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WALKING IN THE WOODS

Last Sunday was a perfect day for a stroll in the woods along the north shore of Lake Temiskaming. Against a backdrop of colourful fall leaves, Jessica and Kevin Stewart took advantage of the dry weather to walk their dog along a section of trail near the lake. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

Chain reaction concerns

Englehart area municipalities to discuss library contracts

Darlene Wroe
 Speaker Reporter

ENGLEHART -- Englehart and area municipal representatives will be meeting Monday evening, November 7, to discuss funding scenarios for the Englehart Public Library.

The Municipality of Charlton and Dack has stated that it wants to cut its 2017 payment to the Englehart Public Library from \$40 per household to \$20 per household. It has also decided to end funding to the Englehart and Area Historical Museum, but to redirect that funding to Englehart recreational services.

Charlton-Dack council came to that decision after a municipal survey, with 50 per cent response from the community, indicating that the ratepayers felt the municipality was paying too much for the Englehart Public Library. There was limited support expressed for the museum.

At the regular meeting of the Municipality of Charlton and Dack on Monday, October 24, Englehart Mayor Nina Wallace was present, along with Englehart clerk-administrator Shawn LaCarte, to speak to council.

Mayor Wallace told the Charlton-Dack council that Englehart is "very disappointed that you have chosen to opt out of the softer services our communities offer.

See "Englehart area" on 5a

Requesting liftoff – Club seeking approval for 2017 Drag 'N' Fly

Darlene Wroe
 Speaker Reporter

EARLTON -- The Temiskaming Rod and Custom Club (TRACC) is hoping that 2017 will be an even bigger year for the annual Drag 'N' Fly drag races at the Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport.

TRACC president Peggy Harrison was at the airport's Joint Municipal Services Board meeting in Earlton on Thursday

evening, October 20 to ask in person for approval from the board to allow TRACC to use the airport grounds for the 2017 event.

The board had already received the request in writing.

In a letter to the board, TRACC stated that numbers of racers rose from 156 in 2015 to 217 in 2016, and this was attributed to an early start in providing notice that the race would be taking

place.

The letter also stated that TRACC is also reviewing its set-up procedure, and anticipates this could lead to an increase in spectators for the 2017 event.

TRACC is aiming to hold the 2017 event on the weekend of August 11 to 13.

"An event of this magnitude requires extensive planning and the sooner we get started, the better," the letter stated.

See "Requesting liftoff" on 8a

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Temiskaming Shores Public Library

The Library will be closed on Friday, November 11 for Remembrance Day

Literary Pumpkin Decorating Contest! At both branches of the Temiskaming Shores Library

Choose your favourite literary character from a book and decorate a pumpkin to resemble them! Then take a picture of your fabulous creation and bring or email the picture to your branch of the library before Wednesday, October 26th. You can send pumpkin pictures to NewLiskeard@temisklibrary.com or Haileybury@temisklibrary.com. Check out the Temiskaming Shores Library Facebook page for inspirational ideas! Voting begins on Wednesday, October 26th and continues until Friday October 28th. Only one vote each time you visit the library! Parents, friends, grandparents, and anyone else can vote too- so spread the word! Prizes to be given for the literary pumpkins with the most votes!

Beginner's Crochet at the New Liskeard Branch Library

Caroline Rachwalski of "Straight from the Hook, Crochet by Caroline" will be offering a Beginner's Crochet class on Tuesdays from 6:15-7:45 p.m. at the New Liskeard Branch library, starting on **Tuesday, November 8** for 4 weeks. The cost for the program is \$45 per student, and everyone will need a 5 or 5.5 crochet hook and 1 ball of worsted weight yarn (#4). The project will be a cute winter toque! Registration is limited to 10 participants so register early by calling 705-647-4215!

Gadget Helper at Both Branches of the Library

Need help with your e-reader, tablet or laptop? We can help with downloading books from Overdrive to your e-reader or tablet, accessing online resources, updating your tablet or laptop, downloading an app onto your smartphone or tablet and anything else that might come up!

