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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026

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New apts planned for land behind JL Gray

The town of Deep River will hold a public meeting as part of its regular council meeting next Wednesday to hear an application for a zoning bylaw change that would allow the construction of a new 42-unit apartment building at the corner of Forest Avenue and Montcalm St.

The owners of the property have also applied for a severance to separate the building lot from the existing apartments at the corner of Montcalm and Poplar Streets.

The rezoning would allow construction of the new building to begin before the severance application is complete.

A "planning justification report" by the firm Jp2g says the application is consistent with the provincial planning statement as it is an "efficient use" of land fully serviced by municipal water and sewer.

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Abbigael and Madeleina Nieman were busy Saturday making beautiful crepe paper flowers for Mother's Day at a special craft time at the Chalk River Library. While no details of their reception Sunday were available at press time, the NRT believes it can report with confidence that mom loved them.

Photo: Terry Myers

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New apts

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“Overall, the proposed development represents the intensification of an existing, undeveloped portion of a property within an existing residential area that is within walking distance to many community facilities and businesses,” the report says.

“The proposed development is located within a settlement area, will be on full municipal services, and will provide additional rental housing options within the town of Deep River.”

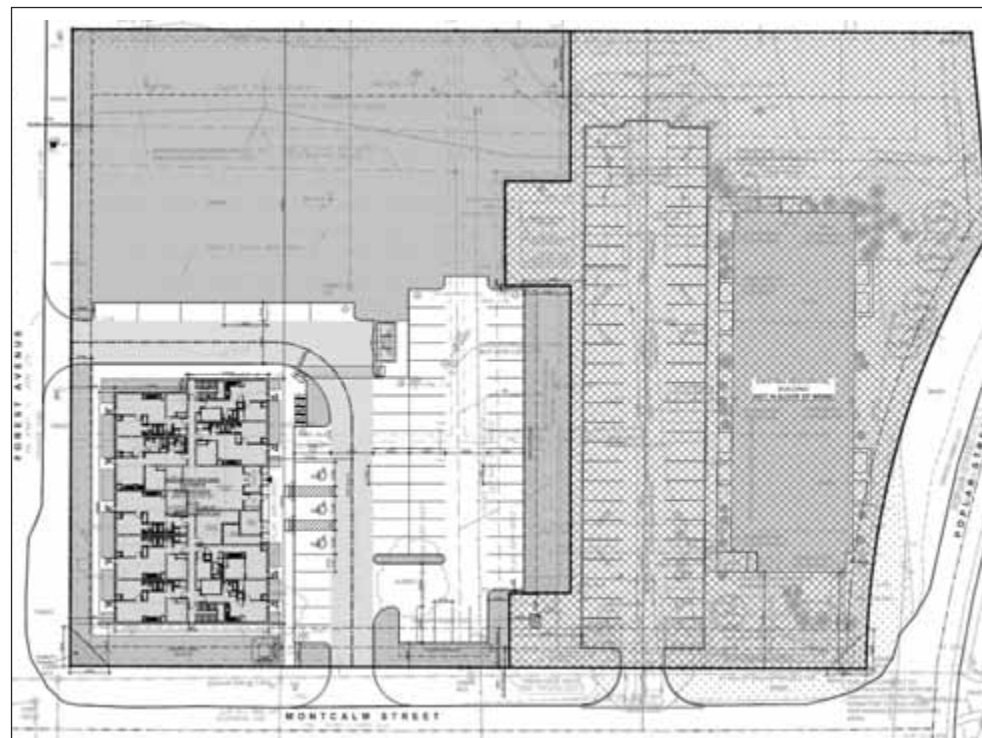
The report says the new apartments will also be close to the downtown core, “supporting the function of the town centre as a place to work, shop and visit.”

“The development will exist harmoniously with the preceding apartment building at the south end of the site, as well as adjacent low to medium-rise apartment buildings within the vicinity of the lands” and will be “in keeping with the surrounding neighbourhood character,” it says.

“An application for site plan control will be submitted with a design that is compatible with the town centre designation.”

The report notes that the new apartments will be a mix of one-bedroom (three), one bedroom plus den (12) and two-bedroom units (27).

The proposed units will range in size from 49-58 square metres for the one



and one bedroom plus den units, while two bedroom units are proposed to be 75 square metres in area.

As per the town’s zoning bylaw, the apartments would require a total of 66 parking spaces, including three barrier-free spots.

THIRD BUILDING?

The report says the main parking area will be at the front of the building, with some additional space towards the east.

“While not part of this application, and no development is contemplated at this

time, the site has been designed such that the remaining area at the northeast corner of the site (behind the JL Gray Centre) can be developed without the need for additional vehicular access.

“It is also anticipated that, when developed in the future, the third phase would tie into the proposed parking area for the second building.”

More details on the application can be found on the town’s website, deedriver.ca, under “Notices.”

Next week’s meeting begins at 6 pm on Wednesday, May 20 in the council chambers at town hall.

Town to begin talks on shared costs?

BY VANCE GUTZMAN

Call it a small step in the right direction, perhaps.

Mayor Sue D’Eon told council last week that Head, Clara and Maria (HCM) has agreed to talks with the town over a potential framework for the funding of recreational facilities in Deep River.

Deep River first broached the arrangement of a meeting with both Laurentian Hills and Head, Clara and Maria (HCM) last fall, to discuss a potential shared services agreement for recreation costs, while also formally requesting those two municipalities to reconsider their refusal to pay for costs associated with refurbishments to Deep River’s community pool.

The costs of those refurbishments

came in at just over \$804,000, and Deep River asked Laurentian Hills and HCM to contribute \$319,345 and \$30,567 respectively to defray them, based on the town’s contention that 42 percent of the people using the pool hail from those two neighbouring municipalities.

D’Eon said that while HCM has agreed to proceed with talks, Laurentian Hills has deferred making a decision on the matter.

