



60 per cent absent

École catholique St-Michel switches to virtual learning

Diane Johnston

Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES
– St-Michel students will be learning online until the Christmas break begins next week.

The suspension of in-person education took effect December 15.

Parents, guardians and staff were informed the previous day in a joint letter from Temiskaming's acting medical officer of health and the director of education with the Conseil scolaire catholique de district des Grandes Rivières.

École catholique St-Michel "continues to be safe for in-person learning and there has been minimal spread of the virus in the school," wrote Dr. Glenn Corneil and Sylvie Petroskie in a letter to parents, guardians and staff.

"However, with over 60 per cent of students absent due to exposure to COVID-19, a lack of supply staff which consequently results in operational safety issues and increasing evidence of COVID-19 in the community, a joint decision has been made to dismiss the entire school and shift from in-person learning to virtual learning."

The board's website lists seven active cases, leaving five classes at the elementary school in isolation.

PREVENTATIVE

The move has been well-received by the community, said Richard Loisele, the board's director of communications and accountability.

He said it was also preventative. He said it avoids



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The Temiskaming detachment of the OPP along with the Auxiliary Unit and members of Temiskaming District Victim Services hosted another successful Cram-A-Cruiser Christmas food drive on December 11. Carol Johnson and Luc Gosselin from Coleman Township (from the left) dropped off non-perishable items for area food banks to Auxiliary officer Norm McLean, Victim Services worker Patty Burke and Auxiliary officer Kennedy Graydon outside Food Basics on Saturday. (Staff photo by Steven Larocque)

the risk of further cases in the days leading up to Christmas and the potential for family gatherings.

The Christmas school break begins December 22, with classes scheduled to resume January 5.

As of December 15, St-Michel was the only school in the board's jurisdiction that has been moved to virtual learning.

The students remaining at the school were sent home with their educational devices earlier this week.

Parents can pick up their children's devices if needed, as well as COVID-19 rapid antigen test kits, on December 16 and 17 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Timiskaming Health Unit "will continue to follow cases and the school will work jointly to notify close contacts," the letter continued.

"We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work together to keep everyone safe. This pandemic has been very hard for children and families and the news of moving to virtual learning may bring a range of emotions," it went on.

"Maintaining learning and the safety of students, staff and our community is our priority. We ask everyone to be COVID-kind and remember to take care of yourself."

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- A Temagami man has died as a result of his snowmobile going through the ice near Bell Island on Lake Temagami.
- The region's acting medical officer of health, Dr. Glenn Corneil, feels it is only a matter of time before the Omicron variant arrives in the region.
- A post mortem was being performed on two people who died in a fatal Highway 11 collision last week near Temagami.
- The 100 Women Who Care Temiskaming Shores and More have donated \$12,500 to the Timiskaming District Secondary School Closet.
- A 50/50 draw at the Temiskaming Hospital will continue to provide much needed funding to the health care facility in 2022.
- The Bikers Reunion has continued to ensure quality care close to home by donating \$20,00 to the Temiskaming Hospital for vital signs monitors and a stretcher.
- A New Year's Eve fireworks display will benefit the Community Cancer Care program.
- Englehart council wishes to learn more about sharp boxes from the Timiskaming Health Unit.
- The Temagami Community Foundation keeps on providing support to the town's many not-for-profit groups through its fundraising efforts.
- The New Liskeard Cubs were edged 2-1 in their latest Great North U18 League action.



North East Ontario Families and Children's Services (NEOFACS) partnered with Timiskaming Emergency Medical Services to host a toy drive on November 27 outside Walmart. The annual Angel Program accepts applications from needy families each year in December and then distributes the donated toys to those families. They filled the ambulance and a fire truck three times with toys to help 231 area children. From the left are paramedics Dean Franks, Austin Quenneville, NEOFACS Angel Program coordinator Anna Williams, paramedics Lucas Gagné and Tristin Gervais. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)


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LURED IN

Timmins adventure promoters Sally and Barry Trotter were recently lured to the Open Studio Libre Christmas Market where they purchased fishing tackle from Devil's Rock Tackle Company owner Rick Shaver. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

Province tightening rules in long-term care homes

ONTARIO (Staff/Special) - The provincial government is increasing regulations in long-term care homes in a bid to prevent the spread of COVID-19 into the facilities.

On December 14 the provincial government announced a number of measures to increase security against COVID-19.

"Effective immediately, all general visitors to a long-term care home will need to be fully vaccinated to enter," the province stated in a press release.

Effective Friday, December 17, testing of all staff, students, volunteers, and caregivers, regardless of vaccination status, will be required at least twice a week prior to entry into a home.

A negative test will be re-

quired from all visitors and support workers who provide essential services to a resident or to the facility, unless they had a negative test the day before.

Caregivers will be required to be fully vaccinated, unless they have a valid medical exemption or are attending to a resident in a palliative end-of-life situation.

"Caregivers will be required to have a first dose by December 20, and all required doses to be considered fully vaccinated by February 21. In the interim, designated caregivers who are not fully vaccinated would need to restrict their visit to the resident's room."

New restrictions will limit indoor visitors to a maximum of two people per resident at

a time, and outdoor visitors will be limited to a maximum of four people per resident at a time.

Large social activities will be discouraged.

Social day trips for residents will be limited to only those residents who are fully vaccinated and if it is for a social reason, they will be required to be actively screened upon their return to the home. If they had a known exposure they will be isolated and tested.

"All residents, regardless of vaccination status, can continue to leave the home for essential reasons, such as medical appointments," the press release continues.

Overnight absences for social purposes are being suspended.



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Merry Christmas and Stay Safe!

Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

Shingles Vaccine

What is Shingles?

Also known as herpes zoster, shingles is an infection that can be very serious. The virus causes a painful skin rash with blisters on one side of the body. It can cause complications like loss of vision and debilitating nerve pain. The most common complication is long-lasting and severe pain where the shingles rash was.

Shingles cannot be passed from one person to another. However, the virus that causes shingles can be spread from a person with the shingles rash in the blister phase to another person who has never had chicken pox.

Who is at risk of getting shingles?

The risk increases as a person ages. About one in three Canadians will develop shingles in their lifetime and two out of three cases occur in people over 50 years of age. The severity and complications increase with age.

The shingles vaccine can reduce your risk of getting shingles and the long-term pain it can cause. There are two different shingles vaccines available with a cost to purchase the vaccine itself. Check with your pharmacy as to the cost of the vaccine and which one is best for you.

For more information or to book an appointment to have the shingles vaccine (if you are a patient of the Temagami Family Health Team), please call (705) 569-3244.

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EDITORIAL

Temagami shone

Two people were killed in a three-vehicle crash south of Temagami on Highway 11 last week.

One of the vehicles involved in the crash was a transport truck.

Our hearts go out to the families and friends of the deceased and to all the Emergency Medical Services, Ontario Provincial Police and fire department personnel on the scene that day.

No doubt they have been traumatized by the incident.

There are so many transports using Highway 11 as a route across the north to haul freight to the western provinces.

Highway 11 is being chewed up as a result of that much truck traffic and some of the drivers of those trucks are not properly trained.

