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North Cobalt rink prepping for year-round use

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – Shaver Park, the city's only community park in North Cobalt, will get a facelift in 2024.

Work will include paving the surface of the outdoor rink.

That will speed ice-making in the winter and open the venue to summer use, explained Temiskaming Shores recreation director Matt Bahm in a report to city council.

A bicycle training course will be painted on the new surface, and the facility will be available for other summer sports.

"There are currently no spaces offered by the city for summer ball hockey or roller hockey and having more spaces for unstructured play is important for the recreational needs of residents," Bahm said.

Total cost of work is \$95,000.

A funder has stepped forward to help.

The Alexa Corneil Memorial Ladies Hockey Tournament, the AC15, is donating \$50,000.

"This is a substantial, substantial donation for the city," said Mayor Jeff Laferriere after council met December 19.

It's awesome, he said, that volunteers in the municipality are taking the initiative "and making a major contribution to that facility."

The work will also include the replacement of fencing behind each goal. New fencing will ensure no errant projectiles make their way on to neighbouring properties, Bahm said.

He said the city has requested support for the North Cobalt park as part of a larger project tallying almost \$600,000 that includes upgrades to Rotary Farr Park.



WINTER WARM-UP

On the first weekend of the new year, Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club president Dan McKnight was stocking up the stove at the chalet. There wasn't a lot of snow at that point, but the chalet was open for skiers on the trails that were open, new members purchasing registrations, and anyone shopping for new-to-them cross-country ski gear. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

The plan would include paving the Farr Park parking lot, expanding the basketball court to full size, resurfacing the tennis court, installing path lighting, improving the ball diamond infield and backstop, and purchasing a ball diamond groomer.

But should that funding request not be successful, he said money would be reallocated to ensure that the Shaver Park work proceeds.



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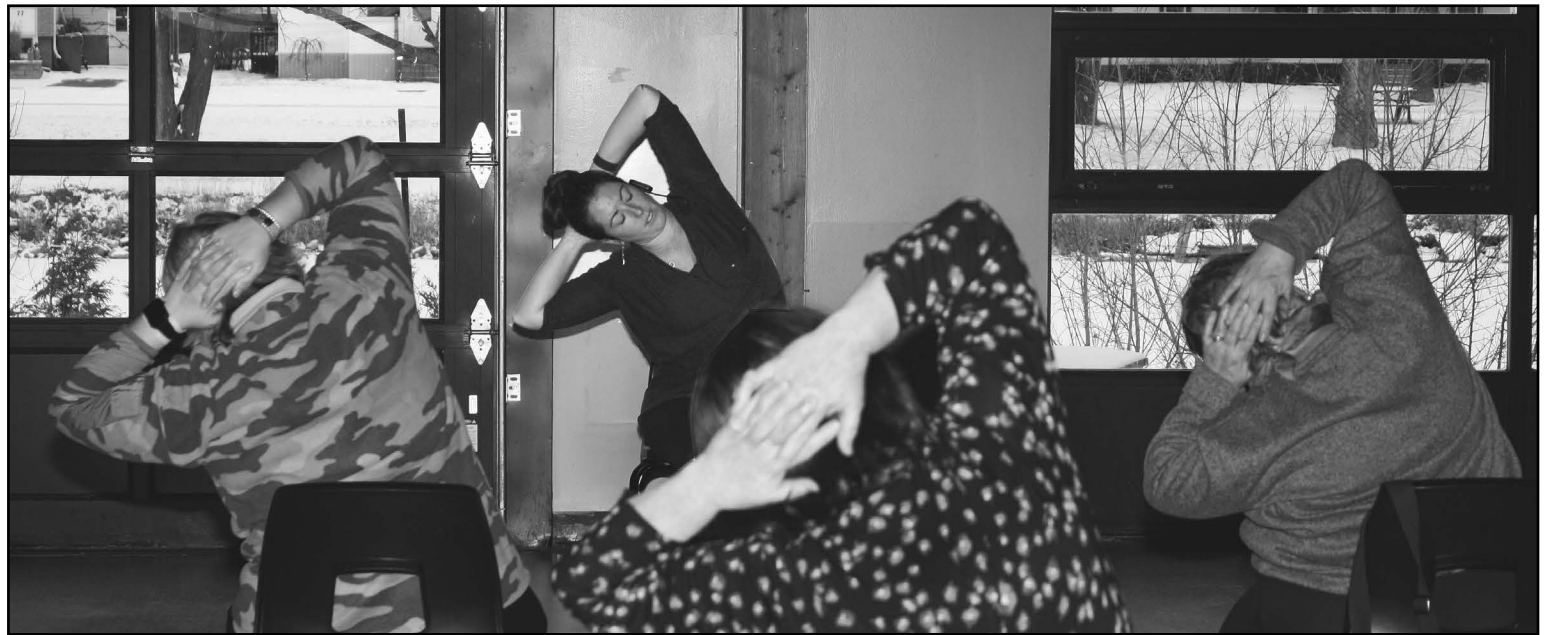
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DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?
Here are some January 10, 2024 stories...

- Planning is continuing for a pilot project that will test the 2+1 road design on a stretch of Highway 11 between North Bay and Temagami.
- The first baby to be born in the Temiskaming region in 2024 is a girl named Mila Isabella Lance. She was born at the Temiskaming Hospital on January 2, 2024, at 9:20 a.m.
- DTSSAB has the mandate of providing social housing across the district, but “2023 was a very challenging year for housing services due to a number of different things that were beyond our control,” said housing manager Steve Cox.
- An inquest will be held into the death of a man who was shot by police in New Liskeard in 2020.
- The community fridge in the public library lobby in New Liskeard will stay stocked.
- The Raven’s Nest Sound Stage at the Temagami Train Station is now the scene of monthly live concert musical performances by songwriters from across the region.
- City council has approved the purchase of 100 countertop FoodCycler units that will convert household organic waste into a soil additive.
- The New Liskeard Cubs came out of holiday hibernation hungry for wins and were successful with three victories last weekend.
- Team Julien won the 2024 Under 18 Northern Ontario Provincial Championship in Longlac on January 7.



TAKING A DEEP BREATH

Instructor Jennifer Cote led more than three dozen participants in a January 4 chair yoga session at Riverside Place, the first of seven to be held in January and February. The hour-long session offered gentle exercises for people of any ability, be they familiar with yoga or not. The program is offered through the Age Friendly/Get Active initiative, and registration is required. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

Chamberlain reeve pleased with improvements

Darlene Wroe

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

CHAMBERLAIN TOWNSHIP - The new year will be quieter for Chamberlain Township than the past few years have been.

Nearly all the bridges in the

township have been repaired or replaced with only one remaining that will likely be a project in the years ahead.

Reeve Kerry Stewart says that he would look in the direction of ditches and drainage for future projects, and that work may begin in 2024.

Overall though, the projects outlined for '24 will be more in the direction of housekeeping.

The township has just finished its upgrades to its municipal hall on Road Five.

The project, completed mid-December, includes new furnaces that will use propane

instead of oil.

The furnace project is the final piece in extensive upgrades that have been carried out on the hall.

“We’ve done quite a bit of work on the inside and the outside both,” he said.

