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Survey to gather data on rural health, economics

Joe O'Grady
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES - Local residents are being encouraged to ensure their voices are heard during an upcoming survey aimed at improving the health and well-being of rural communities in the province.

Lead by Dr. Leith Deacon, the Health, Economy, and Adaptation in Rural Communities (HEAR) project is a data-driven project supported by a \$1.65 million gift from the McCall MacBain Foundation.

News of the project was brought to Temiskaming Shores council at the February 17 meeting, where Councillor Melanie Ducharme provided a report from the recent Rural Ontario Municipal Association conference.

Ducharme said local municipalities and residents will soon be called on to participate in the initiative by filling out a survey by mail or online. The project, she said, "could be relevant

locally in terms of gathering better data for our community."

A news release on the initiative notes Deacon will lead data collection efforts aimed at supporting and improving rural policies and planning, and making data more accessible and in-

tion, and emergency preparedness.

"These areas highlight the complex challenges rural communities face - challenges often missed in urban-focused data," proponents of the initiative say.

HEAR will help close

ty, community-specific data we need to create meaningful, long-term change in Ontario."

Proponents say a key aspect of HEAR is its focus on making data accessible and useful for rural communities. An online dashboard will share important findings in a "clear and user-friendly way," helping to support a range of local needs such as funding applications, policy development, and planning efforts. The platform will also include a tool for users to request specific data, ensuring that rural stakeholders can access and apply the information in meaningful and practical ways.

"The dashboard will include a data request portal, allowing rural stakeholders to submit tailored data queries," Deacon said. "By grounding this feature in transparency, reciprocity, and inclusion, we're ensuring that the data collected from rural communities is not only accessible, but truly useful to the people it represents."

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Melanie Ducharme

clusive in Ontario.

Local residents will be surveyed on three topic areas:

- Health: including physical and mental health, addictions, and healthcare access;
- Economics: including employment, migration, and local production;
- Adaptation: including climate change, biodiversity, innova-

this rural data gap and ensure that policies reflect rural realities, Deacon said in a news release announcing the initiative.

"Rural communities are incredibly diverse and face a unique set of challenges, particularly in healthcare," he said. "Unfortunately, the data we have today doesn't often reflect their reality. The support from the McCall MacBain Foundation will allow us to gather the high-quality



**DID YOU GET
The Speaker
THIS WEEK?
Here are some of the
stories in our
March 11 edition...**

- The Classic Theatre in Cobalt will shine a little brighter after receiving 100 Women Who Care funding.
- The City of Temiskaming Shores is considering divesting itself of some of its properties as a cost-cutting measure.
- It was a trashy subject at a Temiskaming Shores council meeting involving garbage and landfills having to do with land capacity.
- Legion Branch 54 has received the CJTT-FM Citizen of the Year Award for its mega revitalization efforts.
- Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP John Vanthof was told to look in the rear view mirror before criticizing the provincial government about transport driver training.
- Team Baker continues to rock with success at curling events across the north. They qualified for play at the U20 Canadian Nationals in Sudbury March 28-April 5.
- Hockey coach Rick Barron will receive the CJTT-FM Lifetime Achievement Award for 50 years of hockey involvement.
- Over 200 youth bounced the big orange ball during the NLPS 3-on-3 basketball tournament.



CHIT-CHAT

Three-year-old Annabelle Demers was captivated by costumed character Autumn, as she sat down for a chit-chat while attending the Teddy Bear Clinic at the Haileybury School of Mines on March 7. The clinic - a hospital simulation using plush toys as patients to teach youngsters about animal welfare - was hosted by the school's wildlife rehabilitation students as a fundraiser for the Turtle Pond Wildlife Centre in Val Caron. (Staff photo by Joe O'Grady)

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EDITORIAL

OSAP cuts

There has often been a meme used in education that says students should “reach for the top” when considering post-secondary education. But how is this possible when the Ford government has made significant changes

to the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)?

OSAP is a government financial aid program that provides eligible Ontario residents with a mix of grants and loans to help cover costs of tuition, books, fees, living expenses and more for post-secondary education.

Previously, students could receive up to 85 per cent of their support through non-repayable grants. Under the new model, grants can only account for 25 per cent of assistance, with most of the support issued as loans.

This is a huge change in student support systems that will leave many students graduating with a high level of debt.

And worse, these changes to OSAP will make post-secondary education out of reach for many low- to middle-income students.