New Democratic Party MPP, Guy Bourgouin, introduced a private member's bill aiming to make winter driving on Highway 11 and 17 safer.

He is asking that Highway 11 and 17 be classified the same as the 400 series of highways.

And the maintenance standards of Highway 11 have also been called into question with the government awarding contracts to the lowest bidder.

If the clearing of our roads is about money, the people of the north cannot accept a lower standard of maintenance, ever.

The government is directly putting our lives in jeopardy if they ignore what is happening on our roads during winter months.

But aside from all that highway angst, it was the people of Temagami who shone a light on kindness during this incident.

They opened up their local Royal Canadian Legion branch to welcome stranded motorists offering food, drinks and warmth.

A Temagami councillor took his ATV and went through the lineup of stranded vehicles when the road was closed in both directions overnight.

He brought motorists food, water and information on the crash.

This is the northern way and this is a feather in the cap of the people of Temagami.

Thank you to all who helped the stranded motorists during that horrific incident.

Belonging



Sue Nielsen

I wanted to express my sincere condolences to the family and friends of World War II veteran Bun Eckensviller, who passed away this week.

Everyone loved Bun, he was a kind, gentle man who gave so much of himself to the New Liskeard Royal Canadian Legion. He felt it was important to go into the schools around Remembrance Day, when he was able, along with other local vets to tell the children about their experiences.

We continue to deal with outbreaks of COVID-19 as we approach Christmas day in this region.

Are we living with the idea that if we do everything right, the virus will go away?

Our false sense of control about the virus keeps us from understanding the true vulnerability of the disease.

We must have as many people as possible vaccinated to prevent lockdowns, restrictions and even deaths.

Whether we wear a big C on our foreheads if we have contracted the disease or a U for unvaccinated or M for masker, we are all trying our best to cope with the pandemic.

We have a hard time letting go of the idea that we can have mastery over the pandemic.

We know we can't control the climate or nature and we can't control world conflicts, but we can control how we come together to solve the issues of the day.

Following all the public health guidelines around the virus will be doing our part to keep the virus under control locally.

We can love and support each other through it, as one region, one province, one person and one country.

That's the way they did it during World War II, the Allies presented a united front all working together to defeat the darkness of the day.

We may not be able to

control the virus, but we can love and protect each other as best we can.

We only have the now, we don't know what is coming tomorrow and the past is ours to learn from if we choose.

Who knows - as we have recently seen, a powerful tornado could come along and wipe out entire communities and all we can do is stand together, help each other out and go to bat for each other today.

The holiday season might look very different this year from last year.

Maybe loving our family means keeping a safe distance apart or for some, it might be

gathering together because time is precious, things can turn on a dime and we aren't promised tomorrow.

Letting go of our expectations about what the holidays will look like is not giving up, nor is it giving in.

We are all feeling a wee bit vulnerable these days.

The Christmas season is about letting go of what hardens our hearts and keeps us from having a sense of belonging.

Even the Grinch's heart grew three sizes bigger.

Have a wonderful week everyone.



Council Meetings:

The next Regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Details of the meetings will be posted in advance of the meeting. Anyone interested in attending a meeting can call the Office to register.

Township Holiday Hours and Holiday Schedule:

The Municipal Complex will be closed from Friday, December 24, 2021, beginning at 12:00 noon and will reopen with regular hours on Monday, January 3rd, 2022.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Municipal Waste site will be closed Saturday, December 25, 2021 and Saturday, January 1, 2022 and will then resume regular hours; The waste site will be open on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 during the holidays. Garbage collection will be moved to Wednesday, December 29, 2021. Recycling Collection will take place on Tuesday, December 28, 2021.

Municipal Office: The Office is open to in-person transactions with limitations. 1 person or members of the same household are allowed in the reception area at a time to access services. This will allow staff an opportunity to disinfect between customers in accordance with Public Health Guidelines. Information regarding the Roadmap to Reopen can be found on the Province's website at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/public-health-measures>. 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.

Municipal Waste Site: Hours of Operation Tuesday and Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed: Statutory Holidays

All garbage deposited at the Municipal Waste Site is subject to applicable tipping fees.

Garbage: A maximum of three (3) regular sized garbage bags of household garbage will be picked-up weekly. Please ensure your garbage is out by 7 am.

Recycling: The December collection dates are on Tuesday, December 14 and 28, 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 705-648-0040.

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

The Township of Coleman Mayor, Council, Staff and Fire Department wish you a Merry Christmas, and a safe and happy Holiday Season!

Road test: 2+1

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – A test of a new road design intended to make Highway 11 safer is inching closer to reality.

The province has approved a pilot project that will test the 2+1 design on a stretch of Highway 11 between North Bay and Temagami.

It'll be three to four years, however, before construction

of a test section of highway begins.

The first step is selecting the location.

At this point, two potential sites have been identified – a 14-kilometre stretch of Highway 11 between Sand Dam Road, about 20 kilometres north of North Bay, and Ellesmere Road; and a 16-kilometre span from Highway 64 north to Jumping Caribou Lake Road.

The public can offer feedback on the pilot locations until January 14.

The province will announce the locations later that month.

THE MODEL

A 2+1 highway is a three-lane highway with a centre passing lane that changes direction every two to five kilometres, separated by a barrier.

It provides double lanes and the opportunity to overtake another vehicle at regular

intervals, and prevents passing when traffic is limited to a single lane.

The project, which will be the first in North America, has “a proven track record of success” around the world, said Transportation Minister Caroline Mulroney earlier this week.

The announcement was made December 14 in North Bay and live-streamed on the ministry's Twitter feed.

Mulroney credited the work of GEMS – the Going the Extra Mile for Safety committee under the Temiskaming Shores and Area Chamber of Commerce – for coming up with the 2+1 model.

She also offered a special thanks to GEMS member and researcher Mark Wilson “for being such a strong advocate for road safety in North America.”

“With the 2+1 design, re-

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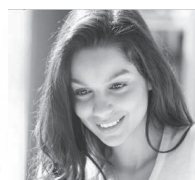
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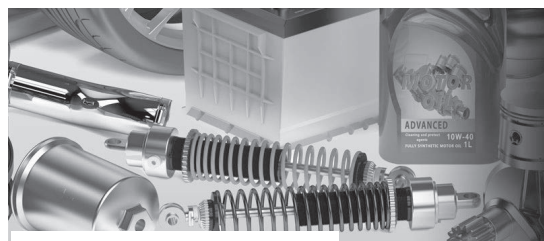
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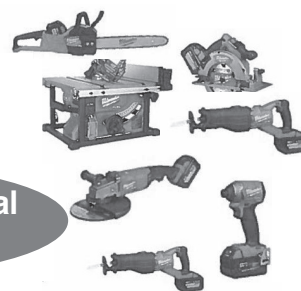
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equals pilot project

ardless of the reason for a vehicle crossing the centre line, an icy road or a distracted driver, lives are saved by a median barrier," Wilson said at the North Bay announcement.

He said Sweden was spurred to act as it saw the number of deaths in head-on collisions and crashes caused as vehicles left the road.

It now has some 3,000 kilometres of 2+1 roads.