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A WINTER STROLL

When the weather outside is frightful, you can still go for a walk – inside, in the warmth and away from icy streets. Indoor walking resumed January 4, when Age Friendly/Get Active coordinator Lynn Julien, at left, and Jacques Laferriere did a lap of the Northern College gym in Haileybury. There's no charge, and parking is also free for participants. Indoor walking is offered Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

Answers for Crossword Puzzle from page 9

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Montana Dawn Leon 15th Angelversary

January 13, 2009

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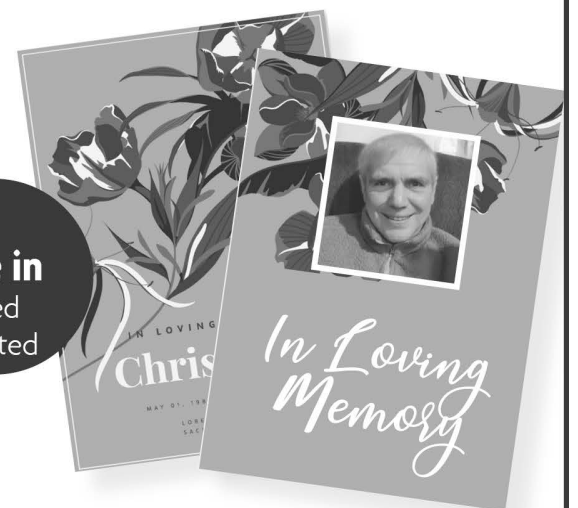
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EDITORIAL

Public misconduct

Is bad behaviour on the rise?

It would seem so when we see the City of Temiskaming Shores issued a notice to people using the Waterfront Pool and Fitness Centre in New Liskeard.

A while back the City sent out a notice advising parents that children had to be supervised when using the fitness facilities at the PFC.

Then just recently the City issued another notice about life-guards and staff being harassed at the pool.

There have also been reports of parents and kids misbehaving at area arenas.

What's up with the public misconduct?

No public place is exempt from bad behaviour it seems.

Are some people just plain angry with their lives and the way the world is going these days?

We are all dealing with the same things in life - rising inflation rates, the stress of wars in distant countries and a dull grey January.

But negative emotions must be kept in check when dealing with people in public venues such as recreation facilities, grocery stores, hospitals and elsewhere.

Is it any wonder sports organizations are having a hard time retaining and recruiting officials with the amount of abuse they are taking these days?

So many say they're stressed out in some form or another, but it does not give anyone the right to go off on other people.

Let us remember the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Let's all be better, not bitter, and when it comes to children, set a good example of civility in all facets of life.

Looking up

“Always be on the lookout for the presence of wonder.”

E.B. White

I don't know about you but I always feel some relief at the arrival of the New Year.

The weeks that come between Christmas and spring can be the darkest, both weather-wise and psychologically.

It seems like making it to January is a mental milestone, if you will.

It makes me happy to know that about half the winter has passed. I have gotten through it so far without too much sadness and canoe withdrawal.

It seems the causes of seasonal affective disorder (SAD) are poorly understood.

I spotted a flock of 500 or more Bohemian waxwings circling the skies over Haileybury last weekend.

These beautiful birds were feasting on mountain ash berries.

The colours of the berries and the birds made the dull skies of January pop with colour and life.

They flew close enough to me that I could hear their soft trilling voices.

These birds are invaluable to the rejuvenation of forests as the seeds they eat are eventually dispersed in their feces.

And they are invaluable to rejuvenating my spirits as they flew off looking like a giant winged murmuration.

I photographed these magnificent birds when they were feasting on the berries from a safe distance away.

The beauty of photography is it freezes a moment in time that can be enjoyed over and over again.



Sue Nielsen

Seeing those birds was ornithological medicine and just what I needed to lift my spirits.

I am thinking the entire region of Temiskaming is one large bird cafe with various fruit trees to sustain American robins and waxwings during winter.

The next thing we know, the spring migration will be taking place and the return of songbirds will be heavenly.

I am keeping my eyes peeled for winter birds because to me they are the equivalent of Prozac.

I was told the other day that doctors in our region are prescribing Parks Ontario passes to patients because the link between good mental and physical health is now realized from the outdoors and nature.

According to a climatologist in Alaska, Ontario has just had one of the darkest winter seasons in nearly a century.

Of course January always feels like the darkest month of the year, the holidays are over, Christmas lights come down and the bills start pouring in.

Let us not narrow down what it means to be alive but rather celebrate it each and every day in the little things.

Sometimes the most spiritual thing you can do for yourself is not yoga, nor meditating with crystals, but simply being in nature watching birds.

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FROM THE APRIL 7 ISSUE

Hop on over to Easter activities this weekend

TEMISKAMING SHORES — Area children can search for hidden eggs in a variety of places this coming weekend around Temiskaming Shores and in Temagami.

The Downtown New Liskeard BIA is hosting an Easter Bunny Hop on Saturday, April 8, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Children can follow the Easter bunny along the streets of downtown New Liskeard visiting various businesses

that will be handing out Easter treats to the children.

This event begins at the Match Factory on Armstrong Street near the Wabi River Bridge at 1 p.m.

The Temiskaming Shores Public Library is hosting a Children's Easter Craft Program and Story Program on April 8 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The Temagami Public Library is hosting an Easter Extravaganza on Thursday, April 6, from 6-8 p.m. complete with an egg hunt, selfie booth, crafts, games and button making activities.

All participants will receive a ballot to enter the Easter prize draw being held at the Temagami Public Library on Wednesday, April 12, at 12 p.m.

Prevention tips to bear in mind

PETERBOROUGH (Special) — Spring brings melting snow, the potential for flooding, and the return of some wild residents as black bears come out of hibernation.

The provincial government and OPP are advising the public to exercise caution.

Bears waking from hibernation

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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-236417** for consent in Savard Unincorporated Township, District of Timiskaming. The subject property is described as Lot 1 Concession 2, PIN 61267-0017, locally known as 675294 Hwy 573.

The application proposes to sever a lot approximately 4.8 hectares in size, with 250 metres of frontage on Highway 573, for continued residential purposes. The proposed lot contains a house, a garage and a small shed and is serviced by individual on-site water and sewage services.

The proposed retained lot would be approximately 60 hectares in size, with approximately 450 metres of frontage on Highway 573 about 350 metres of frontage on Chamberlain West Road. The land is partially wooded, and partially farm. It is proposed to continue to be used for agricultural purposes. No new buildings or structures are proposed as a result of this application.

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 Zeinab Seifpour, Planner, at (705) 561-5340 or 1-800-461-1193 or via email at zeinab.seifpour@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 n° 54-C-236417** relative au canton non érigé en municipalité de Savard (district de Timiskaming). Le bien-fonds visé est décrit comme suit : lot 1, concession 2, cote foncière 61267-0017, correspondant à l'adresse locale 675294, route 573.

La demande vise à scinder un lot d'environ 4,8 hectares dont 250 mètres donneraient sur la route 573 à des fins qui demeureraient résidentielles. Le lot proposé, qui comporte une maison, un garage et un petit cabanon, est desservi par des services d'eau potable et d'égout individuels sur place.

Le lot qui serait conservé aurait une superficie d'environ 60 hectares et donnerait sur la route 573 sur environ 450 mètres et sur Chamberlain West Road sur environ 350 mètres. Le bien-fonds est partiellement boisé et partiellement agricole. Il est proposé de maintenir les utilisations agricoles. La demande ne propose pas de nouveau bâtiment ni de nouvelle construction.

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 Zeinab Seifpour, aménageur, par téléphone au 705 561-5340 ou au 1 800 461-1193, par courriel à zeinab.seifpour@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'observation écrite 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.