When Ontario wants to develop its critical mineral strategy and surge economically in the skilled trades and technology areas, workforce shortages could hamper that growth.

The economy of the prov-

ince and country depends on a well-educated workforce, and policies that make degree programs less attainable will hurt us.

How many students in our region will be directly affected by the OSAP cuts?

The government needs to reconsider the changes to OSAP funding so every student that seeks postsecondary education can achieve and not be weighed down by high student debt loads before their careers even begin.

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Where's Winston?



Sue Nielsen

I heard American president Donald Trump, he of the bone spurs, describe UK Prime Minister Kier Starmer like this: "This is not Winston Churchill that we are dealing with" in a press conference.

Trump was expressing his frustration over the UK's refusal to allow American warplanes to use British airbases when bombing Iran.

It we could, let's bring back Winston Churchill to put the orange faced menace in his place. Missing backbones show us there are not many world leaders these days who will stand up to Trump's war mongering.

Even our own Prime Minister, Mark Carney, came out with soft wording supporting the American and Israeli war with Iran.

Winston Churchill would have boxed his ears in a second.

Where would the world be without the Winston Churchills of the second world war?

I am not oblivious to the negative side of Churchill, the

racism and colonialism either. But he stood up to another psychopathic leader and said no, you cannot take over Europe.

Has it been that long ago that we have all forgotten the allied strength needed to overcome Hitler and his Third Reich?

The allied strengths included the efforts of Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States and Russia in the fight against Nazism.

Why are governments all over the world not condemning this illegal war which is aimed at distracting from Trump's failures with the Epstein files and the cost of living crisis.

Of course the Iranian regime is an oppressive regime but that is for the Iranian people to deal with.

World leaders must stand up and show what side they are on – hopefully that's the side of peace.

There is no justification with which the American/Israeli war can be based upon.

This war has set the entire

Middle East on fire and we are all paying the price with gasoline prices jumping higher as we speak.

The Iranian war is impacting working class people in this country and around the world and it requires condemnation much like Churchill did against the axis of evil during World War II.

Churchill was known for some of the world's finest speeches at that time in history, while the orange-faced leader's limited literacy involves words like, "I know more than the generals. Believe me." And how about this one: "We don't need them (NATO). We don't need these guys."

Churchill was a leader who led us through our darkest hour in World War II, his speeches were iconic, his character linked to courage.

Bombing an Iranian school and killing over 150 school-girls is barbaric.

Needless brutality like the Iranian war should outrage us all.

Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Colorectal cancer (CRC) is the second most common cause of cancer deaths in Canadian men and women. Colorectal cancer incidence and mortality rates in Ontario are among the highest in the world.

Early Warning Signs:

If you notice any of the following, be sure to inform your doctor as soon as possible:

- Unexplained changes in bowel habits, such as constipation or diarrhea
- Change in size/shape of stools, such as being narrower than usual
- The urge to have a bowel movement but nothing passes
- Rectal bleeding
- Blood in or on the stool, ranging from bright red to dark black
- Persistent abdominal pain/discomfort including bloating, fullness, cramps, gas pain
- Unexplained weight loss
- Weakness and fatigue
- Anemia, caused by iron deficiency

Many of these signs may also be caused by other less serious gastrointestinal conditions, such as ulcers, Crohn's disease or hemorrhoids, but they should always be discussed with your doctor to receive the correct diagnosis.

The good news is that there is now a simpler colorectal screening test!! The fecal immunochemical test (FIT). FIT replaced the fecal occult blood test (FOBT) for people at average risk of getting colorectal cancer. Average risk is defined as people ages 50 to 74 with no first-degree relative who has been diagnosed with colorectal cancer. First degree relative refers to a parent, brother or sister or a child.

FIT offers several advantages over FOBT:

- FIT is a more sensitive screening test, which means it is better at detecting colorectal cancer and pre-cancerous polyps;
- There are no medication or dietary restrictions (including anticoagulants and vitamin C);
- FIT is simple to use and helps reduce contact with stool; and
- Only one stool sample is needed compared to the previous 3 sample requirement

What do You Have to Do?

Your primary care provider will fax a requisition to LifeLabs for you when you are due for this screening test and LifeLabs will mail a FIT kit to you directly. This screening test needs to be repeated every two years providing the result is normal.