"Two-plus-one roads are a

prime example of safe system road design which makes our roads more forgiving and therefore improves our mobility and reduces the needless loss of life that happens too regularly on our Northern roads," he said.

He noted that the pilot project will be built on an existing asset and at a lower cost than some of Ontario's twinned highways, but will achieve similar safety results.

He thanked Mulroney's staff for being "very receptive" to looking at data on 2+1 and how it will "save lives, especially the lives of the many young people that die on our roads."

"It will be an important model for the future development of this important transportation corridor," he said.

The announcement is "a sign that we will no longer accept these tragic road deaths

as inevitable and that we will begin a new era of safer roads in Ontario and in Northern Ontario," he said.

Asked about the timeframe of the project, Mulroney said it will advance to preliminary design in January after the site has been selected.

Time will be needed, she said, for an environmental assessment and property acquisition.

But it'll take three to four

years to actually "build out the infrastructure," she said.

As to cost, that will range from \$1 million to \$3 million per kilometre, she said.

To learn more about the model or to comment on the potential site for the pilot project, go to the Ministry of Transportation's online Technical Consultation Portal, at <https://tcp.mto.gov.on.ca/notice/000-0045>.

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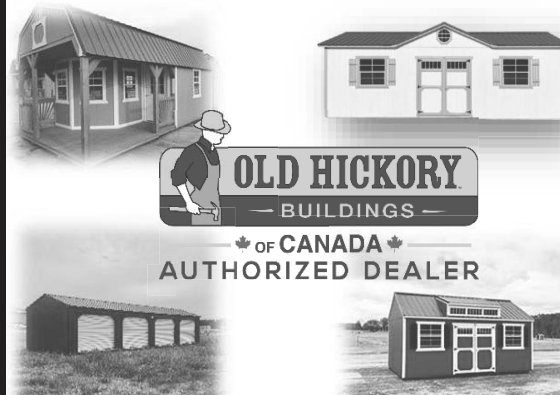
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Long-time municipal politician Earl Read steps down

Darlene Wroe

Speaker Reporter

THORNLOE – Thornloe Reeve Earl Read has stepped down from his office after extensive service in area municipal politics.

He had held the position of reeve since February 21, 2017, after the death of then-reeve Ron Vottero.

Read announced his decision at the November 16 council meeting.

Remaining council members are deputy reeve Pauline Peddie, Chelsea Maurer Huff, Cher Kiff and Allan Peddie.

Read, 88, and his wife Verna live on the outskirts of Thornloe, and have owned farm property in the municipality since 1961.

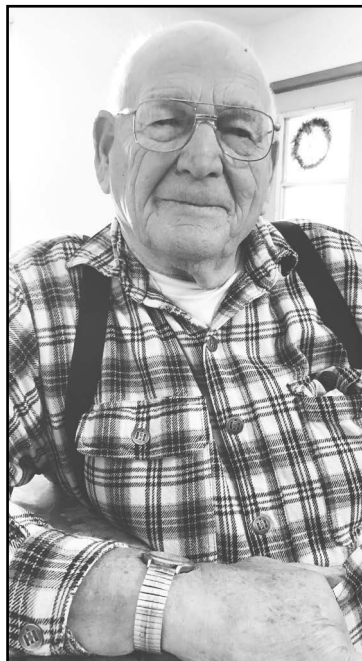
Municipal politics drew him

in, he said, because “I always had this thing that I wanted to see improvements.”

Read began service on Thornloe Village council as councillor, then deputy-reeve in later years before becoming reeve in 2017.

In 2004 he was the recipient of the provincial government’s Long-Standing Service Award which is given to those who have provided over 25 years of service to municipal politics.

Through his many years on council, he has seen the addition of a sewer system, the installation of rip-rap on a ditch on Younge Street within the last two years, and the extension of Lillie Street this year. With the support of surrounding municipalities, Read also successfully lobbied to have a major streetlight erected by



EARL READ

the Ministry of Transportation at the intersection of Highway 11 and Highway 562 which leads into Thornloe.

Read commented in an inter-

view at his home that “times are changing and it’s time for me to retire.” He added that he will “miss all the good friends that I made over the years on all the different committees that I sat on.”

Read has been a strong voice over the years on the Temiskaming Municipal Association, bringing to the table his background and knowledge of the forest industry, mining and agriculture. He has also been a member of the Temiskaming Mayors’ Action Group, the Earlton Airport committee, and community policing. He was also chair of the Community Pastures for many years.

His work experience outside of council has included a period of time with Rexwood.

He also worked with the Lands and Forests as a truck

driver, assistant scaler and in fire protection, and at Kerr Addison Mine, and says he started the first square set stope in the pillar, and was on diamond drills for ten years.

His work allowed him to see much of Northern Ontario, spending months on end at different locations, including First Nations reserves.

“I saw a lot of country,” he said of those years.

When he actively farmed his property along with his wife, he used it to raise sheep and produce wool. He sold his flock in 2012 and rented out a large portion of the acreage, but is now considering getting goats to raise on the remaining acreage with his grandson.

“It’s something to keep everybody busy,” commented his wife Verna.



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Chickadees' complex social system seen at marsh



A system of double coloured bands is allowing researchers at the Hilliardton Marsh to observe the movements of chickadees in the marsh, resulting in the discovery that there are two distinct flocks there. (Supplied photo)

Hilliardton Marsh Research and Education Centre director and volunteer Ashley Fehr is pictured here at the north end of the marsh with one of the captured chickadees. (Supplied photo)

Darlene Wroe

Speaker Reporter

HILLIARD TOWNSHIP - The number of black-capped chickadees at the Hilliardton Marsh has been rising dramatically in the past couple of years. On top of that, there seems to be two distinct flocks at the marsh.

One group seems to have a preference for the wilds of the back area where people rarely, if ever, get to. The other seems fine with being in the area where there are people.

Hilliardton Marsh coordinator Bruce Murphy thinks it is an interesting discovery, which has been made possible by a new form of banding which allows researchers to identify the movements of the individual birds around the marsh.

He is inviting comments from people who have expertise in chickadees.

Last year, chickadee banding in the more remote northern part of the marsh began, and it became evident that there are two completely separate flocks.

Chickadees are territorial, says Murphy, but this distinctive behaviour could be something new.

A study conducted in the 1970s found "that chickadees have quite intricate social connections," said Murphy.

Discovering the group of chickadees that prefers the most remote part of the marsh requires a long trek by snowshoe, said Murphy, so they had been left to their own until quite recently.

"To get in there takes a lot of effort," he said. A new cabin in that area of the marsh now provides some shelter during these longer outings.

This year has been a good one for chickadees and "we have had a mini-eruption" in the population, said Murphy, although the reason is not clear. It does happen from time to time, though, he commented.

He is hoping volunteers can assist with, and increase, the tracking of the chickadees in the more remote part of the marsh in the months ahead so that more can be learned about their behaviour.

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*Patrick
Corneil*

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Patrick Corneil: licensed in 2018. I spent two and a half years selling real estate in Toronto and I am thrilled to have transitioned back home to Temiskaming Shores. Since moving back, I have become a Broker and have had great success helping my clients buy and sell real estate by leveraging my extensive local network. I love being back in town and getting to work with familiar faces. Let me help make your real estate decisions as stress-free as possible. Service bilingue disponible - n'hésitez pas d'appeler! Oh, and you don't put fruit on a pizza!



