisters and severe skin irritation. The symptoms can take a couple of days to develop with the skin becoming highly photosensitive producing large watery blisters; however the effects can be long lasting, with contact resulting in recurrent dermatitis. This is a particular concern for small children who may use the stems as pea-shooters or pretend telescopes resulting in horrific injuries.

What does Hogweed Look Like?

- very tall, 8-14 feet
- Stems have rigid hairs, purple blotches and are hollow
- Flower clusters up to 2 ft across occurring from mid-June to late July
- Has a reddish-purple stem with fine spines that make it appear furry

Wild Parsnip

Is another weed that should also be avoided. The effects are similar to those associated with Giant Hog Weed. Irritation can occur if your skin contacts the plant's fluids and is then exposed to sunlight. Contact with the eyes can cause temporary blindness and in rare cases permanent blindness.

Wild parsnip can be found within uncultivated land, roadside ditches, parklands, nature trails and sports fields as well as on and around residential properties.

What Does Wild Parsnip Look Like?

- smells like parsnip
- stands 20-60 inches high, branched, hollow stem
- small yellow clustered flowers
- flowers from late June into late fall (resembles dill)

Being able to readily identify wild parsnip and giant hogweed will minimize accidental exposure to these plants and the painful results that follow.

Anyone having information on specific locations where these weeds are posing a public risk should contact the Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711. You will be asked to send in photos for identification. DO NOT touch, cut or collect parts of the plant.

The Temagami Medical Centre and Family Health Team ... committed to keeping you as healthy as possible!



Temagami

Family Health Team

17 O'Connor Drive, P.O. Box 98, Temagami, ON P0H 2H0
Tel: 705.569.3244 Fax: 705.569.2610

Need a Bike?



Saturday June 12¹⁹, 2021 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Old Horse Barn, 340 Armstrong St. New Liskeard (beside OPP Station)

Bike Exchange!

How it works: Bikes donated by the community will be made available on a first come, first served basis, at no cost. Bikes are road-ready. No need to give a bike to receive one. All ages welcome. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

COVID-19 safety: screening, COVID-19 safety protocols and physical distancing will be in place.

To donate a bike: call Erika at 705-647-4305 Ext. 2253.

Other Activities

- Helmet fitting station
- Road safety information
- Loot bags

To learn more contact Erika: 705-647-4305, Ext. 2253
aeltermene@timiskaminghu.com



JUNE 20, 2021
I DAD
 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

**Giving back
 to DAD
 Contest
 \$100 IN
 PRIZES
 to be won!**

ENTRY FORM

*Your father has always been there for you.
 He has celebrated the happy moments of your life
 and has seen you through the most difficult ones too.*

Submit your father's
 name today and he
 could

WIN \$100 IN PRIZES

It's the perfect way to say
 "THANK YOU"
 for all he's done for you!

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Email: _____
 Your father's name is: _____

*Submit your entry form by mail (P.O. Box 580, New Liskeard ON P0J 1P0). Drop off
 to our office in person (or use the drop slot) By fax to 705-647-9669, or by email
 to: classifieds@northernontario.ca. Draw to be held Wednesday, June 16th,
 winner will be announced in Friday, June 18th Weekender.*

Father's Day lineup: a day dedicated to Dad

Does your kids' dad deserve more than a tie and a hug for Father's Day? This year, help your children celebrate their old man by dedicating the whole day to him.

MORNING

Breakfast in bed is the perfect way to kick off Father's Day. Older kids can help prepare and serve the meal, and little ones can decorate the serving tray or table. Excellent service is mandatory on such an important day, so everyone will need to be on their best behaviour.



AFTERNOON

If he loves his car almost as much as he loves his kids, treat him to a car wash at home. Once the car is looking shiny and new, take a ride to the activity of Dad's choice. The whole family is sure to enjoy whatever he picks, whether it's mini-golf, the ice cream shop or the park.

Happy Father's Day!
 From Don Chartrand and all staff.
55 Scott St. New Liskeard
independent
 OWNED & OPERATED BY
CHARTRAND'S
 YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Silver Raven
 CHOCOLATE
 63 Fifth Avenue
 Englehart

Father's Day Specialty Box
 featuring loaded caramel corn and candied bacon along with other assorted treats.
 Limited number available!
 Message us on Facebook or call 705-544-3700 before June 15th to order yours!

valu-mart
 Austin's
Happy Father's Day
 from the management & staff!
FULL GROCERY LINE - FRESH MEATS • PRODUCE
 66 4th Ave., Box 10, Englehart, ON P0J 1H0



NIGHT

End the day with a movie marathon at home. Let Dad decide what you watch and nosh on. If he loves Mexican food, make nachos. If he appreciates the classic movie snacks, you can't go wrong with buttery popcorn. And don't forget to pick up his favourite candy so he can satisfy his sweet tooth.

