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# **Coleman will** continue to develop in 2024

Sue Nielsen Speaker Reporter

COLEMAN TOWNSHIP — "We are quite happy with how things are unfolding in the township and we are excited for what will occur in 2024," said Coleman Township Mayor Dan Cleroux in a recent interview with The Temiskaming Speaker.

Coleman is in its second year of the four-year term of council, recently adding a new council member in Patrick Rieux after a council resignation was accepted.

Cleroux said there are lots of new developments happening in the two-billion square footage area that makes up Coleman and the township is seeing more applications for building permits.

"The short Portage Bay Road has some homes going up and that area has quickly developed."

He said continuing with lot development, the township will make lots available in 2024 on Girl Guide Road, located on Gillies Lake North.

"Staff will prepare a report that will come to council and then we will begin to market the lots. We will likely hire a real estate agent for that work."

In terms of the Bass Lake beach campground, the mayor said a contractor has been found for the creation of a new washroom facility at the park. The township received \$100,000 in funding for a new washroom facility and because of the COVID-19 pandemic, contractors were in short supply.

"We have our CEO, Chris Oslund, who has found a contractor to do the work by mid-summer. The issue was getting materials, it is not our fault."



# **WAGON RIDES COUNT**

Cougar Ridge Farms provided wagon rides to the children and adults who attended the Hilliardton Marsh Research and Education Centre Christmas Bird Count on December 30. Feeding carrots to Pete, at the back, and Saga was Kenzie Hackett. About 60 people took a sleigh ride, watched birds being banded, made suet ball crafts and took a tour of the Visitor Centre and trails at the Marsh. See "Christmas Bird Count takes flight at HMREC" on page 8. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

He said the municipality is also looking at upgrading Bass Lake road because of the number of people who live at the lake year round.

"We will likely do it in sections."

And the township still wants to offer swimming lessons at the beach park, which is dependent on

the success of the summer student grant application process.

## **WEBSITE**

Coleman Township has a brand new website that they are proud of and wish to encourage residents and others to visit. Continued on page 3



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# DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK? Here are some January 3, 2024 stories...

- The City of Temiskaming Shores checked off a large list of infrastructure projects in 2023.
- Temagami is attempting to recruit qualified municipal employees in the New Year.
- Cobalt council has entered into an agreement with the Classic Theatre to extend a \$1 lease agreement between the two entities.
- Timmins-James Bay Member of Parliament Charlie Angus summed up his year as a federal politician.
- The Timiskaming District Secondary School SimLab has received a national award, the 2023 Canadian Sim Innovator Award.
- Jay Aspin, the riding's former Nipissing-Timiskaming Member of Parliament, has been named to the Order of Ontario.
- Cobalt council has agreed to a remuneration policy that would see council paid a fixed rate of pay.
- The Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club hosted a successful Northern Ontario District race - back when there was enough snow on the ground.
- The Haileybury Curling Club is ready to welcome back members and visitors to a new year of the roaring game.



# **SUMMER STYLE**

Once kids return to school next week they're sure to have more fun events on the schedule like this pre-Christmas indoor soccer tournament hosted by New Liskeard Public School. In the championship game for the Grade 5/6 girls, Ecole catholique St-Michel's Paige Davies, left, runs for the ball against Englehart Public School's Tenley Boulianne. Englehart won the game held in the big gym at Temiskaming District Secondary School on December 6. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)



# Coleman will continue to develop in 2024

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"Give us suggestions on how to make things better in the township via the website and/or how to make the website more taxpayer friendly," said the mayor.

He said there are some great photos on the website taken by a local photographer that really show the natural beauty of Coleman.

# COUNCIL MEETING CHANGE

Coleman council will meet every third Monday of the month, and information on this change will be posted on the municipality's website.

"Having the meetings every third week will give the staff more time to implement the wishes of council."

The township has just installed a new air conditioning system in the office for the staff.

"Some days when it was 30 degrees Celsius or more it was not comfortable for staff to work in the office. It will be much better and less stressful for them now."

Cleroux mentioned there will be logging operations taking place in the township on Silverfields Road in the coming months.

"We want residents to be aware of logging trucks in that area."

The Coleman Township Fire Department is in good shape, noted the mayor, they have an operating budget and are improving training and equipment on an ongoing basis.

He said the main aspect of fire prevention in the township is people obeying fire bans and says the fire department is second to none in terms of their protection of the municipality.

The Ontario Northland will



**DAN CLEROUX** 

be cleaning up the rail lines running through the township in the coming year in preparation for passenger rail service.

"They have taken away 200,000 railway ties already since they began this clean up work."

# **TAX RATIOS**

One part of Coleman's municipal plan is to keep taxes at the current rate. Cleroux says they are in a good financial position to do that and that the finance committee has done a great job of managing the budget each year.

"We have not increased the taxes for at least 10 years or Continued on page 20

# My Heartfelt THANK YOU! to...

ANDREA and KAYLA LEIS, of Leis Landscaping Yard and Country Store, for your incredible collaboration, creativity and delivery of 30 breakfast hampers in memory of my sister, *Diane Quilty* 1966-2023 ("Diane's Wish")

Your attention to detail and commitment to supporting local businesses has richly blessed this community action, labour of love. Kathie Peters, CEO of the Be Kind Project and to all those supporting behind the scenes!

THANK YOU!
My heart is overflowing...Happy and Prosperous 2024!

Barbara Quilty

# **Public Notice of Application for Consent**

# Clause 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has received **Application No. 54-C-234876** for consent in Henwood Unincorporated Township, District of Timiskaming. The subject property is described as Part of the South ½ of Lot 2, Concession 2, PIN 61315-0158.

The application proposes to sever one new lot of approximately 1.0 hectare in size with approximately 20m of frontage on Henwood Concession 2, for resource-based recreational use. Also, an approximately  $20m \times 325m$  easement will be created over the private road to access the proposed severed parcel.

No new buildings or structures are proposed as a result of this application. A 45m2 cabin sits on the parcel to be severed and its current use will not change. It is serviced by on-site sewage services.

The proposed retained lot would be approximately 128.5 hectares with approximately 750 metres of frontage on Henwood Concession 2. The retained lot contains no existing development and will continue to be used for agriculture.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the nature of the application, invite public input, advise on how to make comments on the application and advise the public of future notification and appeal rights.

Inquiries, Written Submissions and requests to see additional information can be made to David Ferrone, Planner, at (249)-885-4067 or 1-800-461-1193 or via email at David.ferrone@ontario.ca, or by mail at: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Municipal Services Office – North (Sudbury), 159 Cedar Street, Suite 401, Sudbury ON P3E 6A5.

Appeal of a decision of the Minister in respect of this consent, and/or any condition imposed by the Minister, may be made by a specified person or any public body not later than 20 days after notice of the decision is given. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Minister in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the Minister at the above address. If a person or public body that files an appeal in respect of the proposed consent does not submit written comments to the Minister before the Minister gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Land Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

# Avis public de demande d'autorisation

# Alinéa 53 (5) a) de la Loi sur l'aménagement du territoire

Le ministre des Affaires municipales et du Logement a reçu la **demande d'autorisation** nº 54-C-234876 relative au canton non érigé en municipalité de Henwood (district de Timiskaming). Le bien-fonds visé est décrit comme suit : partie de la moitié sud du lot 2, concession 2, cote foncière 61315-0158.

La demande vise à retrancher une parcelle pour créer un nouveau lot d'environ 1,0 hectare de surface dont environ 20 mètres donneraient sur la concession 2 de Henwood, à des fins d'utilisation récréative axée sur les ressources. En outre, une servitude d'environ 20 mètres x 325 mètres grèvera la route privée pour accéder à la parcelle qui serait retranchée.

