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Town to open up new lots

FRONTING ON LEGERE DRIVE

BY VANCE GUTZMAN

Deep River council has given the approval to the creation of new residential building lots in the east end of town.

In the extreme east end of town, that is.

Council voted in favour of a staff recommendation last week to declare as “surplus” town-owned property adjacent to Legere Drive, off Highway 17 at the boundary line of Deep River and Laurentian Hills.

The recommendation comes on the heels of a development workshop council held two years ago, at which time direction was given to investigate the feasibility of creating several residential lots along Legere Drive.

Staff are recommending the creation of seven, one-acre lots on the property, all serviced by wells and septic tanks.

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There's young readers and then there's young readers! Jacob Eddy and Amy McQuestion were two happy customers at the Friends of the Deep River Library spring book sale Saturday morning. The two were stocking up on some early reading material for baby Ava, two months.

Photo: Terry Myers

QUOTEWORTHY:

“I’m not thrilled with how it’s written, but I’ll be in favour as a nation-building project.”

- **County Warden Jennifer Murphy**, page 23

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New lots

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Six of the lots would have 40 metres of frontage on Legere Drive, with the seventh having 70 metres, offering it some additional uses under the town's zoning bylaw requirements for residential use.

The lot layout being proposed would require an extension of Legere Drive itself by up to 80 metres to provide frontage to the easternmost lots.

As that roadway forms the boundary between Deep River and Laurentian Hills, ownership of the road allowance is shared by the two municipalities and opening the road allowance for the extension would require both to consent.

The two municipalities already have an informal agreement regarding the maintenance and snow-clearing of Legere Drive, and Deep River staff have approached their Laurentian Hills counterparts to begin discussions of the proposal.

The report on the table at last week's council meeting pointed out that, should Laurentian Hills disagree with extending Legere Drive, the extension could instead be constructed on Deep River's side of the boundary line.

The report also recommends waiving the town's requirement for an appraisal of the property, calling instead for the lots to be sold on the open market by a local realtor, who would make recommendations on their asking and selling price.

Town council was on board with the idea, though Councillor Terry Myers recommended sequencing the sale of the lots, with the last to go on the block being the furthest one off the highway, in case not all the lots sell as the town



hopes.

"In which case we've just sunk an awful lot of cost into extending that road for one lot," he remarked.

In their report to council, staff noted that they have already spoken to members of the Four Seasons Conservancy about the idea.

LITTLE TO NO IMPACT

"While these lands are currently considered part of the Deep River Community Woods, the creation of lots fronting onto Legere Drive will have little to no impact on the larger forest, given their location close to the highway and their current condition," they said.

"Staff have had initial discussions with the Four Seasons Conservancy, who manage the Community Woods on behalf of the town; the Conservancy did not highlight any concerns with the cre-

ation of these lots."

To ensure the lots are not sold and then sit empty, staff also recommended that they be subject to the same kind of buy-back agreement the town has used with other properties.

Buyers would have to have a building permit for the lot within five years and build a new home within seven years or agree to sell the property back to the town for 90 per cent of the original sale price.

To help speed up development of the lots, the town would also offer incentives of 10, 7.5 or five per cent of the pre-tax purchase price if the buyers built new homes within two, three or four years respectively.

The land off Legere Drive is currently identified as "open space." Amendments to both the Official Plan and municipal zoning bylaw will be required before the lots could be sold for new homes.

YOUTH CHARGED WITH ARSON

Deep River Police have laid charges in a houseboat fire at the Deep River Marina.

In a statement released last Tuesday, police say that on April 14, shortly after 2 pm, Deep River firefighters responded to a 911 call reporting a fire at the marina.

Crews located the fire and quickly brought it under control. Following a preliminary

examination of the scene, the fire was deemed suspicious.

The Fire Chief requested assistance from a fire investigator with the Deep River Police Service to determine the origin and cause of the blaze.

"Through a joint investigation, authorities determined that the fire had been intentionally set."

After several days of continued investigation, police have made an arrest. A youth, whose identity is protected under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, has been charged

with one count of arson.

The accused has been released into the custody of a parent with conditions.

Damage resulting from the fire is estimated between \$8,000 and \$10,000. The investigation remains ongoing.

TRUCK STOLEN

The Upper Ottawa Valley detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating after another pickup truck was stolen in the town of Petawawa.

The 2023 Toyota Tundra was stolen from a residential driveway on Birch Street in Petawawa during the overnight hours of April 16-17, 2026.

The vehicle was grey in colour and Ontario license plate BL12205 was attached to the truck at the time of the theft.

The OPP Renfrew County Street Crime Unit is assisting with the investigation.

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Council pushes back on recreation plan

BY VANCE GUTZMAN

Deep River's long-awaited recreation and culture master plan came under some fire when it was finally presented to town council last week.

As previously reported, the municipality hired KA Community Consulting back in 2024 to prepare the plan, at a cost of just under \$60,000, with an expectation that it would be prepared and presented to council in April of last year.

Last October, council received a background report from that consulting firm, and a recommendation that town staff be directed to work with the consultants to prepare a recreation and culture master plan based on that report.

The plan on the table at last week's council meeting contains 28 recommendations, categorized into five "strategic goals," along with performance indicators and 160 "supporting actions."

"It's not just about giving you some

recommendations and ideas, but giving you some targets you can work toward," Kim Goodman, owner of the consulting firm, told council.

But Councillor Terry Myers, who has been describing himself lately as the "grumpy old man of council," argued against the wording of some of the recommendations contained in the plan.

INCREASE STAFFING

Myers cited, for example, one recommendation to "increase staffing levels, where required, to support safe, sustainable operations and reduce risk."

"Do you feel that any of our operations or facilities are unsafe, that our staffing levels are unsafe at the moment?" Myers asked the consultant, to which Goodman conceded that was not the case.

"Words matter," Myers went on to say.

"My concern is the assumption is (that we need) to increase staffing lev-

els. I would suggest a more appropriate wording would be adjust staffing levels, or maintain staffing levels.

"I object to the assumption that the action which needs to be taken is to increase staffing levels."

Myers also took aim at a recommendation calling on the town to help fund its recreation facilities through "naming rights" and sponsorships, saying that idea seemed to be soundly rejected by members of the public who attended an open house on the plan last month.

"As far as I can recall, the only thing the people voted against, and did not want to see, were naming rights and branding on municipal facilities, and yet here it is in the report. Why is that?" he asked.

Goodman responded that as the town invests in upgrading its existing facilities or possibly building new ones, she didn't want to pull that option off the table as a "source of potential revenue."

"My concern is there was very much a process of public consultation, and we asked people for their input, and people were very clear with their input,

and it feels like we've ignored it, so that disturbs me," Myers replied.

He went on to take issue with one of the plan's goals to position the town's recreation and culture department as "the community's leader and change-maker."

"The town can't be all things to all people, so that's one aspect of it," Myers said of his concerns with that goal.

VOLUNTEERS

He added he has always maintained that the best things that happen in Deep River happen because of the "enthusiastic volunteers" who step up to the make them happen, with the town playing a supporting role in their efforts through means of funding or manpower.

"Certainly there are places where the town is a leader, and needs to be a leader, but 'the' community leader?" Myers questioned.

"My fear is, if that's our mindset, and that's the way we see ourselves, we're going to encourage people to be passive and say 'Hey, I've got an idea, we'll give it to the town and they'll do it,'" he said.

"That's not what we want to encourage at all."

The recreation and culture master plan also came under some criticism from Councillor Kathy Hughes, who pointed out it leaves out an important aspect she would like to see included.

"The biggest gap in this the context around community use of schools," Hughes said.

Goodman said that issue "is a little bit more challenging to deal with because certainly that's a problem across several school boards."

"We can help provide some of the tools to you in terms of whether to describe an argument for improved access to spaces," she said.

"Unfortunately, it is a little bit beyond the scope of our role to negotiate those contracts."

At that stage of the game the town's chief administrative officer, Sean Patterson, stepped in to defend the contents of the plan.

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Community Futures to increase lending cap?

BY VANCE GUTZMAN
AND HAZEL ATKINS,
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Businesses seeking financial support from the Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation (RCCFDC) could soon be in for a pleasant surprise.

Cyndy Phillips, executive director of the RCCFDC told Deep River council last week that plans are in the works to increase small-business financing from its current cap of \$300,000 to \$500,000 “in certain cases” through a partnership with the Business Development Bank of Canada.

“Probably the largest pillar of what we do is our small-business financing”, Phillips told council of the community futures program, which has been doing just that with federal funds for the past 40 years.

FLEXIBLE

“Our clients are always encouraged to seek traditional forms of financing with traditional banks, but I think it’s fair to say that we all recognize it isn’t always the right fit, for numerous reasons.”

What also sets the RCCFDC apart from traditional

banks, Phillips went on to say, is the manner in which it can offer businesses flexible payment terms, coupled with the fact the security they put on the table can be more flexible than traditional lenders.

Equally important, she added, is applications are reviewed and approved at the local level.

“Our decisions aren’t made in a head office somewhere in Toronto,” Phillips told council.

“They are made locally, by a volunteer board of directors, made up of people with various skill-sets, expertise and backgrounds. We really care for our clients, and work with them from A to Z.”

START-UPS

Meghan Sutherland, business development officer for the RCCFDC, delivered a similar message in a short presentation to Petawawa town council recently.

The corporation is a federally funded national network with 267 offices across the country and 60 offices in Ontario. They are designed to support business enterprises, community-based development, and employment.

Sutherland said business loans offered by RCCFDC might be for equipment and machinery purchases, real estate expansion, or start-up costs.

The corporation has been helping businesses in Renfrew County since 1986.

“We put \$2.4 million into the communities in Renfrew County just last year alone, and 70% of them were start-ups,” Sutherland said.