Appointments are scheduled on Thursdays during daytime hours. To book an appointment time, please call the library at **705-647-4215** or **705-672-3707** or email aturner@temisklibrary.com

Temiskaming Shores Public Library Online Book Club

Would you like to try a book club from the comfort of your home? Work on your own timeline and comment whenever you can find some time! Great books, wonderful discussions, and all conveniently on your schedule! Check us out on Facebook! Search for TSPL Book Club. For more information, contact us at the library: Haileybury Branch 705-672-3707, New Liskeard Branch 705-647-4215

Nordic Walking Pole Sets for Loan at Both Branches of the Library

The Temiskaming Shores Public Library, in partnership with the Temiskaming Health Unit, is offering Nordic Walking Pole sets for loan. A fun activity for all ages and fitness levels and great for year round use! Borrow a pair from either branch of the library for 3 weeks to try out one of Canada's fastest growing fitness activities!

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Zinio gives you access to current issues of popular magazines to read on your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Zinio at the Temiskaming Shores Public Library provides free, full-text digital access to a wide collection of magazines, including such popular titles as Canadian Living, Elle Canada, Men's Health, National Geographic, O, Women's Health, Cosmopolitan, Rolling Stone, Reader's Digest, Quilting Arts and many more. Try it today at <https://www.rbdigital.com/canada50on/service/zinio/> or on the library's website! You will need the 14 digit barcode from the back of your library card to sign up.

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To register or for more information about any of the Library's programs, call 705-647-4215 or 705-672-3707, see our facebook page, email NewLiskeard@temisklibrary.com or Haileybury@temisklibrary.com, visit our website at www.temisklibrary.com, or visit your Library Branch!

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

REGULAR COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.

City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury

PSA NOTICE – OVERNIGHT PARKING

Effective November 1st, 2016 to March 31st, 2017

By-law No. 2008-069 prohibits the parking of vehicles on municipal streets and City-owned parking lots between the hours of **12:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

For further information contact the By-law Officer at (705) 672-3363.

Carter Antila Memorial Skate Park

CLOSED FOR THE SEASON NOVEMBER 1st, 2016

Should warm weather continue, the fencing will be up however the park will be accessible through the entrance gate.

Thank you to the harder 4 carter committee

For another great season.



EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1ST STATO RECREATIONAL TRAIL IS CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

The removal of the white bollards symbolize the trail is closed

As per the Highway Traffic Act, cyclists are to travel with the direction and flow of traffic. Pedestrians are required to travel facing traffic and on the sidewalk or shoulder of the road.

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Competition No. 2016-017
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The City of Temiskaming Shores is currently seeking a Temporary Full Time Arena/Parks Attendant within the Recreation Department. The Arena Parks Attendant is part of a team responsible for the operation and maintenance of municipal recreation facilities and parks. Duties will also include minor construction, grounds keeping and ice maintenance.

The successful candidate will possess the following qualifications and education:

- Minimum Grade 12 or equivalent;
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- Ability to meet the needs of customers, communicate effectively with facility users and maintain accurate records;
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Please be notified that the Environmental Crews of the Public Works Department will be carrying out maintenance programs, flushing and testing of fire hydrants throughout the municipal water distribution systems. The work may cause some discoloration in the water; however, the effect should be minimal. If a coloured water problem is encountered in your water service line, flushing the service by letting the water run for a period of time should cure the problem. If the coloured water persists, please contact the Public Works Department for assistance.

This program will commence the week of October 03rd, 2016 and will continue until approximately October 31st, 2016

Tentative starting dates:

**October 3rd in Haileybury
October 3rd in New Liskeard
October 24th in Dymond**

Thank you for your co-operation as Environmental Crews of the Public Works Department carry out this important maintenance activity.

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Freedom to speak

Cobalt agrees on process when members go off-topic

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

COBALT -- Cobalt council has adopted a resolution that has the objective of ensuring council members are not shouted down as they attempt to make a statement.

Councillor Sue Nielsen presented a motion stating that “free speech is an important part of the democratic process.” Her motion continued that “all councils must be free to express opinions without being shouted down or adversely interrupted while speaking.”

The motion asked that “the chair and all members of council observe equitable free speech for all council.”

Council discussed the motion, and after some comments, added an amendment that the resolution should continue “in keeping with the procedural by-law and Robert’s Rules of Order.”

After Councillor Nielsen introduced the motion, Councillor Mike Harrison asked, “Don’t we do that now?”

Councillor Nielsen explained that she thinks “a councillor should be able to say what they have to say without being shouted down.”