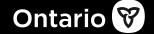
Aucune nouvelle construction ou structure n'est proposée dans le cadre de la demande. Une cabane de 45 m2 se trouve sur la parcelle que l'on propose de retrancher et son utilisation actuelle ne changera pas. La cabane bénéficie de services d'égout sur place.

Le lot qui serait conservé aurait une superficie d'environ 128,5 hectares et environ 750 mètres donneraient sur la concession 2 de Henwood. Ce lot ne contient pas d'aménagement et continuera de servir à l'agriculture.

Le présent avis a pour but d'informer le public de la nature de la demande, de solliciter ses commentaires, de lui indiquer comment faire des commentaires sur la demande et de l'informer de ses droits relatifs aux avis futurs et aux appels.

On peut communiquer **des questions, des observations écrites** et des demandes de renseignements additionnels à David Ferrone, aménageur, par téléphone au 249 885-4067 ou au 1 800 461-1193, par courriel à David.ferrone@ontario.ca, ou par la poste à : Ministère des Affaires municipales et du Logement, Bureau des services aux municipalités du Nord (Sudbury), 159, rue Cedar, bureau 401, Sudbury (Ontario) P3E 6A5.

Toute personne précisée ou tout organisme public peut interjeter appel d'une décision du ministre concernant l'autorisation et toute condition imposée par le ministre au plus tard 20 jours après que l'avis de décision a été donné. Pour recevoir cet avis, il faut le demander par écrit au ministre à l'adresse indiquée ci-contre. Si la personne ou l'organisme public qui interjette appel de la décision ne présente pas d'observations écrites au ministre avant qu'il accorde ou refuse d'accorder une autorisation provisoire, le Tribunal ontarien de l'aménagement du territoire peut rejeter l'appel.



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# EDITORIAL

That's the number of people who have died on Ontario roads and highways in 2023 due to impaired driving, according to the Ontario Provincial Police.

Overall, 400 people died on Ontario roadways in 2023.

Officers laid more than 10,000 impaired driving charges last year, which is an insane statistic given the fact that everyone should know drinking and driving and driving high is a stupid thing to do.

The OPP say they are seeing an increase in impaired driving occurrences year after year, which is alarming to them.

And it should be alarming to us all.

Perhaps the punishment for impaired driving needs to be stiffer, including a five-year driving ban for a first time offence?

How about hitting people in the pocketbook by upping the fine structure?

Certainly the literature surrounding impaired driving is out there on television, radio and in newspapers about the dangers of driving drunk or high.

The messages don't seem to be resonating with some people.

Drunk driving hurts us all, it robs people of loved ones and hurts so many innocent people.

When we take personal responsibility for safe road travel then incidents of impaired driving should be reduced.

We offer a thank you to the OPP and bar/restaurant staff who recognize impaired drivers during Ride checks and at places where alcohol is sold.

What kind of statistics will we see next year when the Ontario government (with its buck-a-beer mentality) is making it easier to buy alcohol in corner stores?

Sometimes the left hand doesn't know what the right hand does.

Making booze more easily available could be viewed as a bad idea.

The Canadian Mental Health Association says making alcohol more available will result in increased vehicle collisions, assaults, violent crime and health problems.

We do not need more death, injury and crime in this province.

# Hockey is for everyone

The puck has dropped on the first game of the Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL).

I watched the inaugural PWHL game between Toronto and New York, where New York shutout Toronto 4-0 and Ella Shelton scored the first ever goal in league history.

I had tears in my eyes as I watched the game, hearing the women announcers tell story after story of how they have dreamed of this day and what it means to girls' and women's hockey.

I saw all the young girls in the stands waving signs and I became emotional when I saw the Sudbury Lady Wolves players at the sold out game in Toronto.

I played goalie for the Cobalt Silver Belles years ago. We changed in furnace rooms and bathrooms and dressed at home before games because the boys had access to the dressing rooms.

My teammates and I went to practices at 10 at night and at 6 a.m. because the boys' and men's teams had the best ice times.

Our women's hockey team was viewed as a novelty back then.

Most of us played with figure skates that we shaved the picks from and bare minimum equipment.

I had to use my baseball glove in net until my coach, Lionel Major, found me a proper glove, blocker and stick my size.

How many hours Lionel spent in rinks and on baseball fields coaching girls and boys teams is beyond me but that man was a saint to us Cobalt kids who just wanted to play.

Mary Bazinet had the hardest slapshot of any player at that time and I would often



Sue Nielsen

ask her to pelt me with her shots to gain better reflexes as a goalie.

Wendy Burton could skate circles around opponents with her stick handling abilities.

The Church brigade - Marta, her sister Lori and cousin Marcia - were all my teammates back then.

You never forget your teammates in any sport.

A friend, Bob Leo, reminded me of a time when Cobalt hosted a women's hockey tournament and he was an official. We had a team called the Willowdale Flurries attend, who could have easily beaten a men's team they were that good.

During a game with the Flurries I took a puck to the inside of my leg in a small space where my goalie pad and pants did not cover.

Yikes, the pain of that will never leave my mind, but I finished the game.

It was so inspirational to see women play at that level back then, just as young girls view the PWHL players now.

As a woman reporter, I know how important it is to have a voice and to change the narrative around sport participation.

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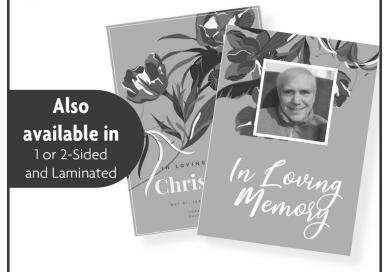
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# **EXAMEN**

Examen du programme proposé de lutte antiparasitaire Forêts Abitibi River, Gordon Cosens, Missinaibi, Northshore, Pineland, Romeo Malette, Spanish, et Timiskaming

Le ministère des Richesses naturelles et des Forêts (MRNF) de l'Ontario vous invite à examiner et à commenter le programme proposé de lutte antiparasitaire et les propositions de projets relatifs à un ou des projets précis d'épandage aérien d'insecticide afin de contrôler l'infestation de tordeuse des bourgeons de l'épinette dans les forêts Abitbi River, Gordon Cosens, Missinaibi, Northshore, Pineland, Romeo Malette, Spanish et Timiskaming, dans les districts de Chapleau-Wawa, Cochrane-Hearst-Kapuskasing, Timmins-Kirkland Lake, Sault Ste Marie et, Sudbury. D'après l'analyse des options de lutte antiparasitaire accessibles, le MRNF propose un plan d'action comprenant l'épandage aérien d'insecticide sur certains peuplements forestiers.

## Comment participer

Afin de faciliter votre examen, Les renseignements suivants peuvent être obtenus lors du forum d'information et sur le Portail d'information sur les richesses naturelles à l'adresse https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmponline?language=fr

- des renseignements sur les infestations de parasites et des prévisions de population;
- une représentation des zones admissibles à la lutte antiparasitaire;
- la version actuelle des renseignements sur les valeurs pour les unités de gestion concernées dans les districts MRNF:
- l'évaluation des options de gestion;
- le plan d'action retenu ainsi que les raisons pour lesquelles il a été retenu;
- les propositions de projets relatifs à des projets précis d'épandage aérien d'insecticide et des produits d'information connexes (p. ex., cartes); et
- les résultats du programme de lutte antiparasitaire de district pour la même espèce de parasite au cours de l'année précédente (le cas échéant)

Les commentaires sur le programme proposé de lutte antiparasitaire et les propositions de projet connexes doivent être reçus par le MRNF à l'adresse électronique indiquée ci-dessous avant le **8 février 2024**.

