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## Putting faces to highway accident experiences

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DISTRICT - Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP John Vanthof is working to raise awareness that highway safety is about more than statistics, it's about people.

He and his staff are asking the public to send them their stories about their experiences on the highway where they were involved in accidents or close calls.

Since he was first elected as MPP in 2011, he has been pushing the issue of improved safety for northern highways.

However, "there's more to this than statistics," he said in a telephone interview.

To make that point, he and his staff are looking for stories to "put faces to what happens" on the highways, and "to put the focus on people."

He and his staff are doing a number of things to continue to raise awareness in an effort to get action on improvements.

He explained that winter road maintenance was the first big issue that he and his staff worked on.



**John Vanthof**

"It was obvious that what the contracts stipulated wasn't what people were experiencing."

They created the Northern Road Report to allow drivers to report to them so that he had data available to back up his statements when he brought up the need for road maintenance improvements to the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO), along with specific cases compiled by his staff from reports from the public.

That helped, he said, and more equipment was made available on the roads.

But the need for improving highway safety is a constant issue, he said, and obstacles on the road are changing.

"It's becoming much more complex."

Along with road maintenance and road infrastructure, there are more commercial and passenger vehicle drivers, he noted. The number of commercial vehicles on Highway 11 has grown to almost 2,000 daily.

As an MPP for a vast northern riding, Vanthof drives regularly on the highway and related that he has experienced four near accidents himself where he ended up on the side of the road to catch his

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THIS WEEK?**  
Here are some of the  
stories in our  
April 30 edition...

- After a long night of ballot counting, Liberal Pauline Rochefort emerged as Nipissing-Timiskaming's new MP. Conservative Garry Keller was a close second in the April 28 federal election, while New Democrat Valerie Kennedy was a distant third.
- Haileybury Branch 54 hosted 70 delegates from across the Northeast for the Royal Canadian Legion District K spring convention.
- Evanturel Township will provide a drop-off depot for agricultural plastics.
- Keepers of the Circle is receiving \$2.86 million over three years to strengthen its gender-based violence prevention programs and support survivors.
- Latchford delves into a proposal to develop four residential serviced lots.
- Temiskaming Shores prepares to launch the first review of its official plan since 2015.
- The 53rd annual Walkathon for Community Living Temiskaming South kicks off tomorrow (May 3).
- This year's Alexa Corneil Memorial Women's Hockey Tourney raised just over \$41,500 for upgrades at the Shaver Park outdoor rink in North Cobalt.
- The '25 track and field season opened April 30, with three more meets slated for May and June.



**FAST PLAY**

Miles Park of Team 1 from École publique Héritage in North Bay, at left, and Theo Larocque of École publique des Navigateurs raced for the puck during the opening game of a three-on-three tourney for the Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario. Navigateurs hosted the inaugural two-day tourney April 21-22 at the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena. Ten teams of Grade 5-6 students from schools in New Liskeard, North Bay, Sturgeon Falls, Kapuskasing and Hearst. A squad from École publique Le Coeur du Nord in Kapuskasing won the Coupe du Nord-Est. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

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## EDITORIAL

# More powers for mayors

The Ontario government has just announced 169 municipalities in the province to supposedly they are extending jump start housing initiatives. “strong mayor powers” to

The new powers means mayors can push through legislation without majority support of their councils and hire and fire upper tier staff.

This power push could be viewed as dangerous because we have seen too many high priced Integrity Commissioner reports whereby mayors and councillors have acted inappropriately towards staff and other council members.

And when a mayor does not like a decision made by their council, or staffers, they can now override those decisions.

That could very well weaken councils by reducing the influence of elected councillors.

Who is going to want to run for council seats if their voice is not heard and their decisions are trumped by a mayor?

Who is going to want to work in an environment where they are told their opinions do not matter?

The mayor of Kirkland Lake, Stacey White, has come out opposed to the strong mayor powers as she said it is an affront to democracy.

Democracy is the best system of municipal,

provincial and federal governance available to us.