Councillor Perry Wuest stated that “generally when you want to speak to something, you put it on the agenda.”

Mayor Tina Sartoretto noted that the town does have a procedural by-law. She continued that “you have to speak to the motion on the table.”

She questioned whether Councillor Nielsen was referring to freedom of speech or freedom to speak. “There’s a difference.”

Councillor Nielsen said that she has been shouted down by Councillor Wuest and Councillor Harrison.

“OFF ON A TANGENT”

Councillor Harrison responded that he did not shout Councillor Nielsen down. “You went off on a tangent about the arena,” he said to Councillor Nielsen, referring to a past incident.

Mayor Sartoretto said the intention of the motion is for council to remind themselves to allow people to have an opportunity to speak.

Council discussed whether the motion differed from the guidelines already in place.

“It should just be status quo,” said Councillor Wuest.

Mayor Sartoretto noted that “if you’re going to speak, you have to wait to be recognized” by the chair. She continued that if a council member observes that another council member is straying off topic, then the council member can say “point of order” and that is directed to the chair of the meeting to address the member who is speaking about a matter not on the agenda.

Councillor George Othmer commented of Councillor Nielsen’s motion, “I think it’s a good idea, and it’s a good suggestion.”

Councillor Wuest summarized, “It doesn’t modify what we already have, it just clarifies.”

Mayor Sartoretto said the goal of the motion is to ensure that “everybody gets treated the same. I was hoping we were doing that, but apparently we’re not.”

Councillor Wuest commented, “The only time in the past when we have had issues was when it diverges off the topic.”

Councillor Nielsen’s motion was amended and accepted by council.



HALLOWEEN CREEPING UP

Children are getting excited for Halloween, leaves are falling, and the neighbourhoods are getting ready with decorations and treats ready for shelling out. Lily-Anne Grandmont, 8, of Englehart (left) and her sister Jocelyn, 6, (right) are pictured here admiring their neighbour’s front yard decorations on Sixth Avenue. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

INFLUENZA CLINICS 2016

DATES DE SÉANCES D’IMMUNISATION CONTRE LA GRIPPE SAISONNIERE 2016

Earlton	Nov. 8	Assomption School	4-7pm
	8 nov.	École Assomption	16h à 19h
Elk Lake	Nov. 10	Public School	3-7pm
	10 nov.	École publique	15h à 19h
Haileybury	Nov. 3	Northern College	4-7pm
	3 nov.	Collège Northern	16h à 19h
Kirkland Lake	Nov. 2	Northern College cafeteria	2-8pm
	2 nov.	Collège Northern cafétéria	14h à 20h
Larder Lake	Nov. 1	Municipal Complex	4-7pm
	1 nov.	Centre récréatif	16h à 19h
Latchford	Oct. 26	Recreation Centre	4-6pm
	26 oct.	Centre récréatif	16h à 18h
Matachewan	Nov. 15	Nursing Station	1-7pm
	15 nov.	Poste de soins infirmiers	13h à 19h
New Liskeard	Oct. 27	Timiskaming Health Unit	2-8pm
	27 oct.	Services de santé du Timiskaming	14h à 20h
Temagami	Nov. 9	Medical Centre	4-7pm
	9 nov.	Centre médical	16h à 19h
Virginiatown	Nov. 7	Recreation Centre	4-7pm
	7 nov.	Centre récréatif	16h à 19h



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Easy choice

An idea came to me last week worthy of exploration. After watching the third and final U.S. Presidential debate, I asked myself, whom would I pick to be my backcountry canoe partner?



Sue Nielsen

Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump?

You can tell a lot about a person by simply paddling along in a canoe.

So here are my thoughts.

Hands down Donald Trump would be the greatest canoe paddler in the history of canoeing. He would be a winner no matter if he couldn't j-stroke, run rapids or set up a tent.

Donald might be the best campfire talker there ever was. He would regale me long into the night with stories of his bushcraft prowess.

Hey, I can always use another anchor.

Hillary might upstage him in the "interesting conversation" department, though.

I would ask Trump to start the fire, to be the navigator, and to help carry the gear. This might prove disastrous for his hair and he might call me a "nasty woman" at the end of the portage.

The ability to laugh is a must on a canoe adventure, especially if the bugs are bad and it has rained for the entire length of the trip.

