



Hospital visitor policy sparks call for review

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – A Temiskaming Shores man is urging Temiskaming Hospital to reconsider its ban on visitors to alternate-level-of-care patients.

Being isolated from loved ones is leading to despair and declines in their health, said Mark Brazeau in an interview earlier this week.

“And they don’t have time to ride through this pandemic,” said Brazeau.

Alternate-level-of-care (ALC) patients don’t need hospital-level care, but are waiting for appropriate community care, typically a bed in a long-term care residence.

Given a shortage of nursing home beds in the area, ALC patients currently make up about half of the hospital’s patients.

But unlike the early days of the pandemic, Brazeau said the layers of precautions and protections against infection are now available.

“We know that this COVID isn’t going away anytime soon. We do need to adapt and modify and change things to allow people some quality of life, especially in their ending days.”

As of mid-week, more than 830 people had supported his online petition that calls on the hospital to revise its policy.

The ban on general visitation was a very difficult decision to take, said hospital CEO Mike Baker in an interview earlier this week.

All things being equal, he said it’s best for all hospital patients to have family contact.

“Quite candidly, COVID has changed the balance of risk for us.”

As an acute care hospital, he said it deals with patients who are already very vulnerable. They include the elderly, newborns, and people with com-

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CHRISTMAS CREATIVITY

Allan Irwin and Lise Lacroix stand beside one of their many Christmas displays Irwin created in the backyard of their May Street home in New Liskeard. Each display has lights and music to accompany them. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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- Omicron, the new variant of the COVID-19 virus, has not yet reached the Temiskaming district, but more public health measures are being put into place.
- The City of Temiskaming Shores budget has ratepayers paying a one per cent tax increase and a two per cent increase in water and sewer rates in 2022.
- A decline in ridership is taking its toll on Temiskaming Transit due to the pandemic.
- World War II veteran, and longtime Royal Canadian Legion Branch 33 president and member, Lawrence "Bun" Eckensviller has died.
- The City of Temiskaming Shores has budgeted for large-scale capital works projects in the coming year.
- The Bikers Reunion has rounded out a year of giving by donating \$50,000 to the Temiskaming Hospital for five Smart Beds.
- Cobalt council is still debating on where the town's Hoist Room gym should be located.
- A new bridge proposed for pedestrians, cyclists and scooter traffic across the Wabi River is gaining traction with the City of Temiskaming Shores.
- The Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association will shut down for two weeks as they stickhandle a recent COVID-19 outbreak.
- The New Liskeard Cubs came out flat in a 4-0 loss to the U18 North Bay Trappers in the final game before Christmas.



HAVING A VERY CLASSY CHRISTMAS

Englehart Public School students gathered to send their Christmas greetings out to family and friends. Pictured here are, in the bottom row from the left: Jack Kramp, Keian Jobson, Andi-Lynn Nosworthy, Ariana Khan, Brantley Marshall and Jason Hern. In back, same order, are Tucker Webster, Wyatt Mattice, Brooklyn Lawton, Maggie Marshall, Cadence Lawton, Dallas Jolkowski, Madison Foss, Chance Peddie, Jace Hartwick, Ethan Pilkey, Preston Porter and Grayden Maurer. (Supplied photo)

Campaign hopes to stem the tide of highway crashes

Sue Nielsen
 Speaker Reporter

TEMAGAMI — Flowers being sent to the Ontario Minister of Transportation's office aim to plant seeds of awareness about the dangers of northern roads and reduce deaths on Highways 11 and 17 during winter months.

Temagami resident John Shymko, who is also a Temagami councillor, has created a Facebook page called Flowers for Minister Mulroney's Office.

When a death occurs on a northern highway he will send flowers to the office of Minister Carolyn Mulroney.

"For every death I am made

aware of on Northern Ontario highways, I will be sending flowers in respectful memory of the victims' names to be signed for or refused by the Minister's office," said Shymko in an email interview.

"The flowers will only be sent after the names have been released in the media. This is not about politics, this is about policy and people's lives."

He has also started a GoFundMe page so the flowers will be paid for by the people of Northern Ontario, who he says need to have their voices heard about the dangers of travelling on winter roads.

The campaign began after a December 8 crash near

Papa John's Road just south of Temagami when a three-vehicle accident claimed the lives of two travellers.

"Highway conditions were terrible at the crash site with glare ice on the pavement."

Shymko drove to the crash site on his ATV bringing food, water and information to the stranded motorists backed up on Highway 11 while the crash was being cleared and police were investigating.

LEGION ASSISTS

The Temagami Royal Canadian Legion assists stranded motorists by providing relief, sanitation and food for stranded motorists. They opened that night to help motorists on De-



JOHN SHYMKO

cember 9 as the highway was closed in both directions overnight.

"Even our Legion in Temagami has been forced to formalize a plan to deal with the unnecessary deaths and road closures by opening when there is

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Campaign hopes...

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no other options for drivers.”

He asks why there is no comprehensive plan by the government to reduce highway deaths and injuries during winter months.