However worthy the goal, we are not convinced that mayors who can run roughshod over councils and staff is a good idea.

The question is: Will the mayors use those newfound powers?

We hope the answer is no.

Mayors and councils that work together for the greater good of all and respect each other's decisions work best in a municipal democracy.

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# Struggle and survival



Sue Nielsen

She is your neighbour, the one with the two kids who used to live on your street. Remember her girls came knocking on your door selling girl guide cookies? She is divorced now and living at the women's shelter.

He is your former co-worker, the one who had a framed photo of his wedding on his desk before he got sick.

She was the teacher you adored in school, whose absences became longer and then you wondered where she had gone.

But you think you may have seen her sitting on a street corner with blankets wrapped around her.

Homelessness can happen to anyone. If it was your family member or friend you would want them to be looked after.

People should not be living on the streets in prosperous Ontario.

And I don't hear much of the current political conversations talking about the homeless crisis either and I have been listening for it.

The American president and his tariffs are dominating those discussions.

Some victories aren't measured by votes, but by heart.

I hear people in high places declare homeless people and mentally ill folks should be taken off our streets.

In some Northern communities, they have indeed been forcibly removed from the streets.

This action indicates a failure to understand the complexities of homelessness, addiction and poverty.

Homelessness is not a crime.

Let us be thankful for Zack's Crib and the Pavilion Women's Centre who are doing the heavy lifting to help and house people in our region.

And I must compliment the New Liskeard Salvation Army Church, led by Lieutenant Robbie Donaldson.

They hosted the Coldest Night of the Year Walk and Donaldson walked in the event himself to show support for the homeless.

Have we not put a marginalized tariff on the poor, the needy and the homeless?

I'd like to see politicians looking around the streets of their own neighbourhoods.

They may just see that single mother with her kids, the

senior citizen who can't afford rent, the people who are addicted and lonely and on and on.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) did a study on homelessness. It said Ontario is at tipping point for its homelessness crisis and more than 80,000 Ontarians were known to be homeless in 2024.

Without action and intervention, that number could double in the next decade.

The homelessness crisis originates from decades of underinvestment in affordable housing, mental health and addiction services.

But it isn't the sexy tariff issue of the day is it?

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Tuesday, May 20, 2025

All meetings start at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

## 2025 SPRING CLEAN-UP WEEK

The 2025 Spring Clean-up Week will occur from **May 20-May 24, 2025.**

OPEN Dump Hours during this period will be 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

For pick-up of materials, please place your items at the end of you driveway NO LATER than 7 a.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

## FIRE PERMITS

Reminder to Coleman Residents: Fire Season Begins April 1st – NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED

Fire Permits for open air burning are required effective April 1, 2025.

For questions, additional information or to book an inspection with our Fire Prevention Officer please contact the Municipal Office at 705-679-8833.

## RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Thursday, May 15, 2025





SUNNY REMEMBRANCE

Delegates from as far away as Iroquois Falls, Hornepayne and Temagami were in Haileybury when Branch 54 hosted the Royal Canadian Legion District K spring convention April 25-27. Events included a parade to the Haileybury cenotaph on the convention’s final day. (LJI photo by Darlene Wroe)

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# Putting faces to highway accident experiences

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breath, thinking about how close it had been for him. Almost everyone in Northern Ontario can tell a story about a close situation they experienced on the highway, he said.

"The statistics bear it out."

One statistic he cites regularly is that "if your car is registered in the district of Timiskaming and if it's involved in an accident, it's four times more likely to be fatal as anywhere else in the province."

He said that is a very sobering statistic.

However, he and his staff want to put faces to the problem, and they are asking anyone with a story to contact Vanthof's office at 705-647-5995 or by email at [jvanthof-co@ndp.on.ca](mailto:jvanthof-co@ndp.on.ca).

The information will be compiled and shared and, if they have permission from the people, some videos may also be put on Facebook.

"This issue is an ongoing issue," Vanthof said.