Hillary might have the edge here simply because of her sunny personality. She would have done her homework and checked the weather report ahead of time. Donald would whine continuously and blame the media for not accurately predicting the weather.

Hillary would have to ditch the pantsuits though.

Both presidential candidates are good talkers but on a back-

country voyage, hard skills are a must.

Which candidate would be better able to toss a rescue throw bag or light a no-match fire in damp conditions?

I might not pick Donald to put the welfare of others before his needs and I would surely keep the axe away from him.

Hillary might whip out her fire starter and have mastered the art of throw bag rescue to a tee. Although she might misplace the email I sent her asking her to bring the throw bag.

Good campsite etiquette is essential in a camping partner. You want to share the workload and the paddling duties equally.

Donald would tell me how much he loves to trek with women, if only they would stop trying to stern the boat.

Hillary would sit in the bow helping to navigate the boat while Donald would get us both lost. He may declare bankruptcy after the trip to cover his expenses.

Hillary wants to bring her dog on the trip as an added bonus, but in Trump's case, he may want to grab his cat (snicker).

In the end, I think I'd rather travel solo or take my kayak if I actually had to take either of them in the backcountry.

Oh, and by the way, give me Justin Trudeau any day. Now there's a paddler.

EDITORIAL

Happy Diwali

Many people in the Temiskaming region may not be aware of the Hindu celebration called Diwali (festival of lights).

Diwali takes place from Sunday, October 30 to Thursday, November 3. It isn't a national holiday in Canada but according to the federal government's 2011 census, half a million Hindus live in this country and celebrate Diwali each year.

We know there are several Hindu families and individuals living in the Temiskaming region.

The sacred Diwali celebration for

Hindus is equivalent to the Christian Christmas. During Diwali, there will be cultural events, food, costumes worn, music and dancing.

Traditional gifts such as Lakshmi and Ganesh coins, religious idols and dry fruits are exchanged to show respect, good wishes, love and appreciation and a hope for prosperity in the days and weeks to come.

The Temiskaming Speaker wishes each and every Hindu family and individual in our region much happiness and prosperity this Diwali.

Bring down the costs

The weather has changed, cool temperatures are upon us and that means it is time to turn up the heat. For many, turning up the heat comes with added pressures.

Whether it is young families with children or people on fixed incomes, rising hydro bills are a cause for concern here in Northern Ontario.

People are often caught between paying the hydro bill or buying food.

No one in this opulent province should be faced with that type of decision.

Ontarians and Northerners may be getting a raw deal when it comes to energy costs.

It is feared energy costs will sky-

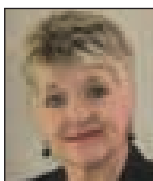
rocket if private business interests geared for profit take control of Hydro One.

A poll conducted by the Keep Hydro Public coalition says 83 per cent of Ontarians are opposed to the sell-off of Hydro One.

A rebate from the government has been offered on the provincial portion of the HST on electricity bills as of January 1, 2017 for an estimated savings of \$11 per month.

Many people feel this move doesn't go far enough and that the bottom line is Hydro One was bought and paid for by the people of Ontario. Northerners are asking their government to bring down those costs!

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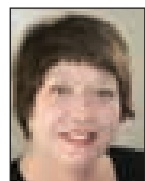
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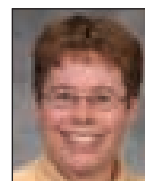
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While they are not deemed necessary, they are necessary for a type of quality of life every community strives for--balance."

PLAN

Mayor Wallace noted that Englehart and area municipalities have a Central Temiskaming Official Plan which "cites the necessity of the library to attract people to our area."

She added that "the library operates on a very tight budget and offers a great deal to the community. The museum operates on a shoestring budget as well and again provides many activities for seniors and children alike. The museum serves as a venue to display the area artists' work, many of whom are from the Charlton area. Both the library and the museum make living here just a bit better."

She said that "Englehart could simply counter what you do, by diverting more money from recreation to the services you do not want to support. However it makes more sense to us, and most likely to the rest of the Central Temiskaming communities, to make meaningful contributions to everything our area has to offer so that we may grow together."

She stated that Englehart is "hoping that you have not started a chain reaction of the other (contracting) municipalities (of Evanturel Township and Chamberlain Township) pulling out of the soft services that benefit the whole of our area. Should this happen, Englehart will have to reassess what it offers. Cuts will have to be made to all facilities within Englehart."