Parks set a path to getting outdoors

DISTRICT (Special) - The Ontario government is providing free day-use permits at 115 provincial parks from Monday to Thursday until September 2, 2021.

And, as of June 7, visitors will also be able to guarantee access to 17 select provincial parks to avoid long line-ups during popular and busy visitation times by obtaining a daily vehicle permit in advance. Doing so will help avoid crowding, helping to make it safer for the public to enjoy Ontario Parks.

"Getting outdoors and spending time in nature can have many positive benefits on our physical and mental health this summer, as we recover from the impacts of COVID-19," said Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

"That's why our government is making it easier for people to safely enjoy nature by providing free day-use permits and making it possible to book day trips in advance, which guarantees access to the popular parks close to home."

Visitors will be able to obtain a daily vehicle permit in advance for select provincial parks up to five days prior to arrival. This will allow people to plan ahead and have guaranteed access, which means more time enjoying the parks, preventing overcrowding and less time in long lines. As of June 7, visitors can check daily vehicle permit availability for specific parks and dates on the reservations website.

To further enhance recreational opportunities for Ontarians, the ministry is also implementing a number of other initiatives, including:

- upgrading more electrical campsites while also expanding and improving roofed accommodations, such as cabins and yurts over the next four years;
- inviting the private sector to submit their most innovative ideas for new recreation experiences they can deliver at parks, with the best ideas receiving support through seed money; and
- creating a one-stop shop for all local, regional, provincial and national park recreation opportunities in Ontario.

With the recent repeal of the stay-at-home order and with Step One of the reopening plan getting moved up to June 11, overnight camping at campgrounds and campsites, including Ontario Parks and short-term rentals, will be allowed.

QUICK FACTS

• The new advance daily vehicle permits pilot will be available at 17 parks this summer. Daily vehicle permits at all other parks must be obtained on arrival at the park. Advanced daily vehicle permits will be available at the following parks: Algonquin, Arrowhead, Batchawana Bay, Craigeleith, Darlington, Forks of the Credit, Kakabeka Falls, Kettle Lakes, Lake Superior, Long Point, Mono Cliffs, North Beach, Pinery, Presqu'ile, Sandbanks, Sibbald Point, and Turkey Point.

• A valid permit is required for all vehicles within provincial parks, including on free day-use days. Permits must be visibly displayed on all vehicles and capacity will be limited to avoid overcrowding.

• Ontario Parks is counting on all park visitors to be responsible when enjoying the parks, following all public health advice, including physical distancing and wearing a mask whenever physical distancing is not possible.

• In 2020, Ontario Parks hosted over 11 million visits, up five per cent from 2019.

• Learn more about free day-use in Ontario Parks and how to obtain your daily vehicle permit in advance of your visit at select provincial parks at www.ontarioparks.com/dayuse.

ASK THE EXPERTS

Learn more from those who have the answers!

Remax Aim North Realty Brokerage



Malcolm Alexander
Sales Representative
Mobile 705.498.7227
Email: malcolma@remax.net



EXPERIENCE IN ACTION!

390 Algonquin Drive, Haileybury, ON
MLS TM211082
Asking \$350.00

SOLD



www.remaxaimnorthrealty.com

Serving the Temiskaming area Since 1983

Find Me On  **Malcolm Alexander Realtor**

YOUR SPECIALIST IN NEW LISKEARD



Preserve your investment by offering your car and truck top quality parts!
Drop by for a visit and put us to the challenge!

NEW LISKEARD 705-647-6731

B&T Parts and Supplies

For more information: btpartsandsupplies.com

EARLTON TIMBER MART
Canada's Building Centre



Build on Service,  
Build on Value - EARLTON TIMBER MART helps you do it all!
69 10th Ave., Earlton • 705-563-2671
We Deliver • Satisfaction Guaranteed



WE DELIVER


EARLTON TIMBER MART delivers to your job site conveniently. Our capable fleet of vehicles can handle a variety of roofing and siding deliveries, from ground drops to rooftops.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Your Outdoor Projects Experts
Call for details.

Your Imagination is the limit!!!

Storage? Cabins? Playhouse?
Office? Garage? Man Cave? And more...