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Joël Lemay: Licensed in 2021. I've spent the last 6 years in Toronto where I worked for a commercial real estate company coordinating projects for commercial/institutional buildings. I am now back in my hometown helping the good folks of Temiskaming Shores buy and sell their homes. With 15+ years in customer service I am dedicated to helping my clients navigate through the real estate market, and I pride myself in making sure they are comfortable along the way. Service Bilingue! Pineapples on Pizza? Sweet and savory? Now that just makes sense to me.



*Dan
Goudreault*

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Daniel Goudreault: licensed in 2007. Before moving back to the area I lived in Ottawa and worked in the banking industry where I held various positions such as Customer Assistance Manager, Direct Promotions Manager and Business Development Group Manager. My wife Nancy and I decided that we wanted to raise our two children in Timiskaming so we moved back to the area, where I decided to follow in my father's footsteps and help people buy and sell their home! With a background in home renovation and construction I am able to guide buyers in avoiding serious pitfalls and guide sellers to help them get top dollar for their cherished investment. I am going to leave the pineapple for Sharleen.



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*Louise
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Louise Ames: licensed in 2000. I became a Realtor because my husband was a log home builder and I figured one of us should have a real estate license. Over the last twenty years I have enjoyed meeting people and helping them acquire or sell their dream home. I like to think I inherited my mother Eveline's work ethic and commitment to getting a job done; this has served me well in real estate. I am proud of the achievements I have accomplished, the most recent one being top 1% by units in 2020 and 2021 with Century 21 across Canada. Yes to pineapple.



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1. Water fresh trees daily

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2. Make sure you have working smoke alarms

With family and friends spending extra time at your home over the holidays, it's extra important to check your smoke alarms. Replace them if they are over 10 years old. Remember that you need working smoke alarms on every story of your home and outside all sleeping areas. Test your alarms to make sure they alert you and your family if a fire occurs, giving you the precious seconds you need to safely escape.

3. Check all sets of lights before decorating

Before you put those lights on the tree or around the front window, check the cords closely. Discard any sets that are frayed or damaged.

4. Make sure you have working carbon monoxide alarms

Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odourless gas that can quickly kill you. Installing carbon monoxide alarms in your home will alert you to the presence of this deadly gas. Replace any carbon monoxide alarms over seven years old.

5. Make sure everyone is familiar with your home's fire escape plan

Develop and practice a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and make sure someone is prepared to help young children, older adults, or anyone else that may need assistance to evacuate. Agree that once outside, everybody stays outside, at which point you can call 911 from a cell phone or neighbour's house.

6. Use extension cords wisely

People often use extension cords for that extra set of lights or the dancing Santa in the corner. Extension cords should be used only as a temporary connection. Make sure cords never go under rugs, as this can cause damage to the cord and cause a fire.

7. Give space heaters space

If you are using space heaters to help take the chill off, remember to keep them at least one metre (3 feet) away from anything that can burn such as curtains, upholstery, or holiday decorations.

8. When you go out, blow out!

Candles can set the perfect mood for a holiday celebration, but remember to always blow out candles before leaving the room or going to bed. Keep lit candles safely away from children and pets and anything that can burn, such as curtains, upholstery, or holiday decorations.

9. Keep matches and lighters out of the sight and reach of children

People often keep matches and lighters handy to light holiday candles. But matches and lighters can be deadly in the hands of children. If you smoke, have only one lighter or book of matches and keep it with you at all times.

10. Watch what you heat!

The holiday season is one of the busiest times of the year, which means it's easy to get distracted from what we are doing. Cooking fires most commonly occur when cooking is left unattended. Always stay in the kitchen when cooking, especially if using oil or high temperatures. If a pot catches fire, carefully slide a tight-fitting lid over the pot to smother the flames and then turn off the heat.

11. Encourage smokers to smoke outside

Careless smoking is the leading cause of fatal home fires. If you do allow smoking indoors use large, deep ashtrays that can't be knocked over and make sure cigarette butts are properly extinguished.

12. There's more to responsible drinking than taking a cab home

With all the festive cheer this time of year, keep a close eye on anyone attempting to cook or smoke while under the influence of alcohol. Alcohol is an all-too-common factor in many fatal fires.



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Take a break from your responsibilities to sort out the concerns that are on your mind. This will leave you with a clear head to have fun and go on an adventure. You'll give more attention to your relationship.



December 22 - January 19

AQUARIUS

Against all odds, your boss will give you new responsibilities that look suspiciously like a promotion. You'll get the raise to go with it. The path to personal and professional success, however, is still hidden from you.



January 20 - February 18

PISCES

If you're single, you'll be surprised to meet someone new at this time of year. Your people skills will help you find a solution to a family conflict and ensure harmony throughout the holidays.



February 19 - March 20

ARIES

Even if you didn't anticipate it, festivities will take place at your home and you'll have a lot of preparations to make. You'll need to be delicate and tactful when dealing with a few of your relatives.



March 21 - April 19

TAURUS

You'll put on some kind of show. At work, you'll receive recognition for an achievement. When it comes to matters of the heart, remember that it's a magical time for marriage proposals.



April 20 - May 20

GEMINI

Even if you try to stick to a budget, your generosity will prevail and you'll spoil your loved ones. You could be faced with an unexpected expense. Fortunately, there'll be plenty of extra work to go around.



May 21 - June 21

CANCER

You'll be the person who puts a smile on everyone's face. Use caution when running errands. You might consider buying a new car as a Christmas present to yourself.



June 22 - July 22

LEO

You might make it to the end of the year feeling exhausted. A healthy diet should help you regain your strength and give you the energy you need to enjoy your time off.



July 23 - August 22

VIRGO

You'll suggest new activities to do as a family over the holiday season. You'll book plane tickets, a hotel and excursions at the last minute so that you can spend quality time together in an enchanting environment.



August 23 - September 22

LIBRA

Avoid waiting until the last minute to get things done, both at work and in terms of your holiday preparations. It's a good idea to let loose, enjoy the moment and accept that not everything can be perfect.



September 23 - October 22

SCORPIO

At work, you'll participate in a gift exchange. Among your family, you'll be surprised to find that everyone has accepted your invitation and your home will be packed for the holidays.



October 23 - November 21

SAGITTARIUS

At work, your boss will ask a lot of you just before you're set to take time off. A lot of responsibilities will fall on your shoulders, and some of the people who were supposed to help won't be around.