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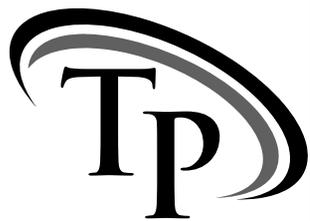


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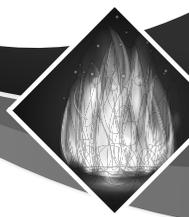
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 - Regular Council Meeting - Tuesday, April 7, 2026
 - Regular Council Meeting – Monday, April 27, 2026
- All meetings start at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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March 27, 2025 and April 24, 2025

If I mail my payment, how can I get a receipt?

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Can I easily get a reprint of my tax bill/statement from the office?

Yes – A fee of \$10 shall be charged for a reprint of a tax bill or statement.

What method can I use for tax payments?

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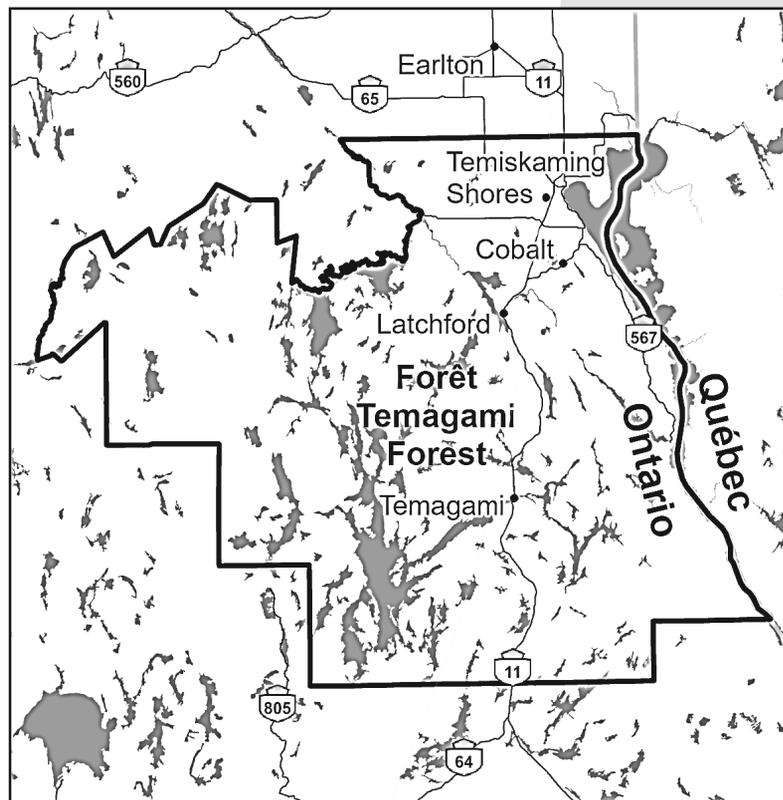
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Inspection

Inspection of 2026 – 2027 Annual Work Schedule for Temagami Forest

The April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Temagami Forest** is available for public viewing by contacting the **Temagami Forest Management Corporation (TFMC)**, during normal business hours and on the Natural Resources Information Portal at ontario.ca/ForestPlans beginning **March 15, 2026** and for the one-year duration of the AWS.



Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest operations such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

More Information

To learn more about the AWS, you can arrange a virtual or in-person meeting, or request AWS summary information by contacting the MNR staff listed below:

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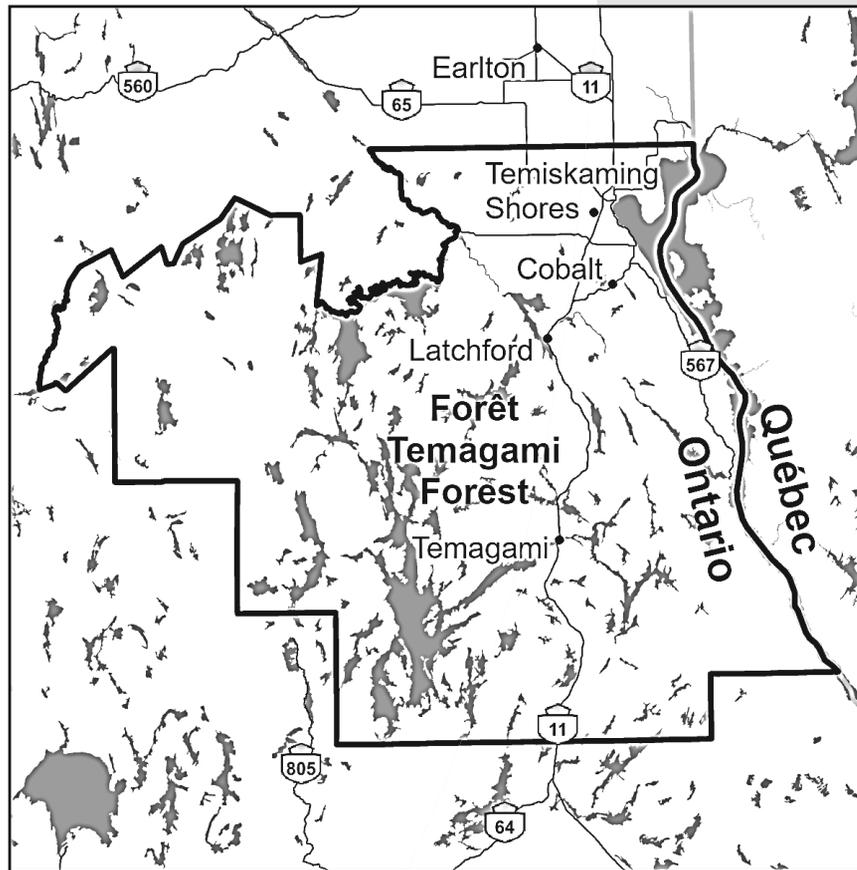
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Inspection

Inspection – calendrier de travail annuel 2026-2027 pour la forêt Temagami

Le public peut consulter le calendrier de travail annuel du 1^{er} avril 2026 au 31 mars 2027 pour la forêt Temagami en communiquant avec le **Temagami Forest Management Corporation (TFMC)** pendant les heures normales d'ouverture ainsi que sur le Portail d'information sur les richesses naturelles au ontario.ca/plansforestiers à compter du **15 mars 2026**, durant une année.



Opérations d'aménagement forestier prévues

Le calendrier de travail annuel décrit des opérations comme la construction, l'entretien et le déclassement des routes, la gestion des carrières d'agrégats de foresterie, la récolte, la préparation de terrain, la plantation d'arbres et les soins prévus à fournir au cours de l'année.

Renseignements supplémentaires

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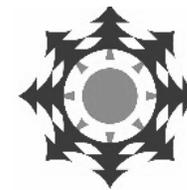
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Pour en savoir davantage sur la manière de participer à la planification de l'aménagement forestier et mieux comprendre les étapes de la consultation publique, veuillez consulter la page suivante :

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❷ By phone: Call 8-1-1 anytime, 24 hours a day, seven days a week
or call 1-800-445-1822.

What you'll need:

- A valid Ontario health card
- An up-to-date mailing address

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ACROSS

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- 4. Estate unit
- 8. Encourage
- 12. Tote
- 13. Those people
- 14. Likewise
- 15. Whole
- 16. Current
- 17. Charges
- 18. Boll _____
- 20. Weeping
- 21. Winter eave hanger
- 24. Fruit's cover
- 27. Curl
- 32. Vocal
- 33. Drink
- 34. Part played
- 35. Processions
- 37. Competent
- 38. Jabbered
- 41. Actress Keaton
- 45. Coliseums
- 49. Feed the pot
- 50. Ball
- 52. Coffeepot
- 53. Hide
- 54. Mas that baa
- 55. Floral garland
- 56. Leaps
- 57. Alternatively
- 58. Circuit

DOWN

- 1. Blemish
- 2. Reign
- 3. Gape
- 4. Loft
- 5. Spicy dish
- 6. Beet color
- 7. Gawk
- 8. Secure
- 9. Prayer
- 10. Patron
- 11. Pinkish
- 19. Pancho _____
- 20. Bowling number
- 22. Brittle
- 23. Facial feature
- 24. Dad
- 25. Age of note
- 26. Piece of corn
- 28. Test mark
- 29. Soft toss
- 30. Added wing
- 31. Casual shirt
- 33. Adriatic, e.g.
- 36. Hue
- 39. Loses color
- 40. Cleanse
- 41. Quick race
- 42. Dividing preposition
- 43. Above
- 44. Facts
- 46. Invalid
- 47. Field of study
- 48. Prune
- 50. Golly's partner
- 51. Punching tool