Des réunions en ligne avec des représentants de l'équipe interdisciplinaire qui a élaboré le programme de lutte antiparasitaire peuvent également être demandées à tout moment au cours de la période d'examen. Il peut être possible de rencontrer des membres de l'équipe de planification en dehors des heures de bureau, sur demande, dans la mesure où cela est raisonnable. Si vous avez besoin de plus amples renseignements ou si vous souhaitez discuter de vos intérêts avec un membre de l'équipe de l'élaboration du programme, nous vous prions de communiquer avec la personne indiquée ci-dessous.

Pour en savoir plus sur le programme de lutte antiparasitaire, veuillez communiquer avec :

## Unité de lutte antiparasitaire forestière -Programme contre la tordeuse des bourgeons de l'épinette

South Porcupine, (Ontario) PoN 1Ho

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courriel: NERbudworm@ontario.ca

Au cours du processus de planification, il sera possible de formuler une demande par écrit pour la résolution de problèmes avec le directeur du district du MRNF ou le directeur régional au moyen d'un processus décrit dans le Manuel de planification de la gestion forestière de 2020, partie D, section 7.5.4. Le dernier jour pour demander la résolution d'un problème est le 23 février 2024.

Le ministère des Richesses naturelles et des Forêts recueille des commentaires et des renseignements en vertu des pouvoirs qui lui sont conférés par le Manuel de planification de la gestion forestière de 2020 approuvé par un règlement en vertu de l'article 68 de la Loi de 1994 sur la durabilité des forêts de la Couronne. Le MRNF et le titulaire de permis d'aménagement forestier durable pourraient utiliser ou partager tout renseignement personnel que vous fournissez (adresse postale ou électronique, nom, numéro de téléphone, etc.) pour communiquer avec vous au sujet des commentaires soumis. Vos commentaires seront intégrés au processus de consultation publique et pourraient être communiqués au grand public. Le MRNF pourrait également utiliser vos renseignements personnels pour vous transmettre de l'information sur cette activité de planification de l'aménagement forestier. Si vous avez des questions au sujet de l'utilisation de vos renseignements personnels, veuillez communiquer avec NERbudworn@ontario.ca

Information in English: NERbudworm@ontario.ca.



# **Harley Township** experiencing steady growth

## Darlene Wroe

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

HARLEY TOWNSHIP - Harley Township is having a quiet year but is still experiencing steady growth.

Its geographic position, with Highway 11 running through it, and Highway 65 East close by to connect it with Quebec, make it a prime area for industrial and agricultural growth.

The key is to obtain funding to assist in new opportunities.

Reeve Pauline Archambault said her goal at this time is to secure funding to bring in an economic development offi-

"From there, maybe he can help us with planning some other work," she said, looking forward to the opportunities that exist for the township.

Perched on the north side of Temiskaming Shores, the township is close to the services available in the larger municipality, but the taxes are still low, she pointed out.

In February of this year, Jordan Kemp resigned as chief administrative officer to pursue his career in another part of the province. Krystle Seymour then took over the position as the head of the administrative staff for Harley and also for the townships of Hudson, Casey and Kerns with whom Harley has a shared ser-

# **Answers for Crossword Puzzle from page 9**

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vices agreement.

Kemp had started with the township as an economic development officer under past chief administrative officer Michel Lachapelle. Archambault would like to bring in someone new to take that role.

"I have one more spot in here that I need to fill," she

The township is "doing well" with its industrial park now completely occupied.

"It's growing and growing," Archambault commented.

The township has been working on a new official plan, and has now met with the farming community. The farmland in the township is being assessed, and maps are being corrected and updated, she said.

"The next step is to have other meetings to finalize the official plan."

She noted that the township wants to ensure it does not lose its farmland. She said there have been changes since the official plan was last completed, and there are now some parcels of land that are farm-

"Harley has changed a lot," she said. "We have different industries that have moved in and cleared land and made farmland."

The township council has also decided to add another municipal drain extending east from the township's municipal buildings on Hanbury Road. Affected properties will be assessed accordingly, she said. The drain will be constructed in the spring of 2024.

The township has also had renovations carried out to its hall on Highway 11, directly west of its municipal building.

The hall is available for rentals, she noted.

# Olivia, Noah at the top once again

TORONTO (Special) -In the popularity race, Olivia and

They've topped the leader board once again in Ontario's annual list of the most popular baby names of the last full year.

The data comes from 2022.

Olivia has held the top spot among girls' names for 14 consecutive years.

She's followed by Charlotte, Amelia, Emma, Sophia, Ava, and, tied for seventh spot, Isla and newcomer Chloe.

Rounding out the top-10 list are Evelyn, Lily and Mia.

On the boys' side, Noah was the most popular name for the fourth year in a row.

Liam was a close second, Noah continue to take top spot. followed by Oliver, Theodore, Jack, Benjamin, Lucas, William, Ethan and Leo.

> The Ontario Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery used the birth names announcement to remind parents to register their child's birth within 30 days of arrival.

ServiceOntario offers a 5-in-1 Newborn Bundle that allows parents to submit one application for their child's birth certificate, Social Insurance Number, Canada Child Benefit and Ontario Child Benefit, and Education Savings Referral service.

# **2023 Year** in Review

# FROM THE MARCH 3 ISSUE

Bucke Park preparing for new season after a successful '22 TEMISKAMING SHORES - Bucke Park reported a successful 2022 season, with increased revenue and usage.

And in response, Temiskaming Shores has renewed its agreement with current operator Sylvain Gelineau for another season, at a cost of \$18,250.

Gelineau and his team have done "an exceptional job" running the park, said Matt Bahm, the city's recreation director, as council discussed the park February 21.

# Canada Post foundation grant applications open

OTTAWA (Special) – Does your charity, school or organization offer programming for kids?

The Canada Post Community Foundation is now accepting grant applications for 2023.

Canadian charities, schools and community organizations that provide programming for children and youth up to age 21 can apply for the grants, which range in value up to \$25,000.

Up to four \$50,000 Signature Grants are also available, including the Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation Signature Grant which was introduced last year.

# Colorectal cancer doesn't wait - neither should you

DISTRICT (Special) - March marks the beginning of Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

Under the slogan "Cancer doesn't wait, why should you?" Colorectal Cancer Canada's campaign reminds Canadians of the importance of getting screened because colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable and beatable if diagnosed early.

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# REVIEW

Review of Proposed Insect Pest Management Program Abitibi River, Gordon Cosens, Missinaibi, Northshore, Pineland, Romeo Malette, Spanish and Timiskaming Forests

Resources and Forestry (MNRF) invites you to review, and comment on, the proposed insect pest management program and draft project proposals for specific aerial insecticide projects to control the spruce budworm infestation on the Abitibi River, Gordon Cosens, Missinaibi, Northshore, Pineland, Romeo Malette, Spanish and Timiskaming Forests in the Chapleau-Wawa, Cochrane-Hearst-Kapuskasing, Timmins-Kirkland Lake, Sault Ste. Marie and, Sudbury Districts. Based upon the analysis of the available insect pest management options, the MNRF is proposing a course of action that includes aerial spraying of insecticide on selected forest stands.

The Ontario Ministry of Natural

## How to Get Involved

To assist in your review, the following information can be obtained at a virtual information forum and on the Natural Resources Information Portal at https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online:

- insect infestation information and population forecasts;
- a portraval of areas eligible for insect pest management: the current version of values
- information for the affected management units in the MNRF districts;
- the evaluation of management options;
- the selected course of action, with reasons;
- draft project proposals for specific aerial insecticide projects, and associated information products (e.g., maps); and
- the results of the district insect pest management program for the same insect species in the previous year (if any).

Comments on the proposed insect pest management program and associated project proposals must be received by the MNRF to the email address listed below by February 8, 2024.

Virtual meetings with representatives of the interdisciplinary team that developed the insect pest management program can also be requested at any time during the review period. Reasonable opportunities to meet with the program development team members during nonbusiness hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests with a program development member, please contact the program area below.