November 22 - December 21

ACROSS

- Speech defect
- Shady
- Feats
- Smell
- Bind
- Darn it!
- Stickum
- Remedy
- Worship ritual
- Hew wood again
- Scribe's need
- Atlantic fishes
- Bodies of knowledge
- Hurry
- Purchase
- Freshly
- Wooden club
- Dull fellow
- Hair cream
- Absent
- Signs of drowsiness
- Australian birds
- Supporting
- Enjoy thoroughly
- Sightseer
- Move
- On the briny
- "____ Misbehavin' "
- Kind of bran
- Happy
- Basin
- Mete out
- Snaky fishes

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Answers For Crossword on 16

DOWN

- 1. Pieces of trees
- 2. Loaf
- 3. Tart
- 4. Movie ad
- 5. Mound
- 6. Ruled mark
- 7. Still
- 8. Supplemented
- 9. Arrow shooter
- 10. So long, in London:
2 wds.
- 11. Beef dish
- 17. Pumping ____
- 19. Those elected
- 22. Use scissors on
- 23. Delay
- 24. Wallet item
- 25. Pertinent
- 26. Mouse's cousin
- 28. Coffee container
- 29. Word of approval
- 31. Student's vehicle
- 32. Bombardment
- 34. Belongs to us
- 35. "____ Are There"
- 37. July, e.g.
- 38. Specialty
- 39. Attempt
- 40. Opera tune
- 41. Shipbuilding wood
- 42. Land amid water
- 43. Make airtight
- 44. Small boys
- 46. Enemy

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OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH - COMING EVENTS - December 2021

Our Mother of Perpetual Help will host advent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday of Advent December 17th from **11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.**. All are invited to come and spend some time with our Lord this Advent.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS will be celebrated at **St. Patrick's Parish in Cobalt on Friday, December 24th at 8:00 PM. Registration is not required for this Mass.** Parishioners will be welcomed on a first come, first serve basis. Masking, social distancing and contact tracing protocols remain in place. Proof of vaccination is not required.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES will be celebrated at **Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish on Friday, December 24th at 6:00PM, 8:00PM, 10:00PM, and on Saturday, December 25th at 11:00 AM. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** for these Masses as COVID protocols limit the number of parishioners who can attend Mass. Please register beginning on Wednesday, December 8th by email (omphoffice@gmail.com) or phoning the office at 705-647-5035 from 9AM to 4:30PM. Masking, social distancing and contact tracing protocols remain in place. Proof of vaccination is not required.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS: To celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and to begin the new year, **St. Patrick's Parish in Cobalt** will be celebrating a New Year's Eve Mass on **Friday, December 31st at 5:00 P.M.** OMPH will be celebrating Mass on New Year's Day at 11:00 A.M. **Registration is not required for these Masses.** Parishioners will be welcomed on a first come, first serve basis. Masking, social distancing and contact tracing protocols remain in place. Proof of vaccination is not required.

MASS TIMES: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in New Liskeard, on **Sundays at 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. and St. Patrick's Parish in Cobalt, Saturdays at 5:00 P.M.** Please note that masks, social distancing and contact tracing protocols remain in place. Proof of vaccination is not required.

COMMUNION AND SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Fr. Wayne is available to give out Communion and hear confessions by appointment. Please call the office, 705-647-5035, to make arrangements.

LIVE-STREAMED MASS: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish live-streams their Sunday Mass on 11:00 A.M.. On their Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/OMPH.NLParish>.

OMPH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK: Check our new facebook page at facebook.com/OMPH.NL and stay up to date on the latest happenings in the <http://www.facebook.com/OMPH.NLParish>.

WEEKLY OMPH E-BULLETIN: If you would like to receive the weekly e-bulletin from Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, please email omphoffice@gmail.com. Stay in touch with all the latest news and events on a weekly basis.

PARISH WEBSITE: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish has updated its parish website. It contains information about the Parish, the weekly bulletin and a host of other useful information and links. Check out the website at www.ourmotherofperpetualhelp.ca.

HILLVIEW PIONEER MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH AND ST. PAULS UNITED CHURCH ARE HOSTING JOINT SERVICES every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. September services will be held at St. Pauls and then October services at Hillview. For more information call 705-647-5655 or 705-647-4171.

Fr. Wayne Mills is available to hear confessions and give out Communion by appointment. Please call the office at 705-647-5035 to make an appointment.

TOMSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Invites you to worship services on the third Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m. PLEASE NOTE that mask wearing is mandatory.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH wishes to extend an invitation to join weekly services held every Sunday. 51 Wellington St. North New Liskeard, 10:30am, Pastor George Paraskevopoulos officiating. Now fully accessible with an outside ramp & inside hydraulic lift elevator. For more information, call 705-647-8401 or visit our website www.presbyteriannewliskeard.ca

THORNLOE CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH- Corner of Hwys 11 & 562, 15 minutes north of New Liskeard. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Evening 6:30. Everyone is welcome. Pastor Curtis Greenwood 705-622-4860. For more information www.thornloecrossroads.ca.

THE SALVATION ARMY TEMISKAMING COMMUNITY CHURCH & COMMUNITY SERVICES - 260 Whitewood Ave., New Liskeard. Invites you to join Sunday worship service at 10:30am. All are welcome. Online recordings available at Temiskaming Salvation Army on youtube.com or on Facebook at The Salvation Army Temiskaming Community Church. Due to Covid-19, Emergency foodbank protocols have changed. Call 705-647-4115 Wednesday from 10am-12pm for intake interview and appointment for the afternoon. No walk-ins please.

ST. PAUL & ST. JOHN ANGLICAN CHURCH, HAILEYBURY Is now open for services every Sunday at 11 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Wellington St., New Liskeard. Worship Service 11:00 am Sunday Morning. All are welcome. Pastor Stephen Speer officiating. For more information, call 705-647-5026.

BIBLE READING GROUP- Read a scripture, listen to a scripture. For time & place call Judy Tinney at 705-569-2572.

MARRIAGE COUNSELING - Love for a Lifetime a free service of the church of Christ online at www.bibletalk.tv with Mike Mazzalongo. If you do not have access to internet and want to check it out call Mike or Judy Tinney at 705-569-2572.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH OF ENGLEHART will be meeting every Sunday morning at 10:30am. We invite you to our worship services or our weekly bible studies and prayer meetings. We offer ministries for children, Jr. and Sr. High groups and monthly fellowships. Please contact Pastor Steve Crosby at 705-544-8339 or visit goodshepherdenglehart.yolasite.com

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EARLTON GOSPEL HALL WELCOMES YOU TO OUR WEEKLY SERVICES Sunday at 10 a.m. Breaking of Bread Communion, 11:30 Gospel, 12:15 Sunday School. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer meeting. 3 miles west of Earlton on Church Road.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH invites all to come & worship Saturday morning at 453 Marcella St in Haileybury. 705-242-4848. Officiating Pastor Ivan Uriegas. Study time is 10am and divine service at 11am. Prayer meeting Tuesday at 5:30 pm. Everyone is Welcome.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH in Englehart invites everyone to Sunday Mass at 9am.

SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S EMMANUEL COMMUNITY CHURCH (formerly Emmanuel United Church, Englehart) at 10am, every Sunday. Minister: Rev. Elaine Lush. All are welcome.

ST. JAMES, COBALT - corner of Nickel and Prospect St. Sunday 9am.