Financing decisions are made locally “by people working and living in the communities who have a true understanding of the challenges people here face,” she added.

“People in Toronto don’t fully understand the realities of rural living,” she went on.

In addition to offering financing to local businesses, the corporation provides community economic development by working with community partners and municipal leaders to make development plans.

“Our goal is to strengthen the overall economic resilience of the county, not just individual organizations,” she said. “We offer training workshops, seminars, and counselling.

They also provide referrals: “If we can’t answer your questions, we will find someone who can!”

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Deep River Community Pool

National Lifeguard Recert:

Sunday June 14th – 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
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Cross River Swim: Saturday, August 1

Water and Dirt Festival event; 1.5 KM interprovincial race.
Prerequisites: Must be a comfortable swimmer and capable of finishing race with a maximum time of 1 hour.
Must provide a spotter and a boat: Canoe, kayak, SUP (no motorboats as personal safety craft)
Boat must be equipped with: whistle, bailer, floating line, boater kit, flashlight, and a PFD (lifejacket) for each paddle plus one extra.

Adult Race: Persons 16 years old and up qualify. Youth Race: Persons 12-15 years can participant with parental consent.
Online registration will close at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, July 29th. Registrations after July 29th can be made by contacting the Deep River Community Pool at 613-584-2000 ext. 182. Please note: late registrants will not be eligible to receive "race swag" or brunch ticket.

Registration for all Deep River Community Pool programming can be made by visiting deepriver.ca under the recreation tab.

Recreation Department

Parent and Tot Soccer

Parent and Tot Soccer is a fun and engaging program for three- and four-year-old children to participate in with their parent. Children will take part in teamwork exercises, build soccer skills, and play fun games.

This program runs from May 5 to June 25 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:15-6:00pm at Pat McAnulty Park. We still have a few spots available! Registration closes on May 1.

Summer Camp Programs

We have space available in our Sports Camp sessions! The Sports Camp program is available for children aged 8 to 14 years old. Qualified staff, trainers and Deep River Community Clubs come together to teach the fundamentals of multiple sports.

Seniors Corner

Upcoming FREE 55+ Senior Programs

Check out our "Seniors Corner" page on the Town of Deep River website. Visit www.deepriver.ca click "Residents" and select "Seniors Corner" from the drop-down list.

Men's Shed- Men in Deep River are exploring the opportunity to develop a Men's Shed. For more information, please contact larrywiegand1@gmail.com or ctorpe@deepriver.ca

Painting: Studio Time- Wednesdays at 9:30am, Deep River Library Program Room.

How to Register for Programs

To register please visit deepriver.ca/departments/recreation/, choose "Register Now" under Course Registration or contact Christina at ctorpe@deepriver.ca or 613-584-2000 ext. 133.

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Community Memory Vault: The most theatrical person you knew – For a town full of scientists, early Deep River sure had an artistic streak! Who was the most theatrical person you knew, in the early days of Deep River & Area? Tell us about them! P.S. Be sure to check out Deep River Players' "Murder by the Book" (May 1-9), with proceeds going to the Deep River Library!

Spring Storytime & Babytime Join Ms. Robin for storytime at a new time – Tuesdays at 11:30am - (after Toddler Swim at the pool)! Aimed at toddlers and their caregivers. Babytime will be Wednesdays at 2pm. All welcome to drop in for stories, songs, and connection.

Writers' Unite will meet Saturday Morning going forward! Join the group Thursday, April 30th at 6pm. Thanks to Mike and Salina for all of your work in supporting our local writing community.

Service Canada Clinic: Wednesday, May 6th from 10 – 2:30pm. Carrie will be in our library to help you apply for programs and services, like CPP, OAS, Canadian Dental Care Plan, Canada Disability Benefit, and SIN. Bring your required documents!

Paper Flower Workshop with Mary. Saturday, May 9th from 1-4pm. Make one to two flowers during this 3-hour workshop. Registration required; limited spaces.

Susan Yatabe presents: **"The Second World War Shaped my Parents' Lives"**. Monday, May 11th at 7pm. Join us for an evening exploring the Japanese Canadian experience during the Second World War. Susan shares the story of her mother, a grade 3 teacher who was interned in Kaslo, BC.

Family Art Club: Thursday, May 14th at 5:30pm.

Short Stories About Four Northern Rivers: Thursday, May 14th at 6:30pm. Emily Edwards recounts her experiences on rivers in Nunavut, the NWT, and Yukon, comparing the differences between being a client on a guided trip, paddling self-guided with friends, and working as a guide herself.



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Deep River Police Service



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Rec plan

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“I don’t think we missed the boat on this,” Patterson said.

“I think maybe we just need to adjust some articulating.”

The CAO also pushed back against a suggestion the plan be sent back to the public for further input.

“The other thing I think is really important is, if our goal is to get something that

everybody’s happy with, we’ll never get there,” he said.

Reeve Glenn Doncaster concurred with that sentiment.

ON HOLD

“What’s important is moving this along, because we’ve had a number of issues that have come up over the last several months that we didn’t clearly embrace really well because we were waiting for our recreation and culture master plan to see how they would fit

into it,” the reeve said.

“I think we’ve certainly slowed down our development and progress on culture and recreation projects because we’ve been tying it to this, so I think we need to keep this going or we’re not going to accomplish anything.”

At the end of the discussion, council members decided to hold a “workshop” style meeting amongst themselves to discuss the finer details of the plan, before referring it back to staff for a final report and recommendation.



Municipal Elections 2026 NOTICE OF NOMINATION FOR OFFICE

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s. 32)

NOTICE is hereby given that the next Regular Municipal and School Board Elections in the Town of Deep River is on October 26, 2026.

Corporation of The Town of Deep River		
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Reeve	1 to be elected at large	\$100.00
Councillor(s)	5 to be elected at large	\$100.00
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Trustee, Renfrew County Catholic District School Board	1 to be elected for the combined area of Petawawa, Deep River, Laurentian Hills, and Head, Clara and Maria. <i>Nomination Papers filed with Town of Petawawa Clerk.</i>	\$100.00
Conseiller (ère), Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario	Un (1) élu pour le secteur 1 qui comprend les comtés de Lanark et de Renfrew et le canton de South Algonquin. <i>Nomination Papers filed with Town of Petawawa Clerk.</i>	\$100.00
Conseiller (ère), Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est	Un (1) élu pour le secteur 3 qui comprend le comté de Renfrew et le canton de South Algonquin. <i>Nomination Papers filed with Town of Petawawa Clerk.</i>	\$100.00

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Candidate Nominations for the offices shown above may be made by completing the prescribed Nomination Form (FORM 1), and filing the same in person in the office of the Town of Deep River Municipal Clerk, accompanied by the filing fee payable by cash, debit, certified cheque or money order, and proof of identity. The Nomination period for Candidates is:

Friday, May 1 through Thursday, August 20, 2026 - 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, and on Friday, August 21, 2026 (Nomination Day) between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

The new term of Council will begin on November 15, 2026, with the Inaugural Meeting of Council taking place on November 25, 2026. This new term of Council will end on November 14, 2030.

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Interested Candidates may pick up Candidate Information Packages during regular business hours, at the Clerk’s Office, beginning May 1, 2026.

Campaigning:

Before incurring any expenses or collecting any money, Candidates must file a Nomination Form along with the prescribed filing fee. Nominations must be signed / filed in person or by an agent with the Town Clerk.

This is outlined in Section 88.20(1)-(2) of the [Municipal Elections Act](#), which states that no campaign expenses may be incurred until a person is officially nominated. More regulations on Municipal Elections can also be found in [O. Reg 101 / 97](#).

Jackie Mellon, Clerk / Returning Officer, Town of Deep River

Rise in drug deaths

Partners of the Renfrew County and District Drug Strategy (RCDDS) are urging residents to carry naloxone and avoid using alone following 10 suspected drug toxicity deaths in Renfrew County and District during the first three months of 2026, roughly triple the quarterly average seen in 2025.

Evidence-based initiatives currently underway by RCDDS partners include multidisciplinary mobile outreach services, drug-checking technologies, and the establishment of a Homelessness and Addictions Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub and intake centre.

Increasing naloxone distribution is a priority, with 17 partners and almost all pharmacies providing free naloxone.

All people at risk of an opioid overdose, family members, friends, or other individuals in a position to help someone at risk are encouraged to obtain kits.

“This situation reinforces the complexity of the overdose crisis and the ongoing volatility of the unregulated drug supply,” said Patti Smith, co-chair of the RCDDS.

“It remains a critical public health concern that requires continued vigilance across our communities.”

Illicitly manufactured fentanyl continues to be the primary driver of overdoses across North America; however, additional contaminants and co-occurring substances - such as benzodiazepines and veterinary tranquilizers - are increas-

ingly detected in Ontario.

These substances create significant uncertainty regarding the strength, composition, and risk associated with street drugs.

All street drugs must be considered highly toxic and potentially fatal.

RESPONDING TO AN OVERDOSE

A drug overdose can look like someone who cannot be woken, with slow or absent breathing and blue lips. If an overdose is suspected, administer naloxone (if available) and call 9-1-1 immediately.

Naloxone will not harm someone who is not having an overdose.

Because street drugs may contain multiple substances, call 9-1-1 even after giving naloxone.

Effects can return as naloxone wears off, and some substances do not respond to naloxone.

All overdoses are medical emergencies.

The Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act provides legal protection from charges related to simple possession for individuals who call 9-1-1 during an overdose emergency.

Community members are encouraged to report overdoses using RCDHU’s anonymous online Overdose Reporting Form, available on the RCDHU website ([rcdhu.com](#)).

Support is available through the Renfrew County Addiction Treatment System.