For more information on the Insect Pest Management Program, please contact:

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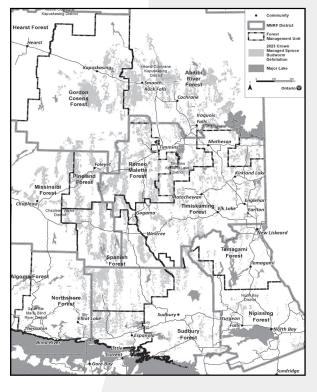
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The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority provided by the Forest Management Planning Manual, 2020 approved by regulation under Section 68 of the Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994. Any personal information you provide (home and/or email address, name, telephone number, etc. may be used and shared between MNRF and/or the sustainable forest licensee to contact you regarding comments submitted. Your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may also be used by the MNRF to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact NERBudworm@ontario.ca.

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# **Christmas Bird Count takes flight at HMREC**

**Sue Nielsen** Speaker Reporter

# HILLIARDTON

About 60 adults and children attended the annual Christmas Bird Count at the Hilliardton Marsh Research and Education Centre (HMREC) on December 30.

The count has been one of the premier events in the birding calendar across North America since 1900.

It is one of the largest wildlife surveys providing data to conservationists, naturalists and scientists about bird populations and behaviour.



A female evening grosbeak ....

It is citizen led, which means it is called citizen science in action as birders all over North America report the numbers of birds they are seeing at backyard feeders and in the wild.

"I think the highlight of the day for me was seeing all the kids excited to see birds up close and hold them," said Jacob Lachapelle, the HM-REC FedNor internship bilingual public outreach coordinator and banding

He has a master's degree in environmental science from the University of Guelph and studied wildlife biology and conservation.

He said there are not a lot of birds around this year because of the mild weather, keeping birds in the forest where food sources are available.

However, three species of birds were banded during the count, including 15 evening grosbeaks, 14 common red polls and - surprising finds - four American tree sparrows for a total of 33 birds.

"It was really cool to see some tree sparrows because they are usually all gone south to wintering grounds by now."

Bird bander Bruce Murphy told the crowd that evening grosbeaks have large thick bills that enable the birds to crack open seeds.

Therefore they are not a bird that is advisable to hold because they give a nasty bite, he noted.

"We can't let children hold the grosbeaks as they do bite," said Murphy. Part of the allure of bird banding events at the marsh is when a child or adult holds a bird in their hands for the very first time.

The common red polls and sparrows were passed around for people to hold and then release back into the surrounding forest.

People at the bird count could enter the Visitor Centre to take part in a suet making craft event overseen by birder Joanne Goddard.

Cougar Ridge Farms owner Dennis Peddie had a team of horses and a wagon at the marsh offering rides up along the berms instead of on the roadways this year.

Due to the mild weather and lack of snow the horses and wagon ride out on the marsh grounds was scenic as people saw the large expanse that encompasses the marsh wetlands.

For more information on events at the HMREC go to their Facebook page or visit the website at hilliardtonmarsh.com.

# HOROSCOPE

WEEK OF JANUARY 7 TO 13, 2024 The luckiest signs this week: Aquarius, Pisces and Aries

# March 21 - April 19



**ARIES** Even if you've just returned from vacation, you'll hear about a group trip that could interest you. You could also consider going on a romantic getaway with your significant other

# April 20 - May 20



**TAURUS** You must take the time to weigh the pros and cons before making a decision that could turn your life upside down. Change will be good for you.

# May 21 - June 21



**GEMINI** Despite having numerous obligations, you'll be tasked with organizing an event that brings together many people, with a focus on pleasure and conviviality. In your love life, you might find your soulmate and make big plans.

# June 22 - July 22



**CANCER** Choosing a fulfilling career is crucial to safeguarding your health. You'll suddenly be inspired to explore new ways to improve your situation.

# July 23 - August 22



**LEO** You'll feel the urge to refresh your wardrobe and improve your appearance to boost your self-confidence. You need to enhance your self-esteem if only to advance in your career.

# August 23 - September 22



**VIRGO** A family situation will take up a good chunk of your time. This is also a good time to consider buying a property or planning some major renovation work on your home.

# September 23 - October 22



**LIBRA** You may spend a great deal of time driving your children or loved ones to various activities or attending your own commitments. You might even consider changing your vehicle for one that's more comfortable or performs better.

# October 23 - November 21



**SCORPIO** You'll receive positive news about a career advancement. You may have the chance to take on new challenges that will motivate and greatly enrich you.

# **November 22 - December 21**



**SAGITTARIUS** Get ready for a busy week! You'll take concrete steps forward on a certain project. You'll clarify certain aspects of your love life and be exceptionally passionate with your partner or a potential new flame.

# December 22 - January 19



**CAPRICORN** A professional or personal proposal will require careful consideration. What's more, your doctor may suggest new treatments that are far more effective for your well-being.

# January 20 - February 18



**AQUARIUS** Stress can be good for you. It'll give you the motivation and strength you need to finish all your projects. Don't forget to relax and rest after this intense time.

# February 19 - March 20



**PISCES** A new professional challenge will present itself to you. This will have a positive impact on your future. You'll have to deal with a glaring lack of time. However, this will push you to get more organized.

# **ACROSS**

- Thick slice 1.
- Skillet 5.
- 8. Add to the pot
- 12. Two of a kind
- 13. Freezer abundance
- 14. Necklace unit
- 15. Bullets
- 16. Fido, e.g.
- 17. Chimed
- 18. Have bills
- 20. Impulse
- 21. Dive home
- 24. Seagoing vessel
- 27. Fox's prey
- 28. Mindful
- 33. Cereal type
- 34. Gold purity measure
- 35. Unfinished
- 36. Bring to trial
- 38. Single
- 39. Horse's gait
- 40. Dressed to the
- 42. Defame
- 45. Kooky
- 46. Catholic leader
- 47. Ask humbly
- 49. Delayed
- 53. Band instrument
- 54. Rower's necessity
- 55. Self-images
- 56. Camp abode
- 57. Exist
- 58. Hideaways

# **CROSSWORD**

# Answers on page 6

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# **DOWN**

- Health facility 1.
- 2. Getaway
- 3. **Target**
- Sulk 4.
- Plumbing part 5.
- 6. Head of a suit
- 7. Fisherman's dipper
- Sudden 8.
- 9. Not distant
- 10. Zest
- 11. Border
- 19. More feeble
- 21. Boutique
- 22. Shakespearean king
- 23. " each life . . . "
- 24. Walk proudly
- 25. Warmth
- 26. Mean
- 29. Filled tortilla
- 30. Press clothes
- 31. Wind indicator
- 32. Meadow mothers
- 37. Road
- 41. Lounged
- 42. Blemish
- 43. Stud site
- 44. Informed of: 2 wds.
- 45. Dreaded person
- 47. Feathered stole
- 48. Corn piece
- 50. Stone or Bronze
- 51. Large amount
- 52. Tee preceder



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# **2023 Year in Review**

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# FROM THE MARCH 10 ISSUE

# **Hudson Recreation Committee reactivated**

HUDSON TOWNSHIP - The Hudson Recreation Committee has been meeting again through the winter since being on hold for two years due to the pandemic.

The main impact of that was the closure of the township's skating rink during the winters of 2021 and 2022.

Throughout the pandemic, members have been dealing with issues through emails, but in January of this year the committee held its first in-person meeting and on February 17, the community enjoyed a Family Skate Night. "We had a small turnout but everyone left with a prize and a hot-chocolate moustache," Councillor Crystal Gauthier said in an email.

The reactivated committee has eight members but would welcome any resident who is interested in joining.

# Ontario expanding cancer coverage for firefighters

TORONTO (Special) - Ontario is proposing to expand coverage for firefighters, including volunteers and full-time members of services, who develop thyroid and pancreatic cancers.