HAILEYBURY & DISTRICT BAPTIST CHURCH extends a warm welcome to all. Worship Sunday at 11am. Accessibility ramp. Call the church (705) 672-5855. www.haileyburybaptist.ca

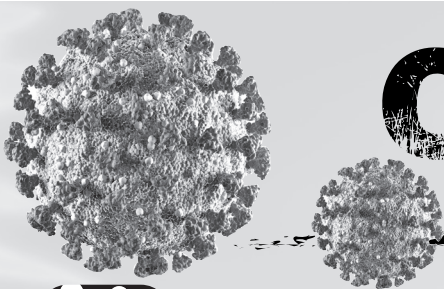
ENGLEHART BAPTIST CHURCH - Corner of Second St., and 7th Ave. Family worship & bible based teachings every Sunday beginning at 10:30am. Stay for lunch! Bible study & prayer every Wednesday at 7:30pm. Everyone welcome. To reach the Pastor Rudy Kaufmann please call 705-544-0065 or 705-647-7697

LA PAROISSE CATHOLIQUE SAINTE-CROIX nous invite à prendre conscience et réfléchir sur notre relation personnelle avec Jésus Christ par les 7 sacrements offert par l'église catholique : le Baptême, la Confirmation, l'Eucharistie, la Confession, l'Onction des malades, l'Ordination et le Mariage. Par ses sacrements, une alliance est établie entre Dieu et nous dans nos cœurs, comme l'annonçait le prophète Jérémie (31, 31-34) : « Je mettrai ma loi, au fond de leur être, je l'écrirai sur leur cœur. Ils seront mon peuple, je serai leur Dieu ». Tél : 705-672-3296 / Adresse : 341 Sutherland Way, Haileybury, ON


PAROISSE SAINTE-CROIX SUR FACEBOOK: Consultez notre page Facebook sur facebook.com/Paroisse-Ste-Croix et restez au courant des derniers événements de notre paroisse catholique.

PAROISSE SACRÉ-COEUR CATHOLIQUE DE NEW LISKEARD – Nous sommes heureux de vous accueillir pour les messes dominicales les samedis à 16 h et les dimanches à 10 h. Nous offrons aussi la messe le mardi, mercredi, jeudi et vendredi de chaque semaine à 9 h à l'exception du 4emardi de chaque mois. Cette messe a lieu à 19 h. L'église et notre bureau sont situés au 116 Dymond Cres. Certaines adaptations et modifications ont été mises en place pour la protection de toutes et tous. Pour autres informations composez le 705 647-5045 ou par courriel apsacrecoeur@personainternet.com. Pour le bulletin de la semaine consultez notre page Facebook (facebook.com/Paroisse-Sacre-Coeur).

ÉGLISE CATHOLIQUE SAINTE CROIX est ouverte pour célébrer la messe du mardi au samedi matin à 9:30, le samedi soir à 19h et le dimanche matin à 10h. Veuillez noter que la distanciation physique de deux mètres (six pieds) est toujours exigée et que le port de masque est obligatoire. L'église Sainte-Croix est située à 341 Sutherland Way, Haileybury - 705-672-3296. Bienvenue à tous!



COVID UPDATE



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Health Unit

Address/adresse: 247 Whitewood Ave., unit 43/ 247 avenue Whitewood, unite 43

COVID-19 phone line/ligne de COVID-19: 705-647-4305, extension/poste 7



Should I travel over the holidays? Dois-je voyager pendant les Fêtes?

If you are considering travel to or from our district:

- Do not travel if you are sick, even if symptoms are mild.
- Wear a mask and maintain a physical distance of 2 meters or more if people in attendance are unvaccinated, partially vaccinated or their vaccination status is unknown.
- Hosts and guests from multiple households who are unvaccinated, partially vaccinated or their vaccination status is unknown should not sleep in the same bedroom and should use separate washrooms, if possible. Considering vaccination status when determining whether to stay overnight in the same residence or to stay elsewhere.
- Avoid travel to high-risk areas and check travel advisories for your destination. Follow local restrictions.
- Consider whether you, anyone you live with, or anyone you plan to visit is at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19, to determine whether to stay overnight in the same residence or to stay elsewhere.
- Plan what you will do if you get sick, including where you will isolate and how you will get food, prescriptions, and other items that you need. Look up the location of the nearest COVID-19 testing to your travel destination.

Si vous envisagez de voyager à ou de notre district:

- Ne voyagez pas si vous êtes malade même si vous avez des symptômes légers.
- Portez un masque et maintenez une distance physique de 2 mètres si les personnes présentes ne sont pas vaccinées, partiellement vaccinées ou si leur statut vaccinal est inconnu.
- Les hôtes et les invités de plusieurs domiciles qui ne sont pas vaccinés, qui sont partiellement vaccinés ou dont le statut vaccinal est inconnu ne doivent pas dormir dans la même chambre et doivent utiliser des toilettes séparées, dans la mesure du possible. Tenez compte du statut vaccinal pour déterminer s'il faut passer la nuit dans la même résidence ou passer la nuit ailleurs.
- Évitez de visiter une région à risque élevé et consultez les avis aux voyageurs pour votre destination. Suivez les restrictions locales.
- Déterminez si vous, une personne avec qui vous vivez ou une personne à qui vous songez rendre visite présente un risque élevé de contracter une maladie grave de la COVID-19 pour déterminer s'il vous convient de passer la nuit dans la même résidence ou de passer la nuit à un autre endroit.
- Planifiez ce que vous ferez si vous devenez malade, tel qu'où vous allez vous isoler et comment vous obtiendrez de la nourriture, des médicaments et d'autres produits dont vous avez besoin. Trouvez l'emplacement du centre d'évaluation le plus près de votre destination.

CLINQUES COVID-19 CLINICS

Individuals aged 50 and over are eligible to schedule their booster dose appointment. Getting a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine provides an extra layer of protection against COVID-19 and its variants. | Les personnes de 50 ans ou plus sont éligibles de prendre rendez-vous pour leur dose de rappel. Recevoir une dose de rappel du vaccin contre la COVID-19 offre une protection supplémentaire contre le virus COVID-19 et ses variants.

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- DEC 16**
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Kirkland Lake **Heritage North** 12:00—4:00 p.m. | 12h à 16h
- DEC 20**
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Kirkland Lake **Heritage North** 10:00—3:00 p.m. | 10h à 15h
- DEC 21**
New Liskeard **Old Movie Gallery*** 10:00—3:00 p.m. | 10h à 15h
Kirkland Lake **Heritage North** 10:00—3:00 p.m. | 10h à 15h
- DEC 23**
New Liskeard **Old Movie Gallery*** 10:00—3:00 p.m. | 10h à 15h

for children 5 to 11 years old
pours les enfants de 5 à 11 ans

- DEC 16**
Kirkland Lake **Heritage North** 5:00—6:00 p.m. | 17h à 18h
- DEC 29**
New Liskeard **THU Office** 9a.m.—4 p.m. | 9h à 16h
Kirkland Lake **THU Office** 9 a.m.—4 p.m. | 9h à 16h
- DEC 30**
New Liskeard **THU Office** 9a.m.—4 p.m. | 9h à 16h
Kirkland Lake **THU Office** 9 a.m.—4 p.m. | 9h à 16h
- DEC 31**
New Liskeard **THU Office** 9a.m.—4 p.m. | 9h à 16h



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How to prevent impaired driving over the holidays



The number of impaired driving collisions dramatically increases over the holiday season. Here are a few tips to make sure neither you nor the people you care about get behind the wheel while under the influence.