OPINION

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Day of action

Joint statement by L'Association des enseignantes et des enseignants franco-ontariens (AEFO), Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association (OECTA), Ontario School Board Council of Unions (CUPE-OSBCU), and Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF):

On April 29, more than 255,000 (Ontario teachers and education workers) will participate in a Province-wide Day of Action. This coordinated effort represents a powerful show of unity among Ontario's teachers and education workers at a time when publicly funded education continues to face significant challenges.

Ontario's publicly funded education system is facing mounting pressures, and none of those pressures were eased in the most recent provincial budget. Chronic underfunding continues to shape daily realities in schools, where large class sizes, rising incidents of school violence, insufficient supports for students with special education needs, ongoing challenges in retaining and recruiting teachers and education workers, and aging, deteriorating buildings all converge to create significant strain.

In the post-secondary sector, years of underfunding, combined with recent cuts to the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), are undermining access for students and putting the province's future workforce at risk.

Teachers and education workers see these realities every day. They understand the impact on learning environments, and on student achievement and well-being. They also know that students and their families deserve a stable, well-resourced system that meets their needs and prepares them for the future.

On April 29, 255,000-plus members across Ontario will come together to visually signal their support and demand for investments in publicly funded education. Across Ontario, union members will wear red and purple as part of the "Red for Ed" and "Power of Purple" movements. This collective action will demonstrate that teachers and education workers are united in calling for improved learning and working conditions in our schools and universities. Under the banner of "Stronger Together," the five unions are prepared for the next round of central bargaining and ready to demand more for students from a government that has neglected them since taking office in 2018.

Momentum is building. Our members are engaged, informed, and committed to defending and strengthening our publicly funded education system.

That shared commitment is our greatest source of strength.



Melting ice

Photo: Gabrielle Psotka

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Panoramic perplexity

The photo on page 27 of the April 22 NRT showing the clearing of the area between Tim Hortons and Canadian Tire really threw me for a loop! WTH(eck)!

If it's taken from the cleared area, surely the Tim Horton's sign should be at the left of the photo!

At first I thought it was a mirror image, but the Hitachi name on the shovel would have been reversed if that was the case.

It took me a few minutes to realize that it is a cropped panoramic photo mostly aimed at Highway 17, and that is why the Tim Hortons sign appears to be face on instead of perpendicular to the highway.

Once I had that figured out and had calmed down, I was able to marvel at the complexity of the planned development, and opine that fender benders will be quite the norm.

Mike Thompson

Together, we will continue to advocate for the high-quality, fully funded system that every student in Ontario deserves.

We invite families and other community allies to join us in calling for meaningful investment and a genuine commitment to student success and well-being.

Martha Hradowy, OSSTF/FEESO President
René Jansen in de Wal, OECTA President
Gabrielle Lemieux, AEFO President
David Mastin, ETFO President
Joe Tigani, CUPE - OSBCU President

NUCLEAR HERITAGE

CAN-DECON – an AECL success story

BY JIM UNGRIN

One of the problems that occurs in nuclear power stations is the accumulation of radioactive crud.

(Wikipedia defines crud as a computer programming acronym representing [Create, Read, Update, Destroy] whereas some pioneers in the nuclear industry claim it stands for “Chalk River Unidentified Deposits.”)

Crud, formed from corrosion products and other particles floating in the cooling systems, is a problem when it becomes radioactive and deposits on surfaces in the cooling and steam-generating systems of reactors.

Its presence greatly increases the dosage accumulated by maintenance workers and leads to significant costs.

The earliest attempts to remove the crud often required that the reactor was shut down for an extended period and chemicals would be added to the systems to remove the deposited film.

The extended shutdown would be costly and also resulted in large volumes of radioactive liquid waste that would then have to be disposed.

In the case of CANDU, the heavy water coolant would be down-graded and had to be purified.

In the late 1960's teams at Chalk River, Whiteshell and Ontario Hydro collaborated to produce a new way of removing crud.

This system, which came to be known as CAN-DECON (CANdu-DECONtamination), involves adding a small amount of the cleansing reagent to the primary cooling system of the reactor while it is shut down.

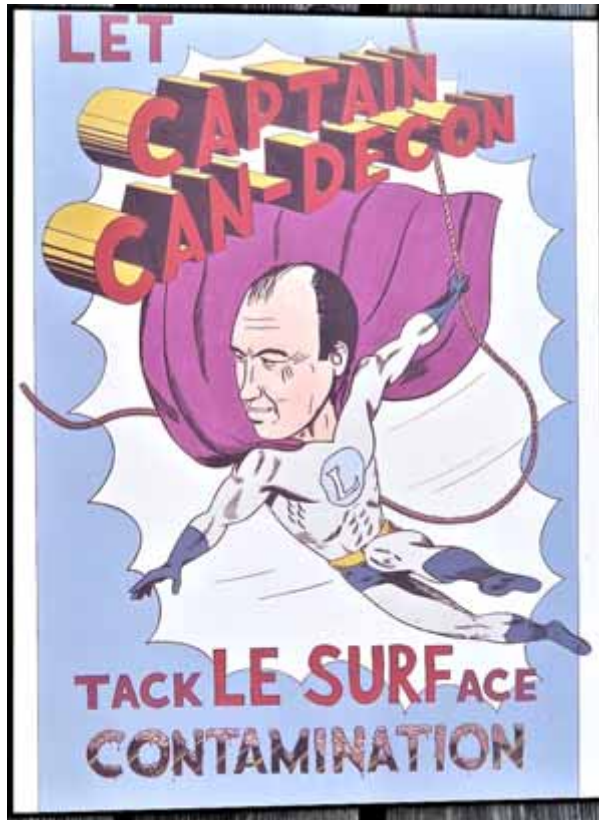
The coolant circulates and works to remove the contaminated, radioactive film from the system surfaces and then passes through extremely fine filters which remove the particles combined with an ion exchange column that removes the dissolved contaminants and regenerates the reagent.

Typically, after 1-2 days circulating, the reagent has completed its task and no additional material is found in the filters or the ion resin.

The coolant is then passed through a second Ion exchange resin where the reagent is removed, and the primary coolant is again returned to its pure state.

The process has the advantages of greatly reducing the reactor shut-down period and reducing the volume of the radioactive material to be disposed compared to the solid filters and ion exchange resins.

With the CAN-DECON application, reductions of 10-12 are achieved in the radioactive load of the cooling systems.



The CAN-DECON process was first tested on the Nuclear Power Demonstration (NPD) reactor at Rolphton in 1973, and later that year at Gentilly-1.

In 1975 decontamination was successfully achieved at the Douglas Point CANDU in just 72 hours.

International interest was almost immediate. The process was then licensed by AECL to WP London and Associates of Niagara Falls for wider application.

A subsidiary company, London Nuclear Decontamination Limited (LNDL), was formed.

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THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

8-10:30 am, Coffee Club, Chalk River Lions Hall

11:30 - 12:30 pm, St Andrew's United Church Soup & Sandwich luncheon, Chalk River Lions Hall

1 pm, GriefShare support group meets, Real Hope Christian Assembly, Hwy 17 Deep River (until June 17)

1:15 pm, Social Bridge, Deep River Library

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

10 am, Seniors Friendship Club: Coffee, Tea and Conversation, Deep River Library

12:45 pm, Duplicate Bridge Club meets, Deep River Library program room

FRIDAY, MAY 1

6 pm, Fun Darts, all welcome, Chalk River Legion

7 pm, Deep River Players present "Murder by the Book," St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Deep River

SATURDAY, MAY 2

2 pm, Deep River Players present "Murder by the Book," St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Deep River

6 pm, Seniors Friendship Club Roast Beef Dinner & DJ Dance, Deep River Legion (doors open at 5 pm)

SUNDAY, MAY 3

11 am - 3 pm, Shuffleboard, all welcome, Chalk River Legion

2-5 pm, Acoustic open mic, DR Legion

3 pm, Deep River Choral Group presents "What a Wonderful World" spring concert, with special guests the Deep River Children's Choir, Childs Auditorium, Mackenzie CS

MONDAY, MAY 4

10 am - 1 pm, Deep River and Area Food Bank open (weekly except holidays), at the Deep River and District Hospital (for more information, phone 584-3333 ext 7910)

7 pm, Four Seasons Conservancy annual general meeting, Deep River Library

7 pm, Deep River Skating Club annual general meeting, Deep River Curling Club

7 pm, Fun Darts, Deep River Legion

7 pm, Al-Anon, group support for families & friends having alcohol addiction, CE Centre (behind DR Community Church)

TUESDAY, MAY 5

10 am, Seniors Friendship Club: Guided Functional Breathing session, Deep River Library program room

10:30 am, Storytime, Deep River Library

1 pm, 49ers meet, Deep River Legion

4 pm, After School Chess (ages 8+), Deep River Library

To submit your event, email nrt@northrenfrewtimes.ca

COMMUNITY GEMS

Deep River Community Kitchen

Interview with Amy Klym and Amanda Alley held at the CE Centre. “Community Gems” is a series about some of the clubs and organizations that make the community of North Renfrew a special place to live.

Unlike the Chalk River and Area Lions Club and the DRDH Auxiliary with some 50 years of community service each, a new kid on the block, the Deep River Community Kitchen (DRCK), was established in March 2025 by its coordinator Amy Klym.

The inspiration for establishing the DRCK came from Amy’s mother, her grandmother, and her father.

“Well, my dad is a cook in the army and with that and inspiration from my mother and grandmother, it just came together that we had to bring community together through a kitchen and so we came up with the Community Kitchen.”

The initial cadre of volunteers for the Community Kitchen was 10 family members and close friends of Amy, and they have been providing a free community meal for just over a year now on the second Sunday of each month from 4-6 pm at the CE Centre at 115 Deep River Road, beside the Deep River Community Church.

“We wanted to bring our community closer together through food and other activities,” said Klym.