“So I’m going to suggest we proceed with Head, Clara and Maria, who have agreed, and the other township can catch up if they decide to participate.”

Mayor Anne Giardini said last year Laurentian Hills would be open to looking at a shared recreation agreement to see how the two towns can work together in future.

“As does Deep River and every other municipality in Renfrew County, we have limited money to spend,” Giardini said.

“I thank you for coming here, and I understand your request, but I don’t believe at this time that we will agree to be putting money towards another municipality’s capital investment.”

Giardini was responding after Mayor D’Eon and Reeve Glenn Doncaster appeared before Laurentian Hills council to support the town’s request for a contribution to repairs at the pool.

D’Eon said that user fees are “helpful and appropriate” but “don’t even come close” to sustaining facilities like the pool and arena, she added, making up less than 30 per cent of the necessary revenue.

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Council provides input on rec plan: “95% done”

BY VANCE GUTZMAN

Deep River council held a workshop last week, aimed at finding common ground with regards to the town’s recreation and culture master plan.

The workshop came on the heels of criticism levelled against the plan when it was first presented to council in April.

The plan, which cost the town almost \$60,000, contains 28 recommendations, categorized into five “strategic goals”, along with performance indicators and 160 “supporting actions”.

But it was delivered a year behind schedule, and came under fire both for what it contains and doesn’t contain.

Councillor Terry Myers, for example, argued against the wording of some of the recommendations contained in the plan citing, for example, one recommendation to “increase staffing levels, where required,

to support safe, sustainable operations and reduce risk.”

“Words matter,” Myers said when the plan was presented to council.

“My concern is the assumption is to increase staffing levels. I would suggest a more appropriate wording would be to ‘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.”

The recreation and culture master plan also came under 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, adding the plan lacked an actual definition of the word culture.

Deep River’s chief administrative officer, Sean Patterson,

prefaced last week’s workshop by stating it was an effort for council members to come to an agreement in principle as to the main goals of the plan, after which staff at town hall would incorporate council’s comments into a revised version.

“In essence, what we’re thinking is, once we sort of have that lens from tonight, we’ll then take that and put it over the rest of the plan and try to clean it up and get it in that direction and then, whether it be through a workshop or feedback, a new draft would be presented to you,” Patterson said.

GROUND ZERO?

Myers, though, reiterated concerns about the plan he first raised last month, and brought forward a new concern at the workshop

“Has the contract been paid?” he asked with regard to

the consulting firm which prepared the plan.

“We hired these people for almost \$60,000. Has that been paid out?”

“I’m not suggesting it shouldn’t be, but I’m really disturbed this is where we are after a year and a half. We hired them in September of 2024, and now we’re going to walk around and sort of start over. I find that really frustrating.”

“Personally, I thought we were going to discuss specific items in the plan that we wanted to see the wording changed or that kind of thing, not sort of go back to ground zero and discuss strategic goals.”

Patterson, in response, defended the purpose of the workshop.

“Certainly it’s not our intention to go back to ground zero,” he said.

“I actually believe we have a document that’s 95 percent

done. I think, to your point, there are some very specific things we need to look at, but I think there was also some conversation about some more general things, like defining the purpose of it.”

When the workshop actually began, council members broke into groups and spent the better part of an hour walking around to various stations which had been set up by town hall staff, discussing and providing input on the components of the plan.

“Thank you everybody for that effort,” Patterson said when they returned to the council table. “It generated some good conversation.”

Staff will now continue to communicate with council members via email as they incorporate input from the workshop into a revised recreation and culture master plan.

A report on progress on the plan will be brought back to council at a future meeting.





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The Deep River Theatre Operating Committee

Town votes to support high-speed rail project

BY VANCE GUTZMAN

Not everyone on Deep River council is on board with the idea of endorsing a high-speed rail project in Eastern Ontario, as a recorded vote at last week's meeting saw two council members giving the idea a thumbs-down.

On the table at the meeting was a resolution from the County of Renfrew, endorsing the federal government's proposed high-speed rail plan, connecting Toronto to Quebec City, through auspices the Crown corporation Alto.

The county had initially rejected a motion from the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus (EOWC) opposing the project "in its current form" back on April 8.

Two weeks later, the county voted in "strong support" of it, based on a resolution drafted by Deep River Reeve Glenn Doncaster, who represents the town at county council.

The county's letter and resolution of endorsement, addressed to Prime Minister Mark Carney, was initially on

town council's table "to be received" last week, but Doncaster moved that Deep River not just accept it, but endorse it and the project as well.

"It allows for faster transportation of goods, services and people, and certainly shortens travel time, taking traffic off our existing transportation system also," the reeve said.

Councillor Terry Myers had a different train of thought on the matter.

"Ultimately, I don't think it really matters because I don't think anybody really cares what the town of Deep River has to say about this project," Myers said.

"It bothers me that we're going to endorse this when it has nothing to do with the town of Deep River. It's nowhere near us. It's not within our jurisdiction. It doesn't have any direct impact on anything that is within our field of interest."

Myers referenced the fact the county's initial opposition to EOWC's motion on the project was based on the fact there wasn't enough information.

"And I would agree with that 100 percent," he said.

"We have a concept. There are no details about this project whatsoever.

"We can't even begin to judge what the environmental impact is because we have no idea what the route is. We have no idea how many stops there's going to be. We don't know anything about it, other than the concept of, let's build a high-speed rail project."

STOP COMPLAINING?

Myers also took exception to a clause in the county's resolution calling on "all relevant levels of government to prioritize funding, planning and timely implementation of the project," saying that's an affront to municipalities which will actually be impacted by the project.

"We're essentially saying make this a priority, start planning for it," he said.

"It doesn't say, stop complaining, but that's the tone behind promoting this and I think that's a very inappropriate

position for us to take as a municipality toward our municipal colleagues.