LOOK WHAT I FOUND

Under sunny skies, 19-month-old Violet Norton bends down to pick up an Easter egg during the April 8 Temiskaming Pentecostal Church Easter Egg Hunt. Close to 900 children had fun searching for the 17,000 eggs in the fields at Farr Park in Haileybury. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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tion face a lack of natural food sources, leading them to look for food in garbage cans and bird feeders.

They can also remember their last source of food and return there when hungry, sometimes travelling over 100 kilometres.

FROM THE APRIL 14 ISSUE

Second scoreboard coming to The Shep

TEMISKAMING SHORES – A second scoreboard will be installed this summer at the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena, with advertising covering its cost.

Brownlee Equipment will pay \$7,200 over ten years for a wall advertisement that will be placed beside the new auxiliary scoreboard.

The fee will cover not only the purchase of the new scoreboard but also the advertising fee, said recreation director Matt Bahm in a March 21 report to Temiskaming Shores council.

The existing scoreboard,

which was purchased in 2005, is located at the east end of the New Liskeard arena.

But it's not visible to all users of the facility, Bahm said.

The new scoreboard will be installed on the west wall, above the hall windows, with the Brownlee ad placed beside it. Flags now in the location will be placed further up.

The new scoreboard will both enhance the arena and serve as a back-up in case the existing equipment stops working, he said.

Fox Run getting things

moving with #Dear Terry

DISTRICT (Special) - It was April 12, 1980, when Terry Fox set out on his Marathon of Hope.

During this time and after Terry was forced to stop running, schools, offices, and communities across the country sent thousands of letters and drawings to express their admiration and support.

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a moving initiative inspired by those heartfelt words written by so many Canadians - Dear Terry.

FROM THE APRIL 21 ISSUE Gibson resigns from mayor's seat in Cobalt

COBALT - Cobalt council has accepted the resignation of Mita Gibson from the position of mayor.

The town now has 60 days to fill the vacancy or declare an election.

The resignation was accepted at council's April 18 meeting without discussion.

Acting Mayor Doug Wilcox read the resignation letter publicly. It was dated April 6 but contained no comment other than Gibson's decision to resign.

On April 4 an integrity commissioner's report was reviewed at the Cobalt committee-of-the-whole meeting, and council penalized Gibson with two month's docked remuneration because of her actions which resulted in the loss of the former library board.

Approximately 45 members of the public were present for the April 18 meeting and the acceptance of the resignation was greeted with applause from throughout the gathering.

Tips to age in place in your own home

TORONTO (NC) - Canadians are increasingly hearing a phrase that could shift how they view home designs - "aging in place."

The point of this concept is to spend your golden years in your family home rather than a seniors' home or assisted living facility.

People change as they get older, and your house may also need to evolve.

A health-care professional like an occupational therapist (OT) can assess your needs and help with the appropriate modifications, so you can keep living independently in your home.

Northeastern OPP report tragically on Easter weekend

NORTH BAY (Staff/Special) - Three people, including two in Temiskaming, lost their lives in

collisions in Northeastern Ontario over the Easter weekend period.

Two people were killed in an April 9 collision on Highway 11 north of Englehart involving two transport trucks.

Both individuals - a 25-year-old from Mississauga and a 26-year-old from Brampton, who were in a southbound commercial vehicle - were pronounced dead at the scene of the crash in Chamberlain Township.

The Ontario Provincial Police are no longer routinely releasing the names of people killed in traffic and marine-related incidents.

The collision remains under investigation.

The Northeastern OPP report the third death in the region involved a snowmobile.

FROM THE APRIL 28 ISSUE

City commits funding to next steps in community safety plan

TEMISKAMING SHORES - The city has agreed to financially support a coordinator who will guide the implementation of a district-wide Community Safety and Well-Being Plan over the coming year.

Temiskaming Shores council has approved funding up to \$33,860 - or about one-third of the estimated budget - for the post, which will be overseen by the Timiskaming Health Unit.

It has also requested representation on the steering committee that will oversee the project over the next year.

The city and Kirkland Lake raised the issue of provincial funding for implementation when they met with Solicitor General Michael Kerzner earlier this year.

No funding has come forward "as of yet," said Mayor Jeff Laferriere after council met April 18.

"We are in ongoing discussions with them, but all of the work has been done, and it's time to move forward with the implementation," he said.

Survey finds COVID-19 antibodies among most Canadian adults

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WEEK OF JANUARY 14 TO 20, 2024

The luckiest signs this week:
Taurus, Gemini and Cancer

March 21 - April 19



ARIES If you're still unsure about your career path, you'll finally have a revelation that will guide you in the right direction. Someone close to you will need your support, requiring some form of mutual aid on your part.

April 20 - May 20



TAURUS The holidays are over, and it's time to get back to routine. You'll manage to maintain a dynamic social life, even if it's just on social media. You must also get some rest.

May 21 - June 21



GEMINI In response to professional changes, you'll need to utilize your unique skills to achieve exceptional results. At home, you'll coordinate a major cleanup with your entire family.

June 22 - July 22



CANCER You'll feel the need to go on holiday and won't hesitate to go solo or with your partner to an exotic location or charming chalet with a roaring fire. You'll be delighted to reignite your social life.

July 23 - August 22



LEO Nothing is more important than your health. Your doctor will finally identify the source of your discomfort and suggest an appropriate treatment, enabling you to recover quickly. Have faith in their expertise.

August 23 - September 22



VIRGO At work or in other aspects of your life, you'll have to negotiate or mediate. You'll find solutions to overcome every obstacle, from employee disputes to unhappy customers.

September 23 - October 22



LIBRA Paperwork, emails and calls are piling up. You'll double down to make up for lost time. You'll work hard to maintain a clean and tidy home.

October 23 - November 21



SCORPIO You'll receive congratulations for various reasons. You could be admired after a brilliant success. You'll have plenty to be proud of. With this assurance, you can undertake any project.

November 22 - December 21



SAGITTARIUS You didn't get a chance to get together with all your loved ones over the holidays, but now's your chance! You'll perform remarkably well at work and home. No matter how hard you try, some people will be difficult to please.

December 22 - January 19



CAPRICORN You're craving conversation. Whether telling stories about your family or the holidays, words will flow easily. At work, your remarkable sociability will enable you to make fruitful transactions.

January 20 - February 18



AQUARIUS A bit more refinement is needed. You'll receive an unexpected promotion. However, you'll feel stressed, fatigued and confused at times.

February 19 - March 20



PISCES You'll be on the move and attract a lot of attention. People will likely notice you for various reasons. You'll be creative or appreciate some form of art, if only for the sake of contemplation.

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Ecole catholique St. Croix and the St. Croix church parish in Haileybury worked together to gather food for the Haileybury Food Bank in the month of December. Pictured at the food bank from the left are Denis Lacroix, George Depencier, Don Sauvé, Thérèse Gagnon, Carole Cloutier, Donna Sauvé, Liam Francouer, Francoise Whitehead, Lynda Thisdelle, Kirby Seymour, Rolande Jacques, Parish priest Brother Ghislain Ndonji, Gilberte Cloutier, Audreyanne Hébert, Alexie Dinel, Brenna Champagne and Briana Lachapelle. All the partners involved said it was a very positive experience. (Supplied photo)

School and parish team up to donate to food bank

Sue Nielsen

Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES - A three-way partnership has resulted in three truckloads of food for the Haileybury Food Bank.

Ecole catholique Ste-Croix students teamed up with members of Église Ste-Croix parish church in Haileybury to set a donation goal of two truckloads of food this year.