OUTDOOR PLUS
Making Your Dreams Reality

705-676-5508

999562 Hwy 11
New Liskeard, ON
(8 Min north of New Liskeard)

Call us at 705-676-5508, or visit us at www.outdoorplus.ca

TORO. Being On Your Feet All Day Never Felt So Good

Recycler® SMARTSTOW®
\$519 20340



- 22" (56cm) Steel deck with Atomic™ blade
- Superior mulching performance
- Personal Pace® senses and adjusts to your preferred walking pace

2 YEAR FULL WARRANTY
3 YEAR GUARANTEED TO START
See dealer for full warranty details

Model shown 20340

BROWNLEE EQUIPMENT Highway 11 N, Earlton, ON
705-563-2212 www.bequip.ca

www.toro.com

shop @ home
shop... how you want, when you want, where you want.



We're here for you.
Our flooring experts are available to call, email, or chat through your favorite app. Connect with us today, and we'll bring beautiful floors right to your door:
705.647.7600 or at carpetonenewliskeard.com

CARPET ONE FLOOR & HOME NEW LISKEARD
336 WHITEWOOD AVE. W • NEW LISKEARD, ON

John's TACKLE BOX



WE'VE MOVED!
VISIT US AT OUR NEW LOCATION!
(WORK N 'PLAY BUILDING)
1106 LAKESHORE RD.,
HAILEYBURY, ONT.
705-647-0010

RENO SEASON IS HERE!!!
AND OUR TEAM IS HERE TO HELP YOU!
For all of your home improvement needs, look no further than Breault's Discount Warehouse!

We have a great selection of PREMISE outdoor flood and yard LED lighting available. **COME AND CHECK IT OUT!**

Plumbing • Electrical • Wholesale • Retail



BREAU'T'S DISCOUNT WAREHOUSE

74 Scott Street, New Liskeard, ON 705-647-4412
discount@breaultsdiscountwarehouse.com






VISITING FROM THE SOUTH

The eight-spotted forester moth made an appearance in Ingram Township last week. The half-inch long moth appeared on the property of Mary-Anne Linton. The attractive moth is more commonly seen across the southern regions of Ontario and Quebec and down through the United States to the Gulf of Mexico. Its larvae feed on grapes and Virginia creepers, but the adults enjoy flower nectar. (Photo courtesy Mary-Anne Linton)

Bike Month safety tips for drivers and cyclists

DISTRICT (Special) -The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) reminds bicycle and vehicle drivers to respect all road users by making safety a top priority, especially with an increase in cyclists on roadways.

There have been 34 total collisions, including two fatalities, involving a motor vehicle and cyclist this year to date in Ontario.

June is Bike Month, an opportunity to highlight safety messaging and remind all drivers of the laws related to cycling under the Highway Traffic Act (HTA). The roads are for the enjoyment and transportation of everyone, including cyclists. Under the HTA, a bicycle is a vehicle and cyclists are expected to follow the rules of the road.

The OPP reminds the public of some safety tips:

VEHICLE DRIVERS

- Maintain at minimum a

one-metre distance when passing a cyclist.

- Watch for passing cyclists when opening door into traffic.
- Slow down when overtaking a cyclist on a road.

CYCLISTS

- Check for vehicles and cyclists with the right-of-way before entering the intersection.
- Keep your place in the line of traffic when approaching an intersection.
- Ride in a single file and to the right side of the road to help vehicles make a safe pass.
- Stop at stop signs when approaching an intersection and yield the right-of-way to traffic.

For additional information on Ontario's cycling laws, visit: <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/bicycle-safety.shtm>.

Former OPP officer given Hero of the Year Award

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Staff) — The Police Association of Ontario (PAO) has posthumously awarded Constable Jennifer Landry with a 2021 Police Services Hero of the Year Award.



JENNIFER LANDRY

She was selected in the Community Role Model category.

Landry lost her life in Kirkland Lake in a tragic off-duty incident on October 13, 2020, when a hunting rifle was discharged.

She was transported to a nearby hospital but was pronounced dead on arrival.

Landry, 43, was a member of

the Matachewan First Nation and was also a former Nishnawbe Aski Police Service officer.

Formed in 1933, the PAO narrows down over 350 nominations to a shortlist of just three finalists per award category. The awards were announced at the PAO's annual general meeting, which is attended by members of 46 local police associations across Ontario.

Constable Landry leaves behind a young daughter and extended family members and friends.



Millions of people across Ontario have received their COVID-19 vaccine.

**Do your part.
Get your shot.**

Health Canada-approved vaccines are conveniently available at hospitals, doctors' offices, pharmacies and mass vaccination sites. And every dose brings us closer to what we've missed.

Book your appointment today at ontario.ca/bookvaccine or call 1-888-999-6488 for help in 300 languages.

Paid for by the Government of Ontario