In a news release, the provincial government said the changes would make it faster and easier for firefighters and their families to access the compensation and supports they deserve from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB).

Firefighters die of cancer at a rate up to four times higher than the general population. On average, 50 to 60 firefighters die of cancer yearly in Canada, and half of those are from Ontario.

# FROM THE MARCH 17 ISSUE

## Wild foods topic of local conference

TEMISKAMING SHORES - Ni Dakinan, the Natural Resources and Heritage Department of the Timiskaming First Nation, will be presenting a two-day conference at Riverside Place in New Liskeard March 23 and 24.

Planting the Seeds of Cultural Forest Knowledge will allow participants to learn more about plant identification, and about local habitats for plant species and the symbiotic relationships that happen in the forest with plants and soils, and with trees and fungi.

Ni Dakinan administrator Tara Dantouze said in a telephone interview that the event will also be an opportunity to hear about sustainability for forestry practices and to network with a view to building networks and partnerships.

# Celebrating the achievements of Indigenous women and girls

TEMISKAMING SHORES - On International Women's Day March 8, Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) president Carol Mc-Bride stated her pride in the achievements of women and girls across

"I would particularly like to honour Indigenous women as they continue to lead, inspire and make change," said McBride, who is a former chief and councillor of the Timiskaming First Nation, and a past grand chief of the Algonquin Anishinabeg Nation Tribal Council.

She spent time at Keepers of the Circle New Liskeard for tea and bannock to celebrate the day with other Indigenous women of the area.

"This year's theme for International Women's Day is Embrace Equity," said McBride in a news release.

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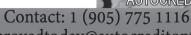
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# Temagami Family Health Team Submitted by Ellen Ibey

# Make and Keep New Year's **Healthy Weight Resolutions**

If better eating habits and getting to a healthier weight are among your new year's resolutions, give yourself a pat on the back for making your health and yourself a priority! Now comes the hard part... sticking to it!

# Make (and Meet) Mini Goals

A goal that's too big can be so overwhelming that you never even get started toward meeting it. Make small changes every week and they will add up in time. It's easier to move small stones, one at a time, rather than a whole mountain. Here are some examples of weekly changes you could incorporate into mini-goals:

- Week one: drink 8 glasses of water per day
- Week two: park your car so you have to walk a greater distance
- Week three: cut fried foods from your diet

The small changes you can adapt to as your new way of life will be what leads you to long-term success.

Weight loss is not an easy thing to do in the best of circumstances so don't try to go it alone. Try to encourage a friend or family member to help you.

The best weight loss is slow and steady – one to two pounds per week. Most people take years to gain the weight, so there is no reason we should expect it to come off in a short time.

Don't just say you're going to join a gym – do it! Sign up for membership to the Temagami Community Fitness Centre. The Fitness Centre will be undergoing a refresh/upgrades in the New Year including replacement of the some of the older equipment. As a member, you will have access to the fitness centre 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! Drop in to the Temagami Medical Centre to take a tour, try out our universal weight machine and/or to buy your membership.

Keep your momentum going strong and good luck!

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



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# FROM THE MARCH 24 ISSUE

# Construction underway for Zack's Crib

TEMISKAMING SHORES - The couple that has been working since 2018 to get a local homeless shelter set up in New Liskeard are now happy to announce that construction is underway.

Yves and Lianne Paillé envision an October opening for the shelter at 183 Broadwood Avenue, a short distance from Lakeshore Road. The location, a former dry-cleaning facility, is being prepared for renovations including the construction of showers, examining rooms and new plumbing and heating.

Zack's Crib has brought people together from across the district with a board of volunteers, as well as the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board (DTSSAB), and important volunteer support such as former Timmins shelter manager Jason Serada and project manager Josh Kacur of MaJIC.

The project encountered delays due to the COVID pandemic.

# **Ontario marks International Francophonie Day**

TORONTO - To mark International Francophonie Day March 20, Francophone Affairs Minister Caroline Mulroney issued the following statement:

It is with great pride that our government marks International Francophonie Day and acknowledges its symbolic importance for the Francophones and Francophiles of Ontario, Canada and the world.

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# FROM THE MARCH 31 ISSUE

# **Armstrong dipping into pool project**

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP - Armstrong Township council is carefully testing the water as it approaches its plan to have a new building constructed for the township's outdoor pool.

At their March 8 meeting, Armstrong council agreed they want to have a request for proposals

Rivarc Drafting and Design has prepared drawings for the project, and is issuing the request for proposals this week.

An early estimate for the project, proposed by staff, is now known to be well under the actual cost, so the town staff and council are holding their breath for the true figures that will be revealed once the responses come in.





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ALANON Group for adults, children of/with alcoholics meet every Thursday at 7pm at the Good Shepherd Church 139 Second Ave Englehart. Sandra 705-288-2992

# **HELP WANTED**

# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -**

THE TEMISKAMING **HOSPITAL GIFT SHOP** is looking for volunteers. If interested contact Diane at 705-647-8066.

# **Cooking Products**



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# **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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Send email: dmwood@ parolink.net or call 705 563 2048



**Employment Opportunity Equipment Operator** 

The Corporation of the Township of Coleman is seeking a qualified Full time Equipment Operator within the Township's Public Works Department. The Equipment Operator is responsible for operating heavy equipment, maintenance of the Township's road network, roadway repairs and general labour duties. This position reports to the Public Works Foreman.

# Job Responsibilities

- · Operate various municipal vehicles, heavy equipment and snow plowing equipment;
- Provide complete and accurate paperwork as required (e.g. hours of service, etc.);
- Perform miscellaneous labour, garbage collection, yard duties as required;
- · Other duties as assigned.

# Job Requirements

- · Minimum Grade 12 or equivalent:
- Valid Province of Ontario Class DZ license;
- Experience operating a motor grader, winter maintenance equipment;
- · Ability to understand and comply with written and oral instructions including Health and Safety Regulations.

Please address your resume to the attention of Christopher Oslund, CAO/ Clerk-Treasurer, no later than 4:00 p.m. Thursday, January 11, 2024 by mail, email, fax or in person to the address below:

Township of Coleman 937907 Marsh Bay Road Coleman, ON P0J 1C0 Phone 705-679-8833 Fax 705-679-8300 coslund@colemantownship.ca

To view the full job description, visit, www.colemantownship.ca

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, and will only be used for candidate selection. The Township of Coleman is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code for all parts of the recruiting process. Applicants need to make their needs known in advance. We thank all persons for applying; however, only those being considered for an interview will be contacted.

To be a part of our directory contact: The Speaker office at 705-647-6791 ext. 227 or ext. 228



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EIGHTIES LARGE BOOM BOX GHETTO BLASTERS & RECORD PLAYERS - no CD players. Call or text, 705-648-5392.

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# **FOUNDATIONS**

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## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**



We are recruiting for the following position:

Position: EarlyON ON y va Program Staff

Area of work: Temiskaming Shores & Surrounding Areas

Hours: Casual / Part Time

Visit our website to view position details and qualifications at www.timiskamingchildcare.ca or find us on Facebook. Only those candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

Please apply before closing date of January 5th, 2024 to:

Sylvain Guilbeault, Executive Director Centre pour enfants Timiskaming Child Care P.O Box 2070, Haileybury, ON POJ 1KO tccexdir@timiskamingchildcare.ca

## Nous recrutons pour le poste suivant:

Poste: Personnel de programme pour EarlyON ON y va Région de travail: Temiskaming Shores et région environnante

Heures: Occasionnel/à temps partiel

Visitez notre site web à <u>www.timiskamingchildcare.ca</u> ou nous trouver sur Facebook pour voir les détails regardant le poste et les qualifications requises. Nous contacterons seulement les candidats(es) choisis pour une entrevue.