ATTENDING A PARTY

If you're attending a holiday shindig, make sure to choose someone to be a designated driver. If this person ends up consuming drugs or alcohol, play it safe by calling a cab or using a ridesharing service. You could also plan to rent a room at a nearby hotel or sleep over at a friend's house to avoid getting behind the wheel.

HOSTING A PARTY

If you're hosting a holiday party, there are a few precautions you can take to make sure your guests don't drive while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. For example, serve plenty of food and provide alcohol-free beverages throughout the night. In addition, offer your spare bedroom or couch to anyone who wants to stay the night, or pre-arrange cab rides for those who need a lift.

TIPS FOR THE ROAD

When driving home from a holiday shindig, keep an eye out for the following warning signs that another driver might be under the influence of drugs or alcohol:

- They're making wide, abrupt or illegal turns
- They have a slow or delayed reaction time to traffic lights and signs
- They're driving unreasonably fast, slow or at an inconsistent speed
- They're continuously weaving, swerving or drifting out of their lane

If you suspect you're driving behind an impaired driver, slow down, stay behind them and, when it's safe to do so, pull over and call 911.

Additionally, impaired driving accidents that result in fatalities are more likely to happen very late at night or early in the morning. Therefore, try to avoid being on the road between midnight and 3 a.m.

Enjoy the Holidays...

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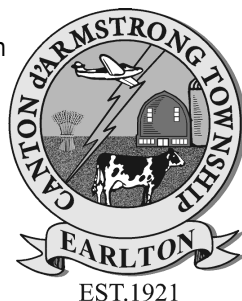
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Every year, hundreds of people are killed and tens of thousands are injured in impaired driving crashes, affecting not only those in the crashes but all of their families and friends as well.

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TRANSIT

FARE INCREASE

Effective January 1, 2022

Adult Fare	\$3.75
Senior (55+)/Student Fare	\$3.50
Book of 10 tickets (Adult)	\$37.50
Book of 10 tickets (Senior/Student)	\$35.00
Adult Monthly Pass	\$90.00
Senior (55+)/Student Monthly Pass	\$70.00

Individual tickets purchased prior to
January 1, 2022 will continue to be
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Council and Committee MEETINGS

- Public Works Committee Meeting**
Wednesday, December 15, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. –
City Hall, 325 Farr Drive
- Building Maintenance Committee Meeting**
Wednesday, December 15, 2021 @ 10:30 a.m. –
City Hall, 325 Farr Drive
- Corporate Services Committee Meeting**
Wednesday, December 15, 2021 @ 12:00 noon –
City Hall, 325 Farr Drive
- Protection to Persons and Property Committee Meeting**
Wednesday, December 15, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m. –
City Hall, 325 Farr Drive
- Regular Council Meeting**
Tuesday, December 21, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. – City
Hall, 325 Farr Drive
- Regular Council Meeting**
Tuesday, January 18, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. – City
Hall, 325 Farr Drive
- Regular Council Meeting**
Tuesday, February 1, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. – City
Hall, 325 Farr Drive

Due to physical distancing measures during COVID-19, individuals wishing to attend Council meetings to observe the proceedings, must **pre-register** with the Clerk's Office at 705-672-3363 ext. 4136, as seating is limited. Only those individuals registered to attend the Council meeting will be permitted, and face coverings/ masks will be required. Residents are encouraged to watch the live-streamed meeting on the City's Facebook page.

Question and Answer Period Procedure

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

Question and Answer Periods during a regular meeting of Council are an opportunity for members of the Public to submit questions pertaining to an item on the Agenda, or the business of Council. Members of the public who wish to submit questions to Council at a Regular Council Meeting during a Declared Emergency, may submit in writing or via email to questions@temiskamingshores.ca. The questions received will be read aloud and responded to during the Question and Answer Periods.

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

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

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

City Hall Holiday Hours

Warmest Holiday
Wishes from Council
and staff. Please see
below for the operating
hours of City Hall from
**December 24, 2021
to January 4, 2022.**

Friday, December 24, 2021	Normal hours of operation
Monday, December 27, 2021	Closed (Statuary Holiday)
Tuesday, December 28, 2021	Closed (Statuary Holiday)
Wednesday December 29, 2021	Closed
Thursday, December 30, 2021	Closed
Friday, December 31, 2021	Closed
Monday, January 3, 2022	Closed (Statuary Holiday)
Tuesday, January 4, 2022	Normal hours of operation

TEMISKAMING SHORES PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY REGULAR HOURS

Mondays: 10-4

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: 10-8

Fridays and Saturdays: 10-4

LIBRARY CHRISTMAS HOURS:

Friday, December 24: 10-2

Saturday, December 25: Closed

Sunday, December 26: Closed

Monday, December 27: Closed

Tuesday, December 28-Thursday, December 30: 10-8

Friday, December 31: 10-2

Saturday, January 1: Closed

Sunday, January 2: Closed

Back to regular hours on Monday, January 3, 2022

Visitors to the library will need to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms upon entering the building, wear a facemask, sanitize and maintain physical distancing of two metres. If you are not able to wear a mask, contact the library and we can arrange for contactless pickup of your items for you. The library does take contact information for people who remain in the library building for more than fifteen minutes. This information is kept confidential, is only given to the Temiskaming Health

Unit upon request, and is shredded after 30 days.

Weekend Book Sales

The library will be hosting weekend book sales on Fridays and Saturdays in the lower level of the library. Sales are Pay-as-you-Please—just put a donation in the donation box! Fridays and Saturdays from 10-4.

Hudson Township Partial Membership Reimbursement

Great News! Hudson Township Council has agreed to reimburse their residents \$50 towards the purchase of a Temiskaming Shores Public Library membership card. Ask for a receipt when you sign up for or renew your membership and submit it to the Township Council for reimbursement.

Wireless Printing

The library has wireless printing available, for those who would like to print documents directly from their phones or tablets. This is convenient for people who may have forgotten their email passwords to log into their emails on the public access computers to print out documents. The price for printouts is the same as printing from the public access computers, at \$.50/page.

Snowshoes

If you have a library membership, try checking out a pair of snowshoes and hitting some of our beautiful trails this winter! The library now has ten pairs of youth snowshoes due to a donation from the Healthy Kids program. We also have a wide selection of other sizes so the whole family can snowshoe together!

Gadget Helper program

The library's gadget helper program is up and running again, just in time to help people troubleshoot their new Christmas gift devices. We offer weekly one-on-one times each Thursday to help with topics from learning to navigate the basics of a new device to downloading ebooks and accessing online resources and even troubleshooting hardware and software issues with phones, tablets and laptops. Anyone scheduling an appointment or attending a drop in session must supply our staff with proof of vaccination against COVID-19 and wear a mask at all times. Call the library at 705-647-4215 for more information.