"We are continuing to push on the Northern Road Safety Strategy."

He said solid recommendations have been made to the government and he is going to continue to push for those recommendations to be implemented.

The current strategy though is "to put a face to the problem."



## NOTICE OF A HEARING

**Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to renew its natural gas franchise agreement with the Municipality of Charlton and Dack**

**Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) is asking the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for:**

- **An order approving the renewal of a natural gas franchise agreement with the Municipality of Charlton and Dack.** This would continue Enbridge Gas's right to construct, operate and add to the natural gas distribution system and to distribute, store and transmit natural gas in and through the Municipality of Charlton and Dack for the next 20 years.
- **An order directing that the acceptance of the municipal electors of the Municipality of Charlton and Dack is not required in relation to the by-law approving the natural gas franchise agreement.**

### YOU SHOULD KNOW

#### THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

There are three types of OEB Hearings: oral, electronic and written. If you have a preference for the type of hearing, you can write to us to explain why. During this hearing, we will question the applicant about its application. We will also hear questions and arguments from participants that have registered as Intervenors. After reviewing all the evidence, we will decide whether to approve this application.

#### HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information about this application and to participate in the process. Visit [www.oeb.ca/participate](http://www.oeb.ca/participate) and use file number

**EB-2025-0138** to:

- Review the application
- Apply to become an intervenor
- File a letter with your comments

#### IMPORTANT DATES

You must engage with the OEB on or before **May 12, 2025** to:

- Provide input on the hearing type (oral, electronic or written)
- Apply to be an intervenor

If you do not, the hearing will move forward without you, and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.

#### PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. If you are a business or if you apply to become an intervenor, all the information you file will be on the OEB website.

### LEARN MORE

#### Ontario Energy Board

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This hearing will be held under section 8 of the **Municipal Franchises Act**, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.55.

Ce document est aussi disponible en français.



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## AVIS D'AUDIENCE

**Enbridge Gas Inc. a déposé une requête en vue de renouveler son accord de concession de gaz naturel avec la municipalité de Charlton et Dack.**

**Enbridge Gas Inc. (Enbridge Gas) demande à la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario (CEO) :**

- **Une ordonnance approuvant le renouvellement d'un accord de concession de gaz naturel avec la municipalité de Charlton et Dack.** Pendant les 20 prochaines années, Enbridge Gas conserverait ainsi le droit de construire, d'exploiter et d'agrandir le réseau de distribution de gaz naturel et de distribuer, stocker et transporter le gaz naturel dans et à travers la Municipalité de Charlton et Dack.
- **Un arrêté ordonnant que l'acceptation des électeurs municipaux de la municipalité de Charlton et Dack n'est pas nécessaire en ce qui a trait au règlement administratif approuvant l'accord de franchise de gaz naturel.**

### À SAVOIR

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#### DONNEZ VOTRE AVIS

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- examiner la demande;
- présenter une demande pour devenir un intervenant;
- envoyer une lettre comportant vos commentaires.

#### DATES IMPORTANTES

Vous devez communiquer avec la CEO au plus tard le **12 mai 2025** afin de :

- fournir des renseignements sur le type d'audience (orale, électronique ou écrite);
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### À SAVOIR

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Cette audience sera tenue en vertu de l'article 8 de la **Loi sur les concessions municipales**, L.R.O. 1990, chap. M.55.

This document is also available in English.



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COMING EVENTS - April 2025

**EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE:** Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish' Easter Triduum schedule begins with Holy Thursday on April 17h at 7PM This is the Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10PM. Good Friday, April 18th at 3PM Service of the Word and Veneration of the Cross. Easter Vigil Mass, Saturday, April 19th at 8PM. Easter Sunday, April 20th, we will have Masses at 10AM. For more information, please contact the office at 705-647-5035.

**EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE:** Saint Patrick's Parish in Cobalt's Easter Triduum schedule begins with Good Friday, April 18th at 3PM Service of the Word and Veneration of the Cross. Easter Sunday, April 20th, we will have Mass at 11AM. For more information, please contact the office at 705-647-5035

**DAYS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will be hosting days of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday of Lent (**until April 11th**) from 11:00 A.M. until 12PM, followed by Mass at 12:10PM. All are welcome to come and spend some quiet time with the Lord in prayer. For more information, please contact the office at 705-647-5035.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Each Friday, during the Season of Lent (**until April 11th**) OMPH will be celebrating the Stations of the Cross at 7PM. We encourage you to come out and participate in this traditional devotion. For more information, please contact the office at 705-647-5035.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT SAINT PATRICK'S:** Each Friday, during the Season of Lent (**until April 11th**) St. Pat's will celebrate Stations of the Cross at 11AM followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

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**SUNDAY MASS is celebrated at Our Mother of Perpetual Help on Sundays at 10:00 A.M.** Sunday Mass at 10AM 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..**

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**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](http://www.ourmotherofperpetualhelp.ca).

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**For Cobalt:** **ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH** located on Prospect Ave. in Cobalt is offering **Soup's On (free soup and a bun) the fourth Saturday of every Month from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.** All are welcome.

**CHAMBERLAIN COMMUNITY YARD SALE, MAY 10, 2025 from 9 am to 2 pm.** Chamberlain Hall, 467501 Chamberlain Road 5. This is a free community event. To reserve a table, message on FB: Chamberlain Recreation or call Chamberlain office: 705-544-8088.

**ENGLEHART NORDIC SKI CLUB** holding is its **AGM on Tuesday May 13th, at 7pm** at the RCLegion

**THE HAILEYBURY CURLING CLUB** (a not-for-profit organization) will be hosting a **Fundraising Concert** with a Cash Bar. Presenting Breeze Z Creek, at **432 Leslie MacFarlane Way, Haileybury on Saturday May 3, 2025 at 8pm.** The entry fee will be \$5.

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE** will be played every Monday at 7:00 PM at the Northdale Manor. New players are welcome and partners will be available. Please use the parking lot entrance. Call 705-647-7198 for information.

**RUBBER BRIDGE** will be played on the second and fourth Wednesday at 1:00 PM, at St. John and St. Paul Anglican Church hall in Haileybury. Partners are not required, and call 705-672-3700 for information.

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**TEMISKAMING ART GALLERY'S** exhibit **'People of the Watershed'** is in town from the McMichael Canadian Art Collection. It features photographs by John Macfie and was curated by Paul Seesequasis. It opens **April 22 with a reception on April 27th from 1:30-3:30pm.** The gallery is open Monday-Friday and until 7pm on Tuesdays. You can find the gallery in city hall on **325 Farr Drive.**

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**EUCHRE** at the **Hudson Hall** every **Thursday at 1:15 pm.** Everyone Welcome!

**BID EUCHRE EVERY TUESDAY AT 1:15** at the **Hudson Hall.** For more info call 705-647-6684.

**EUCHRE EVERY MONDAY AT HAILEYBURY LEGION 1pm** Don't need a partner, Everyone welcome. For more info call 705 647 6684.

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Holiday egg drink
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Horse's gait
3.

Folklore giant
4.

Social equal
5.

Bar seat
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Rowing blade
7.

Ready the oven
8.

Bugle
9.

Enthusiastic
10.

Tie, as shoes
11.

Ran off
19.

Wear away
21.

"Stand \_\_\_\_\_ Deliver"
23.

Put clothes on
24.

High peak
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Children's card game
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Dazzle
27.

Office holders
29.

Cold cubes
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Beat walker
31.

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32.

Put
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Arms
37.

Place to get fit
38.

Large rodent
40.

Sprinkling
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Pang
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Copper coin
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You may find it hard to communicate with others this week. However, an increase in income on the horizon will ease your financial worries. In your love life, small gestures and thoughtful actions will boost your happiness.



**TAURUS**  
The pollen in the air may cause you some discomfort. Focus on eating a balanced diet to alleviate these symptoms and other disorders like stress-related heartburn.