The food drive began as a set of challenges whereby each week the goal was to donate food that the food

bank needed.

One week it was pasta, the next it was another food item, said Ste-Croix parish member Gracia Lacroix in a telephone interview.

But to the surprise of all involved, they exceeded their goal and donated three truckloads December 11.

Lacroix says this initiative brought the community together to create a giving circle but it also helped to bring the issue of food insecurity to the Ste-Croix students.

“They were given a tour of the food bank and it showed them that not all families have enough food

to eat.”

She thanked the students and parents for donating food, the parishioners at the church and the food bank volunteers themselves for doing the good work they do to help others.

And she said the food bank volunteers were so impressed with the donation they asked if they might do it again next year.

“We will get everyone together and possibly do it again next year,” said Lacroix.

She felt the food drive was an excellent example of how a community can support a local food bank.

Chamberlain reeve pleased with improvements

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The township has also now finished improvements to its municipal park, also located on Road Five.

“The ballpark has been completely refurbished, and it’s looking very good.”

A new playground has also been set up for children, he noted.

The ball diamond has also been improved, and the township has seen good use being made of it by Englehart Minor Baseball and local slo-pitch teams, he said.

Chamberlain has a shared services agreement with the Municipality of Charlton and Dack. The municipalities have been struggling through the past year to fill the position of chief administrative officer and keep it filled, as has been the case with the position of deputy clerk for Chamberlain Township. As the Municipality of Charlton and Dack moved forward into the new year, it was looking to fill the position previously held by long-time deputy clerk-treasurer Gisele Belanger.

Vaughn Finch took the position of chief administrative officer for the two municipalities in the fall, and Michelle Fiset came on board as the new deputy clerk-treasurer for Chamberlain.

Stewart said the shared services agreement is working well but the two municipalities are doing a review of the past three years.

“We’re going to put some numbers together so we have a really good idea how

it’s been working out,” he said.

Chamberlain is also working on emergency management improvements with three other municipalities – Englehart, Charlton and Dack, and Evanturel Township. The four are “a unit in this area,” he said. If an emergency were to occur “we need to work together properly.”

The municipality is also working on strategic planning, “which goes hand-in-hand with our asset management plan.”

He said the provincial government is requiring some additional information from the municipalities’ asset management plan, which has to be completed by the end of July 2024.

The township also intends to work on website upgrades and development.

Chamberlain Township shares public works with Charlton/Dack, but has its own grader, backhoe and plow truck, said Stewart. It shares an excavator and a tractor with an attachment to mow the roadsides.

The township saw its Krugerdorf Bridge replaced in 2023, and repairs carried out on Aidie Creek Bridge, both of which have been reopened.

Last year the township put approximately \$450,000 worth of gravel into improving the Wawbewawa Road and Road Five with some additional gravel on Road Two as well, said Stewart.

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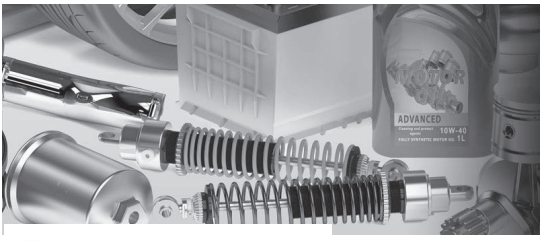
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Get as much sunlight as you can: Even when the weather becomes frigid, sunlight is crucial to regulate your mood throughout the day.

Add more citrus to your grocery cart: Citrus fruits are rich in multiple nutrients such as vitamin C, flavonoids, and fiber which can reduce inflammation, improve gastrointestinal function and health, and play an important role in preventing conditions like diabetes, cancer, neurological disease.

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OTTAWA (Special) – New survey data from Statistics Canada has found that, between April and August of 2022, almost all Canadian adults had COVID-19 antibodies.

The antibodies were acquired by infection, vaccination or a combination of both.

The findings come from the second cycle of the Canadian COVID-19 Antibody and Health Survey (CCAHS), and were highlighted in a recent media release from Statistics Canada.

Province adds \$800,000 to DTSSAB to battle homelessness

DISTRICT - The provincial government has announced an additional \$800,000 for DTSSAB to apply to its Homeless Prevention Program for the 2023-2024 period, bringing its total amount for this program in this period to \$1.5 million.

“Our government heard DTSSAB’s (District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board) concerns and we are addressing their valuable feedback to improve the local supportive housing system with a 111 per cent increase in funding,” said Nipissing MPP and Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade Vic Fedeli in a press release.

FROM THE MAY 5 ISSUE Vice-principals on the move TEMISKAMING SHORES –

Changes are coming to offices at a couple of Temiskaming Shores schools. The Conseil scolaire catholique de district des Grandes Rivières has announced new appointments that will take effect in September.

Simon Rivard, vice-principal at École secondaire catholique Ste-Marie (ESCSM), will take over as vice-principal at École catholique St-Michel. He’ll be replaced at ESCSM

by Lynn Grégoire, who’s currently vice-principal at St-Michel.

Two accidents in one week at busy Englehart corner ENGLEHART -

Englehart council discussed a growing issue regarding the impact of transports pulling off Highway 11 onto 4th Avenue and turning up 7th Street to park in a large lot behind a complex of businesses at that site on the north end of town.

The discussion took place at council’s regular meeting April 26. Recently, there have been two separate incidents at the site, within one week, which drew the public’s attention.

In one incident a school bus and transport encountered each other resulting in the school bus entering the ditch in the 7th Street area near the site.

In another incident a transport ended up in the same ditch. Mayor Jerry Mikovitch noted the two incidents had occurred in a short period of time and at the same ditch.

Town public works superintendent Ryan Vickery was present at the council meeting and said “finding a solution is going to take time.”

However, “the more work we do there, the more trucks we bring in,” he noted.

FROM THE MAY 12 ISSUE City focusing on GHGs from municipal buildings

TEMISKAMING SHORES – The city wants to learn how it can cut greenhouse gas emissions created by its own buildings and at the same time save money.

Temiskaming Shores is applying under a Federation of Canadian Municipalities initiative for funding to conduct a greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction pathway feasibility

study. The study would identify ways the municipality could exceed its interim GHG reduction targets, said Matt Bahm, the city’s recreation director, when council met in committee-of-the-whole last week.

A study would also make it eligible for further funding, he said.

“We feel we have a strong case for receiving this funding,” he told council May 2.

The municipality is taking steps to mitigate its role in climate change.

It recently adopted a long-term plan to cut its GHG emissions over the next 10 years by 40 per cent from 2019 levels.

It has set a goal of net zero emissions – by either eliminating greenhouse gases or offsetting them by carbon-capturing measures – by 2050.

Mother’s Day at Englehart library

ENGLEHART - If you’re looking for an enjoyable outing for your mother, wife or other important lady in your life, the Englehart Public Library and the Englehart Area Artists will be offering something special this Sunday, May 14.

A Mother’s Day Tea, Treats and Treasures art exhibit will be taking place at the library.

Canada Summer Jobs season underway

DISTRICT (Special) – Funding for almost 500 summer jobs will be coming to Timmins-James Bay and Nipissing-Timiskaming this season.

Timmins-James Bay is receiving about \$940,000 under the Canada Summer Jobs program, which will create 240 jobs in the region, said Timmins-James Bay MP Charlie Angus in a news release.

“Every year, we do extremely well. This year is no exception,” the New Democrat said.