Indeed, as part of their mandate to build up the community, Klym and her enthusiastic group of likeminded volunteers also includes operating a “Free Store” during the free community meal, wherein folks have an opportunity to access various free essential items such as household and personal hygiene items.

The DRCK provides its services to anyone in North Renfrew from Chalk River and up the line to Deux Rivieres and over to the Rapides des Joachim/Swisha.

“We are all true volunteers at the kitchen,” said Klym.

“None of us are paid to do what we



Deep River’s Giant Tiger celebrated that company’s 65th anniversary last week by making a special and surprise donation to the Deep River Community Kitchen, which recently celebrated its first year in operation of serving meals and offering other resources to people in need. “Friendly the Tiger” joined Giant Tiger manager Star Shaw and store staff in presenting \$1,000 worth of gift certificates to Community Kitchen coordinator Amy Klym, who was joined at the donation by Amanda and Sheldon Alley, pastors of Deep River Community Church, which plays host to the Community Kitchen.

Photo: Vance Gutzman

do. We have come together to do our best to help people have less stress by helping them in small ways to make it to the end of the month with a free meal and through our Free Store.

“My grandmother used to say often that ‘If you are hungry - eat’. But I became aware that some people are challenged to be able to do that.

“And so out of the inspiration from my parents, my grandmother, and interaction with my neighbours, I knew I had to do something.”

The final impetus for Klym to actually step out into the public sphere with her community-based kitchen came from a message that she heard at her faith community one Sunday morning.

“When I heard that we are all encouraged to look after our neighbours, and to help bring community together, that was enough for me to put my thoughts into action,” she affirmed.

Today, there are 15 core volunteer members of DRCK with several others who assist, as requested, depending on the event that is planned.

The DRCK does not have regularly scheduled face-to-face organizational

meetings. The volunteers get together virtually or by phone as a group to plan events.

They also meet at the call of the coordinator for what is known as “feedback time” where they discuss long and short-range planning for the Kitchen.

“As we hear from interested individuals or organizations we focus on the details of the message, meet as a group with those who want to help us out, and sort out the details to make things happen,” said Klym.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Over the past year the DRCK has regularly provided a monthly free hot meal, a summertime BBQ, and organized a seasonal clothing/gear swap this past winter.

Recently, the Kitchen has been partnering with the Seniors Friendship Club to host a free breakfast at the CE Centre on the fourth Saturday of each month.

Attendees can help with a free-will donation at the door to the Community Kitchen if they desire but there is no

pressure to do so.

“We just want folks to come on in and eat and enjoy meeting and chatting with others,” said Klym.

The DRCK also assists The Grind in Pembroke with surplus seasonal clothing and other items gathered from the winter clothing/ gear swap.

“We have several current community partners including the Deep River Community Church (DRCC) which donates the use of the CE Centre for hosting our meals for free.

“And it is through a sponsorship arrangement with the DRCC, that they can provide a charitable receipt for those who make a financial donation to the Community Kitchen,” Klym stated.

“As well, various community individuals and groups have donated money or gift cards to buy food from the local Independent food store to assist with the purchase of food offered for free to the community at events.

“We are always in need of a few folks who are willing to donate their time and the use of a pickup truck or other vehicle.”

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY: CHIEF RAVEN ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT

75 YEARS AGO

APRIL 27, 1951: During the past four months, numerous difficulties have arisen in the payment of hospital accounts by the various medical plans. This has been caused primarily by lack of detailed knowledge on the part of the patients regarding the medical plan to which they have been contributing. In some cases this has resulted in refusal by the plan concerned to pay part of the bill, which has then had to be charged to the patient. It is of greatest importance that all patients covered by medical plans bring their membership cards with them on admission to hospital.

APRIL 27, 1951: All 1951 softball supporters and players, please be out to start the new year off with a bang. A general meeting will be held in the conference room at the Community Centre on the evening of May 1 at 7:30 pm. We would like to see members from all the teams wishing to enter into the Deep River Community League.

60 YEARS AGO

APRIL 27, 1966: At a special meeting called on Tuesday, April 19, separate school supporters in the United Townships of Head, Clara and Maria, by a close vote, turned down amalgamation with the other separate school boards in the area. The amalgamation which was approved by Deep River and Point Alexander (Chalk River planned its vote for April 26), produced a tie vote of 19-19 which was broken by the chairman, Mrs Wyman Jennings, who cast her vote against amalgamation.

APRIL 27, 1966: On Wednesday, April 20, at the Deep River Legion Hall, Jean Johnston of the 1st Deep River Girl Guides was presented with her Gold Cord, the highest achievement which can be attained in Guiding. The occasion was a father and daughter banquet held in Jean's honour under the auspices of the Girl Guide group committee.

50 YEARS AGO

APRIL 28, 1976: In its 1976 budget, Deep River council opted to reduce the cost of street lighting by decreasing the wattage of lamps used. In 1975, the operations, maintenance and hydro costs



The Laurentian View Nursery School visited Laurentian View Dairy recently and saw exactly how the milk gets from tankers into cartons and bags. The students and their teachers are show with Darryl Blimkie. (NRT April 30, 1986)

were \$30,800; in 1976 it is hoped to reduce this figure to \$25,500. Mayor Valiquette asked whether it was necessary to have the street lights lit all night; perhaps some lights could be switched off at 2 am. Councillor Thompson, chairman of the public safety committee, said that when he suggested this to the Police Chief, the chief was "hysterical."

APRIL 28, 1976: The Deep River Gymnastics Club competed Saturday in Ottawa against three clubs from Ottawa and one from Kingston for a total of 62 gymnasts. Local girls brought home 23 placing ribbons for the various events. Three girls - Sarah Yeatman, Melissa Hegney and Alison Guertin - will be going to the provincials representing Eastern Ontario.

40 YEARS AGO

APRIL 30, 1986: Deep River's Police Chief, Neil Raven, announced his plan to retire as of July 5 at the April meeting of the board of police commissioners last week. Raven notified the board of his retirement in a single sentence letter which he presented when request-

ing approval to attend the annual Chiefs of Police Association meeting in June. It has become the custom for him to pipe in the head table and he was anxious to perform this service one more time.

APRIL 30, 1986: A Deep River born doctor answered many questions and provided a great deal of interesting information at a talk entitled "Cancer - Facts for the 80's." Dr Kathy Pritchard spoke to about 100 people at the information meeting organized by the Deep River branch of the Canadian Cancer Society. Using a slide presentation, Pritchard summarized the factors which initiate cancers and also suggested ways in which diet seems to minimize cancer risk.

30 YEARS AGO

MAY 1, 1998: Deep River's municipal recreation committee is recommending that a 35 per cent surcharge be applied to residents of Chalk River and Rolph, Buchanan, Wylie & McKay who sign up for certain arena and pool programs. The recommendation comes as town council tries to make up a budget short-

fall caused by the decision of the other two municipal councils not to provide any recreation grant money to Deep River in 1996.

MAY 1, 1998: There were a lot of people to thank. Dozens of volunteers turned out last Tuesday to receive appreciation of their efforts from staff and board members of the North Renfrew Long-Term Care Centre. Board chairperson Mary Middleton said it would be impossible to assess the true value of the help that care centre volunteers provide. "You cannot put a price on it.

20 YEARS AGO

MAY 3, 2006: Loblaws Properties Ltd has served notice to the town of Deep River that it objects to a proposal to build a new shopping centre on Highway 17. Deep River council voted last month to allow Ros-Bay Developments to move ahead with a rezoning application for the proposed site of the project. In a written notice to the town, Loblaws lawyer Alan Cohen said the proposal "fails to comply with meaningful provisions in the town's Official Plan."

NRT wins newspaper awards

The North Renfrew Times has won two awards in the annual “Better Newspapers” competition sponsored by the Ontario Community Newspapers Association.

Both winning entries this year were written by the newest member of the NRT staff, Local Journalism Initiative reporter Hazel Atkins (right).

Atkins won first place in the “Best Feature/News Series” for newspapers with a circulation under 8,000 for her “Coming Home” series featuring local residents who grew up in the Deep River area, moved away for school or other reasons, and then returned to build a new life here.

Judge Manfred Tempelmayr said he enjoyed the series: “It was a good idea, very refreshing, well-written and, I suspect, drew wide community readership.”

Atkins also won second place in “Feature Writing” for her article on Olivier Thiriet and his decision to close his store, the Olive Tree.

Including this year’s awards, the NRT has won 26 awards in provincial and national competitions since 2018.

Previous awards have included awards for advertising, writing, photography, layout and design, and “general excellence.”



STOP AI STEALING NEWS

Seventy-one per cent of Canadians agree the government of Canada should take action to prevent artificial intelligence companies from taking and repackaging news content without permission or providing compensation, according to a new survey conducted for News Media Canada.

“Real news, created by real journalists, involves fact-gathering, fact-checking, as well as editorial and legal review, and that costs publishers like me real money,” said Dave Adsett, chair of News Media Canada and owner of the Wellington Advertiser.

“We fully support building safe, trusted, and fair AI systems so long as they are not built and maintained at the expense of those who create the underlying intellectual property that feeds them.”

The online survey of 2,404 adult Canadians was conducted by Totum Research between December 2025 and January 2026.

The maximum margin of error is ±2.0% at the 95% confidence level. For more, visit www.newsmediacanada.ca.

Community Kitchen

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Klym says that “there have been two main ‘best moments’ for me over the past year that we have been operating.”

“The first was about getting our Community Kitchen up and running and then the joy and fun of having a float in the 2025 Christmas Parade.

“Being in the parade and promoting the Kitchen was a lot of fun and was a wonderful example of being in the community.”

“We have a very diverse and interesting group of folks who attend our various activities,” she added.