SCENARIOS

Englehart Public Library board chair Derek Mundle, also reeve of Evanturel Township, later told The Speaker that when the library finance committee was advised by Charlton-Dack Councillor Debbie Veerman, who represents the municipality on the library board, of Charlton-Dack's objective to cut its contribution to the library, it was suggested that if Charlton-Dack's contribution went down, it would follow that the other two contracting municipalities of Evanturel Township and Chamberlain Township should also see their contributions go down to the same level.

Currently the contracting municipalities are all paying \$40 per household, while the Town of Englehart, which owns the building located in the town, pays \$50 per household.

Reeve Mundle said the finance committee looked at a reduced budget in which the three contracting municipalities contributed \$20 per household, and the Town of Englehart contributed \$30 per household. "It didn't work," said Reeve Mundle, noting it wouldn't even be able to meet basic costs for the library.

Another scenario was considered in which all three contracting municipalities would provide funding to the library in the amount of \$30 per household, with the Town of Englehart providing \$40 per household.

Reeve Mundle said with that scenario the library services could remain fairly similar, although there would not be as much programming provided. He commented, "Charlton-Dack wasn't in favour" of that funding scenario.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We did not cause that drama

Dear Editor:

We want to respond to the Darlene Wroe story entitled "Mayor urges town to move on from the drama" which appeared in the October 14 Weekender.

We did not cause any drama because we did not hire an Integrity Commissioner, nor raise taxes and we did not fight with the Fire Department nor did we cause complaints that was caused by the Mayor and some of the councillors.

We are simply just Cobalt Concerned Citizens and Taxpayers who have had enough of the Town's improper behavior in a circus-form style.

It is indeed a broken system beyond repair, all you have to do is read the Fred Dean Integrity Commissioner Report from July 29, 2016 and you will see why.

After all, it was the Mayor who hired the Integrity Commissioner and that end result is costing over \$5,000 in billing to taxpayers' bills as overall it was the Town of Cobalt who caused the drama.

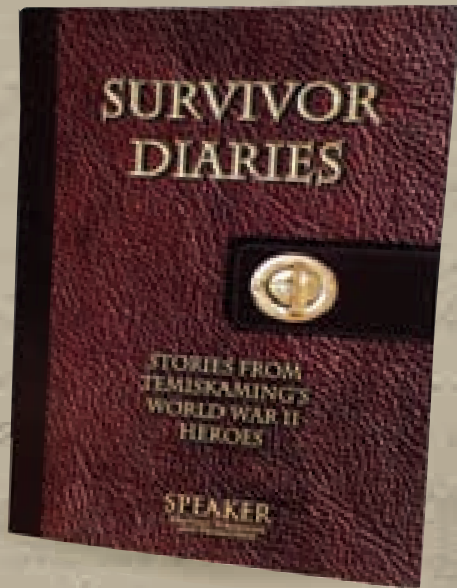
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Jennifer Cowell

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Monday, October 31, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Municipal Waste Site: Hours of Operation Tuesday and Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Garbage: Reminder to Residents - Garbage bags must be placed in garbage cans at residences, and be set-out for collection no later than **7:00 a.m.** every Tuesday.

Recycling: The next collection date is on **Tuesday, November 8th, 2016.** Recyclables are collected bi-weekly, on the scheduled pick-up date listed above.

Recycling Depot: There is a recycling depot available for residents at the Coleman Landfill site for your convenience, during normal operating hours.

- Place all recyclables in a clear plastic bag - **no loose material**
- **Flatten** all boxes, and bundle

Building Permits are required for all construction in the Township of Coleman. Please allow sufficient processing time for your application.


Coleman Fire Department: In Case of Fire Emergency - Please Call 911

Fire Safety Tips - Halloween Decorations

- It is safest to use a flashlight or battery-operated candles in a jack-o-lantern. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Tea lights are a safer option and should be outdoors only. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards. **Ensure you extinguish the flame - do not leave it burning.**
- Avoid decorating with candles or torch lights.
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Information Collected From: Halloween Fire Safety, Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs. Web - 26 October 2016. <http://www.oafc.on.ca/halloween-safety-tips>.