"If we had an issue of concern and municipalities in another part of the province were saying that to us, I would take great exception to that. I would find it really insulting, so I certainly don't want to be associated with that statement."

Myers also took exception to the county calling for "transparent decision-making" as the project moves forward.

"The warden informed county council that the municipalities which have requested meetings with Alto have had to sign non-disclosure agreements," he pointed out.

"And they've been limited to the number of people in a room. No more than two people in a room.

"That is not transparent decision-making. There has not been transparent decision-making regarding this project."

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The library elevator is operational again! Come one, come all to take part in programs or enjoy the art downstairs.

Community Memory Vault: Rugby – Tell us your stories and local knowledge of playing Rugby in Deep River & Area, in the early days! Thank you to a participant for suggesting this question!

Spring Storytime & Babytime Join Ms. Robin 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.

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

Youth Chess continues to get great turnout. We'll keep hosting, Tuesdays at 4pm.

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.

Walk and Talk Tour with Staff!

Thursday, May 21st at 11:30am
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Meet at the main library doors to tour the library facility together. We'll share highlights from a staff perspective and listen to your ideas about library resources and space and how we can improve.



Deep River Police Service



National Police Week: Committed to Serve Together

May 10, 2026 marks the beginning of National Police Week – a seven-day public awareness campaign that encourages increased awareness and understanding between police and the communities they serve.

Under the theme "Committed to Serve Together," we acknowledge the crucial partnership between members of a police service, between police services, between the police and other first responders, as well as between the police and the organizations and people in the communities they serve. It is this collaboration that forms the cornerstone of effective crime prevention and public safety initiatives.

This is an opportunity to strengthen the bond between us. By fostering open dialogue, understanding, and mutual respect, we can build safer, more inclusive neighbourhoods where everyone feels valued and protected. By standing united, we demonstrate our unwavering commitment to serve and protect, ensuring a brighter, safer future for generations to come.

This week, and every week, Deep River Police Service is proud to affirm that it is #CommittedToServeTogether.

Victoria Day Weekend Traffic Safety Campaign

As the Victoria Day weekend approaches Deep River Police are asking residents to be safe on the roadways and waterways over the long weekend. This is a reminder to drivers to use caution along Highway 17 as there will be an increased traffic presence of cottagers and travelers. The service asks all pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists to be respectful to one another. Cyclists pull as far to the right of the roadway as possible when approached from the rear. Cyclists under the age of 18 years must wear an approved helmet. Motorists must give a minimum 1 meter when passing a cyclist. When there are no sidewalks, pedestrians must walk facing traffic.

The Deep River Police will be increasing enforcement in relation to R.I.D.E./M.A.S. (Mandatory Alcohol Screening), speed, and other traffic infractions over the weekend. We are also asking for the public's assistance in keeping the roads safe by asking you to report dangerous drivers, suspected impaired drivers by obtaining all the information possible (color, make, model and plate of the vehicle and a description of the driver).

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High-speed rail

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Councillor Will Fitton also didn't feel comfortable endorsing the county's position, saying the high-speed rail corridor could actually be a drain on Renfrew County's economy.

"We don't want them to zip between Toronto to Quebec City and back, totally bypassing all the great things we have here," Fitton said. "It does feel like we're sticking out noses in somebody else's backyard and telling them what to do."

The recorded vote at last week's meeting saw Fitton and Myers opposed to the town's endorsement of the Alto project.

Notice of Application and Public Meeting

In the matter of Section 34 of the Planning Act, the Town of Deep River hereby gives NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- i) Application to amend the Zoning By-law 07-2024 of the Town of Deep River.
- ii) A public meeting regarding application for amendment to the Zoning By-law 07-2024 of the Town of Deep River.

Subject Lands Part of Blk S, Plan 304, in the Town of Deep River (Montcalm Road), as shown on the attached Key Map.

Public Meeting A public meeting to inform the public of the proposed zoning amendment will be held at the Town of Deep River Municipal Office on May 20th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

The purpose of the proposed zoning by-law amendment is to add the following provisions to the Residential Four – Exception Four (R4-E4) Zone:

- to permit two apartment dwellings on one lot,
- to reduce the rear yard depth requirement from 13.5 metres to 6 metres, and
- to permit a reduction in parking area buffer from 3 metres to 0.4 metres for two areas. The rezoning will also remove the holding symbol from the subject lands.

The effect of the amendment is to rezone the subject lands from Residential Four – Exception Four – holding (R4-E4-h) to Residential Four – Exception Four (R4-E4).

Additional information regarding the Zoning By-law amendment is available for inspection at the Town of Deep River Municipal Office during regular office hours.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Deep River regarding this proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to:

Jackie Mellon, Clerk
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Key Map



Location of Amendment

Petawawa to look at “hybrid” transit service

BY HAZEL ATKINS,
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Thomas Pacy, representing Dillon Consulting Ltd, presented the final report for phase one of the Petawawa Public Transportation Feasibility Study to council Monday night.

"I'm kind of amazed that the tiny town of Petawawa has reached this stage of exploring public transportation!" declared Mayor Gary Serviss.

"We're not just a one-street town anymore. I think it's great that we're undertaking this study."

The report details that Petawawa currently lacks conventional public transit service, leaving residents to heavily rely on private vehicles for their daily transportation needs.

There is the Petawawa Local Community Transportation program, operated privately by Carefor, though the service is limited and not open to all residents.

"When looking at peer municipalities, Petawawa stands out as a relatively large and compact community to not have any in-town public transit options," the report read.

The study began with a very successful public engagement campaign, with a high percentage of the population responding to the survey.

It revealed keen overall interest from the community. In particular, the study noted that "seniors and people with disabilities have significant needs for transit, forcing many to heavily rely on family, friends and others for rides."

Other needs were expressed by youth, shift workers, Algonquin College students, and residents without access to a personal vehicle.

The study evaluated three transit solutions. First to be considered was a fixed route solution between Petawawa and Pembroke.