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DIVING IN

Northern Loons Swim Club swimmers from the left are Jada Utas, Payton Knott and Ferial Cobb, who dove into the annual Swimathon on April 28. Junior swimmers swam a total of 5,000 metres in just two hours, as an important fundraiser for the club at the Waterfront Pool Fitness Centre in New Liskeard. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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In neighbouring Nipissing-Timiskaming, the tally is 251, said Liberal MP Anthony Rota.

“Summer jobs are critical to the well-being of our local economy. The pool of capable, dynamic and diverse talent available to employers increases during summer months, allowing many businesses to meet their seasonal staffing needs,” said Rota in a news release.

FROM THE MAY 19 ISSUE

Temagami anticipating tax increase for 2023

TEMAGAMI - Temagami council is heading into its 2023 budget meeting.

The council plans to meet Thursday, May 25, to discuss a possible eight per cent increase in municipal taxes.

Whether that will be the outcome will be discussed at the May 25 budget meeting.

Town chief administrator-treasurer Craig Davidson stated in an email following the May 11 council meeting that, after the last budget ses-

sion, he will “be including information on an eight per cent increase as that was the budget included in the circulated documents. There has been no direction received from Council after documents were circulated and we await direction from Council regarding the 2023 tax levy.”

The need to help ratepayers understand why costs are rising was discussed at the May 11 council meeting.

MADD urges a safe and sober long weekend
DISTRICT (Special) - As Canadians look forward to the Victoria Day holiday weekend, MADD Canada is asking everyone to do their part to keep roads, trails and waterways safe by never operating a vehicle impaired.

“We hope everyone has a happy and fun holiday long weekend,” said MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Canada national president Jaymie-Lyne Hancock.

“We also hope to see a weekend free from the tragedy of impaired driving crashes. Every one of us can help make

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One Light hosts Iftar prayer gathering

TEMISKAMING SHORES — In just six months the One Light in Temiskaming Shores group has brought people of many faiths together in a spirit of inclusivity.

A recent event involved the first local Iftar Prayer Gathering, which took place on April 20 at Temiskaming Shores City Hall.

“The event included a safe space for worship, and Iftar treats,” said One Light spokesperson Rammy Kaur in an online message.

“We gave out Iftar treats and donations throughout the community, by making workplace visits to those who could not attend the event, but practice the Islamic faith.”

The Iftar prayer is said during Ramadan, and usually indicates the end of the fasting period.

FROM THE MAY 26 ISSUE

Airport continuing search for more funding

EARLTON - The Earlton Airport Authority is exploring opportunities for increased revenue for its operations.

At its May 18 meeting in Earlton, the Airport Authority received a marketing presentation from Lumex Group, which is contracted by the Airport Authority for management and business development.

Lumex Group noted potential opportunities for the airport due to its proximity to agriculture, mining, forestry and manufacturing operations in the region. Fly-in tourism in the region was also noted. The presentation touched on various infrastructure upgrades that could assist the airport. Improvements to the website

and social media were also suggested, as well as having a presence at local events.

Individual charged following lockdown at TDSS
TEMISKAMING SHORES (Staff) – A 20-year-old from Temiskaming Shores has been charged after Temiskaming District Secondary School reported receiving a threat that prompted a lockdown at the school.

An individual was taken into custody May 23 and charged with uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm.

In a letter to families, school principal Gavin Date said the school received a threat by phone that day and entered a lockdown from 12:20 p.m. to 1:34 p.m.

He said Temiskaming OPP conducted “a thorough search” and determined that there was no threat to the safety of students or staff within the school.

During a lockdown, schools and classrooms are locked, lights are turned off, and students are away from any windows or doors, explained Stephanie Shaw, communications officer at District School Board Ontario North East, in an email.

As the investigation continued outside the school, Date said students were in a “hold and secure environment.”

“During a hold and secure, students continue learning as usual inside the building, although no one is allowed to enter or exit the school,” he explained.

“At approximately 1:30 p.m., an arrest was made by OPP and under advisement from OPP, our school exited the hold and secure,” he continued.

“All students and staff are safe, and at no point was there a safety concern within the school,” he said.

Almost 70 per cent of

Ontarians ride bikes

DISTRICT (Special) - The Share the Road Cycling Coalition, Ontario’s cycling advocacy and policy organization, recently released province-wide polling data that shows biking is growing in popularity.

The data says there is a high prevalence of cycling amongst Ontarians, that the majority of Ontarians want to cycle more often, and that increased investment by governments in cycling infrastructure is something that a majority of Ontarians support.

FROM THE JUNE 2 ISSUE

Torch Run lights up June 8

TEMISKAMING SHORES — The Law Enforcement Torch Run has become the single biggest grassroots financial contributor and raises the public profile of the Special Olympics in Canada.

In Temiskaming Shores the run enjoys tremendous support and it should continue that tradition as the Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) prepares to host the 2023 Torch Run on Thursday, June 8.

Since the Torch Run began its partnership with Special Olympics Ontario, the number of registered athletes has grown from under 4,000 to greater than 26,000 athletes today.

And in excess of \$46 million has been raised from the Torch Runs for Special Olympic athletes and the competitions they take part in.

The June 8 run will leave the McDonald’s Restaurant parking lot at 10 a.m. travelling to the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena in New Liskeard.

Police officers, Special Olympic athletes and members of the public will be taking part in the run, said organizer Detective Constable Mike Audette.

“This is my 13th year with

the run and we hope to see lots of people supporting us, not only with the run but the t-shirt sales, the car wash and barbecue after the run.”

Bike Festival wheeling and dealing free rides

TEMISKAMING SHORES - Bike Month 2023 is kicking off with the Community Bike Festival, an event created to help everyone have a bike to ride this summer.

Community members have donated dozens of bicycles of various sizes. Volunteers have checked each bike and repaired them to be safe and road-ready. Donated bikes are now ready for new homes and will be given out on a first-come-first-served basis. All bikes are free - there is no need to give a bike to receive a bike.

The festival will take place at 340 Armstrong Street North, New Liskeard, on Saturday, June 10, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. with registration starting at 10:30 a.m.

“Riding a bike is a fun and affordable way to get around. It’s good for our physical and mental health, and it’s an environmentally friendly travel choice,” says festival coordinator Erika Aelterman.

“Many of the bikes we receive are in great condition and we have some available for the whole family.”

In addition to the bike giveaways, the festival will have a bike decorating station, a mini bike rodeo, helmet fit station, and a smoothie bike for folks to try.

Centre de santé communautaire du Temiskaming will give adults an opportunity to try out one of their tricycles that are available for loan throughout the district. Attendees can purchase a sizzling hot dog barbecued by the New Liskeard Lions club.

Miller Paving introduces itself to area youth

TEMISKAMING SHORES - Miller Paving Northern held a Discovery Day for youth at its New Liskeard base May 17.

About 100 students attended from area secondary schools in New Liskeard, Englehart and Kirkland Lake.

Miller Paving Northern vice-president J.P. Breton said in an interview at the site that the Discovery Day this year was the first of that size that the company had held.

A similar event was held in 2022 but on a smaller scale, he said.

He noted that staff have been working on preparing the event for the past few months.

“This is a pilot project and we want to refine it. Next year we want to do it in all our Northern operations,” he explained, such as North Bay, Timmins, New Liskeard and Dryden.

The main goal of the Discovery Day is to get young people interested in careers with Miller, he explained.