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Sixteen students of École Secondaire catholique Sainte-Marie spent the night, Friday, October 14, sleeping outside in cardboard boxes. The fundraising event was held to help increase awareness for people who experience homelessness. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

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area teenagers slept outside in the cold Friday night, October 14, to better understand those who daily experience homelessness.

Students of École Secondaire catholique Sainte-Marie braved the cold single-digit temperatures that night to sleep in cardboard boxes on the yard outside their school.

The group was supervised by teacher Anne Gaboury-Patenaude, with assistance from teacher Patrick Rivard and teacher's aide Tina Courchesne during the

experience of "A Night Without Shelter."

Ms. Gaboury-Patenaude stated that the event is held to raise awareness among students of poverty and homelessness. She added that she also hopes the experience will bring students to better appreciate what they have.

"It was a good experience," she said of the event which also raised \$285 and approximately 30 bags of non-perishable foods to be divided among the area food banks in New Liskeard, Haileybury and

Cobalt (which also serves Coleman Township and Latchford).

"Some slept more than others," she said of the students' experiences. She added that one comment reflected the vulnerability of homeless people.

A student related in the morning about feeling scared upon hearing Ms. Gaboury-Patenaude walking nearby the cardboard boxes which were the only shelter the students had. It was known that Ms. Gaboury-Patenaude was supervising the group, but the student shared about not being certain that it was the teacher who was walking nearby.

Ms. Gaboury-Patenaude reflected the worries of that one individual would be intensified in a situation where a homeless family with children only had boxes for shelter, and were sleeping on city streets and other frequented places.

ACTIVITIES

Earlier in the evening the Grade 9 to 12 students, who did not all know each other, played a few games to help them get to know each other. There was a fire which they could gather around outside the school.

Salvation Army lieutenants Ann and Randy Holden also spent some time with them outlining the services they provide through the New Liskeard food bank.

The students also watched a documentary about a young Saskatchewan girl who created a foundation to help homeless peo-



ple. Ms. Gaboury-Patenaude said the movie would have been on the minds of the students as they attempted to fall asleep that night.

Students brought warm clothing, including mitts, to help them stay warm through the cold temperatures of that night.

"It was a great group," said Ms. Gaboury-Patenaude. "Whoever is here wanted to be here," she said that night.

STUDENTS

Usually there are a few more students for the event, which has been taking place every second year, but this year there was a volleyball tournament in North Bay, drawing some of the students away from the event, even though they wanted to participate, she noted. There are also other students who had to work until 9 or 9:30 p.m. she added, and if they had tried to participate, they would have been missing the main activities of the evening.

Ms. Gaboury-Patenaude said she likes that the experience brings out for the students "that you shouldn't judge what others are living without walking in their shoes."

While the temperatures of Friday night were cold, Ms. Gaboury-Patenaude noted that in past years there had been rain during the "Night Without Shelter" held at the school.

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MUSEUM PUMPKINS

Pumpkins were a big part of the landscape of the Autumn Fest held at the Englehart and Area Historical Museum Saturday, October 22. Sitting with the decorated pumpkins submitted for judging were sisters, three year-old Sierra Denomme (left) and one year-old Brooklyn Denomme. Children and adults could take part in face painting, cake, pumpkin, home and business decorating contests, a fish pond, a scavenger hunt, a guessing game and enjoy a barbecue lunch. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

Exchanging ideas and information

DISTRICT (Staff) -- In an effort to increase partnerships among the people, cultures and businesses who live and work around Lake Temiskaming, a committee of community leaders representing these groups has been spearheading gatherings to enhance opportunities.

Another of the *Building Ties Temiskaming* events will be taking place Wednesday, November 9--this time in St-Bruno-de-Guigues.

Anne-Marie Loranger of the Temiskaming Shores and Area Chamber of Commerce is organizing the event on behalf of the committee.

The objective of this event is "to exchange ideas and information" and "to meet with regional partners."

The evening gathering will be taking place at the Golden Age Club at 21 Principale North.

The topic of the evening will focus on agro-food and non-timber forest products (plants found in nature).

Headphones will be made available for translation of discussions which will occur in both French and English.

Titled *Sharing the Tastes of Temiskaming*, the event will be catered by Resto-Bar les 3 P'tits Cochons.

Participants are required to register in advance. Tickets, which are \$25 each, are available by contacting Ms. Loranger by Tuesday, November 4 at 705-647-5771.