Its advantage is reliability. However, the advantage is outweighed by the drawbacks: poor rural coverage, long travel times, and leaving people to their own devices to get to and from connection points.

The second option is on-demand transit, which has the advantages of full coverage across the entire town and of being highly flexible. Its disadvantages include being less efficient, especially during peak hours.

Dillon Consulting ultimately recommends a third option: a hybrid solution.

This solution would integrate flexible, local on demand service within Petawawa with a reliable, hourly fixed route between Petawawa and Pembroke.

Connections would occur at central hubs with local stops to be made en route.

Pacy outlined the benefits associated with this hybrid model: it provides coverage across the entire town, and residents do not have to be near a fixed route in order to benefit from it.

There is also an improved likelihood of provincial funding for this type of model, as the province of Ontario is interested in regional service opportunities through the Ontario Transit Investment Fund.

Mayor Serviss pointed out at the end of the presentation that the funding for phase two of the feasibility study is already in place, provided by the federal government under the Rural Transit Solutions Grant.

"It's important that the public be made aware that we are not looking for any extra money to proceed with phase two," he said.

Council was fully in favour of moving forward with the next phase.

"Thomas, it looks like you're going to have some more work to do," Mayor Serviss said to Pacy in conclusion.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't forget who stepped up when it mattered

Many people are understandably excited about Cogeco's new fibre service. But before everyone rushes to switch, it's worth remembering how we got here - and who kept this region connected long before fibre was even on the horizon.

For years, Bell left much of our area with barely usable DSL and no plans to improve it.

When residents needed reliable internet, it wasn't Cogeco or any other major provider that stepped in. It was WCCT — a small, community-driven organization that, in 2016, built a network from the ground up.

WCCT's early network was made possible by local people who contributed time, expertise, and personal effort.

When WCCT required capital to expand, it didn't rely on government grants or corporate subsidies. It turned to the community - and paid back every loan, with interest.

At the centre of this effort was Ross Judd of Laurentian Hills. His determination to solve his own lack of adequate internet access created a service that, ironically, he was never able to use himself.

He pushed through technical hurdles, bureaucratic obstacles, and endless frustrations so others could.

Over the years, he was supported by a committed group of volunteers whose contributions were essential to WCCT's success.

WCCT has always operated with a community mandate. It provides free internet service to the local hospital, North Renfrew Long-Term Care, and North Renfrew Family Services.

It supports local health-care initiatives, including the DRDH "Closer to Home" campaign, and offers scholarships for Mackenzie Community School students pursuing careers in health care.

These are decisions made by WCCT's board about how to use its organizational surplus - a not-for-profit choosing to reinvest in the community it serves.

WCCT had the plans, expertise, and commitment to build fibre, and had already installed fibre along a few properties.

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Spring runoff at the Chutes

Photo: Debbie Foley

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vital issue

Thank you for publishing the recent statement on the alarming state of our public education system ("Day of action," April 29).

The article spells out in no uncertain terms many of the ways in which the provincial government has been under-funding education, and the predictable consequences.

More important, it notes that the situation will not improve as a result of the recent provincial budget.

I hope that the organizers consider the day of action to have been a success, and that more such days will follow.

Many media outlets simply reprint or restate the province's announcements that they have increased funding for education by this or that amount, without ever mentioning whether the increases keeps pace with inflation or a growing population.

Thank you, NRT, for implicitly stating that the situation is more complex than that, and for continuing a debate on this vital public policy issue.

Kerry Badgley

Community gem

Congratulations and thank you to our Deep River Symphony Orchestra for a wonderful season of varied and beautiful music under their new director Megan Jones.

How fortunate we are to have this gem in our community providing the opportunity for young players to play alongside experienced amateurs and professionals and for us, the audience, to hear pieces from the classical repertoire presented live.

I am looking forward to next season already!

Caroline Lee

NUCLEAR HERITAGE

Dating with Isotopes

BY JIM UNGRIN

Most of the population have some concept, if not detailed knowledge, of “radio-carbon dating.”

The procedure depends on the fact that the radioisotope carbon-14 (half-life 5,730 years) is constantly being formed in the atmosphere, mainly at altitudes of 9-15 km, by cosmic rays which transform stable nitrogen-14 into carbon-14 (C14).

The C14 produced forms carbon dioxide and then mixes in the atmosphere with regular carbon (C12) dioxide in a ratio of about 1.2 parts in a trillion (1 followed by 12 zeros) and is absorbed by growing plants during photosynthesis.

When a plant dies, carbon is no longer absorbed and the C14 concentration in the material decays following the standard decay formula.

By measuring the ratio of C14 left in a sample of a plant or any material incorporating the plant one can determine when the plant died.

This technique was first demonstrated by Willard Libby at the University of Chicago in 1949. It assumes that the rate of production of C14 remains constant over many millennia.

One way of crosschecking this assumption is to look at tree rings in ancient dead trees (hundreds or thousands of years old) and compare the age thus determined with the one that the radiocarbon dating technique predicts.

It has been found that the assumption of constant production rate of C14 is not completely valid and that several factors have influenced the rate of production over time.

Among the more important are the changes in the earth’s magnetic field, which in turn influences the rate at which cosmic rays interact with the atmosphere.

A second important factor is the variation in the flux of cosmic rays from our sun and the universe in general.

Recent research has shown that enormous solar bursts (Miyake events) that have been traced back at least 13,000 years have occurred and greatly enhanced the production of C14 for short periods.

In recent times, the atmospheric tests of nuclear weapons have also increased the C14 production rate.

The burning of ancient carbon in industry over the last century and volcanic eruptions have added C12 to the atmosphere with very little C14 and have skewed the ratio the opposite direction.

New calibration curves have been constructed using tree-ring and other dating data. They show the need for corrections by up to 10% for dates in the 40,000 to 50,000 year range.

Two techniques have been used in carbon dating. The earliest, which required gram quantities of material, measured directly the decay of C14.