“I suggested that the reason there is no plan in place is because this issue is absent from the radar of the real decision makers. That these problems, snowplowing, driver training, road rule enforcement, etc. takes a back seat to issues that seem more present and real to these decision makers,” explained Shymko.

Shymko says northern highways are death traps and he is holding the government accountable to do something about it.

“So I decided without any group endorsing me, except for anyone to share my voice, to let the Ontario Minister of Transportation’s office know the names of anyone who died

in a commercial vehicle accident on majority travelled Northern Ontario highways until a comprehensive plan is put forth.”

As a parent, he is concerned for the welfare of people travelling on Highway 11 during winter months.

He has a daughter who trav-

els from Southern Ontario to visit him and his wife and he worries about her safety.

“So I decided enough was enough, enough of the blaming, enough of the stalling, enough of the politics. There are people dying, people with names, people with families

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CELEBRATING THE SEASON

Sisters Joyce (left) and Joan Mercier of New Liskeard were spending a pre-Christmas day together on December 18. People everywhere have been getting together or reaching out with calls and cards to celebrate the season of family and friends. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

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Submitted by Ellen Ibey

How to Manage Holiday Stress during COVID-19

While it can be a time for celebration, family, food, and fun, it can most certainly also be a time when we feel alone, disconnected or isolated, especially this year, while the world manages a pandemic. The province wide lockdown will make the holidays very different for everyone. But as is the case with every situation we face in life, when you cannot control what’s happening, challenge yourself to control the way you respond to what’s happening – that’s where the power is.

Take care of yourself – taking small, positive steps can help you feel better and more in control.

How to Take Care of Yourself:

- Understanding what causes stress and recognize your own feelings
- Be patient with yourself and those close to you – takes time to manage feelings
- Learn how to manage your reactions to these experiences
- Focus on the things you have control over
- Discover a new pastime or take part in an activity that you enjoy.
- Physical activity has countless benefits for your health and wellbeing that go beyond better stress management
- Yoga, breathing exercises and meditation. All these techniques are highly effective for managing stress
- Visualization techniques tap into your ability to form positive mental images

It may help to:

- Maintain daily routines and do things that normally give you pleasure
- Eat healthy foods, get sleep and exercise if possible
- Accept support and assistance
- Allow yourself to feel sad and grieve
- Take small steps

Keep your plans flexible. Stay home if you feel unwell and know that COVID-19 guidelines may change. No matter how you celebrate, follow public health guidelines. Wash your hands frequently, clean frequently touched surfaces, keep a physical distance of 2 meters from people you don’t live with, and wear a mask when physical distancing isn’t possible.

What is most important this holiday season is that you and your loved ones stay safe and healthy.

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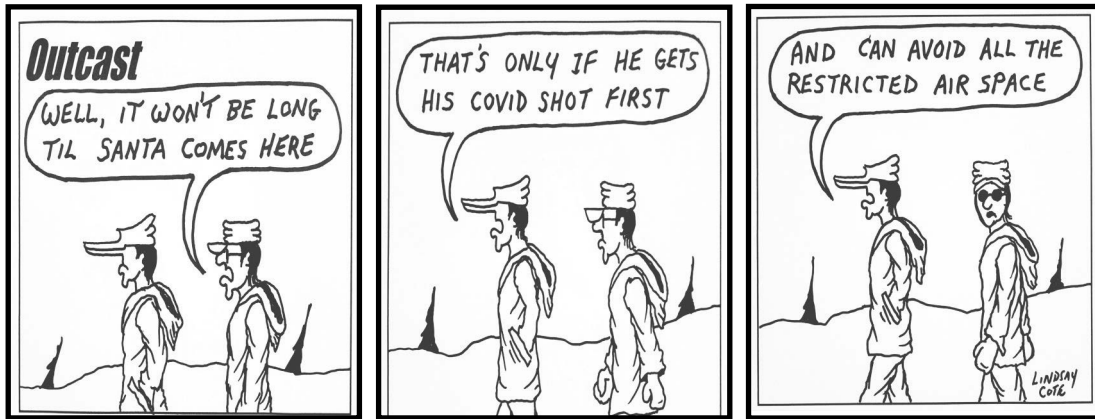
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EDITORIAL

Stay safe everyone

The pandemic has brought increasing restrictions on our lives in recent days because of the Omicron variant.

The Omicron variant (fourth wave of the pandemic) is less affected by the vaccines we have and therefore spreads more rapidly than the Delta variant.

But let us remember this: last year we could not gather at all with loved ones and we were forbidden to travel out of our region.

While many people feel those same strict lockdown measures should come back into play, we see our neighbours, the province of Quebec, taking measures to shut down that province to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Perhaps all along we should have remained in a state of strict lockdown?

Some are saying Ontario Premier Doug Ford caved to big business interests by loosening lockdown restrictions or not bringing them in at all.

Whatever the powers to be

have us doing, the responsibility for the spread of the virus rests largely in our individual hands.