CROSSWORD

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HOROSCOPE

Week of
March 15 to 21, 2026

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ARIES
 Your friends will invite you to participate in an especially enthralling activity. This may be just what you need if you've been keeping to yourself lately. If you're single, this outing could open the door to an unexpected romantic encounter.
- 
TAURUS
 This week, you'll be juggling professional demands and family responsibilities. Finding the right work-life balance won't be easy. Still, it's essential for maintaining your peace of mind and overall well-being.
- 
GEMINI
 You may decide to plan a refreshing getaway—even a short one—with your partner or family before the end of winter. Your employer might also send you on an important business trip.
- 
CANCER
 You'll experience a whirlwind of emotions this week. However, you'll need to keep your cool. You may stumble upon a creative solution to your financial worries. In love, a simple smile could help you preserve or attract a meaningful connection.
- 
LEO
 You'll take charge of organizing a professional or social event that brings together many different people. Managing every detail may cause some extra stress at work and at home. Solid organization and patience are critical.
- 
VIRGO
 Mild anxiety could cloud your focus or dampen your mood. Don't let your emotions take over. Therapy could be beneficial, and regular physical exercise could offer a much-needed escape.
- 
LIBRA
 You'll overcome a challenge that will boost your self-esteem. Despite initial setbacks, your perseverance and boldness will lead to impressive accomplishments, earning you recognition and respect in both your personal and professional circles.
- 
SCORPIO
 If you're thinking about moving, now's the perfect time to start the process. Be cautious of a loved one's excessive expectations; they may be trying to take advantage of your generosity. Stay alert and protect your boundaries.
- 
SAGITTARIUS
 You'll take multiple trips this week. Expect traffic jams or confusion in finding your way. Seek a second opinion or gather more information to better understand each situation and avoid mistakes.
- 
CAPRICORN
 The overtime hours you put in at work will be generously rewarded. A short, language-based training course could bring you considerably closer to achieving one of your major professional goals, opening the door to new opportunities.
- 
AQUARIUS
 If you're under pressure to make a quick decision, trust your instincts to avoid overanalyzing the situation. In love, mutual affection reflects true fulfillment. Now's the perfect time to nurture and deepen this beautiful connection.
- 
PISCES
 Take a step back to reassess projects that are at a standstill. This pause will help you clarify your long-term goals. In love, a romantic getaway or a short trip could strengthen your bond and rekindle your passion.




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Week of March 2:

(PPD=Points Per Dart this week; HCO=High Checkout; YTD= Year to Date Points Per Dart Average):

	PPD/	180s 171s	140 133+	95+	HCO	Pts.	YTD
Dave Hack	22.79	-/7	3/59	13/192	119	152	23.45
Steve Peckover	19.42	-/5	1/20	6/110	108	105	18.57
Bob Livingston	18.46	-/-	3/112	3/112	98	93	18.33
Ken Snarr	18.96	-/-	-/16	3/88	103	75	19.21
Marg Brisson	15.08	-/-	-/17	3/64	40	59	15.54
Aaron Brammer	16.40	-/1	-/9	3/75	94	51	16.19
Christine Gauvreau	17.18	-/1	-/5	3/29	66	28	16.17
Heather Dinel	15.58	-/-	-/-	4/48	40	22	13.47
Missy Lacarte	15.92	-/-	1/1	3/21	99	12	16.07

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 65 Wellington St New Liskeard welcomes you to their worship service at 11:00 am Sunday mornings. Rev. Bob McCarty officiating. For more information please see our facebook page or visit our website at firstbaptist-nl.ca

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, new liskeard, invites all to our neighbourhood friends and fun gathering. February 14th, 2026, 1pm – 3pm. There will be games, snacks and a chance to win a door prize. So bring your family and your friends for a free fun filled afternoon and enjoy!

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH'S CHILDREN'S PROGRAM takes place at the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass, the first and second Sundays of the month. Children from JK to Grade 4 are invited to go to the parish boardroom at the start of Mass,

where they will hear the Gospel in a way they can understand and take part in a craft connected to the message. They will return to the church after the offertory collection.

KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS AND WOULD LIKE COMMUNION?

The Visitation Committee of Our Mother of Perpetual Help is a group of men and women who commit themselves to comfort and care for the sick and lonely of our Parish by making regular visits to them. Members of the Visitation Committee bring Holy Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass on a regular basis. If you know of someone who would like a visit or Holy Communion contact Judy Walsh at 705-679-3349 or the office.