For smaller samples, a newer, Accelerator Mass Spectrometer (AMS) technique, which accurately measures the relative numbers of C12 and C14 atoms after passing through a particle accelerator, has been used.

Several Chalk River alumni have played prominent roles in developing the latter technique.

Harry Gove (University of Rochester) and Ted Litherland (University of Toronto), both prominent nuclear physicists at Chalk River in the 1950s, played a lead role at Rochester and John McKay, long-time member of the TASC facility, played a role in a group at McMaster University led by Erle Nelson.

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THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

8-10:30 am, Coffee Club, Chalk River Lions Hall
1 pm, GriefShare support group meets, Real Hope Christian Assembly, Hwy 17 Deep River (until June 17)
1-6 pm, North Renfrew Family Services Free Counselling Clinic (every Wednesday), call ahead for appointment (for information, call 613-584-3358)
1:15 pm, Social Bridge, Deep River Library
2 pm, Babytime, songs, stories, rhymes, Deep River Library

THURSDAY, MAY 14

10 am, Seniors Friendship Club: Coffee, Tea and Conversation, Deep River Library
12:45 pm, Duplicate Bridge Club meets, Deep River Library program room
1:30 pm, Knitting Group meets, Pt. Alexander Library
5-7 pm, MCS Fun Night, Mackenzie Community School
5:30 pm, Family Art Club, Deep River Library
6:30 pm, Stories About Four Northern Rivers, with speaker Emily Edwards, Deep River Library

FRIDAY, MAY 15

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

SATURDAY, MAY 16

11 am - 1 pm, RBWM Historical Society Spring Pie Sale order pickup, Schoolhouse Museum, 35753 Highway 17 at Meilleur's Bay

SUNDAY, MAY 17

11 am - 3 pm, Shuffleboard, all welcome, Chalk River Legion
2-5 pm, Acoustic open mic, DR Legion

MONDAY, MAY 18

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, 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 19

9 am, Seniors Friendship Club: Ballroom Dancing with Mac and Elizabeth, Deep River Library program room
10:30 am, Preschool Playtime, Pt. Alexander Library
11:30 am, Storytime, Deep River Library
4 pm, After School Chess (ages 8+), Deep River Library

To submit your event, email nrt@northrenfrewtimes.ca
For more to do, visit tinyurl.com/ActivityList2024January

Is Canada's new nuclear strategy achievable?

The following is a response to the article "CNL welcomes plans for new nuclear strategy" (NRT May 6).

The article summarized the announcement made by the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Tim Hodgson, at the annual conference of the Canadian Nuclear Association, held April 29.

A copy of his statement can be found on Canada.ca website by searching for the phrase "Government of Canada Committed to New Strategy for Nuclear Energy."

As quoted in the article: "The strategy will build on decades of made-in-Canada innovation, including in Candu technology; abundant uranium resources; a first-class workforce; and a world-leading safety regime."

As to "made-in-Canada innovation," none of the proposed designs for Small Modular Reactors (SMR) are based on Canadian designs.

For example, the reactor currently being built on OPG's Darlington site is not a Canadian design but a "GE Vernova Hitachi's BWRX-300."

Furthermore, the BWRX-300's uranium fuel will be enriched to between 3 and 5%.

Since a prototype reactor based on this design does not exist, it does not matter whether Canada has "a first-class workforce." Those workers (including the regulator) have little to no experience with manufacturing the enriched fuel, along with constructing, commissioning, operating and maintaining and decommissioning these non-Canadian designed reactors.

Consider this quote: "It will focus on growing Canadian industry in order to achieve energy affordability and security at home while seizing the global opportunity of a global industry that is expected to grow by up to \$200 billion per year by 2030."

Really, in about four years, the "global industry" is expected to grow by "up to \$200 billion per year"?

Since no details are provided as to what is included in these costs (for example rate increases, new builds, refurbishment, decommissioning, and waste disposal), for the sake of argument, let's assume that within four years this growth will happen.

With respect to rate-increases, a web search on this term returns several hits on OPG's proposed increase announced in November 2025. To quote from one site, CTV News:

"Ontario electricity rates increased by approximately 29 per cent on Saturday but the impact is expected to be offset for households by an increase in a provincial rebate program.

"The Ontario Energy Board issued a report last week saying the price hike is due to the province's higher-than-ex-

pected nuclear generation costs and higher-than-forecast conservation program expenses."

Consider Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator's (IESO) March 2024 report entitled "Annual Planning Outlook - Resource Costs and Trends."

This report contains two tables that compare "capital costs, operating costs, and total levelized costs of energy (LCOE) of resources for 2024 and 2050."

These tables compare the re-

sources: renewable (wind and solar photo-voltaic), natural gas, nuclear, hydro, and biomass.

The numbers shown were taken from the report's Table 2, "Upfront, Operating and Levelized Costs of Resources, 2050" and focus on the capital costs, operations and maintenance, and LCOE for the renewables and nuclear sources.

Given these costs, it is safe to conclude that nuclear cannot address "energy affordability."

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Resource	Capital Cost (\$/kW)	Fixed O&M (\$/kW-year)	Levelized Cost of Energy (\$/MWh)
Wind	1,304	34	33
Solar-PV Utility	914	19	33
Solar-PV Dist.	1,244	15	70
Nuclear	11,542	228	131
Nuclear SMR	13,821	178	132

Stepped up

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However, when rural broadband funding finally arrived, its requirements aligned more naturally with the resources of large providers, leaving smaller community ISPs across Ontario unable to participate.

Cogeco received nearly \$29 million in provincial and federal funding, while WCCT received none.

Under the regulatory framework for these projects, Cogeco will have exclusive use of the new network for five years, even though a significant portion of the build was supported by public funding.

Most households do not need the extreme speeds being advertised. Meanwhile, WCCT's service has improved markedly and remains more than adequate - and more affordable - for many families.