We must continue to get vaccinated, wear masks, social distance, wash our hands and abide by public health guidelines.

We are long past the conspiracy theory stage where people felt the virus wasn't real or it could be wiped out by using unproven methods like Ivermectin.

Yes, people are fed up with the restrictions, fed up with being told how to live their lives, but the alternative isn't pretty.

Any one of us could be hospitalized with a ventilator down our throats and the priest reading us our last rights.

The restrictions are being put into place to save lives.

Yes we know cancer and heart surgeries have been backed up due to the pandemic, so it is doubly important that we all do our part to reduce infection rates across the South Temiskaming region.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday season.

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It was a Merry Christmas



Sue Nielsen

She burnt the potatoes and forgot to make the gravy.

Oh dear!

One year my mother had a little too much Baby Duck wine as she was preparing the Christmas meal.

Mom rarely drank and even a small amount of alcohol would redden her cheeks and cause her to laugh and laugh.

That Christmas we were fortunate my two grandmothers were at the house as backup when mom had a bit of Christmas cheer.

I loved seeing my mother so happy during the holidays. I can only imagine how stressful they must have been for her as she was often ill for long periods of her life.

My parents sacrificed so much for us four kids and they did the best they could with what they had. I miss them dearly.

My mother would often make all her own Christmas decorations, proudly displaying them on our tree. Lord knows she baked for weeks on end to delight us with her homemade melt-in-your-mouth shortbread cookies, macaroons, date tarts and Christmas pudding.

There was so much joy at our house during the Christmas holidays, when we would get together with our grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

I have come to understand as an adult that the holidays are equal parts joy and equal parts hurt.

So many people fall on hard times, they curl up in balls with their demons and worries and don't enjoy the holidays.

We mustn't forget the ones who are marginalized, addicted and facing illness, loss, fatigue, poverty, and strain.

Save for a bad break here or there, we could all end up in the same place.

There is no race, religion, sexuality or gender to feeling down and out.

We need to be extra kind to those dealing with things that may not appear on the surface.

It's been a long, hard year for

everyone.

We all need to advocate for people who feel less than, people who are filled with magic but can't seem to believe in their own magical selves.

We all have wounds, let's fill those wounds with kindness and while we are at it, let's love better.

I love December for the lights, decorations, food and time spent with loved ones.

I'd like to thank a host of people, my family, friends, daughter and everyone I have interviewed this past year and my community of Cobalt.

And I thank the first responders, the police, firefighters and paramedics for the important work they do in our communities.

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I wish to thank the staff at the Temiskaming Health Unit.

I can only imagine the abuse they have taken in their line of duty.

And last but not least, I say thank you to the readers, for al-

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JOLLY VISIT

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived a bit early this year to pay a visit to residents at the Northview Nursing home in Enlehart – by waving from the outside - as well as walking around the town meeting and greeting people. (Supplied photo)

Campaign

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He wants the Ministry of Transportation to know the names of those who die in highway tragedies.

“These are not statistics, these are people.”

He launched his Facebook page on December 17, and says he wants to see a plan in place from the government addressing snowplowing, enforcement, proper driver training and licensing, lane expansion and proper budgeting for northern highways.

“In other words, a plan, a real plan, non-political, life saving plan.”

He is asking people to join the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/flowersfortheminister or people can contact the minister’s office themselves.

“Sadly, I sent my first flowers today,” said Shymko, after a person was killed on Highway 11 west of Geraldton.

SPRINKLING WISHES AT CHRISTMAS



St. Patrick School Grade 2 student Isabelle Bigras, and every other child at the school, decorated a Christmas cookie to celebrate the season. The activity was part of a Christmas wish campaign at the school, which was also supported by the parents. (Supplied photo)

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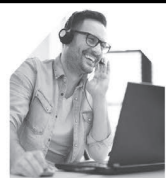
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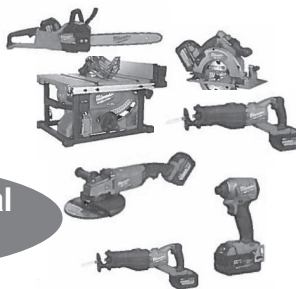
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promised immune systems who are seeking chemo and transfusion therapy.

"So we have to have more stringent infection control than any other segment of society and any other sector in health care."

Baker said a combination of factors – high COVID-19 case counts in the community, hospital occupancy rates exceeding 100 per cent, and staffing shortages – created "the perfect storm."

"And we still are working our way through what would be considered the perfect storm."

POLICY

The visitor restrictions took effect November 30. They're among the measures the hospital has taken to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 entering the facility, and include mandatory vaccination for all hospital staff and the suspension of volunteer services.

Under the hospital's policy, only designated care partners may visit in-patients in end-of-life, obstetric or pediatric care.

Brazeau first saw the impact of visitor restrictions on his father, who has Parkinson's and is in the early stages of dementia, in the spring.

He said his father's primary caregivers – his wife and daughter – could not visit for a period of five to six weeks.