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..

LIVE-STREAMED MASS: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish live-streams their Sunday Mass on 10AM. On their Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/OMPH.NLParish>.

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

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

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

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 Rob Ferris. Next Sunday, March 22nd, please join us when our worship leader will be Aaron Palmer. For more information on our services and outreach programs, please contact the Church Office at 705 647 4171 and check out our Facebook page at facebook.com/stpaulsnewliskeard

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.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH invites all to come & worship Saturday morning at 453 Marcel-la St in Haileybury. Study time is 10am and divine service at 11am. Prayer meeting Tuesday at 5:30 pm. Everyone is Welcome. 905-730-0751 (Kevin)

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

CHURCH SERVICES & MORE...

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

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST invites you to attend Sunday morning family worship services at 33 Niven Street in New Liskeard at 10:30-11:30 each week. All are welcome. Enduring principles of our church include the worth of all persons, unity in diversity and the pursuit of peace. Weekly themes are posted on our Facebook page "Community of Christ - New Liskeard Branch".

COMMUNION SERVICE is the first Sunday of each month. There is a volunteer knitting group for third world Tuesday afternoons.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS services begin at 11am focusing on the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The Chapel is located on Beautiful Lake Temiskaming at the junction of Hwy 11-B, Lakeshore and 980 Edward Street, North of Haileybury. All are welcome.

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HAILEYBURY & DISTRICT BAPTIST CHURCH extends a warm welcome to all. Worship Sunday at 1:30pm with Pastor Adam Kubias. Accessibility ramp. Call the church (705) 672-5855. Montly potluck on the last Sunday. www.haileyburybaptist.ca

ÉGLISE CATHOLIQUE STE-CROIX - La communauté chrétienne Ste-Croix est une paroisse francophone accueillante qui rassemble les catholiques de Haileybury, North Cobalt, Cobalt et des environs. Elle est engagée à prolonger la mission de Jésus dans tous les aspects de sa vie. Les paroissiens et notre pasteur, Père Ghislain Ndongji, o.f.m. sont heureux de vous accueillir

pour les messes dominicales le samedi soir à 19h et le dimanche matin à 10h. Également, la paroisse offre la messe sur semaine, le mardi à 16h30 et le mercredi, jeudi et vendredi à 9h30. L'église est située au 341 Sutherland Way, Haileybury - 705-672-3296. Bienvenue à tous!

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TEMISKAMING COMMUNITY PASTURE is Accepting Nominations for the 2026 Pasture Season. Nominations must be received by the secretary Carol by MARCH 31, 2026. To obtain forms please call Carol at 705-647-6161.

THE TEMISKAMING FESTIVAL OF MUSIC is back again this year with online registration ending February 28th. You must register to participate. Go to T-F-M.ca click on syllabus and follow the prompts. Mark your calendar for April 20th to 24th for an event of strings, piano, vocals, bands and voice amplified, a new category to sing with backing tracks. Everyone is welcome to perform. Don't miss out on this live event, The Temiskaming Festival of Music. Be sure to register at T-F-M.ca

ZUMBA CLASSES in New Liskeard. I'm Fabienne Blain Zumba Instructor. Come and join me in the New Year starting January 6th at Ecole Catholique St-Michel and January 8th at the New Liskeard Public School West Wing both at 6h30 pm First class is free. For more information join my Facebook Page : Zumba with

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



RV Sales Representative Commission-Based | Full-Time Seasonal

Location: 332442 Hwy 11 North Earlton, On
Position Type: Full-time (Seasonal) with Spring Call-Back
Compensation: Commission-based
Estimated Annual Earnings: \$50,000-\$80,000 (based on performance)

Position Overview

We are looking for a motivated, customer-focused RV Sales Representative to join our team for the seasonal period. This role is full-time during the main season, with a call-back in the spring and part-time opportunities available during the winter months.