WCCT is not perfect, but it has earned our loyalty the hard way: by stepping up when no one else would.

Del Celli

Living with Long Covid

When I opened the NRT on Wednesday, May 6, I stopped in surprise seeing an extensive article entitled "Covid - the Elephant in the Room." Even now, how do I express my feelings, seeing this article in our local paper?

Friends and family have been incredibly

supportive, believing in me, even if not fully understanding the varied impacts and limitations of Long Covid.

This article adds so much value, presenting a better understanding to the broader community, particularly on behalf of those of us living with Long Covid.

Thank you Dr. Mark Ungrin for providing this insight into an illness that has also affected many people living in Deep River & area.

Joan Loughheed

Nuclear heritage

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The Rochester group gained world-wide recognition when they established that the Shroud of Turin, long claimed to have been a cloak over the body of Jesus Christ, was in fact only produced during the Middle Ages.

Over the past several decades an entirely new cadre of radioisotopes, using the AMS technique, have been used to determine the ages of materials.

Uranium 235 (half-life 700 million years) and uranium 238 (half-life 4.5 billion years) have been studied in ancient rocks.

Their decay chains lead to the formation of stable lead-207 and 206, respectively, which is captured within the rocks.

By determining the lead/ura-

nium ratios, the age of the rock formations can be determined.

The decay of potassium-40 (half-life 1.3 billion years) into argon-40, which is again retained in the rocks, has similarly been used for aging volcanic outflows.

Other isotopes include the use of chlorine-36 (half-life 301,000 years) to determine the age of ancient, deep, underground water and the decay of rubidium-87 (half-life 49 billion years) into strontium-87.

This later combination was used to determine the age of lunar rocks.

Most of the artifacts at the Canadian Nuclear Heritage Museum are less than 90 years old and none of the above techniques are applicable to dating them - we rely instead on the word-of-mouth technique.

We invite all visitors to offer their recollections so that we may improve our accuracy.

To arrange a visit contact us at info@nuclearheritage.com.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY: DEEP RIVER TO KEEP FIRE RESCUE BOAT

75 YEARS AGO

MAY 11, 1951: Notice to residents - On one of the first sunny days after the publication of this (Deep River) Digest, the residents of the village will be visited by a low-flying airplane. Please do not be alarmed, as this will be a plane taking aerial photographs of the village. These photographs will be used later, in the Community Association's progress report, which will be published some time in early summer. There will be more news about this report in the near future.

MAY 11, 1951: The Deep River Softball Association held its second meeting of the season last Tuesday. A tentative opening date for the league will be May 28. Entries were received from five teams: Building 100, 200 Area, Maintenance, Building 409, and Rolphton. The addition of the Rolphton team will add greatly to the competition in the league and provide a more interesting brand of ball than we've had for some time.

60 YEARS AGO

MAY 11, 1966: Chalk River took delivery of a 1966 model 500 gallon triple combination fire pumper on May 4. Reeve Robert Seguin accepted the keys on behalf of the residents of the village and handed them over to Fire Chief Thomas Tennant. The chief stated that the arrival of the new truck will mean a stepped up training program for the firemen. A banquet will be held for the firemen and their ladies on June 4.

MAY 11, 1966: Carol Fox, 22, daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Fox of Deep River, was chosen Recreation Association Queen of the year in Ottawa last Friday against 31 contestants from each of the government departments competing. Judges rated the 31 girls on poise, personality, makeup, hair, face and figure at a pageant which drew an audience of 1,000. Carol will reign over the tulip festival in Ottawa from May 14 to 31 and the Recreation Association's 25th anniversary celebration on July 9.

50 YEARS AGO

MAY 12, 1976: Partly as a result of citizen protests, Deep River council has reversed its decision to sell the town's rescue boat. The boat, which was purchased in 1974 for \$3,000, was to be sold because council felt there was insufficient use of the boat to justify its retention. Furthermore, it was felt that citizens could provide a rescue service for themselves. At last week's meeting, Mr Stan Kendrick presented a petition to council with 59 signatures requesting the boat be retained.

MAY 12, 1976: The annual Chalk River and Area Lions Bike-a-Thon will be held on Saturday, May 15. There are two starting points: St. Barnabas Anglican Church in Deep River and the Chalk River arena. The



Civil service RA Queen - Carol Fox, formerly of Deep River, chosen in Ottawa as Queen of the civil service Recreation Association. (NRT May 11, 1966)

route - Wylie Road to Chalk River, Plant Road to CRNL, then the old Pembroke-Mattawa Road to Deep River - will be well supervised with the assistance of the Deep River Police, the Ontario Provincial Police, St. John Ambulance and Lions members.

40 YEARS AGO

MAY 14, 1986: They called it his "roast," but MP Len Hopkins was cooked over the gentlest of fires last Wednesday evening. In the company of a busload of Ottawa Liberals and perhaps 800 of his closest friends, Hopkins and his wife basked in a politician's dream - warm praise from his constituents after 20 years and six months of continuous service as a Member of Parliament.

MAY 14, 1986: Jim Tierney, a graduate of Mackenzie High School, finished a successful football career at Mount Allison University in New Brunswick with the Men's Sportsmanship Award for 1986. Tierney was quarterback and captain of the football Mounties for three years and led his team to two conference championships, two Atlantic Bowls, and one Vanier Cup (Canadian universities championship) game.

30 YEARS AGO

MAY 15, 1996: The Ministry of the Solicitor General is continuing with its public process of finding someone to fill a vacancy on the Deep River Police Services Board. But the uncertainty over which criteria will be used to choose the successful candidate, and what some say is a lack of openness in the process, remains a concern. The board opening was created earlier this year when the Ministry decided it would not reappoint Pravin Shah to a second term.