Requesting liftoff – Club seeking approval for 2017 Drag 'N' Fly

Continued from A Front

"A quick response would be gratefully appreciated, as this would allow us to begin planning the 2017 races."

TRANSITION

Board chair Marc Robillard (Casey Township councillor) explained that the board is currently in a transition phase, as it moves to create an airport authority which would take over ownership and management of the airport.

Temiskaming Shores Mayor Carman Kidd, who is spearheading the transition to the airport authority, stated that it is still the objective to have the airport authority in place by January 1.

Councillor Robillard suggested to Ms. Harrison that a response could be made within the next two months.

Because the airport will no longer be the responsibility of the board in 2017, "I would just be going out on a limb" to give the event approval at this time, he explained.

"MAKING PLANS"

Ms. Harrison stated that the

sooner TRACC receives a response, the better it will be.

"People are making their plans," she said.

She added that the event is getting noticed among southern Ontario racers.

She also drew to the attention of the board that TRACC provides assistance to other non-profit organizations, with much of that directed to organizations that help children.

"We want to do something here," she said.

Mayor Kidd asked for confirmation that TRACC is a registered not-for-profit organization. As such, the club should have financial statements available, he noted.

TRACC provides a user fee to the airport, based on its revenue, and this year it was \$6,740.

The Joint Municipal Services Board has requested to see a financial statement from TRACC.

Ms. Harrison told the board that TRACC treasurer Claude Daviau is working on preparing that for the board.

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DAIRY HEALTH

How do you maximize value from dairy cows that are to be culled from the herd? A herd health program focusing on preventative care, particularly foot care, is key, said Jeff Rau. Dr. Rau, ruminant field services veterinarian at the University of Guelph, and Ann Godkin, a veterinarian with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, were guest speakers at an information day focusing on dairy animal welfare in Earlton October 4. It drew more than 50 producers from Cochrane and Verner as well as Temiskaming. It wrapped up with a visit to the R&D Laframboise dairy farm outside Earlton. Pictured above are, from left, Roland and Denise Laframboise and sons Kim and Lee, with Dr. Rau and Dr. Godkin. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

Farmers' market may stay at Riverside

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – After more than a year of discussing a possible new home, the Riverside Farmers' Market may be staying put.

The city's building maintenance committee has identified Riverside Place as the preferred home for the farmers' market.

Talks regarding a permanent home for the market have been ongoing "for a long time," said Temiskaming Shores Mayor Carman Kidd last week.

"We've looked at a lot of different scenarios," said Mayor Kidd after council met October 18.

The latest proposal would see the \$350,000 provided under the FedNor funding agreement used for upgrades at Riverside Place.

Mayor Kidd said renovations including a push-button entrance and washroom upgrades would make the hall accessible to the disabled. Also under contemplation is the installation of awnings to the building's exterior that could shelter vendors, shoppers and other users of the facility.

He said it wouldn't resolve the concern over tight schedules, when the market must move out to make way for wedding rentals or other special events in the afternoon.

That's a challenge, he said. But the grant money is not enough to cover a new building, he said.

A decision must be made "very soon," he said.

The funding agreement was originally due to expire earlier this year but the city received an extension until March 2017.

Last week, Councillor Danny Whalen said efforts are underway to arrange a meeting for user groups.

Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

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Fast Facts:

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 - o uncontrolled hyperthyroidism
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DTSSAB opening door to teleconferencing

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

ENGLEHART -- The District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board (DTSSAB) has agreed to allow board members to use teleconferencing for meetings if they are out of the district, but not if they are out of the country. However, board members can not make use of the teleconferencing system if they are experiencing a personal emergency which prohibits them from attending the meeting, and they are still in the district.

The teleconferencing system will be paid by DTSSAB, and charged back to board expenses.

Board members will have to give four days notice of their intention to be out of the district, but to participate in the meeting through teleconferencing.

DECISION

The decision to allow teleconferencing in meetings was made at DTSSAB's regular meeting which took place at the Englehart and Area Community Arena Complex on Wednesday, October 19.

The topic engendered a lengthy debate.

In his recommendation, DTSSAB chief administrative officer Don Studholme stated there have been a couple of times over the past year when a board member was out of the district, but could have been available through teleconferencing, if it had been allowed.