**GEMINI**  
You'll be given happy news from your family this week, like a birth or a move. You may consider putting your home up for sale, especially if your kids have long flown the nest.



**CANCER**  
You'll be motivated by injustice in all its forms, and you'll take action to rectify any unfair situation. In your love life, prioritize affection to maintain a balanced, healthy relationship.



**LEO**  
Let your friends lead you on a fun shopping trip. This adventure will be enjoyable and beneficial. Also, make sure to treat yourself to moments of relaxation and self-care that will boost your sense of well-being and vitality.



**VIRGO**  
You'll dive into a major project and start to see real results. You'll be tasked with resolving conflict, either on or off the job. A romantic getaway is on the horizon.



**LIBRA**  
For the sake of your health, you must take time to relax. Embrace a mindset of letting go before diving into new activities. Try to re-evaluate how you manage your time.



**SCORPIO**  
Expand your customer base and grow your social media contacts to boost your sales. You'll take the lead in organizing a meeting that will bring together people you admire and respect.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
You'll take the initiative on a major personal or professional project. You'll find the financial resources you need to purchase property or start your own business.



**CAPRICORN**  
Dedicate time to planning your next vacation. This is also a good time to enhance your professional skills through training. Your career will thrive!



**AQUARIUS**  
Use this time for introspection. Reflect on what ignites your passion and what doesn't, weighing the pros and cons. You'll make the right choices to promote your personal growth.



**PISCES**  
At work, your go-getter attitude and keen attention to detail will help you come up with practical solutions to unexpected challenges. Conversations with your romantic partner may revolve around commitment and the depth of your feelings.



# Armstrong considers funding of lift

**Darlene Wroe**  
Local Journalism  
Initiative Reporter

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP -

Armstrong Township council is faced with an expensive undertaking, which is to replace the lift at the municipal building even though it

received little use during the years it was functioning.

The township has set a portion of the needed money into reserves, and wants to review the other needs in the township before it commits further this year.

Speaking at council's April 15 meeting, Councillor Michele Rivard said the township is still working toward getting a new lift, but no commitment was made to do it this year.

Armstrong chief administrative officer Dan Thibeault said quotes of \$87,000 and \$88,000 have been received for the project.

There are two lifts in Armstrong. Thibeault said the lift at the recreation centre was repaired for \$5,300.

Councillor Dan Perreault noted that the lift at the municipal building does not get

used often.

"Equipment like that, you have to consider that if it's not used it's going to seize up and it's going to stop working." The township will have to be paying someone to service it to keep it working, he noted. A professional will be required to inspect and maintain it, he continued.

Thibeault said the lift at the municipal building was broken before his employment at the township. He has been with Armstrong since October 2022. In the years the lift was working, it was pointed out.

The council mulled over the dilemma of the lift replacement and its high cost while at the same time being faced with other needs in the township which would be used by more residents.

Rivard expressed the preference to see fundraising efforts made for the lift, along with the township's contribution.

Perreault noted the high cost of the project and the fact that it has not been well used in the past.

Thibeault pointed out that the other township lift, located at the arena, is regularly used.

Perreault acknowledged the benefit of the lift at the arena which attracts people, and brings in rental money for its spaces.

Thibeault noted that the lift at the municipal building is more expensive to replace because it has three levels - the Armstrong Township Public Library, the entrance area, and the office level.

## Public notice: bridge repair

As part of the Matabitchuan Generating Station (GS) Redevelopment project, **Ontario Power Generation** will be replacing the bailey bridge at Matabitchuan GS.

The updated construction & access schedule is outlined below:

May 5 - 9	Bridge closed
May 12 - 30	Access available - minor delays possible
June 2 - 6	Bridge closed
June 9 - 26	Access available - minor delays possible

The bridge replacement work is necessary to ensure the reliability and safety of the structure.

For more information on the Matabitchuan GS Redevelopment Project, please visit [opgprojects.com/Matabitchuan](https://opgprojects.com/Matabitchuan).

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