There are many different kinds of careers, and if young people are interested in remaining in the area after finishing school, Miller Paving Limited Northern can provide an opportunity to “stick around Temiskaming Shores and work in a great place,” he said. The company wants to promote a range of job opportunities for youth, he added.

“What you see on the road is only a portion of what we do.”

There are always job opportunities at the company, he said.

FROM THE JUNE 9 ISSUE

Zack’s Crib on track to open October 1

TEMISKAMING SHORES - Zack’s Crib is on track to meet the October 1 goal of opening its doors as a homeless shelter.

There is also the hope that the facility can provide day programs to help people who are experiencing homelessness.

Zack’s Crib committee chair Yves Paille said in a telephone interview that the renovation stage of the work is a little ahead of schedule, “but that’s okay because that will give us a buffer.”

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Charlton-Dack keeping an eye on the future

Darlene Wroe

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

CHARLTON-DACK - The Municipality of Charlton and Dack is entering 2024 with the ongoing issue of staffing.

Long-time deputy clerk-treasurer Gisele Belanger has left that position, and at the turn of the year the municipality was seeking applications for the position.

In the late fall a new chief administrative officer, Vaughn Finch, came on board and oversees the administration duties for both Charlton-Dack and for the Township of Chamberlain, which has a shared services agreement with the municipality.

Reeve Sandra Parkin said the focus for the municipality this year will be on technical upgrades at the office, policy reviews where needed, and also municipal infrastructure.

The municipality also wants to update its website and social media.

Parkin said the municipality wants to know, "Do we have everything that we need to be efficient and move forward into the future?"

The municipality continues to work on its River Road bridge project, which is still with the engineers.

"We're hoping we're going to be able to tackle that this year," Parkin said of the surface improvement project.

The township will also be looking at needed culvert projects, and examining its budget to see what can be afforded this year.

Technical upgrades are taking place in the office to improve efficiencies and enhance speeds, Parkin added.

"Things are going well on our shared services agreement with Chamberlain, so we're trying to make improvements on that, to see if there are any more efficiencies that we can bring to the table for both townships," she continued.

"It is working from what we can see, so we would like to keep it going in that direction."

The municipality, which has annually held a Canada Day fireworks display, had to hold off on the display in 2023 until late summer due to fire hazard concerns and the potential to start a fire.

"We're looking at a drone show this year," said Parkin.

"A drone show would go regardless of whether there's a fire ban or not," she pointed out. "And, from an environmental aspect, it's a lot nicer for people's pets."

She said the municipality is considering it as a pilot project and needs to determine whether a drone show could be presented at the same cost as a fireworks display.

"It would be something new," she said, adding that she has seen a drone show and it is impressive.



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He said the operations committee is now discussing what services they want Zack's Crib to be able to offer. The committee is finalizing "the daily routines of Zack's Crib once we open up."

The committee is also looking at the job description for a director of the facility, volunteers and other paid employees, he added.

First, though, the committee is discussing whether the shelter will be open 24/7 with day programs, or whether it will only be a night-time shelter.

Paille said Zack's Crib has received some funding from certain organizations that are stipulating how they want the funding to be used, "so that's going to steer the direction of Zack's Crib as well and it's the same direction that we have."

He said construction is coming along well and he visits the site at 183 Broadwood Avenue (near Lakeshore Road in New Liskeard) two or three times a week.

"The building is going to look nice," he commented.

Paille related that there are two major fundraising events being held this summer.

NOSM University holds inaugural convocation

SUDBURY — NOSM, the only independent medical university in the country, held its first convocation on May 26.

The Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) University can now grant degrees that previously were granted under the Laurentian University and Lakehead University banners.

Sixty-four newly minted Medical Doctors (MD) are



THE TORCH RUN

The OPP Torch Run launches June 8 and among its supporters are, in back from the left, Hali Armstrong, Provincial Constable Jennifer Smith, Special Constable Norm McLean, Special Olympian Jimmy Martin, Sergeant Kyle Perry, Inspector Ryan Dougan, Detective Constable Darrin Ringuette, Special Olympians Kevin Bond and Rob Kerr. In front, same order, are Torch Run organizer Detective Constable Micheal Audette, Special Olympians Louise Robinson, Marc Maurice, Kayla Marwick, Vivianne Gauvreau, Richard Blain, Linda McLean, Special Olympic coach Denise Dewar, Jared Crawford and sitting is Dan Lavigne. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

graduating from NOSM, including eight Indigenous and eight Francophone MDs.

That brings the total to 902 graduates since NOSM's inception in 2005.

The school accepted its charter class of 56 students in September and was officially opened in 2005 by Premier Dalton McGuinty.

Many of those NOSM graduates have gone on to have successful medical careers across the North.

"Our new graduates bring a great deal of pride to our institution," said NOSM president, vice-chancellor/dean Dr. Sarita Verma in a press release. "They bring knowledge, compassion and a dedication to health equity and they are now ready to help others live in good health and with dignity. I am honoured to welcome them to the profession."

On the same day, Indigenous child rights advocate, Dr. Cindy

Blackstock, was installed as NOSM University's inaugural chancellor.

City residents encouraged to hunt for treasure

TEMISKAMING SHORES — Do you have some gently used items that you don't need, but your neighbour might?

In Temiskaming Shores, you can put them out at the curb June 17 in the first free Treasure Hunting Day.

City council endorsed the idea at its June 6 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

It offered help to promote the event on the city's community bulletin and through social media.

The idea was proposed to council last month by New Liskeard resident Kathy Demarce.

In a letter to council, Demarce explained she saw a notice about a similar event in North Bay.

"This is not a yard sale, no

money will be exchanged. At the end of the day, residents are responsible for removing the items from the curb, as the city will not be responsible for doing so," she wrote.

She said the event is a win-win-win — it will combat the rising cost of living while keeping items out of the landfill and enabling neighbours to become better acquainted.

If it rains, the event will be held on another Saturday.

FROM THE JUNE 16 ISSUE

Hospital not expecting summer staffing shortfall

TEMISKAMING SHORES — While staffing shortages have forced temporary closures of some rural emergency departments, Temiskaming Hospital is not anticipating problems as it heads into the summer.

"It looks good, it looks like we'll be in good shape," said

CEO Mike Baker in an interview earlier this week.

Baker credited a couple of factors with easing concerns over emergency department service.

"We have a very strong physician complement," he said.

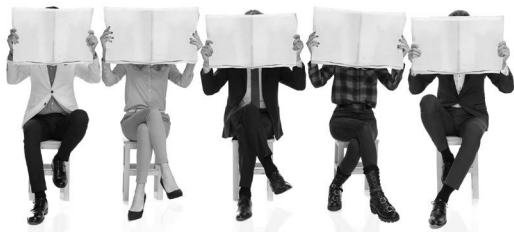
The hospital has also made "very significant investments" in temporary agency nurses who work in the emergency department and care for in-patients, he said.

He's grateful for their presence, but said the temporary staff are costly.

"In the longer term, we want to try and have people who are committed to our community and committed to our patients as much as we are," he said.

"We've been pretty successful in hiring new registered nurses (RPNs) as well. We are able to start to reduce the number of agency nurses that we

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SUNDAY MASS is celebrated at Our Mother of Perpetual Help on **Sundays at 10:00 A.M.** Sunday Mass at 10:00 A.M. is live-streamed on our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/OMPH.NL>.

SUNDAY MASS is celebrated at Saint Patrick's Parish in Cobalt on **Saturdays at 5:00 P.M.** Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish has weekday Masses on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 11:00 A.M..