Veuillez faire votre demande avant la date de clôture du 5 janvier 2024 à:

Sylvain Guilbeault Directeur général Centre pour enfants Timiskaming Child Care C.P. 2070, Haileybury, ON POJ 1KO tccexdir@timiskamingchildcare.ca

# **USED ARTICLES FOR SALE**

WHITE BIRCH FOR SALE - cut, split & delivered. Daki Menan Lands & Resources Corp. 705-569-2663.

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# **MISCELLANEOUS**

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# **NOTICES / COMING EVENTS**

PAROISSE ST-JEAN BAPTISTE D'EARLTON Nous sommes heureux de vous accueillir pour les messes de Noël et jour de l'An. La veille de Noël le 24 décembre à 19h, La Sainte Famille le 31 décembre à 11h et le Jour de l'an le 1er janvier à 11h. L'Église et notre bureau sont situés au 31 - 10ième rue ouest, Earlton. Pour autres informations composez le 705-563-2220 ou par courriel pstjeanbaptiste@gmail.com

THE COFFEE HOUSE SUPPORTING & PROMOTING LOCAL MUSICIANS AND THEIR MUSIC. On Tuesday January 9th please join us once again at The Coffee House and celebrate with us the beginning of a brand new year of great local music with the musical stylings of Mary Light, Glenna Gaudette, Aurora Dewar, Moriah Caron, Kirk & Roy, Lou Benoit, Ian DeJoseph, Sierra Jessi, Dan Dalcourt, The Dirty Vulture Blues Band, & Random Chants. Please join us at St. Paul's United Church auditorium, 7 - 10pm at 70 Wellington St. in New Liskeard for The Coffee House. For further information contact Brian Matheson at 705-647-5671 or email: coffeehouse2tues@outlook.com Follow us on Facebook, Instagram & YouTube at: the coffee house new www.coffeehousenewliskeard.ca

LETS FELLOWSHIP Thursday December 28th we meet from 4:00pm to 7:30pm at The Temiskaming Shores Public Library. Thursday January 4th until January 11th there will be NO meeting. THURSDAY JANUARY 18 AND 25 WE WILL MEET AGAIN FROM 4:00 TO 7:30PM. I apologize for the confusion there will be no more afternoon meetings in 2024. 2 Cor 13:14 AMP The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you

ATTENTION KNITTERS: If you would like to knit for children in the third world, we could use your help. Join us on Tuesdays at 1:30pm at the Community of Christ Church on Niven St., New Liskeard. Just bring knitting needles size 4 or 41/2mm. Yarn and needles are available. All are welcome! For more information, call D. Caldwell at 705-647-6056.

CRIB! EVERY SUNDAY AFTERNOON at 1:00 pm at Haileybury Legion. Bring your own partner. Everyone Welcome! For info call 705-647-6684

EUCHRE! EVERY MONDAY AFTERNOON at 1:00 pm at Haileybury Legion. Everyone Welcome! For info call 705-

BID EUCHRE! EVERY TUESDAY AFTERNOON WINTER HOURS at 1:15 pm at Hudson Hall. Everyone Welcome! For info call 705-647-6684

LE GRAND JAM - weekly jam session every WEDNESDAY at 1 pm. At Le Coeur Du Village in Earlton. Join us to play, dance and meet up with friends.

EUCHRE! EVERY THURSDAY AFTERNOON at 1:15 pm at Hudson Hall. Everyone Welcome!

TEMISKAMING TREASURES QUILT GUILD meet the last Thursday of every month at 7pm at the St. Pauls & St. Johns Hall (506 Rorke Ave., Haileybury). Welcome to all interested in quilting. For more information please contact Linda at 705-647-5812.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR AMAZING SUPPORT WITH OUR LEGION BREAKFAST on Saturdays and Sundays. We are now on Christmas Break until Jan 6 and 7. When the ladies auxiliary will be back in the kitchen and ready to serve you the best breakfast around 8 am to 12 noon. Keep an eye out for the vendors corners also coming back for the weekend breakfast time at the Haileybury Legion 373 Broadway Street

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Call :705 672-3363 or Email: communicate@temiskamingshores.ca Visit: www.temiskamingshores.ca



# **Council & Committee Meeting**

# Committee of the Whole followed immediately by the Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 | 3:00 p.m. | City Hall, 325 Farr Drive

## **Committee of the Whole**

Tuesday, February 06, 2024 | 3:00 p.m. | City Hall, 325 Farr Drive

# **Regular Council Meeting**

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 | 6:00 p.m. | City Hall, 325 Farr Drive

## **Committee of the Whole**

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 | 3:00 p.m. | City Hall, 325 Farr Drive

Regular Council Meetings are live-streamed on the City's Facebook page.

## **Question and Answer**

Question and Answer Period during Regular Council meetings is an opportunity for members of the public to submit questions pertaining to an item on the Agenda, or the business of Council. The questions received by 3:00 p.m. on the meeting day (Regular Council Meetings only) will be read aloud during the Question-and-Answer Period.

Members of the public who wish to submit questions may submit in writing or email to questions@temiskamingshores.ca

Note Any 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 all comments.

For further information contact Logan Belanger, Municipal Clerk Phone | 705-672-3363 Ext. 4116

Email | Ibelanger@temiskamingshores.ca

# From City Hall

# **Proclamation**

National Alzheimer Awareness Month—January 2024

Whereas Alzheimer Awareness Month is recognized during the month of January 2024 to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia; and

Whereas Alzheimer's disease is a degenerative brain disorder that most often occurs in people over the age of 65, but can occur in adults in their 30's, 40's and 50's: and

Whereas there are over 630,000 Canadians living with Alzheimer's disease with a projected almost 1 million Canadians living with dementia by 2031; and Whereas the Alzheimer Society Cochrane-Temiskaming provides programs and services to all citizens of Cochrane-Temiskaming district; and

Whereas the Alzheimer Society Cochrane-Temiskaming encourages Council, residents, business and services in the City of Temiskaming Shores to break the stigma and fear of exclusion attached to Alzheimer and dementia, and build their community into a Dementia Friendly Community that supports those living with dementia to maintain an active role in our community, to take part in new things and to continue activities they enjoy with confidence.

**Therefore** be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby declares the Month of January 2024 as:

# "Alzheimer Awareness Month"

in the in the City of Temiskaming Shores.

City of Temiskaming Shores Jeff Laferriere, Mayor

# **Programming**

# Age Friendly/Get Active Programs.

Registration is required for Women's exercise class, line dancing and chair yoga. For more information contact:

Lynn Julien | Program Coordinator

Phone | 705-647-5709

Email | ljulien@temiskamingshores.ca

# Friday-January 5

Indoor Pickleball | 9:00am | Lawrence "Bun" Eckensviller Community Hall

Adult Swim | 12:00pm | \$4.50 | Pool and Fitness Centre Skating | 12:30pm | New Liskeard Arena

# **Monday-January 8**

Aquafitness | 9:00am | \$7.01 | Pool and Fitness Centre Indoor Walking | 9:00am | Northern College Gymnasium Adult Swim | 12:00pm | \$4.50 | Pool and Fitness Centre

# **Tuesday-January 9**

Womens Exercise Group | 9:00am | Haileybury Arena Beginner Line Dancing | 10:00am | Lawrence "Bun" Eckensviller Community Hall

# Wednesday-January 10

Aquafitness | 9:00am | \$7.01 | Pool and Fitness Centre Adult Swim | 12:00pm | \$4.50 | Pool and Fitness Centre Skating | 12:30pm | New Liskeard Arena

# Thursday-January 11

Womens Exercise Group | 9:00am | Haileybury Arena Indoor Walking | 9:00am | Northern College - Haileybury Campus