“They are a great way for people to connect and re-connect over a hot supper or breakfast and break down social barriers and engage with oth-

ers. Folks come out to eat as well as to engage with others and learn about circles of interest within our community,” Amy and Amanda stated.

“In the longer term we envision collaborating and partnering with other community service groups in North Renfrew such as North Renfrew Family Services (NRFS), and the Deep River and Area Food Bank.

NEW VOLUNTEERS

“There is a desire to explore how the Community Kitchen can support and participate in existing and perhaps new programming for our community in association with food,” Amanda affirmed.

Free will donations can be made at any of the Community Kitchen events. Additionally, corporate/business sponsorships are most welcome and can be discussed with Amy, who can be reached through their Community Kitchen Facebook page.

“Free will donations of any amount are very much appreciated but not required to enjoy a free meal or activity hosted by the Community Kitchen. One hundred per cent of all financial donations are used to grow the presence of the kitchen in our community.”

Folks who want to volunteer and be involved in Community Kitchen events and activities can contact Amy Klym through their Facebook page.

“Volunteers are welcome to help out as much or as little as they are able to participate in. We have roles and duties for volunteers of just about any age,” she confirmed.

The two women beamed with optimism as they stated that “we would love to have new volunteers join us in the Community Kitchen on our journey of addressing the needs and opportunities to build up our community and address isolation, hunger, and lessen the negative side of the unhoused.”

CAN-DECON

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Eric LeSurf, a long-time Chalk River researcher who had worked on the development of the process was hired by LNDL as Technical Director for the program and led the application of CAN-DECON internationally.

Over the next decade the process was applied to the BRUCE-A CANDU units and also, with some modifications, to Boiling Water Reactors (BWR) and Pressurized Water Reactors (PWR) in Japan, Sweden and the USA.

Visitors to the Canadian Nuclear Heritage Museum can peruse various publications on the process as well as view a duplicate of a large painting presented to Eric LeSurf when he left AECL to join LNDL.

The artist for the painting was the late Derek Lister, a long-time colleague of Eric’s at Chalk River who spent many years researching contamination transport in CANDUs before accepting a Research Chair at the University of New Brunswick.

SHOP LOCAL. SAVE LOCAL

DR Community Band to offer “musical bouquet” for spring concert

The Deep River Community Band is pleased to present its spring concert, “A Musical Bouquet,” at the Deep River Legion, on Sunday, May 10 at 3 pm.

Admission is free but cash donations, gratefully accepted at the door, enable the band to aid worthwhile causes in our community.

Donations from this concert will support the Deep River “Summertime” program for young musicians, and the North Renfrew Family Services.

Like a spring bouquet of flowers this concert offers a colourful variety of music to welcome the season.

Co-director, Anne Dickson, will open the concert with “The Hounds of Spring” depicting themes of spring arrival and youthful love inspired by Algernon Swinburne’s 1865 poem, “Atalanta in Calydon.”

“Moon River,” written for Audrey Hepburn in the 1961 film “Breakfast at Tiffany’s,” won the 1961 Oscar for Best Original Song and the Grammy for Record of the Year.

A beautiful alto saxophone solo, played by Crystal Vaughan, will enhance your enjoyment of Henry Mancini’s popular ballad.

Stevie Wonder, a child prodigy who signed with a Motown record label at the age of 11, has won 25 Grammy Awards and an Academy Award.

The Band is pleased to present a medley of his hits including “Sir Duke,” a tribute to Duke Ellington and others who inspired him, “You are the Sunshine of My Life,” “I Wish” and “Signed, Sealed, Delivered, I’m Yours.”

From spring to the sounds of summer, “Beach Boys on Stage” introduces us to the California surfing sound.

Influenced by pop-music genius, Brian Wilson, the group is known for their vocal harmonies and musical ingenuity. This medley showcases, “I Get Around,” “My Room” and “Fun, Fun, Fun.”

A chorale-like piece, part of composer Steven Bryant’s three loosely related works referred to as “night cycle,” “Dusk” depicts a journey of thoughts occurring in the solitude of night by describing the calm of dusk contrasted

with the fiery hues of sunset.

Increasing the concert tempo, “Happy,” an upbeat, feel-good tune aptly described by its title, became a best-seller with an award-winning music video after debuting in the 2013 animated hit movie, “Despicable Me 2.”

Co-director, Rob Carson, begins the second half of the program with “Novena,” a rhapsody for band by one of the most-performed composers of band music, James Swearingen.

“Novena” opens with a slow thoughtful section building to an exciting climax.

“Wade in the Water,” a spiritual rooted in Black American history, originated during the time of slavery. The lyrics are interpreted as a metaphor for baptism but are believed to have served as a coded message instructing escaped slaves to enter bodies of water to evade slave catcher’s dogs.

The movie based on the Disney “Pirates of the Caribbean” theme-park attraction spawned a five-film franchise.

This medley from the first swash-buckling tale, “Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl,” captures dramatic moments from “Fog Bound,” “The Medallion Calls,” “To the Pirates Cave,” “The Black Pearl,” “One Last Shot” and “He’s a Pirate.”

The American folk opera, “Porgy and Bess,” first performed in 1935, endures as a music treasure acclaimed by critics and audiences worldwide. Its debut in the time of segregation caused George Gershwin to mandate that only Black singers play the lead roles.

This medley includes four popular classics from the score, “Summertime,” “I Got Plenty O’ Nuttin,” “Bess, You Is My Woman” and “Oh Lawd, I’m On My Way.”

To add some spring to your step, the concert concludes with “The River Kwai March” from the 1957 film “The Bridge on the River Kwai.” A counter-march to “Colonel Bogey,” the film’s march is often mis-credited as the “Colonel Bogey March.”

Celebrate spring at the Deep River Legion on Sunday, May 10 with a “A Musical Bouquet” from the Deep River Community Band.



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Four Seasons to hold annual meeting

The Four Seasons Conservancy will hold its annual general meeting on Monday, May 4, at 7 pm at the Deep River Public Library.

The Conservancy has been exceptionally busy this past year with two major land issues, in addition to its usual activities.

1. The new long term care building on the site of Deep River & District Health requires management of stormwater.

Accordingly, DRDH, the town and the Conservancy have submitted a proposal for a Trillium grant to create a forest-shaded pond with a wheelchair-accessible trail around its periphery, extending from the Banting-Hillcrest intersection to the rear entrance of the LTC and beyond.

2. The Conservancy has reached an agreement to purchase a conservation easement on 42 Wintergreen Lane (the property that was the subject of two town council meetings in early 2025).



General information about conservation easements can be found online, in particular on the websites of Ontario Nature and the Ontario Land Trust Alliance.

In addition to regular business, updates on these issues will be provided at the AGM on May 4.

All are welcome to attend.

There was another great turnout Sunday morning for Deep River's annual community cleanup day, with roughly 100 volunteers helping pick up trash around the town. Sponsored by the North Renfrew Rotary Club and Kristin Hawley of Exit Realty, participants were invited back to the town hall at noon to pick up swag bags, enter a draw for prizes aimed at kids and adults, and enjoy a free barbecue cooked up by the town's volunteer firefighters.

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GUESS WHO: The latest exhibit by the Deep River Library Arts Committee is titled "People in My Neighbourhood" and includes portraits of all types. Some are recently rendered at a library sponsored portraiture workshop, some acquired through an open call, and still others are of Deep River locals, commissioned as part of a public interactive match-up game at the library gallery. The show opens Monday, May 4 and runs until June 26, with a reception planned for May 23.



School House Museum looks forward to pie sale, cleanup day

The Rolph, Buchanan, Wylie and McKay Historical Society is once again preparing for its popular Spring Pie Sale in support of the School House Museum in Laurentian Hills.

We are also planning our spring cleanup and hiring summer students.

Our pie team will be busy in the museum kitchen throughout the coming weeks, carefully preparing homemade pies using traditional recipes.

The fundraiser has become a well-anticipated annual event, helping support the preservation and operation of the historic museum.

This year, six varieties of 9-inch pies will be available: Blueberry, Raspberry, 4 Berry-Blend, Cherry, Raisin, and Rhubarb.

All pies are sold unbaked and frozen, allowing customers to bake them fresh at home. Baking instructions are provided.

Orders will be taken starting April 29. Community members are encouraged to place orders early, as quantities are limited. To order, call Heather at 613-401-7557.

Pre-ordered pies can be picked up on two scheduled dates: Saturday, May 16 and 30, between 11 am and 1

pm at the School House Museum, located at 35753 Highway 17 in Laurentian Hills.

CLEANUP

In addition to the pie sale, the Historical Society is holding its annual Spring Yard and Building Cleanup on Saturday, May 23, from 9 am to 12 pm.

We are seeking volunteers to help with seasonal tasks such as clearing debris and pine needles, preparing garden beds, cleaning windows and porches, and helping move artifacts in preparation for the museum's opening.

Bring gloves, rakes, and leaf blowers if you have them. Snacks, fresh air, and community spirit included.

Contact Dianne Lemire at 613-639-7647, if you can help.

The Society will also be hiring museum attendants/historical museum interpreters this summer. For more information, visit the museum's Facebook page or see the ad in this week's paper. Resumes must be submitted to info@schoolhousemuseum.ca by May 9.

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Murder mystery opens Friday in support of library

The Deep River Players have been busy rehearsing “Murder by the Book,” with opening night set for this Friday, May 1 at 7 pm.

The town of Two Spruce is about to lose their beloved library! A team of volunteer ac-

tors come to its rescue by staging a murder mystery, but on opening night a real murder threatens to thwart their fundraiser.

Lucy the Librarian and a team of quirky volunteer actors scramble to solve the

crime before the curtain rises and the library is lost forever.

The script for “Murder by the Book” comes courtesy of an inspiring project created by well-loved author Louise Penny and playwright Laura Teasdale.