Saint Patrick's Parish has a weekday Mass on **Wednesdays at 11:00 A.M.**

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

WEEKLY OMPH E-BULLETIN: If you would like to receive the weekly e-bulletin from Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, please email omphoffice@gmail.com

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.

PAROISSE ST-JEAN BAPTISTE D'EARLTON Nous sommes heureux de vous accueillir pour la messe dominical les dimanche 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 à pstjeanbaptiste@gmail.com.

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

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.

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

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.

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. L'église Sainte-Croix est située à 341 Sutherland Way, Haileybury - 705-672-3296. Bienvenue à tous

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 30. Nous offrons aussi la messe le mardi, mercredi, jeudi et vendredi de chaque semaine à 9 h à l'exception du 4emardi de chaque mois. Cette messe a lieu à 19 h. L'église et notre bureau sont situés au 116 Dymond Cres. Certaines adaptations et modifications ont été mises en place pour la protection de toutes et tous. Pour autres informations composez le 705 647-5045 ou par courriel à apsacrecoeur@personainetnet.com. Pour le bulletin de la semaine consultez notre page Facebook ([facebook.com/Paroisse-Sacre-Coeur](https://www.facebook.com/Paroisse-Sacre-Coeur)).

CHURCH SERVICES & more...

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO SUNDAY SERVICES at 70 Wellington St. in New Liskeard, beginning at 10:30 AM. **This Sunday, please join us when our worship leader will be Aaron Palmer. Next Sunday, January 21st please join us for another guest worship leader.** For more information on our services and outreach programs, check out our Facebook page at [facebook.com/spaulsnewliskeard](https://www.facebook.com/spaulsnewliskeard) or phone 705 647 4171

TOMSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - worship is every 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:00am. .

THE SALVATION ARMY TIMISKAMING COMMUNITY CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES. 260 Whitewood Ave. New Liskeard. Tel: 647-4115 Sunday worship 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour Thursday 10 a.m. Bible Study 11 a.m. Women's ministry every second Wednesday 1 p.m. Men's breakfast every third Saturday 8:30 a.m. **Food Bank by appointment call 705-647-3740.**

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.

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 p.m. the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. Everyone is welcome. Pastor Curtis Greenwood 705-622-4860. For more information www.thornloecrossroads.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

HAILEYBURY & DISTRICT BAPTIST CHURCH extends a warm welcome to all. Worship Sunday at 1:30 pm with pastor Adam Kubias. Accessibility ramp. Call the church (705) 672-5855. www.haileybury-baptist.ca

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

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT TEMISKAMING PENTECOSTAL CHURCH - Feel free to attend any Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 583472 West Rd. in Haileybury. For information about other things that are happening at the church visit the website at temiskaming.church or call 705-672-2020.

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

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

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH wishes to extend an invitation to join weekly services held every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor George Paraskevopoulos officiating. The church is now fully accessible with an outside ramp & inside hydraulic lift elevator. We are also pleased to have completed our improvements to air quality in the building with the addition of air exchangers and Hepa air cleaners. For more information about the church and our ministries, call 705-647-8401 or visit our website www.presbyteriannewliskeard.ca

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

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NOTICES / COMING EVENTS

THE COFFEE HOUSE SUPPORTING & PROMOTING LOCAL MUSICIANS AND THEIR MUSIC. On Tuesday February 13th please join us once again at The Coffee House for our Valentines Day Edition. Enjoy the musical stylings of, Steve Benoit, Breeze Z Creek, The Dodds Sisters, Glenn Scott, Julie Preston, Sierra Jessi, Braydon Muir, Jessica Knott & 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 liskeard www.coffeehousenewliskeard.ca

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

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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.

MUSIC JAM EVERY 2ND AND 4TH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH starting January 12th, 2024 at the Sacred Heart Church in the basement from 1pm until 4pm. This is to replace the one we used to hold at the legion. Always good entertainment. Come to play, sing or dance to country music. Bring your friends!

BREAKFAST IS BEING SERVED AT THE HAILEYBURY LEGION SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS FROM 8AM UNTIL NOON. Eggs done your way or pancakes. Bacon or sausage, home fries, toast, coffee or tea and juice for only \$10. Come join our friendly dining atmosphere with your friends and family. Vendors also on site. 373 Broadway St in Haileybury.

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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

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
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Transportation Service

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

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City of Temiskaming Shores Winter Operations Plan-2023-2024 Roadway Snow Accumulation
The objective is to maintain a minimum standard for addressing snow accumulation. Plowing begins with respect to each class of roadway in accordance with its classification and level of service standard. The depth of snow may be determined by performing an actual measurement, monitoring the weather and performing a visual estimate.

Sidewalk Snow Accumulation
The objective is to make the sidewalk as safe as possible, to be reached as soon as possible, after a storm has ended. To reduce snow to a depth less than or equal to 8 cm within 48 hours and to provide a minimum sidewalk width of 1 meter. *Remember, not all sidewalks are maintained in the Winter. Sidewalks that are not maintained are considered closed for the season.

Citizen Reporter
Report a problem about snow and or ice online through the Citizen Reporter, located on the City Website.

For additional information, questions or concerns please contact:
Public Works | 705-647-6220

You may view the Winter Operations Plan on the city website at:
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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 12
Aquafitness | 9:00am | \$7.01 | Pool and Fitness Centre
Indoor Pickleball | 9:00am | Lawrence "Bun" Eckensviller Community Hall

Adult Swim | 12:00pm | \$4.50 | Pool and Fitness Centre

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
Age Friendly Skating | 12:30pm | New Liskeard Arena

Thursday-January 11
Womens Exercise Group | 9:00am | Haileybury Arena
Indoor Walking | 9:00am | Northern College – Haileybury Campus Gymnasium

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

Temiskaming Shores Public Library

Library Hours
Monday | 10am-5pm
Tuesday | 10am-8pm
Wednesday | 10am-8pm
Thursday | 10am-8pm
Friday | 10am-5pm
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 visit the calendar on our website. To register for programs contact the Library at:
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Friday-January 12
Pay-As-You-Please Weekend Booksale

Saturday-January 13
Pay-As-You-Please Weekend Booksale

Tuesday-January 16
Soup to Tomatoes Seniors Exercise Group | 11:15am-11:45am
Club de lecture en francais pour adultes | 1:45pm-2:45pm

Thursday-January 18
Gadget Helper | Call for appointment
Soup to Tomatoes Seniors Exercise Group | 11:15am-11:45am

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 quoting Job Competition No. by regular mail or email to:

Shelly Zubyck | Director of Corporate Services
City of Temiskaming Shores | PO Box 2050 | Haileybury Ontario P0J 1K0
szubyck@temiskamingshores.ca

For further information on Employment Opportunities with the City of Temiskaming Shores, please visit the website at: www.temiskamingshores.ca under "City Hall-Employment Opportunities"

Temporary Equipment Operator | Competition No. 2024-001

Hours of Work | 40 Hours per week

Compensation | \$23.34 per hour

Location | Public Works

Submission Email | szubyck@temiskamingshores.ca

Submission Deadline | January 19, 2024

The City of Temiskaming Shores is currently seeking a Temporary Equipment Operator within the Public Works Department. The Temporary Equipment Operator is part of a team responsible for the operation of heavy equipment, as well as, for the maintenance and repairs of City roadways, and general labour duties.