Intermediate Line Dancing | 11:00am | Haileybury Arena Chair Yoga | 2:00pm | Riverside Place, New Liskeard

# Temiskaming Shores Public Library

# **Library Hours**

Monday | 10am-4pm Tuesday | 10am-8pm Wednesday | 10am-8pm Thursday | 10am-8pm Friday | 10am-4pm Saturday | 10am-4pm Sunday | Closed

# Northern College Haileybury **Library Hours**

Monday | 8am-8pm Tuesday | 8am-8pm Wednesday | 8am-8pm Thursday | 8m-8pm Friday | 8am-4pm Saturday | 10am-3pm Sunday | 10am-3pm

For information about programs pop into the Library and speak to one of our friendly staff members or contact us at:

Phone | 705-647-4215

Email | Info@temisklibrary.com

# **Tuesday-January 9**

Soup to Tomatoes Seniors Exercise Group | 11:15am-11:45am **Thursday-January 11** 

Soup to Tomatoes Seniors Exercise Group | 11:15am-11:45am

# Soup to Tomatoes Seniors' Exercise Group

Are you an older adult? Are you hoping you can keep your strength and stay independent? Do you struggle with mobility, standing, regular exercise? Would you enjoy social time with others? Join us in the Programming Room of the Library for this Free group chairbased exercise class for seniors.

# **Transportation Service**

# **Overnight Parking Prohibited**

November 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 Between the hours of 12:00am to 7:00am.

Any street and City owned parking lot within the boundaries of the City of Temiskaming Shores.

# Why

- ◆ By-law 2012-101, to regulate traffic and parking | Section 5.9 of schedule "A"
- ◆ By-law 2012-019, to prohibit and regulate unusual noise, Section 4.7, exemptions, snow removal

# City of Temiskaming Shores Winter Operations Plan—2023-2024

Although winter weather is often random and unpredictable, city snow removal efforts are not. The city is committed to providing a high level of snow removal service throughout the winter season, with consideration to safety, environmental and budget concerns. Your cooperation in helping to keep streets clean and safe is appreciated.

# **Weather Monitoring Season**

From October 1 to April 30, the minimum standard is to monitor the weather, both current and forecast to occur in the next 24 hours, once every shift or three times per calendar day, whichever is more frequent, at intervals determined by the municipality.

# **Winter Maintenance Season**

The City will perform winter highway maintenance commencing on or about November 1, 2023 and is completed on or about April 15, 2024.

# **Roadway Service Standards**

Road surfaces will be maintained by keeping them as bare as possible. Priority Road Routes plowing will begin once 5cm of snow has accumulated. Secondary Road Routes plowing will begin once 8cm of snow has accumulated.

# **Sidewalk Service Standards**

Sidewalks will be maintained in a snow packed condition. Priority Sidewalk Routes maintenance will begin once 5cm of snow has accumulated. Secondary Sidewalk Routes maintenance will begin once 8cm of snow has accumulated.

You may view the Winter Operations Plan on the city website at:

www.temiskamingshores.ca

# **Temiskaming Transit**

# Temiskaming Transit | 2024 Transit Fares

Temiskaming Transit Passes and Fares, effective January 1, 2024. The 2024 Transit Fares are to ensure that Temiskaming Transit is able to efficiently maintain the current level of service being provided to transit users.

# **Monthly Passes**

Adult Pass | \$100.00

Student and Senior Pass | \$80.00

## **Book of Ten Tickets**

Adult Booklet | \$40.00

Student and Senior Booklet | \$37.50

# **Individual Cash Fare**

Adult Pass | \$4.00

Student and Senior Pass | \$3.75

- ♦ Senior is 55 years of age or older
- ◆ Children 5 years of age and younger are free

For further information visit: www.temiskamingtransit.ca

## **Significant Weather Event Route**

Due to winter storms, Temiskaming Transit may have to switch to the Significant Weather Event Route. A Winter Event is a weather condition affecting roads such as snowfall, wind blown snow, freezing rain, front, black ice, etc. to which a winter event response is required.

- ◆ The Route Map can be located on the Temiskaming Transit Website.
- Notices will be posted, if possible, as soon as possible, on the City Facebook Page.

For issues in regards to Temiskaming Transit please contact Voyago Temiskaming Shores directly at 705-230-2751

# **Facilities**

# Public Skating Regular Schedule | Free

Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena

New Liskeard | 75 Wellington St. South

Phone | 705-647-5728

**Friday-January 5** | 4:00pm - 4:50pm

**Sunday-January 7** | 6:30pm - 7:45pm

Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena

Haileybury | 400 Ferguson Ave

Phone | 705-672-5615

**Saturday-January 6** | 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Tuesday-January 9 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm

# **Regular Public Swimming Schedule**

Public Swimming fees are included with a Facility Membership or can be paid for per visit. For more information about public swimming please contact:

# **Waterfront Pool and Fitness Centre**

77 Wellington St. South | New Liskeard

Phone | 705-647-5709

Email | pfc@temiskamingshores.ca

# Friday-January 5

7:30am-8:30am | 10:30am-11:30am | 7:15pm-8:30pm

**Saturday-January 6** 

10:00am-11:45am | 1:30pm-4:00pm

**Sunday-January 7** 

1:30pm-4:00pm

**Monday-January 8** 

7:30am-8:30am | 10:00am-11:00am

**Tuesday-January 9** 

4:15pm-6:00pm

# Wednesday-January 10

7:30am-8:30am | 10:00am-11:00am

# Holiday Public Swimming Schedule | Free

Holiday swimming is sponsored by local community groups. Thank you all for promoting a healthy holiday.

Friday - January 5 | 10:00am-11:00am

Sponsored By | New Liskeard Lions Club

Friday - January 5 | 2:00pm-3:00pm

Sponsored By | New Liskeard Lions Club

Friday - January 19 | 7:15pm-8:30pm

Sponsored By | Temiskaming Metis Council

# **Memorial Bench and Tree Program**

Applications for the City of Temiskaming Shores Memorial Bench and Tree Program, are now being accepted. Leave a lasting memory of a loved one by having a bench installed or tree plated in their name. This is a great way to make a low-cost, lasting impact to our community.

New this year, applications will be accepted to place benches and trees within City cemeteries.

## **Benches**

The cost for a memorial bench is \$2,000.00 which includes the bench, plaque, engraving, shipping, installation and any applicable taxes.

## **Trees**

The cost for a memorial tree is \$500.00 which includes the tree, plaque, engraving, shipping, installation and applicable taxes.

The application period is from January 1 until April 15 with all installations to take place by September 30.

Application form and instruction available on the City Website: www.temiskamingshores.ca

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Call :705 672-3363 or Email: communicate@temiskamingshores.ca Visit: www.temiskamingshores.ca



# **Animal Services**

# Notice to Pet Owners—Dog and Cat Licencing Effective January 1, 2024

# Animal Care and Control By-law 2023-122

The licensing of pets is one step to encourage responsible pet ownership by properly identifying companion animals in the City. Tags are proof of ownership so animals may be returned to their owners sooner.

# **Register Your Pet**

Every owner of a dog or cat shall register the dog or cat with Temiskaming Shores Animal Services. You may register and purchase a pet tag or a replacement tag at the following locations:

- ◆ City Hall | 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury
- ◆ Animal Hospital | Highway 11B, New Liskeard
- ◆ K9 to 5 Doggie Daycare | Highway 11, New Liskeard
- ◆ Pet Value | Highway 65, New Liskeard
- ♦ Temiskaming Shores Public Library | 285 Whitewood Ave, New Liskeard
- ◆ Temiskaming Veterinary Services | 191 Drive Inn Theatre Road, **New Liskeard**

# **Registration Process**

Every person who applies to register a dog or cat, must complete the necessary form, and provide the following:

- Owner's name, physical and mailing address, and telephone number.
- Name of the dog or cat.
- Description of the dog or cat such as sex, age, breed, colour.
- ♦ Note any identifiers such as a Microchip implanted or permanent tattoo.
- Disclose if the animal is a Service Animal.
- Disclose if the dog is a Livestock Guardian Dog, or a Herding Dog.
- Disclose if the dog or cat is spayed or neutered; and
- Pay the required registration fee.