Mr. Studholme stated that up to this point, teleconferencing had not been allowed, but today's technology means that it is not a problem for staff to arrange.

Board members using the teleconferencing system would have all rights and voting privileges as if they were present at the meeting. Their presence through teleconferencing would also mean that their name could be added to reach quorum for the meeting, if otherwise not reached.

"By supporting this recommendation, you will give the opportunity for a board member who may have to travel out of the district the ability to provide their feedback on an item that may be very important to them or the (municipality or municipalities) that they are representing."

NOT FOR EMERGENCIES

Mr. Studholme did not recommend teleconferencing should be granted to board members if they are within the district.

He said that "it is important that board members attend so that proper debate

and discussion is held for each item." He continued that if there is a concern over weather and travel conditions, the board chair should determine whether the meeting should be cancelled and rescheduled. He noted that scenario has only happened once in the past eight years.

Harley Township Councillor Clifford Fielder raised the possibility of allowing proxy votes.

But Mr. Studholme said that in such instances the vote would be given without hearing the opinions of other board members.

Councillor Fielder responded he could see it being used for topics which a board member felt very strongly about. "Maybe this extra person could put it over the fence." His suggestion was not taken further, however.

Kirkland Lake Councillor Norm Mino argued for allowing a board member to use the teleconferencing system when caught in an emergency situation, such as a breakdown of their vehicle.

Mr. Studholme responded that in the past eight years no one has ever phoned in that they had an emergency.

Kirkland Lake Councillor Todd Studholme said the only meetings he has missed were because he was at home with a child.

The board discussed a scenario in which a board member was teleconferencing at home, but without a video feed, the board could only assume the board member had been paying attention during the course of the meeting, Mr. Studholme pointed out.

SUPPORT

Councillor Mino responded, "We can only assume whatever we want to assume."

Councillor Morgan expressed strong support for attending meetings in person, but questioned the decision to offer teleconferencing to a person out of the district voluntarily, and not offering it to a person who is involuntarily caught in an emergency situation in the district, which has made them unable to attend the meeting.

"I strongly believe it should be allowed," said Councillor Mino.

Board chair Jim Whipple stated that he has been involved in teleconferencing in the past, and he expressed doubt that teleconferencing gets full participation from the board member.

Councillor Morgan stated he has participated in meetings where all members were teleconferencing and "the meeting tended to be more compact. There's pros and cons to this."

He also questioned the need to provide four days advance notice. "You can set a phone on the table and go for it."

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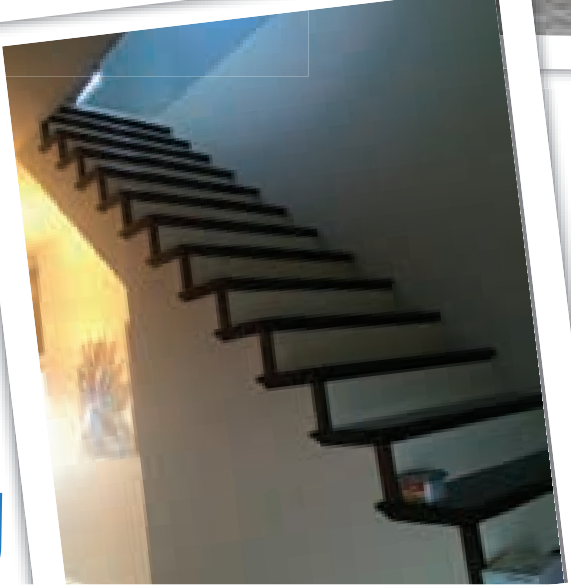
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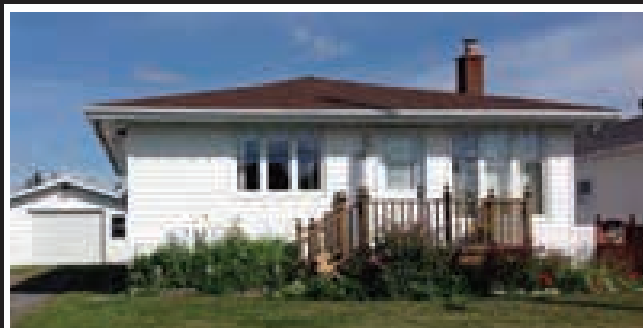
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