After a successful fundraiser for the oldest free library in Quebec (Pettes Memorial Library, not far from

Three Pines), Penny commissioned Teasdale to write a royalty-free script, adaptable for any library, anywhere, as a way to support libraries (which both Penny and Teasdale adore).

The Deep River Library is grateful to the Players for their hard work and talent in what promises to be a highly entertaining production, with proceeds supporting library

services in our community.

Performances will take place on Friday, May 1, Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9 at 7 pm and on Saturday, May 2 at 2 pm.

All performances will be at St. Barnabas Church basement, which is an accessible space.

Tickets can be purchased at www.deepriverplayers.ca.



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Tickets are available until 11:59 pm on Wednesday, May 6 with the grand prize draw taking place on Thursday, May 7. The winner of the fall Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery took home more than \$144,000.

“This is your last chance

to take part in the Ontario SPCA’s Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery,” says Stephanie Miller, vice president of development, Ontario SPCA and Humane Society.

“Every ticket helps provide life-saving care for animals in need — and one lucky supporter will walk away with a jackpot that could change their life.”

Funds raised through the Draws for Paws 50/50 Lottery support the Ontario SPCA’s Community Access

to Resources, Education, and Support (CARES) Fund – a grant program that helps SPCAs and humane societies across Ontario.

The CARES Fund provides financial support for initiatives that enhance animal welfare, including spay/neuter programs, veterinary care, and shelter improvements.

Don’t miss your chance to win big and make tails wag. Visit ontariospcalottery.ca today to get your tickets before it’s too late.

Seniors Friendship Club



WEDNESDAY WALK

• Q: What ever happened to the cow that was lifted into the air by the tornado? A: Udder disaster!

• Walk in the Woods – Wednesday, April 29: Patti will lead the group in this walk as she has already checked it out. We will be walking the M trail from the DRXC Chalet east to Bishop's Bridge and around to the Babbling Brook bridge (which is still safe and passable) and back across the power line to the chalet, approximately 4 km in length, and an hour's brisk walk. (We won't be doing the full M Loop.)

It is estimated that it will take about 90 minutes with stops to see the creek. There is snow and there are some wet spots in places, but quite easily navi-

gated or you can get around them.

Patti highly recommends boots rather than shoes for the soft spots! We will leave from ski chalet at 1:30 pm, weather permitting.

(The club owns a portable AED which comes with its own backpack for ease of carrying, and weighs approximately 15-25 lbs; if anyone participating in the walk would be willing to carry this, please advise by emailing: 23uovsfc55@gmail.com.)

• Thursday morning Coffee and Conversation will be at the Deep River Library at 10 am on April 30.

• Roast Beef Dinner & DJ Dance, Saturday, May 2, Deep River Legion. Registration closed April 15. Limited capacity. Doors open at 5 pm, dinner at 6 pm. Spot dance prizes.

GUIDED BREATHING

• Guided Functional Breathing: Tuesday, May 5 at 10 am. Join us at the Deep River Library in the program

room. This one-hour guided session led by Priscilla offers experiential practices and techniques that aim to enhance your overall well-being, with practical applications that you can implement in your daily activities to strengthen independence and reduce stress.

You will learn tools that help slow your breath, support jaw and tongue positioning, and guided breath sequences that help restore functional rhythm to the respiratory and pelvic diaphragms.

No experience necessary. Practiced from seated on a chair. All are welcome, there is no cost to attend.

• May 12 at 9 am Framed Stained-Glass Picture Workshop. Join us in the Deep River Library program room for a stained-glass workshop led by Patricia Juby. There is space for 12 people; there is a choice of three patterns.

Please pay by etransfer to 23uovsfc55@gmail.com or by cash or cheque in the drop box in the Deep River town hall before May 5.

MORE DANCING

• Ballroom Dancing with Mac and Elizabeth: Good news! Mac and Elizabeth have generously offered to bring us more ballroom dancing on May 19 and 26 at 9 am at the DR Library program room.

Please register with 23uovsfc55@gmail.com if you wish to join in the fun. No cost.

• Community Kitchens Free Breakfast at the CEC - We had another good turnout for the Community Breakfast on Saturday with 57 people being served and \$372 raised in donations, which assist the Community Kitchen.

As usual, it was a very social time and pleasant for guests and volunteers alike.

Our next free breakfast is on May 23, so mark it on your calendar and we hope to see you there. If you wish to volunteer, please contact: sfcvolunteer54@gmail.com.

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sudoku

HOW TO PLAY:

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once.

Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: You must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column, or 3x3 box.

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cross word

answers use American spelling

ACROSS

- Love seat
- Make a choice
- Minus
- Big birds
- Away
- Atop
- Bit of smoke
- Tread
- Navigated
- Paper amounts
- Auto
- Bugle
- Rushed
- Mare's morsel
- Exercise room
- Abilities
- Corrode
- Circus insect
- Pro vote
- North Pole worker
- Mortgages
- Shadowy
- View closely
- Spicy dish
- Sniffed
- Vegas wheel
- Opera star
- Bullets
- Ventilate
- Anytime
- Most superb
- Interfere
- Charter


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- Electrical device
- Qualities
- Suggestion
- Push
- Likewise
- Defeated one
- Snarl
- Halt
- Drenches
- Hurry
- Beam
- Derby or cap
- Forage grass
- Exist
- Arenas
- Clod
- Japanese money unit
- Pas' mates
- Moose's cousin
- Fly catcher
- Ohio lake
- Caustic stuff
- Deal out
- Grinding material
- Lobster's relative
- Household
- Fuss
- Dwell
- Equal
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MASTERPOINTS

Six full Duplicate Bridge tables played a Howell movement last Thursday, with the following teams earning Masterpoints:

1. Ian Towner and Sandy Towner, 72.86%
2. Mark Selander and Margaret MacPherson, 57.14%
3. Rick Duncan and Judy Hill, 54.76%
4. Pravin Shah and Bruce Walker, 53.33%
5. Rosemary Nishimura and Geoff Edwards, 51.43%
6. Leela Philipose and Ken Philipose, 50.95%
7. Jay Serdula and Katia Baynovia, 50.48%

PART SCORE STRUGGLE

Board 5 is an interesting part-score struggle. After North deals and opens 1NT, East is in a bit of a dilemma. This time, it turns out best to pass.

If South and West also pass here, E/W will take eight easy tricks on defence and score a matchpoint top with +200. If East chooses not to pass, then when their 2D overcall comes around to North, he may choose to re-open the bidding with a double.

This should show shortish diamonds and a desire to compete in one of the other suits and N/S will now get to a magical 2H.

With -110 and a matchpoint bottom, starting them in the face, E/W would do well to bid 2S, a contract which should go down



one (North cashes AK of hearts and exits a diamond, eventually scoring the 7S), and this is the “game theory optimum” contract here - a

contract that nobody can improve on by bidding again.

Game theory went out the window in club play last Thursday though, with a mixed bag of heart and diamond contracts and not a spade contract to be seen.

Results were: (N/S results and matchpoints in brackets):

- 5D*E-4 (+800, 5 mp)
- 2HS= (+110, 3.5 mp)
- 2HN= (+110, 3.5 mp)
- 3DE-2 (+100, 2 mps)
- 2DE+1 (-110, 1 mp)
- 2DE+2 (-130, 0 mp)

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Vul: N-S			
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♥ AK72	♥ 96	♥ QJ43	♥ —
♦ 87	♦ AKQJ109	♦ 6532	♦ —
♣ 1084	♣ 5	♣ K9732	♣ —
♠ J10653	♠ —	♠ —	♠ —
♥ 1085	♥ —	♥ —	♥ —
♦ 4	♦ —	♦ —	♦ —
♣ AQJ6	♣ —	♣ —	♣ —
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KARAOKE

Great day today - the sun is shining and birds are singing.

• First thing all you singers, April 30, this Thursday is Karaoke, 9 pm start.

• Zone Golf and Washer Toss: Signup sheets are up on the sports board.

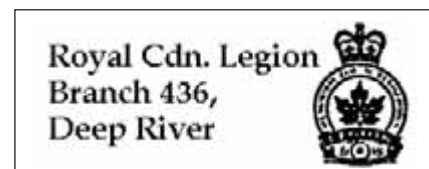
• Amber wants to say thank you for all the get well wishes she received.

• Cheese order is building up nicely. Free pool two Sundays a month.

• Upcoming in May, on Friday, May 8 we have the River Run youth theatre putting on a show (“The Dream Master”), doors open at 6:30, show starts at 7 pm.

• On Sunday, May 10 - Mother’s Day - the Community Band is putting on a free concert, so treat mom to a good time.

• We have Buddy Check on Tuesday, May 12 and more Karaoke on May 14 and 28. Fun Darts, Cornhole, Euchre and Open Mic are still on going.



MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

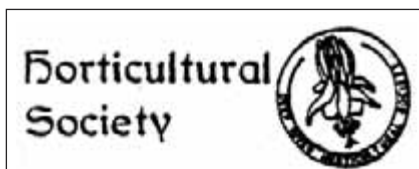
The annual membership campaign for the Deep River & Area Horticultural Society

has begun. This is the time to purchase or renew your membership for 2026.

Memberships will be sold outside Ashley’s Independent, the Deep River post office and Canadian Tire locations when volunteers are available and weather permitting.

Memberships are also available at Toby and Bella’s Pet Store (39 Champlain St) and Valley Fairy Tails Pet Grooming Shop (89 Deep River Rd) during business hours.

Alternatively, the Horticultural website drahs.ca has an online membership form. E-transfers can be made to deepriverhortsoc@gmail.com.



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- Summer Flower & Vegetable Show
- Photo contest
- Mackenzie bursary for post-secondary students in Horticulture, Environmental Studies, Forestry, or Botany
- Community tool loan program.

We’ve got activities planned for all ages this year - don’t miss out!