RECREATION UPDATE

FACILITIES

- The Pool and Fitness Centre Gym is **OPEN**
 - o Mask use is required
 - o Physical Distancing is required.
 - o Changerooms and showers are open and available for use.
- The Pool and Fitness Centre Pool is **OPEN**
 - o Join us for public swimming on Saturdays and Sundays at 1:15pm and 2:45pm
 - o Our full schedule is available at www.temiskamingshores.ca/poolschedule/
 - o The pool is operating at decreased capacity
 - o Mask use and physical distancing is required
 - o Swimming Lessons begin in January: Register beginning Tuesday December 21st at 8am
- Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena and Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena are **OPEN**.
 - o Everyone must wear a mask, and fill out the COVID-19 screening and contact tracing form.
 - o Facility Capacity is 50 participants and 250 spectators

VACCINE CERTIFICATION

- Proof of Vaccination for COVID-19 will be required to enter the PFC, Municipal Arenas and Municipals Halls.
- Full clarification of the City's COVID-19 vaccination policy is available on the City of Temiskaming Shores website.

HOLIDAY SKATING

- The City of Temiskaming Shores is offering discounted ice time for Holiday Skating this December. Between December 22nd and December 31st rent 45 minutes of ice time for only \$60 +HST!
- Available dates include:
 - o Haileybury - December 23rd
 - o New Liskeard - December 22nd, December 28th to December 31st
- Contact City Hall to book

NOW HIRING:

The City of Temiskaming Shores is currently seeking Part-Time Customer Service Screeners who will be responsible for completing the COVID-19 screening process for all individuals entering municipal facilities and ensuring effective, courteous and customer-centric communication with all internal and external clients.

The successful candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Customer service focus and ability to relate in a tactful and sensitive manner;
- Previous experience working in a customer service role;
- Able to work well under pressure and ability to work independently;
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and privacy policies;
- Required to be fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine series; and
- Bilingualism will be considered an asset.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their resumes quoting Job Competition No. 2021-014 by regular mail or email to:

Shelly Zubycyk; Director of Corporate Services
P.O. Box 2050; Haileybury, Ontario; P0J 1K0
szubycyk@temiskamingshores.ca

We thank all applicants, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

AGE FRIENDLY/GET ACTIVE PROGRAMS.

Proof of vaccination is required as of September 22nd for any indoor activity, including our coffee hour.

Contact Lynn Marcella for information at 705-647-5709 or lmcella@temiskamingshores.ca

Mondays – Mix Pickleball: 2:00pm – December 13th and 20th, New Liskeard Community Hall

Tuesdays – Women's Exerc. Group (registration required): 9:00am – December 14th

Shelley Herbert-Shea Arena

Beginner Line Dancing (registration required): 10:00am – December and 14th

New Liskeard Community Hall

Wednesday – Public Skating: 12:30pm – December 8th, 15th and 22nd Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena

Thursdays – Women's Exerc. Group (registration required): 9:00am – December 9th and 16th, Shelley Herbert-Shea Arena

Interm. Line Dancing (registration required): 11:00am – December 9th and 16th, Shelley Herbert Shea Arena

Crib/Euchre: 1:00pm – December 9th and 16th at the Dymond Community Hall

Fridays – \$3 Bowling: 1:30pm – December 10th and 17th, Tri-Town Bowling Lanes, 331 Main Street, Haileybury

Mix Pickleball: 9:00am – December 10th and 17th, New Liskeard Community Hall



12 DAYS OF HOLIDAY FIRE and CO SAFETY

12 TIPS OF HOLIDAY FIRE & CO SAFETY

- 1 Water fresh cut trees daily.** If you're decorating with a real tree, buy a fresh tree and always keep the base of the trunk in water. Keep your tree away from any ignition source such as the fireplace, heaters or candles.
- 2 Use the proper lights and check for worn or damaged cords.** Make your festival of lights fire safe. Replace any string of lights with worn or damaged cords or loose bulb connections. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use. Use the appropriate lights.
- 3 Install and test smoke alarms.** The holidays are a perfect time to check your smoke alarms. Smoke alarms give you the precious seconds you need to safely escape a fire. Install smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas. Test your alarms monthly to make sure they will alert you and your family if a fire occurs. Replace smoke alarms if they are over 10 years old.
- 4 Install and test carbon monoxide alarms.** Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odourless gas that can quickly kill you. Installing carbon monoxide alarms in your home will alert you to the presence of this deadly gas. Install alarms outside all sleeping areas and test them monthly, if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage. Carbon monoxide alarms don't last forever. Replace them according to manufacturer's instructions.
- 5 Develop and practise a home fire escape plan with everyone in your home.** Discuss with everyone in your home how each person will get out in a fire. Know two ways out of each room, if possible. Determine who's going to help young children, older adults, people with disabilities or anyone else who needs help escaping. Once outside, stay outside and call 911 from a cell phone or neighbour's house.
- 6 Extension cords are for temporary use. Overloaded outlets can overheat and start a fire.** Extension cords should be used only as a temporary connection. Never run cords under rugs which can damage the cord and cause a fire. Avoid overloading a circuit with "octopus outlets". If additional outlets or circuits are required, have them installed by a licensed electrician.
- 7 Keep decorations one metre away from space heaters and other heating sources.** Keep anything that can burn, such as holiday decorations, curtains and upholstery, at least one metre (3 feet) away from fireplaces, woodstoves and other heating sources like space heaters.
- 8 Go flameless – use battery operated candles.** Candles can set the perfect mood for a holiday celebration. Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles. If you use real candles, always blow them out before leaving the room or going to bed. Keep lit candles safely away from children and pets and anything that can burn, such as holiday decorations, curtains and upholstery.
- 9 Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.** Matches and lighters can be deadly in the hands of children. Store them out of the reach of children. If you smoke, have only one lighter or book of matches and keep it with you at all times.
- 10 Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.** The holiday season is one of the busiest times of the year, which means it's easy to get distracted from what we are doing. Cooking fires most commonly occur when cooking is left unattended. Always stay in the kitchen when cooking. If a pot catches fire, carefully slide a tight-fitting lid over the pot to smother the flames and then turn off the heat.
- 11 If you smoke, smoke outside.** Careless smoking is the leading cause of fatal fires. Encourage smokers to smoke outside, including outside garages. Always use large, deep ashtrays that can't be knocked over and make sure cigarette butts are fully extinguished. Do not extinguish cigarettes in plant pots, which may contain a mixture of peat moss, shredded wood and bark that can easily ignite.
- 12 Don't cook while under the influence of alcohol or cannabis.** To prevent cooking fires, you must be alert. You will not be alert if you have consumed alcohol or cannabis, which make you drowsy. Alcohol is all too often a common factor in fatal fires.



GET BOWLING!

Viens quiller!

Friday December 10th and 17th

1:30pm

Tri-Town Bowling Lanes
331 Main St, Haileybury



Le vendredi 10 et 17 décembre

13h30



Tri-Town Bowling Lanes
331 rue Main, Haileybury

- All levels are welcome! No previous experience necessary
- Bienvenue à tout calibre de quilleurs! Pas besoin d'expérience!

\$3.00 Includes the cost of shoes

3,00\$ Prix des souliers inclus

For more information contact:

Pour plus d'information, contactez:

Lynn: lmcella@temiskamingshores.ca 705-647-5709 ext. 4227