When they did see him, they noticed a big decline in his health, he said.

They know that's due to being isolated and away from social interaction, he said.

In the petition, he writes:

"The current policy further deepens the negative impact of the pandemic.

"These negative effects include, but are not limited to the sense of isolation, abandonment, hopelessness and despair that come from a lack

of basic access to the families for these individuals with matured and often degrading states of health."

The hospital has a virtual visiting program, in which a social worker connects patients with family members using iPads.

But Brazeau said that doesn't work for patients with cognitive issues, and many older people are uncomfortable using the unfamiliar technology.

He said nursing homes now have measures in place, such as rapid testing and proof of vaccination requirements, to permit visitors.

Other hospitals in the region have not restricted visitors to the extent that Temiskaming Hospital has, he said.

He proposed that steps could be taken to reduce the risk, such as scheduled visits, limits on visitor numbers, and designated space and entrances for visitors.

In an interview, Baker said he's "very empathetic" to people who have been impacted negatively by the policy.

But he said hospitals are the only institutions that invite people with COVID-19 into the building.

"They need us to provide care for them, so that they can survive this infection."

As the hospital was developing the policy, he said the district was topping the province in terms of cases on a per-capita basis.

While the pace of new cases has slowed, he said its case counts are still among the top six in the province.

The hospital's occupancy rate hit a high of 128 per cent on a couple of days in November, and it has brought in as many as seven nurses from the Toronto area to cope with

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A message from Russel Walker, president of the Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club (TNSC).

Welcome to the 2021 2022 season.

I have been pleased to see quite a few of you already out enjoying the trails. The season promises to be a long one. Over the course of the last number of weeks you have had several questions about this season so let me try to answer some of them:

Pisten Bully (PB): We have the main groomer back and it is working well. The groomers have used it and are pleased. The PB had a major overhaul with all pumps replaced,

the electrical set back to its original settings and all regular maintenance completed. While expensive, the repairs were more economical for the club then purchasing a new-to-us groomer. Although the equipment we had did a particularly good job there were issues on steeper slopes and when we received a significant snowfall. I hope the groomer will be able to serve us for many years to come.

Chalet: The continuing pandemic and its variants make planning difficult. The chalet will be open for limited hours during the season. The hours will be dependent on the availability of volunteers. You



will need to be double vaccinated to access the chalet and although you can bring your own snacks, the kitchen will be off limits to everyone save groomers. Of course, changing regulations may require us to change chalet status. Please check our website (www.temiskamingnordic.ca) and Facebook for opening hours. We do not anticipate opening the chalet until after Christmas. If you want to see the

chalet open sooner or longer hours, please consider volunteering. As with last year we strongly recommend you arrive at the club ready to ski.

Equipment rentals: The club will be doing daily equipment rentals. However, these rentals will only be available when the chalet is open, and all rentals must be returned before the chalet closes. There may be no one to help with the selection of equipment rental but we will have a general guide to help with selection. Please have the exact cash amount or cheque ready. As always, if I am around please ask for help.

The executive does have some friendly outside social events planned, we will be running our Loppet and Challenge Ski. In addition, the popular track your kilometers will start again in January.

Skiing and snowshoeing are wonderful outdoor activities and COVID safe. Enjoy the season!

BUNNY AND JACKRABBIT PROGRAM

We are excited to be offering an eight-week Jackrabbit pro-

gram this season. Lessons will start Saturday, January 8, from 1:30-3 p.m.

Lessons will be on Saturdays with the exception of Family Day weekend when the lessons will be on Sunday, February 20. The last day will be February 26.

Rentals will be arranged later in December or early January and will be for the Saturday lessons only. Registration for Jackrabbit programs is located on the TNSC website under ski membership.

The chalet will be available for limited access (bathrooms and warm up) and no snack due to COVID restrictions.

SPECIAL EVENTS

We have our schedule of events prepared for this season. Make sure you mark your calendars, so you don't miss out!

Saturday, January 1: Day 1 of XCO Kilometre Challenge 2021-22

Saturday, January 8: First day of Jackrabbit

Sunday, January 9 - A New Year, A New Sport: Free instructional introduction from 2-4 p.m. Equipment rental fees will apply

Saturday, February 12: Potluck Brunch (TBD)

Monday, February 21: Family Day

Sunday, February 27: Poker Ski/Snowshoe

Monday, March 14 - Friday, March 18: March Break with special rates for students

Saturday, March 19: TNSC Loppet

Saturday, March 26: Challenge Ski Day (can be completed anytime between Sunday, March 20, and Saturday, March 26, if not available on the actual day)

Saturday, April 9: Chalet closes for the season. Please visit our website for chalet hours.

Do you have symptoms of COVID-19? Vous avez des symptômes de la COVID-19?

Self-isolate and get tested right away at your local Assessment Centre.
Isolez-vous et organisez un test de dépistage immédiatement auprès de votre centre d'évaluation local.

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THU COVID-19 LINE | LIGNE COVID-19 DES SST

Not sure if you should self-isolate? Have a potential exposure to COVID-19? Call the THU COVID-19 line for information.