MAY 15, 1996: The Deep River Gymnastics Club held its 10th annual gymnastics competition on Sunday at the high school with 65 girls competing in pre-novice, novice, junior and senior categories. Heather Joyce dominated in Senior B, winning overall as well as taking first on beam and vault. Laura Hunter took third all-round with thirds on vault and floor.

20 YEARS AGO

MAY 17, 2006: The town of Deep River may add a new section to its Official Plan to allow it to take advantage of an economic development tool called a "community improvement plan." Planning and development director John Walden told council recently that a community improvement plan (CIP) allows municipalities to provide incentives to businesses that are not otherwise allowed under the Municipal Act.

MAY 17, 2026: The mixed doubles team of Lisa Shi and James Richmond completed a fabulous school season by winning silver at the OFSAA Badminton Championships held in Timmins. The provincial tournament is held the first weekend of May every year, and pits the top players drawn from high school county and regional competitions. Their silver represents Mackenzie's only medal in badminton at OFSAA although the school has sent many players in the past in all events except mixed doubles.



Members of the Deep River and District Health Auxiliary announced \$157,000 in donations to DRDH at this year's annual general meeting and luncheon. Shown here presenting the donation are Maureen Bakewell, Marguerite Santone, Janna Hotson – DRDH president and CEO, Eileen Burke – Auxiliary president, Judith Cloutier, Patricia Clouthier, and William Willard – DRDH executive vice president and chief financial officer (CFO).

DRDH Auxiliary announces \$157,000 in donations

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The Deep River and District Health Auxiliary announced \$157,000 in donations at its annual general meeting and luncheon held last Thursday.

The event brought together Auxiliary volunteers,

DRDH leadership, and team members to celebrate another year of remarkable volunteerism and community support that continues to strengthen healthcare services across the region.

This year's donations will support several important initiatives at DRDH and Four Seasons Lodge.

The largest contributions include \$50,000 toward the creation of a secure medication storage room in the emergency department, featuring swipe-card access, enhanced medication dispensing space, and upgraded security measures.

The Auxiliary's donations also include \$50,000 for the replacement of patient lifts across the medical floor and Four Seasons Lodge to support safe patient handling and staff safety.

MAMMOGRAPHY UNIT

The Auxiliary also continued its longstanding support of the preschool speech and language program with a \$17,000 donation, helping ensure children throughout the region have access to essential early intervention services.

In addition, the Auxiliary committed \$40,000 toward the future replacement of the hospital's mammography machine, a critical diagnostic tool for the community.

The current equipment is approaching end of life, and the donation marks the beginning of fundraising efforts for the approximately \$600,000 replacement project.

BOTTLE DRIVE

Proceeds to be donated to the Chalk River & Area Lions Club

DROP-OFF LOCATION:
Chalk River & Area Lions Hall (back door)
11 Kellett Street, Chalk River
every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
May - September

Pickups available upon request



Contact Kristina Vanderhorn
• 613-602-1258 for info

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Pembroke contest renamed as Canadian championship

Marking a historic milestone in its 48-year legacy, the Pembroke Fiddle & Stepdance Contest has officially transitioned to a new identity - the “Canadian Fiddle & Stepdance Championship.”

The Pembroke and Area Fiddle Association recently introduced the re-brand to formally align the event’s name with its reputation as one of the highest levels of competition in the country.

The new name ensures that winners now officially hold a national title, reflecting the high calibre of talent the event has attracted from across Canada and the United States since the contest’s inception in 1975.

For 48 years, winning in Pembroke has been considered the ultimate achievement, a reputation earned through a well-run event supported by dedicated volunteers, sponsors and high-level judging from some of the most respected names in the field.

This year’s competition will take place at Festival Hall on September 4 and 5. The event will feature a new logo and a renewed mission to crown the very best players and dancers in the country.

Registration is now open for the competition and camping at Fiddle Park.

Visit the website for details: www.pembrokefiddlestepdance.com.

GRANNIES TO HOLD PLANT SALE

The Petawawa and Area Grannies will hold their annual plant sale on Saturday, May 23 from 9 am to 1 pm in front of Looking Glass Toys and Games, 3025 Petawawa Blvd.

All plants are locally donated. There will be a table for rhubarb and sour

dough started in front of Kushy’s store.

All profits from this event will be donated to the Stephen Lewis Foundation in support of African Grandmothers, orphans and those others affected by HIV/AIDS.

For more information or to make donations to the Stephen Lewis foundation, contact Esther Gaudet at 613-281-0907.

Auxiliary

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During the meeting, DRDH president and CEO Janna Hotson and executive vice-president and CFO William Willard presented updates on the new Four Seasons Lodge long-term care home currently under construction.

Attendees were shown progress photos and building plans for the modern facility, which will enhance long-term care services for the region.

They also shared plans to repurpose the current Four Seasons Lodge building into a new three-bed hospice space, bringing hospice care services to Deep River and surrounding communities.

In her annual report, Auxiliary president Eileen Burke thanked volunteers and executive members for their continued dedication and support

throughout the year.

The Auxiliary also recognized several milestones and community initiatives from the past year, including participation in the grand opening of the new Family Health Team building and contributions to a library display celebrating the hospital’s 50 years of service.

From April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026, Auxiliary volunteers contributed an impressive 14,795 hours supporting the Whistle Stop, hospital gift shop, palliative care, Four Seasons Lodge, and Auxiliary executive activities.

Since its founding in 1974, the DRDH Auxiliary has donated more than \$2 million and contributed hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours in support of healthcare in the region.

“DRDH extends sincere thanks to every Auxiliary member for the essential role they play in enhancing care and improving the patient experience throughout the community.”

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Seniors Friendship Club



BALLROOM DANCING

- The medical term “synchronous diaphragmatic flutter” sounds like a serious ailment. However, don’t worry – it’s more commonly called “hiccups”!
- Wednesday, May 13, Walk in the Woods: Nothing planned as weather forecast is not favourable.
- Thursday, May 14, 10 am at the Deep River Library, Coffee and Conversation.
- Tuesdays, May 19 and 26 - 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. If we do not receive more interest, we will need to cancel the lessons.