Schedule

- Modified weekday schedule
- Weekend work required
- Seasonal full-time hours with off-season flexibility

Responsibilities

- Assist customers in selecting new and used RVs that meet their needs
- Provide exceptional customer service and build long-term relationships
- Follow up with leads and maintain ongoing customer communication
- Explain RV features, pricing, and financing options clearly
- Complete sales paperwork accurately
- Coordinate with sales and service teams to ensure smooth deliveries

Qualifications & Skills

- Bilingual (spoken and written) required
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Sales-driven with a customer-first mindset
- Self-motivated and goal-oriented
- Ability to work flexible hours, including weekends
- Previous sales experience preferred (RV or automotive experience is an asset)
- Comfortable working in a commission-based role

Compensation & Benefits

- Commission-based pay with earning potential of \$50,000-\$80,000 annually
- RRSP program
- Benefits package
- Seasonal stability with return opportunities

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Seasonal Full-Time RV Wash Bay Attendant

Location: Earlton Rv 332442 Hwy 11 North – Earlton, ON

Position Type: Seasonal Full-Time (with opportunity for call-backs each season)

Wage: \$18.00 per hour

About Us

We are a growing RV dealership committed to quality workmanship, customer service, and attention to detail. Our team takes pride in delivering clean, well-presented units to customers and maintaining a professional and efficient shop environment.

Position Overview

We are currently seeking a dependable and motivated individual to join our team as a Seasonal Full-Time RV Wash Bay Attendant. This role is essential in preparing RVs for delivery, service, and display.

This is a seasonal position with strong potential for return employment each season based on performance and reliability.

Key Responsibilities

Wash and detail exterior of RVs (travel trailers, fifth wheels, motorhomes)

Clean interiors as required (vacuuming, wiping surfaces, windows)

Remove decals and assist in unit preparation

Maintain cleanliness and organization of wash bay area

Assist service department when required

Operate pressure washers and cleaning equipment safely

Move RVs around yard/shop (if licensed and approved)

What We're Looking For

Valid G driver's license

Ability to work outdoors in varying weather conditions

Physically capable of lifting up to 50 lbs

Strong attention to detail

Positive, team-oriented attitude

Reliable and punctual with a strong work ethic

Ability to consistently report to scheduled shifts and contribute to a dependable team environment

Experience in detailing or pressure washing is an asset (we are willing to train the right candidate)

What We Offer

Seasonal full-time hours

Opportunity for call-back each season

Competitive wages

Group benefits package

RRSP program

Supportive team environment

Opportunity for advancement within the service department

To Apply

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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.

THE COFFEE HOUSE SUPPORTING & PROMOTING LOCAL CANADIAN MUSICIANS AND THEIR MUSIC. On Tuesday April 14th, please join us at The Coffee House and enjoy the Musical Stylings of many of your favourite local musicians and entertainers including, Sierra Jessi, Black Hat Trio, Stephen Ward, Leia Weaver, Nelson & Friends, Marley Jackson, Daniel Allaire with Leo D'Hondt & Wesley Gravel, Braydon Muir, Sons of Sasquatch, along with Random Chants to name but a few. Please join us the second Tuesday of every month at St. Paul's United Church auditorium, 7 - 10PM at 70 Wellington St. in New Liskeard. Please consider donating to The Coffee House Fund to keep the musical legacy of our musicians alive for years to come. 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 web site: coffeehousenewliskeard.ca.

MUSIC JAM EVERY 2ND AND 4TH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING SEPTEMBER 12TH at the Sacred Heart Church in the basement from 1:30pm until 4pm. Come to play, sing or dance to coun-

try music. Bring your friends.

Are you interested in creating art? THE TEMISKAMING PALETTE AND BRUSH CLUB is welcoming new members. Visit the club at the Haileybury Arena from 1:00pm to 4:00pm on Tuesdays.

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.

LACTATION SUPPORT-LA LECHE LEAGUE CANADA, TEMISKAMING SHORES is offering peer support for lactating families during pregnancy, postpartum, and beyond. We can provide free breastfeeding/chestfeeding support by email, text, and at 5 in-person meetings per month. For more information, visit <https://www.lllc.ca/temiskaming-shores>

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NEW BID EUCHRE Legion Hall, Haileybury, Wednesdays, 1:00pm

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

BID EUCHRE is played at 1 p.m. every Saturday at the Northdale Manor. Players are welcome. Please use the parking lot entrance. **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 \$12. Come join our friendly dining atmosphere with your friends and family. Vendors also on site. 373 Broadway St in Haileybury. **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 4 1/2mm. Yarn and needles are available. All are welcome! For more information, call D. Caldwell at 705-647-6056.

TEMISKAMING TREASURES QUILT GUILD meet the last Thursday of every

month at 1:30 pm 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.