Note: THU no longer assists with booking COVID-19 tests.

Vous êtes incertains si vous devez vous isoler? Vous avez une exposition potentielle à la COVID-19? Appelez la ligne COVID-19 des SST pour plus d'informations. Note: les SST n'assistent plus aux réservations des tests de dépistage.

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | lundi au vendredi - 8h30 à 16h30
Sunday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. | dimanche - 9h à 12h

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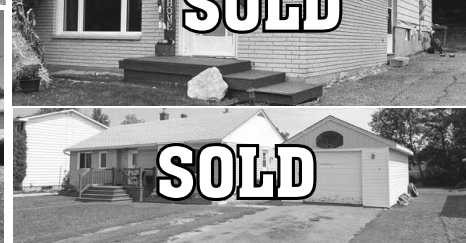
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12 TIPS for holiday fire safety

1. Water fresh trees daily

It's time to decorate the Christmas tree! If you're using a real tree, buy it fresh and keep the base of the trunk in water at all times. Keep your tree away from any sparks or heat source, such as fireplace, heater, or candle.

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.




*Entertain This
Holiday Season Safely*

**Coleman
Fire Department**

Remember to inspect your smoke detector; for assistance with inspection call
Call 705-679-3340 after 4:00 p.m.
705-679-8833 Township Office 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Don't Take Chances With Fires!

Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials to trim a tree & turn off your lights when you go out or to bed.



**Be Fire Safe
This Holiday Season!!**

Elk Lake Nursing Station

Operated by Englehart & District Family Health Team

16 Front Street, P.O. Box 173 P: 705.678.2215
Elk Lake, Ontario P0J 1G0 F: 705.678.2203

**KEEP YOUR
TREE FIRE FREE**

*Keep all candles away from the Christmas tree.
Make sure the base of the tree is immersed in water at all times.*





Englehart and District

Family Health Team
P.O. Box 1110 Englehart, ON P0J 1H0
Tel: 705-544-2321 Fax: 705-544-5224
E-Mail: dpeplinski@edfht.on.ca

This Holiday season be Fire Safe!!!

Township of Armstrong



**Happy
Holidays**

Stay Safe

**Have a Fire Safe
Christmas Season!**



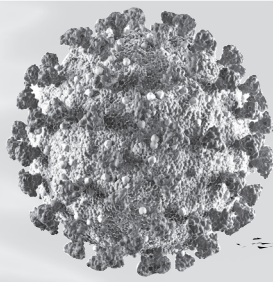

Turn off Christmas lights before leaving your home.



Have a safe
Holiday
Season!



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COVID UPDATE



Services de santé du
TIMISKAMING
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



What should I do if I host or attend a holiday gathering? | Que dois-je faire si j'organise ou assiste à un rassemblement des Fêtes?

If you choose to host or attend a social gathering, such as a gift exchange or holiday party:

- Follow gathering limits. Social gathering limits in Ontario allow for a maximum of 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors.
- Require guests to stay home if they have symptoms, even if they are mild.
- All attendees 12 years of age and older should be vaccinated.
- Gather outdoors where possible. If you are indoors, increase ventilation, for instance by running HVAC systems and opening windows.
- Have handwashing supplies available.
- Consider participating virtually or not attending the event if you are immunocompromised or at higher risk of severe disease.
- Create a list of guests attending the gathering in case THU needs it for contact tracing.
- Note that different restrictions are in place if you host your gathering in a restaurant, meeting and event space, or workplace.

Si vous choisissez d'organiser ou participer à un rassemblement, tel qu'un échange de cadeaux ou une célébration des Fêtes :

- Suivez les restrictions sur les rassemblements. Les limites des rassemblements sociaux en Ontario permettent un maximum de 10 personnes à l'intérieur et 25 personnes à l'extérieur.
- Demandez aux invités de ne pas assister au rassemblement s'ils présentent des symptômes, même s'ils sont légers.
- Tous les participants âgés de 12 ans et plus doivent être vaccinés.
- Rassemblez-vous à l'extérieur si possible. Si vous êtes à l'intérieur, augmentez la ventilation, par exemple en faisant fonctionner des systèmes CVC et en ouvrant les fenêtres.
- Assurez-vous que des produits pour le lavage des mains sont disponibles.
- Si vous êtes immunodéprimé ou si vous présentez un risque élevé de maladie grave, envisagez de participer de façon virtuelle ou de ne pas participer au rassemblement.
- Créez une liste des invités du rassemblement en raison où les SST en auraient besoin pour la recherche des contacts.
- Notez que différentes restrictions sont en place si vous organisez votre rassemblement dans un restaurant, une salle de réunion et d'événement ou un lieu de travail.