- ◆ The successful candidate will possess the following qualifications and education:
- ◆ Minimum Grade 12 or equivalent;
- ◆ Valid Province of Ontario Class DZ license;
- ◆ Related experience; and
- ◆ Ability to understand and comply with written and oral instructions including Health and Safety Regulations.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their resumes quoting **Job Competition No. 2024-001** no later than **January 19, 2024** by regular mail or email to. Shelly Zubyck

Desk Attendants-Pool and Fitness Centre |Part Time | Competition No. 2023-009

Hours of Work | To be Determined

Compensation | To be Determined

Location | Waterfront Pool and Fitness Centre

Submission Email | szubyck@temiskamingshores.ca

Submission Deadline | N/A

The City of Temiskaming Shores is currently seeking Part Time Desk Attendants for the Pool and Fitness Centre. This position is responsible for greeting the public in a polite, tactful and courteous manner, as well as, providing them with general information and direction regarding facility activities and uses. The ideal candidate will possess the following:

- ◆ Experience in customer service
- ◆ Effective communication and computer skill
- ◆ Ability to work mornings, evenings and weekends
- ◆ Bilingualism will be considered an asset

Lifeguard/Swim Instructors | Part Time | Competition No. 2023-019

Hours of Work | To be Determined

Compensation | To be Determined

Location | Waterfront Pool and Fitness Centre

Submission Email | szubyck@temiskamingshores.ca

Submission Deadline | N/A

The City of Temiskaming Shores is currently seeking Part Time Lifeguards. The successful candidates will possess the following qualifications:

- ◆ Current Standard First Aid, CPR-C, Swim & Lifesaving Instructors, and National Lifeguard certificate
- ◆ Works well with minimal supervision
- ◆ Understand and comply with written and oral instructions including Health and Safety Regulations.

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

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

Fire Services

Butt Out Smoking Fires



Smoking is the #1 cause of fatal home fires in Ontario.

Alcohol is a factor in many smoking related fires.

Install **smoke and carbon monoxide alarms** on every storey of your home.

Test them every month.



How do I prevent a smoking fire?

- **To prevent smoking fires, you must be alert.** You will not be alert if you are sleepy, have consumed alcohol, drugs or medicine that makes you drowsy.
- **Never smoke in bed.**
- If people have been smoking in your home, **check behind chair and sofa cushions** for cigarette butts before going to bed.
- Use **large deep ashtrays** that cannot be knocked over.
- Empty ashes into a **metal container**—not the garbage can—and put it outside.
- **Do not extinguish cigarettes in plant pots**, which may contain a mixture of peat moss, shredded wood and bark that can easily ignite.
- Encourage smokers to **smoke outside.**



For more information contact your **local fire department.**



CITY BULLETIN

For More Information Contact the City of Temiskaming Shores,
Write to: 325 Farr Drive P.O. Box 2050, Haileybury, ON P0J 1K0

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



Facilities

Notice to the Users of the Waterfront Pool Facility

Our pool cannot operate without our staff members. There have been several incidents of disrespectful behaviour from members of the public towards our staff members simply for enforcing basic safety policies. We take these verbal confrontations very seriously and, in a time when quality part-time and full-time staff are in high demand, we expect our pool users to be respectful and abide by the rules set out. If a user is unable to follow the rules, they will be denied entry and may lose their pool access for a period of time. Our City employees deserve respect when doing their jobs.

Pool Admission Policy

All children under 10 years old MUST be accompanied by an adult or guardian (14+) in the pool, regardless of swimming ability. This means adults or guardians must be in a swimsuit, in the pool, within arms reach of their children. This is the standard for pools across Ontario and is in place to ensure the safety of all our young swimmers.

Pool Capacity

The capacity of the pool depends on the number of lifeguards on duty. These numbers are stipulated by the Government of Ontario's Public Pools Regulation 565/90.

0-24 Swimmers

1 Lifeguard (if the slide is open: 2 Lifeguards)

25-56 Swimmers

2 Lifeguards (if the slide is open: 3 Lifeguards)

66-100 Swimmers

3 Lifeguards (if the slide is open: 4 Lifeguards)

101-129 Swimmers

4 Lifeguards (if the slide is open: 5 Lifeguards)

Cell Phone Use

We understand the desire to take pictures of your own children during public swims. However, due to issues with consent of others and the chance for nefarious behaviour, we do NOT allow cell phone use in the changerooms or on the pool deck. Please put your phone away and be present instead!

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.

Fee includes the bench or tree, plaque, engraving, shipping, installation and applicable taxes. The cost for a memorial bench is \$2,000.00. The cost for a memorial tree is \$500.00.

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

Economic Development / Tourism

New Years Eve Fire Works on the Lake

We would like to thank the volunteers who helped out with this year's New Year's Eve fireworks display.

- ◆ Hugo Rivet
- ◆ Jim Rowe
- ◆ Steve Coulombe
- ◆ Luigi Tourigny
- ◆ Tyler Tourigny
- ◆ Simon Rivard
- ◆ Mathieu Larocque
- ◆ Dave Lalonde
- ◆ Patrick Martel
- ◆ Pascale Martel
- ◆ Zach Martel
- ◆ Eliot Martel
- ◆ Don Adshead

Public Skating Regular Schedule | Free

Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena
New Liskeard | 75 Wellington St. South
Phone | 705-647-5728

Sunday-January 14 | 6:30pm - 7:45pm

Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena
Haileybury | 400 Ferguson Ave
Phone | 705-672-5615

Tuesday-January 16 | 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 12

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

Saturday-January 13

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

Sunday-January 14

1:30pm-4:00pm

Monday-January 15

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

Tuesday-January 16

4:15pm-6:00pm

Wednesday-January 17

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

Holiday Public Swimming Schedule | Free

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

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Animal Services

FUR-endly reminder to renew your pet's license tag for 2024.

Renewals MUST be completed at **City Hall** or you can phone City Hall to be given access to pay online.

If you have not registered your pet yet, you may still contact City Hall to register your pet for a license.

Phone | 705-672-3363
Location | 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury
Website | www.temiskamingshores.ca

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/Herding Dog	NIL
Purchase a Replacement Tag (lost tag)	\$10.00

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have, and that's a focus for us."

The hospital is continuing to experience high occupancy rates.

At the beginning of the week, it had 70 in-patients, which represents 120 per cent of its base occupancy.

By that point in June, it was averaging more than 66 patients a day, which is "very, very high for us," he said.

Alternate-level-of-care patients – typically those waiting for a place at a long-term care facility – numbered 34 or 35.

Visits to the emergency department had slowed in recent days, but for several days the previous week's traffic had reached pre-COVID levels.

"That hasn't happened in a long time," he said.

BRH seeking feedback as it plots its future

ENGLEHART – Blanche River Health wants to hear from you.

Blanche River Health (BRH), which operates hospitals in Englehart and Kirkland Lake offering a total of 74 beds, is developing a strategic plan that will guide its work over the next five years.

It's kicking off the planning process with a public survey.

"We're asking local residents to spend a few minutes on an online or paper survey to provide input that will help inform the future direction of the Englehart and Kirkland Lake hospital sites of Blanche River Health," said Jorge VanSlyke, BRH president and CEO, in a news release.

"This feedback is crucial to ensuring the priorities of local residents are addressed in the five-year strategic plan we are developing."

The survey can be found at www.blancheriverhealth.ca and takes approximately five minutes to complete.

Area residents are invited to complete the survey by Monday, July 3.

"We're looking for honest feedback about what works, and what doesn't, so we can work to improve the services we provide to our patients," added VanSlyke.

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