Questions, ideas, or suggestions? Reach out to us at deepriverhortsoc@gmail.com.

MATCH UP

NOVELS: The Deep River Players are looking for donations of Louise Penny novels for the set and displays for the upcoming play “Murder by the Book,” sponsored by Canadian crime fiction author Louise Penny. Books will be donated to the library after the show. If you can help, please call 613-602-1729 for pickup or more information.

BOOKSHELF: Remember the item about the binders? Well, the request was so successful they’re now looking for a bookshelf to put them on. If you have one gathering dust that you might be willing to give away, please call 613-633-9988.

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The 45-member Deep River Choral Group has been avidly rehearsing for their upcoming concert "What a Wonderful World" (3 pm, Sunday, May 3 at the Childs Auditorium in Mackenzie Community School, Deep River). The concert will offer an eclectic mix of choral works, with the Deep River Children's Choir as special guests. Tickets at the door.

Submitted photo

STUNT DRIVING

A 32-year-old Ottawa resident is facing a stunt driving charge after being caught travelling 117 km/h over the posted limit on Highway 17 in Laurentian Valley township.

Police say the incident occurred on April 21 at approximately 11:30 pm, when an officer with the Upper Ottawa Valley (UOV) detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) caught the driver travelling 207 km/h in a posted 90 km/h zone.

The incident took place on Highway 17 between Round Lake Road and Forest Lea Road.

The driver was charged with driving a motor vehicle while performing a stunt - excessive speed; speeding 50+ km/h over posted limit; and failure to notify change of address.

The driver was issued summonses to appear at the Ontario Provincial Offences Court in Pembroke. The accused had their licence suspended for 30 days, and their vehicle was towed and impounded for 14 days.

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Catholic director wins education leadership award

The Renfrew County Catholic District School Board (RCCDSB) has announced that its director of education, Mark Searson, has been honoured with the 2026 Distinguished Leadership Award.

Searson was presented with the award on April 16, at the Ontario Catholic Association of Supervisory Officers (OCSOA) annual banquet.

“Over the past 30 years, Mark has dedicated his career to Catholic education,” the board said in its announcement.

“Since 2021, he has held the position of director of education, following previous roles as a teacher, department head, principal, and supervisory officer.

“At every stage of his journey, he has

embodied a servant leadership rooted in faith, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to students.”

The OCSOA Distinguished Leadership Award is an annual honour presented to up to two active members who demonstrate outstanding leadership in Catholic education.

Instituted in 2004, it recognizes leaders who enhance student experience, support teacher development, and foster Catholic school environments.

The board says Searson’s influence and dedication reach far beyond his local district.

At the provincial level, he has been instrumental in shaping leadership development and professional learning through his involvement with the

OCSOA and the Eastern Ontario Staff Development Network (EOSDN).

He has served as a mentor to aspiring system leaders and has offered valuable, insightful contributions at provincial forums.

HUMBLING

“Across the province, colleagues value him as a thoughtful and balanced voice, particularly on topics related to governance, fostering faith, and enhancing student achievement.”

“Receiving this award is a deeply humbling experience,” Searson said.

“I am very grateful to those who put forward my nomination, and it truly is an honour to serve the Catholic fami-

lies of Renfrew County.”

“This award is incredibly well-deserved, and the entire Renfrew County Catholic District School Board (RCCDSB) community shares in this pride,” said RCCDSB chair Bob Schreder.

“Mark is a true visionary and a foundational leader in Catholic education, whose tireless dedication has profoundly impacted our students, staff, and the wider community.

“His accomplishment is a testament to his innovative approach and commitment to fostering an inclusive and faith-filled learning environment.

“We simply couldn’t be more proud of his achievement and the recognition it brings to his long-standing work.”

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County votes for high-speed rail project

The circle is complete.

Two weeks after rejecting a motion from their Eastern Ontario colleagues opposed to the federal government's high-speed rail plan, Renfrew County mayors and reeves voted last Wednesday to express their "strong support" for the venture and other "nation-building" projects.

The motion, drafted by Deep River Reeve Glenn Doncaster, called on county council to throw its support behind "the economic and environmentally responsible development and implementation of Canadian nation-building projects, such as Alto," the Crown corporation created to build a high-speed rail connection between Toronto and Quebec City.

The motion calls on "all relevant levels of government to prioritize funding, planning, and timely implementation of the project," while also calling for "continued community engagement and transparent decision-making to ensure the project reflects public needs and concerns."

"The County of Refrew strongly encourage(s) the federal government and Alto project leaders to evaluate very carefully, consider and minimize the impact of this project to the greatest extent possible on existing Canadian residents and landowners and on wildlife and the environment while still achieving greatly enhanced transportation services for all Canadians."

In a recorded vote, county council voted almost unanimously in favour of the motion.

Only one member, Mayor Rob Weir of Greater Madawaska township, voted no.

FURTHER REVIEW

In discussion, Renfrew Reeve Peter Emon thanked Doncaster for bringing the motion forward and said it allows for further "conversation" with the communities in Eastern Ontario that may be affected.

"It also demonstrates the seriousness of this decision to proceed with with kind of project," he said, citing the Rideau canal, Trent-Severin waterway, St. Lawrence Seaway, Highway 401, and the building of the original railways across Canada as previous efforts

that caused disruption in their own time.

"However, now we cherish those projects and look fondly upon them and hold them a great reverence as nation building projects," he said.

"This motion allows a calmer, slower, more involved review of the process, and I'm glad that it encourages that."

Admaston Bromley Mayor Michael Donohue agreed.

Donohue said he appreciates that the motion "flips the tone" from the one proposed by the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus (EOWC), which called on the federal government and Alto to "fully explore train route options along existing infrastructure corridors, such as VIA Rail and/or Highway 401."

The motion noted that EOWC "formally opposes the Alto project in its current form."

CHALLENGES

Donohue said that while Doncaster's motion supports the Alto project, "it is also recognizing the challenges and that these challenges must be addressed by the proponent, Alto, (and) by the federal government."

Donohue also cited nation building projects like proposed pipelines or improvements to the Hudson's Bay port at Churchill, Manitoba.

"These are going to be critical in the new paradigm that we find ourselves in with international relations, international trade, becoming less reliant on on the United States," he said, "and this is part of that."



Warden Jennifer Murphy noted that in its discussions, the EOWC was not actually opposed to high-speed rail, they just objected to the way it was being handled.

"Meeting with some of these municipalities with landowners (that could be affected), it has not been done in a thoughtful way at all," she said.

"In fact, when you have to sign an NDA (non-disclosure agreement) just to have members of Alto come and speak to you, and there can be no more than two people in the room... there were all sorts of parameters that different members (of EOWC) were talking about.

"I think that this wasn't well defined as a project that would be beneficial."

Murphy said she was not involved in any of the meetings with Alto because the project "doesn't even kiss" Renfrew County, but that overall EOWC members "all agreed

that this might be a good project, but the way it was being done was just lousy."

Murphy said she would have like to see the motion "beefed up just a bit" around the need for further consultation, but supported it in the end.

"I'm not thrilled with how it's written, but I'll be in favour as a nation-building project."

Former prime minister Justin Trudeau announced in February 2025 that the federal government would invest \$3.9 billion over the next six years to help develop a high-speed rail service under Alto. The full cost of the project is expected to hit \$60-90 billion.



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IN MEMORIAM

"In Memoriam Cards" for donations to the North Renfrew Long-Term Care Centre are a thoughtful memoriam that continues to give. These donations are very much appreciated by the Long-Term Care Centre. They are available at the North Renfrew Long-Term Care Centre, Northern Credit Union, Bank of Montreal, ScotiaBank or call 584-1900 for more information.

DEATHS



CHASSE, Cecile (Suzy)

Mom passed away peacefully on April 5/2026 at the age of 89, with her loving daughter Lise at her side.

Predeceased by her husband Henry and her daughter Monique.

Loving sister to Helen Khuel.

Loving mother of Suzanne (George), Roger, Nicole, Lise (Dave), and Helene.

Proud Grandmother of Christopher, Luke and Kal and Great grandmother of Faith and Hadley.

As per mom's wishes, cremation has taken place in Kingston, ON.

Celebration of life and the spreading of her ashes will be with family and close friends closer to her 90th birthday on July 1st.

The family would like to express their utmost gratitude to the Nurses, PSW's and Housekeeping gals, of Fairmount Home in Glenburnie ON. Thank you for your guidance, all the love, hugs, smiles and special late-night chats with our momma for the past five years.

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WALSH, Joan Mary

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Joan Mary (Tobin)Walsh, at Miramichi Lodge, on April 21st at the age of 95.

Loving wife of the late Desmond Walsh, Dear Sister to Patrick (Anne) Tobin, pre deceased sisters Maureen (Gerry) Watters and Margorie Tobin.

Dear Sister in law to Mary(George) McKeiver, and the late Hugh Walsh.

Loving mother, to Maureen(Dave) Johnson, Greg (Gini) Walsh, Jim(Lisa) Walsh, Karen(Phil) Hall, Pat(Chris) Walsh, Joe (Sandra) Walsh, John(Tammy) Walsh, Mary(John) McCallan,

Joan was also a loving grandmother to 20 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild, each of whom brought her immense pride.

Joan shared 58, wonderful years of marriage with her loving husband, Desmond Walsh, until his passing in 2011. Together, they began their life in Brockville until 1955 when they moved



to Deep River, where Des worked at AECL and Joan dedicated herself to raising their growing family. When their eighth child arrived, the family moved to a larger home in Chalk River, where Joan continued to build a warm and loving household.

Once their youngest child (Mary) began school, Joan brought her caring spirit into the workforce, serving as the secretary at St. Mary's School for 20 years. In that role, she became a steady and compassionate presence for generations of students, treating each child as if they were her own. She was deeply respected and loved by staff, students, and families alike.