ON VOUS INVITE A DEVENIR MEMBRE DU CLUB DU SOURIRE (AGE D'OR DE NEW LISKEARD, ON). Achetez votre carte de membre 2026 le plus tôt possible. Cette carte vous donnera la chance du profiter des activités et des soupers communautaires a prix réduit. Vous pouvez contacter Gilbert Breault au 705- 648-5913 pour plus d'informations.

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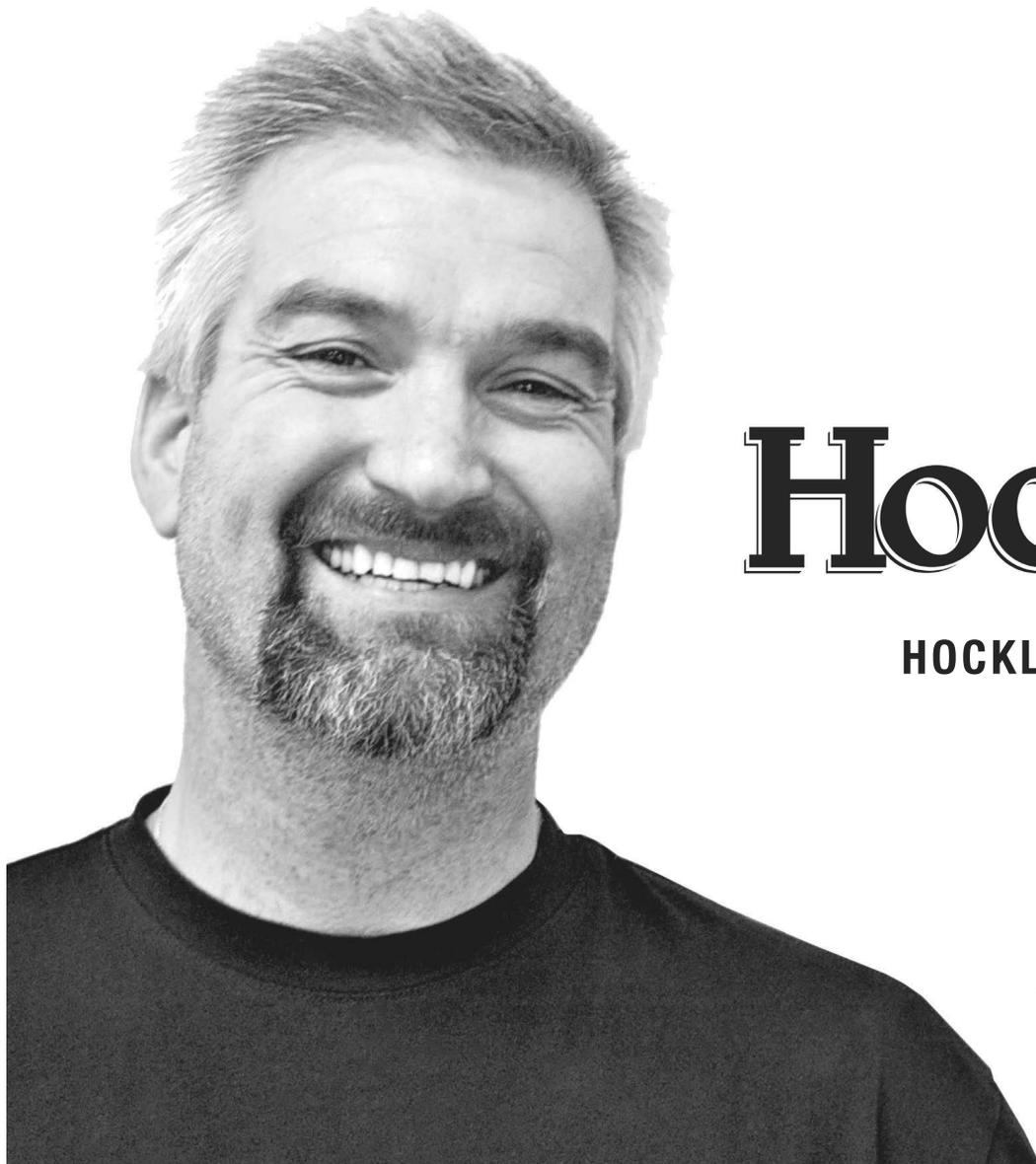
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