CLINIQUES COVID-19 CLINICS

for those aged 12+
pour toute personne de 12 ans+

DEC 22 New Liskeard **Riverside Place** 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. | 9h à 17h
Kirkland Lake **Heritage North** 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. | 9h à 17h

DEC 23 New Liskeard **Riverside Place** 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. | 9h à 17h

DEC 29 New Liskeard **Riverside Place** 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. | 9h à 17h
Kirkland Lake **Heritage North** 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. | 9h à 15h

DEC 30 New Liskeard **Riverside Place** 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. | 9h à 17h
Kirkland Lake **Heritage North** 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. | 9h à 15h

DEC 31 New Liskeard **Riverside Place** 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. | 9h à 15h

Individuals aged 18 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 18 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.

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

DEC 29 New Liskeard **THU Office** 9a.m.—4 p.m. | 9h à 16h
Kirkland Lake **Heritage North** 3:30—4 p.m. | 15h30 à 16h

DEC 30 New Liskeard **THU Office** 9a.m.—4 p.m. | 9h à 16h
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BOOK ONLINE | UTILISER LE SYSTÈME DE RÉSERVATION EN LIGNE: COVID-19.ONTARIO.CA/BOOK-VACCINE/ OR CALL | OU APPELEZ 866-747-4305, EXT./POSTE 6.

Arrive alive! STAY SOBER WHEN YOU DRIVE.

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.

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...Safely!

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Enjoy the Holidays...
Be Safe!




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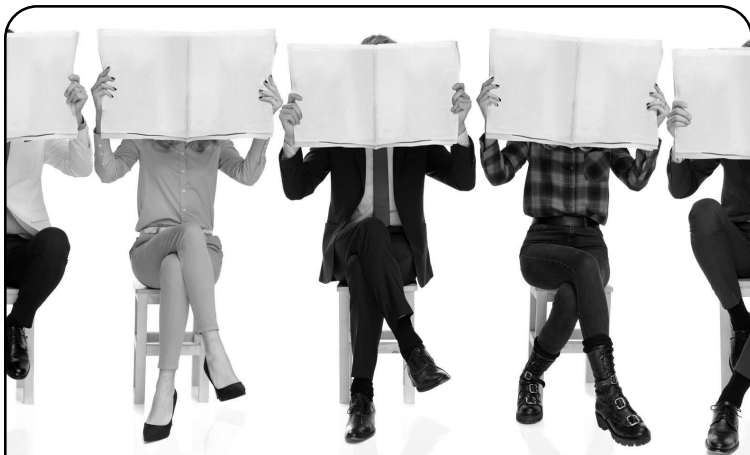
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PERSONAL

TO THE LADY I MET THE OTHER WEEK - We seen each other at a local restaurant at lunch time on December 10th. No words, only smiles and winks were exchanged. If you would like to chat, give your first name, phone number and mention this ad to the restaurant manager who will forward it to me so I can call you.

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LOOKING FOR OLD SNOWMOBILES RUNNING OR NOT FOR PARTS, old camper trailers, propane tanks & scrap metal. Please call 705-679-3395.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

LAW CLERK/RECEPTION - Seeking a motivated individual to assume a Law Clerk/ Reception position at Doupe Law Professionals. Experience is an asset. Kindly forward resume to nicolek@doupelaw.com or drop off in person at 7 Armstrong Street N., during business hours. Only successful applicants will be contacted for interview. Salary will be commensurate with experience.



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Title: Gas Bar Manager

Salary range: \$49,920 to \$62,400

Summary:


Under the supervision of the Director of Economic & Sustainable Development, the Gas Bar Manager is responsible in guaranteeing that all components of the operational plan will be carried out. The operational plan is to define the process, the suppliers, the assets and the human resources needed for the operation of the gas station. They are also responsible for the good management of the business venture.

Deadline for application: January 5th, 2022 at 4:30 pm
Starting date: as soon as possible

Those interested are invited to submit their letter of application and resume to:

Timiskaming First Nation
Attn. Yvonne Haddad
24 Algonquin Avenue, Notre-Dame-du-Nord, Quebec
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Or email to human.resources@atfn.ca

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For Council or local Board where the provisions of the Municipal Act apply – A person is qualified to be elected or to hold office who, as of the day he or she submits their letter of intent be:

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Handwritten or typed letters of intent will be received until 4:00 p.m. on **January 7, 2022** at the Village of Thornloe, P.O. Box 546, Earlton ON



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Directeur général
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Haileybury, ON POJ 1K0
tcexdir@timiskamingchildcare.ca



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Kiwetin School (JK to Grade 8)**

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TITLE: Teacher (junior qualifications) Full time-permanent

SUPERVISOR: Kiwetin School Principal
SALARY: \$33,000 - \$89, 000 annually (qualifications(s) and/or experience will be considered)

SUMMARY:
Under the direction of the Kiwetin school principal, the teacher will be responsible for all aspects of planning, preparation, instruction, communication, and record keeping for students in their assigned class.