She was a source of strength, kindness, and inspiration to her eight children and to all who knew her. Her legacy of love, generosity, and quiet dedication will live on through her family and the many lives she touched.

Her moto was the "Lord hates a coward," and she lived by that.

She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Thank you to 3A Miramichi Lodge caregivers. You showed Mom so much kindness, comfort and love. God bless each one of you.

Friends called at the Valley Funeral Home, Deep River, on Monday, April 27 from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Deep River, on Tuesday, April 28 at 11:00 a.m. Followed by cremation. In memoriam donations to Miramichi Lodge, Pembroke would be gratefully appreciated.

VALLEY FUNERAL HOME

LANDFILL SITE HOURS

Baggs Road: Open Tuesday 9am to 6pm, Wednesday to Saturday, 9am to 4pm, all waste except Construction & Demolition (C&D).

Millers Road: Tues-Sat 9am-12noon, C&D waste only. Info 613-401-0434 www.northrenfrew-landfill.com

FOR RENT

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GALLAGHER, Eva

Eva Gallagher died suddenly on April 26, 2026, at the age of 80. A long-time resident of Deep River and a dedicated pottery artist, Eva was predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Magdalena Vlasak.

Eva was born in Prague, in the (former) Czechoslovakia, on April 24, 1946—St. George's Day.

She immigrated with her family to Montreal, Quebec, where she grew up and later attended McGill University on a full scholarship, graduating with a BSc in zoology and botany/biology. As a summer student at AECL, on a bus, and carrying a dead turtle, she met her soon-to-be husband, Dave Gallagher. They married in 1967 and together they built their lives in Deep River for close to 60 years.

Eva was a talented potter and horticulturist. Although Eva was part of and published numerous articles with the North American Rock Garden Society and the Horticultural Society, and her pottery was exhibited in art shows across Ontario, Eva was most proud of her membership in the Deep River Potters Guild, where she served as an active member, teacher, and mentor to a community of Ottawa Valley artists and budding artisans for over 50 years.

Eva led an inspired life through the people she met in the Ottawa Valley co-op, the online horticultural and rock gardening community, her pottery communities, and espe-



cially through her dear friends from the guild and art communities. Eva was curious about everything – her interests were infinite. When she wasn't rock gardening or at the potter's guild, she was likely finding a joke to send to her cherished grandson, Monty, who gave her so much love and laughter.

Eva will be deeply missed by her husband, Dave; her son, Christopher (Ashley); her daughter, Tara (Andrew); her brother, John Vlasak; her niece, Kim; and her nephews and niece, Roger, Don, and Sandra, as well as by her extended guild family.

In lieu of flowers, Eva would have encouraged you to make time to create art, sing a song, walk among the trees, or do a little more than yesterday to support the fight against climate change.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the amazing team at the Ottawa Heart Institute for their kindness and care.

A celebration of life is planned, and details will be available on the Valley Funeral Home website.

You are Invited...

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Best wishes only please. Dave.



Town of Laurentian Hills

TERM POSITION

LABOURER/EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

The Town of Laurentian Hills Public Works Department is looking for a Labourer/Equipment Operator for a six-month term position, 40 hours per week.

Qualifications:

- Physical ability to perform as a labourer.
- Experience with the operation of a tandem as well as various other equipment.
- Related experience as a truck driver, light equipment operator in either construction or maintenance of roads would be an asset.
- Must have a valid DZ drivers' licence, a drivers abstract will be required.
- Ability to drive manual transmission
- High school diploma or equivalent.

Please submit your letter of application and resume in a sealed envelope clearly marked "**Public Works**" no later than 3:00 p.m. on May 14, 2026 to the undersigned.

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We thank you for your interest, however, only applicants considered for an interview will be contacted. Accessibility accommodations are available for all parts of the selection process. Applicants must make their needs known in advance. Information collected will be handled in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.



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SENIORS FRIENDSHIP

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• Sing-along Saturday, May 23 at 7 pm at the Deep River Legion. Preregistration is encouraged so we know how many guests to expect; please email: 23uovsfc55@gmail.com.

• Valvular heart diseases are dysfunctions of the doors that direct blood flow within the heart. A free screening conducted by the Ottawa Heart Institute is being hosted by the UOV Senior's Friendship Club for people 65+ with no known heart issues.

The mobile screening program offers early detection, diagnosis and treatment. The first two clinics are fully booked, but we have confirmed November 5 for a third screening session.

To participate in upcoming clinics at Real Hope Christian Assembly, 33019 Hwy 17 Deep River, please call 613-696-7412 or email at: heartvalve@ottawaheart.ca. Reminder: the first session is this coming Thursday, April 30 for those who have been contacted by the Heart Institute and given an appointment time and instructions. Please make sure you are on time!

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Town of Laurentian Hills
HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Town of Laurentian Hills will be conducting routine maintenance and flushing of fire hydrants in Chalk River in May until finished.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to 613-584-3114.

OVTA launches Petawawa fund

The Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA), in partnership with the town of Petawawa, has announced the launch of the “Tourism Development & Sponsorship Fund,” a new funding program designed to support local tourism initiatives and strengthen the community’s visitor economy.

Funded through revenues generated by the Municipality

Accommodation Tax (MAT), the program will provide financial support to eligible OVTA members in Petawawa undertaking projects that enhance visitor experiences, increase tourism promotion, and attract visitors to the community.

The fund is divided into two streams:

- Event Sponsorship Stream, supporting festivals, events, and programming that drive visitation
- Tourism Development Stream, supporting projects that enhance visitor experiences and tourism marketing.

Together, these streams are designed to encourage collaboration, support local tourism operators, and elevate Petawawa’s profile as a destination within the Ottawa Valley.

“The town of Petawawa is supportive of the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association (OVTA) in its role overseeing and launching a grant application process funded through revenues generated by its portion of the Petawawa Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT),” said Colin Coyle, manager of recreation, culture & tourism for the town of Petawawa.

“The town views this initiative as a strategic and collaborative approach to reinvesting tourism dollars directly into the development and enhancement of tourism-based special events across our community.

“By administering these funds through a structured and transparent grant program, the OVTA is well positioned to support event organizers, foster innovation, and elevate the overall visitor experience.

“The town is confident that this model will not only strengthen regional partnerships but also drive increased visitation, economic impact, and long-term tourism growth within Petawawa and the broader Ottawa Valley.”

Applications for the Tourism Development & Sponsorship Fund are open from April 7 to April 24.

Successful projects will demonstrate strong tourism impact, including the ability to attract visitors, enhance the visitor experience, and contribute to the promotion of Petawawa as a tourism destination.

In 2025, Petawawa introduced a 3% Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) on overnight stays of less than 30 days at five local hotels.

That same year, the city of Pembroke introduced a 4% MAT on overnight stays of less than 30 days at hotels, motels, inns, and campsites at Riverside Park.

Both communities identified the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association as the eligible tourism entity to receive 50% of the collected revenues to support tourism development and marketing in Petawawa and Pembroke.

The Municipal Accommodation Tax legislation, introduced in the province in December 2017, is a revenue generation tool that grants municipalities the authority to implement a tax on accommodation stays of 30 days or less.

A minimum of 50% of the revenue collected must be shared with an eligible tourism entity for the purpose of tourism development and marketing.



2026 Municipal Elections
NOTICE OF NOMINATION FOR OFFICE

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s. 32)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the electors of the Town of Laurentian Hills that nomination papers for the 2026 Municipal Elections may be filed in person or by an agent with the Clerk/Returning Officer or designate, by appointment, during regular business hours between May 1, 2026 and August 20, 2026, and between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Nomination Day, Friday, August 21, 2026.

The Nomination Form must be accompanied by the prescribed filing fee: \$200.00 for the Office of Mayor and \$100.00 for all other offices. Payment may be made by cash, certified cheque, or money order.

Registration papers for Third Party Advertisers must be signed by a representative and may be filed in the Office of the Clerk in person or by an agent during regular business hours between May 1, 2026 and October 23, 2026. Registration papers must be certified by the Clerk before such entity becomes a Registered Third-Party Advertiser.

Municipal Office for which persons may be nominated:

Mayor	1 to be elected at large
Councillors	4 to be elected by Ward

School Boards for which persons may be nominated:

Trustee, Renfrew County District School Board	1 to be elected for the area of the Town of Laurentian Hills, the Town of Deep River and the United Township of Head Clara and Maria *Nomination Papers to be filed with the Town of Deep River Clerk
Trustee, Renfrew County Catholic District School Board	1 to be elected for the area of the Town of Laurentian Hills, the Town of Deep River and the United Townships of Head Clara and Maria *Nomination Papers to be filed with the Town of Petawawa Clerk
Conseil des écoles publiques de l’Est de l’Ontario	Un élu pour le secteur 1 qui comprend les comtés de Lanark et de Renfrew et le canton de South Algonquin *Nomination Papers to be filed with the Town of Petawawa Clerk. Les documents de candidature doivent être déposés auprès du greffier de la ville de Petawawa.
Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est	Un élu pour le secteur 3 qui comprend le comté de Renfrew et le canton d’Algonquin Sud *Nomination Papers to be filed with the Town of Petawawa Clerk. Les documents de candidature doivent être déposés auprès du greffier de la ville de Petawawa

For more information contact the Town’s Returning Officer, Sherry Batten or the municipal office at 613-584-3114

Dated this 23rd day of April, 2026.



The Deep River Symphony Orchestra will welcome violinist Adam Nelson as guest soloist for its May 9 concert. Adam will perform Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E minor, one of the most well-known and frequently performed violin concertos. The concert Saturday, May 9 starts at 7:30 pm in Childs Auditorium. For advance tickets email drsoemail@gmail.com or call 613-584-3737. Visit drso.ca for more information.

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