# Pet Tag Annual Renewals—Available after January 1, 2024

- We encourage you to renew your pet tag through the City of Temiskaming Shores Pet License Online Portal. You must register and use your access code for this option.
- ◆ Please renew as soon as possible after January 1, 2024. If your pet tag has a year identified on it (2018 and prior), you must obtain a new permanent tag for a fee of \$35.00.
- ♦ Please note: Lifetime Registration will be an option soon and in accordance with the Animal Services Program.

Visit the City Website for further information on Animal Control at: www.temiskamingshores.ca under "Resident-Animal Control"

Fees—effective January 1, 2024						
Register Dog or Cat—Initial Licensing Fee and Tag	\$35.00					
Annual Renewal Spayed/Neutered	\$15.00					
Annual Renewal NOT Spayed/Neutered (unfix)	\$25.00					
Register a Service Animal	NIL					
Register a Livestock Guardian Dog or a Herding Dog	NIL					
Purchase a Replacement Tag (lost tag)	\$10.00					

# **Animal Services Update**

The City of Temiskaming Shores is moving forward with the Pilot Program for Animal Services. We request the public's patience while we work within our scope and ability until the facility is open and operational.

Recruitment efforts are underway for an Animal Services Coordinator, and we will work with individuals to resolve emergencies or immediate health and safety concerns. In the interim if you experience any of the following, please contact the appropriate agency.

- ◆ For emergencies or threat to public safety contact **911** for immediate assistance.
- ◆ For animal cruelty or neglect contact Animal Welfare Services at 1-833-926-4625.
- ◆ For issues relating to the Dog Owner's Liability Act including where a dog has bitten or attacked a person or domestic animal; or a dog has behaved in a manner that poses a menace to the safety of persons or domestic animals, please contact the Ontario Provincial Police. 1-888-310-1122.
- ♦ Medical professionals, veterinarians, police or anyone with information about an animal bite should report the incident to the Timiskaming Health Unit at 1-866-747-4305.
- If you are transported to the hospital, report the bite or attack to the Ontario Provincial Police as soon as possible after treatment is complete at 1-888-310-1122.

For questions related to the Animal Control and Care By-law contact the Temiskaming Shores By-law Enforcement Officer, Questions may include: Pet limit, Licensing, Noise, Pet waste concerns, Restricted areas and Report lost pet.

Phone | 705-672-3363 ext. 4133 Email | AnimalServices@temiskamingshores.ca Visit | www.temiskamingshores.ca

# **Employment Opportunities**

The City of Temiskaming Shores is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to providing accommodations in all parts of the hiring process. If you require accommodation, we will work with you to meet your needs. We appreciate the interest of all applicants, however only those selected for interview will be contacted.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their resumes to: Shelly Zubyck, Director of Corporate Services Email | szubyck@temiskamingshores.ca

For further information on Employment Opportunities with the City of Temiskaming Shores, please visit the website

www.temiskamingshores.ca under "City Hall-Employment Opportunities"

# **Current Opportunities**

- ◆ Desk Attendants-Pool and Fitness Centre-Part Time Competition No. 2023-009
- ◆ Lifeguard/Swim Instructors-Part Time Competition No. 2023-019

Rapid

Antigen Testing





# Taking a rapid antigen test? Vous passez un test antigénique rapide?

The Ontario Science Table recommends swabbing your mouth and then your nose for the best results.

These instructions may be different from the instructions found in your test kit, and we understand that it's confusing to receive differing instructions. The Ontario Science Table considers taking mouth and nose samples to be a best practice for testing for the Omicron variant.

To learn how to take your sample, see the Ontario Science Table video:



Pour savoir comment prélever votre échantillon, consultez la vidéo de La Table de consultation scientifique de l'Ontario :



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJhdIWWdXT4

Les tests antigéniques rapides



La Table de consultation scientifique de l'Ontario recommande de prélever des échantillons de la bouche et de votre nez pour obtenir de meilleurs résultats.

Ces recommandations peuvent être différentes des instructions trouvées dans votre trousse de test, et nous comprenons qu'il est frustrant de recevoir des instructions différentes. La Table de consultation scientifique de l'Ontario considère le prélèvement d'échantillons de la bouche et du nez comme une pratique exemplaire pour les tests de dépistage du variant Omicron.

In-office Flu & COVID-19 Clinics - open to anyone 6 months of age and older.

Vaccinations contre la grippe et la COVID-19 au bureau pour personnes de plus de 6 mois

# COVID-19

New Liskeard: Wednesday, January 10 & 24 - 1 to 4 p.m. | 13h à 16h Kirkland Lake: Wednesday, January 10 & 24 - 1 to 4 p.m. | 13h à 16h

Englehart: Call | Appelez 1-877-544-2221

Book online at <a href="https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/">https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/</a>
Réservez en ligne à <a href="https://covid-19.ontario.ca/rendezvous-vaccin">https://covid-19.ontario.ca/rendezvous-vaccin</a>
or call | ou appelez 866-747-4305, Ext.| poste 6

# **INFLUENZA | LA GRIPPE**

# Standard flu dose only | Dose standard seulement

Call your local THU office and speak to reception: Appelez votre bureau local des SST et parlez à la réception :

New Liskeard - 1-866-747-4305 Englehart - 1-877-544-2221 Kirkland Lake - 1-866-967-9355

For more information and complete schedule visit: | Pour plus d'informations et l'horaire complet, visitez : https://www.timiskaminghu.com/90568/Fall-Vaccination-Clinics

- Participating pharmacies and primary care providers also carry flu and COVID-19 vaccines: https://covid-19.ontario.ca/vaccine-locations
- If your last dose was administered outside of Ontario, please bring proof of your COVID-19 vaccine
- Stay home if you are sick
- Wear a short sleeve shirt
- Bring your Ontario Health Card

- Les pharmacies participantes offrent également des vaccins contre la COVID-19 et la grippe: <a href="https://covid-19.ontario.ca/emplacements-pour-la-vaccination">https://covid-19.ontario.ca/emplacements-pour-la-vaccination</a>
- Si votre dernière dose a été administrée à l'extérieur de l'Ontario, veuillez apporter une preuve de votre vaccin contre la COVID-19
- Restez à la maison si vous êtes malade
- Portez un gilet à manches courtes
- Apportez votre carte Santé de l'Ontario

# Coleman will continue to develop in 2024

Continued from page 3 more," he said.

Because the township is large and has plenty of wildlife present, Cleroux says the issue of turtle safety is high on the list of action items.

A recent court case in Ontario resulted in hefty fines laid against a person who destroyed a turtle nesting site and the mayor wants people to be aware of turtle habitat in the municipality and to be mindful of turtles crossing roads and nesting on the gravel shoulders of roadways.

The municipality is also proud to financially support the Earlton Regional Airport in Earlton.

The mayor says it is a safety issue whereby air ambulance flights coming in and out of the airport help to save lives.

The municipality will continue to financially support the Cobalt Paul Penna Public Library and has a member on the board of directors of the library.

# **INTERNET ACCESS**

The mayor was pleased to mention there is a new cellphone tower going up on McKnight Road that will help to improve internet access for residents.

Improved internet access is something on which the municipality places a high priority, said Cleroux.

The mayor also noted that hiring Oslund as CEO has been a bonus. Along with the office staff and public works staff, that has enabled the township to thrive and puts Coleman in a position for positive progress in the coming year.

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