DEADLINE:
Deadline for application: January 4th 2022, at 4:30 pm EST
Start date: January 2022

Anyone interested in the above position is invited to submit their resume along with a cover letter, vulnerable sector check, 2 references, certification and all pertinent documentation to:

TIMISKAMING FIRST NATION
Attn: Human Resources Manager
24 Algonquin Avenue (TFN)
Notre-Dame du Nord, QC J0Z 3B0
Or email to: human.resources@atfn.ca

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SALES & SERVICES DIRECTORY

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The Speaker office at

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ext. 227 or ext. 228



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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](https://www.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](https://www.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

OWE NOTHING TO ANYONE except to love one another for he who loves his neighbour, has fulfilled the law... Love does no harm to a neighbour, therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. Romans 13:8;10. Free bible lessons online at www.bibletalk.tv or call Mike or Judy Tinney at 705-569-2572 church of Christ.

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.

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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](https://www.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 dimanche 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](https://www.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!

Horoscopes

CAPRICORN

There's lots to do. You'll organize a marvelous event for the whole family, and it'll be a success. Be careful, and make sure the end of the year doesn't catch you off guard just because you didn't prepare enough.



AQUARIUS

You'll buy lottery tickets as a family, and it wouldn't be surprising if you could afford to end the Christmas holidays with a trip. At the very least, you'll have a lot of fun and spoil your loved ones.



PISCES

A family secret will be revealed to you. You're a sensitive soul, and you'll deliver a moving speech. An emergency at the office will require your attention while you're in the middle of a celebration.



ARIES

It would be wise to steer clear of family conflicts, especially if they don't concern you. However, you might be able to save the day helping two relatives bury the hatchet.



TAURUS

You won't be able to sit back and relax at parties. You'll be on your feet serving or otherwise helping out. When it comes to matters of the heart, the magic of the holidays will reignite passion in your relationship.



GEMINI

You'll find yourself the focus of everyone's attention. You can make people laugh with your sarcasm. You might even get a round of applause from time to time, which will give you an ego boost.



CANCER

You'll spend the week with your family. You'll enjoy lots of quality time with your children or elderly parents. You'll also have the opportunity to recharge your batteries. Some time alone at home will spark your imagination.



LEO

You'll be outspoken and assertive, which will help make things run smoothly. You're always right, even if you're not always tactful. The important thing is to get results.



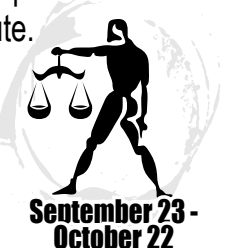
VIRGO

The parties you host are sure to be spectacular despite your limited budget. Your ideas and determination are remarkable. You'll also receive a lot of affection from your partner.



LIBRA

You'll be surprised by how many initiatives you put forward. People will follow you without question, even when you're acting on impulse. You'll organize a unique event at the last minute.



SCORPIO

For some people, now is a good time for recollection. You'll spend some time reflecting on the good and the bad. By taking stock, you'll find that you have a particular openness to some form of spirituality.



SAGITTARIUS

You'll pull off quite a feat, and it'll be remembered for a long time, especially if it involves bringing together people who don't get along very well. If you're single, a co-worker will take advantage of a quiet moment to get to know you.



ACROSS

1. Lunched
4. Suspend
8. Hide
12. Combine
13. Burn reliever
14. Volcano's output
15. Kind of rally
16. Cut, as a lawn
17. Felled
18. Flog
20. Total
22. Congest
24. Come to terms
26. Sultan's beauties
28. Crude
29. A couple
32. ____-upmanship
33. Milky stones
35. Tear
36. As ____ your request
37. Food fish
38. Brewing need
40. Ruler of a clan
42. Copies
43. Crocheted blanket
46. Fisherman's bait
48. Gambling site
49. Ski-lift type: hyph.
51. Vigor

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Answers For Crossword on 16

- 54. Notable times
- 55. Make a salary
- 56. Slip up
- 57. Initial bet
- 58. Color rinses
- 59. Star's locale

DOWN

- 1. Electrical unit, for short
- 2. Even score
- 3. Adventurer
- 4. Radio operators
- 5. Oahu greeting
- 6. This minute!
- 7. Top military man
- 8. Bluish gray
- 9. Car for hire
- 10. Greater than
- 11. Walk in the water
- 19. Mature, as wine
- 21. Gossipy
- 22. Mince
- 23. Kent's coworker
- 25. Rate
- 27. Frosting flavor
- 29. Acrobats' bars
- 30. Knowing
- 31. Selects
- 34. Took aim
- 39. Corn portion
- 40. Picked out
- 41. Signal
- 43. Zone
- 44. Forest plant
- 45. Tiny flying insect
- 47. Jars
- 50. Cooking leaf
- 52. Provoke
- 53. Force open

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Council and Committee MEETINGS

Recreation Services Committee Meeting

Monday, January 10, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. –
Upstairs New Liskeard Community Hall

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. –
City Hall, 325 Farr Drive

Public Works Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m. –
City Hall, 325 Farr Drive

Building Maintenance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 @ 10:30 a.m. –
City Hall, 325 Farr Drive

Corporate Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 @ 12:00 noon
– City Hall, 325 Farr Drive

Protection to Persons and Property Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 @ 1:00 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.**

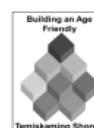
Friday, December 24, 2021	Normal hours of operation
Monday, December 27, 2021	Closed (Statuary Holiday)
Tuesday, December 28, 2021	Closed (Statuary Holiday)
Wednesday December 29, 2021	Closed
Thursday, December 30, 2021	Closed
Friday, December 31, 2021	Closed
Monday, January 3, 2022	Closed (Statuary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

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 lmарcella@temiskamingshores.ca

Mondays – Mix Pickleball: 2:00pm – January 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, New Liskeard Community Hall
Tuesdays – Women's Exerc. Group: 9:00am – January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th Shelley Herbert-Shea Arena
Beginner Line Dancing: 10:00am – January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th New Liskeard Community Hall
Wednesday – Snowshoeing: 9:30am – January 12th at Pete's Dam (snowshoes available)
January 19th at Devil's Rock, Trail B, off Hwy 567 (snowshoes available)
Public Skating: 12:30pm – December 22nd, January 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena
Thursdays – Women's Exerc. Group (registration required): 9:00am – January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, Shelley Herbert-Shea Arena
Interm. Line Dancing (registration required): 11:00am – January, Shelley Herbert Shea Arena
Crib/Euchre: 1:00pm – January 6th, 20th, 27th at the Dymond Community Hall
Fridays – \$3 Bowling: 1:30pm – January 14th, 28th Tri-Town Bowling Lanes, 331 Main Street, Haileybury
Mix Pickleball: 9:00am – January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, New Liskeard Community Hall



Age Friendly Coffee Hour



Tuesday January 25th at 2:00pm
Open Studio Libre – 479 Ferguson Avenue, Haileybury
Wednesday January 26th at 10:30am
Riverside Place – 55 Riverside Drive, New Liskeard



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Make sure the base of your Christmas tree is immersed in water at all times.

Never place lit candles on or near the tree.



For more information contact: Temiskaming Shores Fire Department 705-647-8298

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 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 Wednesday January 5th 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
- Outdoor Rinks / Skating Trail
 - o City staff are working on outdoor rinks and the skating path next to the PFC please be patient as we get these facilities ready for use.

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.

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 Zubyck; Director of Corporate Services
P.O. Box 2050; Haileybury, Ontario; P0J 1K0
szubyck@temiskamingshores.ca

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

Temiskaming Shores

DECEMBER FREE SKATES

Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena

Fri 17 Dec	12:30pm - 1:30pm
Tues 21 Dec	12:00pm - 1:00pm
Wed 22 Dec	12:30pm - 1:30pm
Tues 28 Dec	12:00pm - 1:00pm
Wed 29 Dec	12:00pm - 1:30pm

Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena

Sat 18 Dec	7:30pm - 9:00pm
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LIBRARY CHRISTMAS HOURS:

Friday, December 24: 10-2
Saturday, December 25: Closed
Sunday, December 26: Closed
Monday, December 27: Closed
Tuesday, December 28 to 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 face-mask, 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.

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 attending a Gadget Helper session must show proof of vaccination against COVID-19 and wear a mask at all times. Call the library at 705-647-4215 for more information.



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Hospital visitor policy sparks call for review

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staffing needs.

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If the hospital experienced a COVID outbreak, he said it could lose many of its staff, and then have to decide which services it could offer.

It has recently had two COVID patients through its intensive care unit, he said, which was a first for the hospital during the pandemic. It has also had COVID patients in its medical-surgical unit.

"Our risk is significantly higher, and the COVID consequences for several segments of our population are significant if it gets inside our building," he said.

It could cause delays in surgeries and potentially life-saving therapies, he said, and patients may have to be transferred to other jurisdictions.

It may well be that other hospitals have not instituted the same restrictions, "but we have to look at our situation," he said.

He said the hospital considered "a whole pile of scenarios" before implementing the policy, but considers the current approach "the safest" for the hospital's entire population.

It also had an ethicist from Ottawa review the policy and its application prior to implementation, he said.

He noted that it has made provisions for some visitors, including in end-of-life situations.

"No one will die alone in our hospital because of this policy. Somebody will be with them," he said.

He said the hospital reviews its decision weekly in light of the latest data and in consultation with public health, the Ministry of Health and the Ontario Hospital Association.

But at this time, and in light of the risk posed by the new Omicron variant, Baker does not anticipate that the hospital's policies will be relaxed in the near future.

As for Brazeau, he was able to resume visits with his father on the weekend because he was transferred into end-of-life care.

"The deterioration in that short period of time, which was the rest of his life, was unbelievable," he said.

"Our journey is going to end soon, as far as visitation. But there's still somewhere between 30 and 40 people who are still left alone, locked up."

He said he understands that the hospital has difficult decisions to make.

But he plans to take his concerns over the policy to the Ontario Ministry of Health and political decision-makers.

"It's not going to help myself but I'm hoping it'll help the others," he said.