- Saturday, May 23 - Community Kitchens Free Breakfast at the CEC - 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.
- Also on May 23 - Sing-along Saturday at 7 pm at the Deep River Legion. Nominal payment at the door. Preregistration is encouraged so we know how many guests to expect; please email: 23uovsfc55@gmail.com.
- Tuesday, June 2 at the Deep River Library program room at 9 am – Join us as Anne Mykolyshyn instructs us on how to make beautiful Pysanky Eggs. Deadline to pay/register is May 19. Non-refundable payment may be made to: 23uovsfc55@gmail.com or by dropping your payment with a note into the SFC dropbox on the counter at the Deep River town hall.

• Tuesday, June 9 - Two speakers at the Deep River Library program room. First at 9 am, Nina Shah, pharmacist with Deep River’s Pharmacy, will discuss how skin changes with age, common skin conditions, how to care for our skin, and much more.

Next at 11 am –Makyla Gendron speaking about the Community Connector program – helping older adults connect to local services. Have you recently needed support services at home and wondered how or where you might find them or even if they’re available?

The Community Connector program aims to improve awareness, understanding, and utilization of community support services across the region.

This work is especially important given the current system pressures we are all experiencing, including a shortage of primary care providers, increased reliance on emergency departments for non-urgent needs, and the growing complexity of an aging population.

These challenges contribute to service inefficiencies and highlight the need for stronger connections between healthcare and community based supports. There is no cost to attend these talks; all are welcome to attend.

AGM

• Thursday, June 11, noon - 2 pm AGM and BBQ at the Deep River Legion.

Please join us for our annual General Meeting and BBQ. BBQ will consist of hot dogs and hamburgers, fruit and veggies trays, dessert, tea/coffee.

If you wish to join us for the AGM/BBQ please register no later than June 1, with etransfer and stating your preference (hotdog or hamburger) to: 23uovsfc55@gmail.com; payment may also be made at the SFC drop box at the Deep River town hall.

Reports will be emailed to members in advance of the meeting.

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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

- Drop
- Sort
- Fluffy scarf
- Befuddled
- Make well
- Wise bird
- Now hear ____!
- Holder
- Film star Marvin
- Supply
- Betting numbers
- Office note
- King's superior
- TGIF part
- Small cuts
- Clever
- Undress
- Of sound
- Epoch
- Snacked
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- Espy
- British weight
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- Lengthens
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- Undercover agent
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- Lariat
- Tonsils' site
- Aches
- Took some steps
- Lodge member
- Brave
- Due
- Heavy malt beverages
- Three-bagger
- Forget
- Schooner part
- Resound
- Stingy
- Unobserved
- Alaskan king ____
- High-flying toy
- Hurried
- Flat boat
- Patronize
- Phantoms
- Questioned
- Kingdom
- Tree fluids
- Make ready
- Approval
- Historic time
- Draw
- First number
- Stroke lightly



Deep River native Keith Roach, a teacher at Fellowes High School in Pembroke, was one of those to receive an RCDSB recognition award last week.

Board hands out employee recognition awards

The Renfrew County District School Board (RCDSB) celebrated Education Week last week by announcing the recipients of its 2025-26 Employee Recognition Awards.

Ten dedicated staff members from across the board were celebrated for their exceptional contributions to the achievement, equity, and well-being of students, staff, and school communities.

The annual awards are the result of a peer-nomination process that highlights individuals who not only excel in their duties but also actively contribute to creating positive, welcoming, and productive learning and work environments.

“Congratulations to the employees of Renfrew County District School Board who have been recognized by their peers for their outstanding contributions to their workplace, students and peer employees,” said Leo Boland, board chair.

“It is always such an honour to be selected by one’s peers. Heartfelt thanks are also extended to family and friends who have stood by and supported these chosen employees throughout their incredible journeys with our school board.”

This year’s recipients represent a di-

verse cross-section of the RCDSB, from the front lines of our classrooms and the essential care of our facilities to the strategic support in our central departments.

“To recognize their remarkable contributions during Education Week is a fitting tribute to the people who make public education come alive every day,” the board said.

“RCDSB staff are the key to our students’ success,” said Kristen Niemi, director of education.

“These awards allow us to pause and celebrate the leadership and ‘everyday brilliance’ that happens across the District.”

The 2025-26 recipients were profiled during the ceremony for their unique contributions, ranging from pioneering Indigenous “On the Land” learning initiatives and varsity sports revitalization to ensuring physical accessibility and mental health support for all learners.

Among the award recipients was Deep River native Keith Roach, a secondary teacher and guidance counsellor at Fellowes High School in Pembroke, who was recognized as “the person who brought varsity football back to Fellowes, and that’s just one chapter of his story!”

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INTERESTING BATTLE

Five tables played an eight round, three boards per round, Howell movement on Thursday with the strong and improving team of Peter Brewster/Doug Barnard taking first place, going away, with a score of 64.1%.

Bruce Walker/Pravin Shah were alone in second with 53.1%, and three teams: Rick Duncan/Judy Hill, Monica Mulvihill/Bev Morrier, and Patricia Mellors/Margaret MacPherson shared third-fifth with 52.1%.

Mark Selander directed, as Geoffrey Edwards was away.

• There is a classic bridge story about two bums telling each other what caused their downfalls over a bottle of muscatel in a paper bag. One bum says he's on the street because he forgot to draw trumps. The other bum shares that he drew trumps too early when he needed them as entries to dummy.

On board 20 West deals and opens the bidding with 1S, North probably stays out of the auction due to having poor suits and being vulnerable, and East raises to 2S.

A 2NT game-try by West, and a 3NT raise by East, would get the partnership to nicely judged and "bomb-proof" 3NT, but if East sees their hand as flat and weak, then 3S is possible. On the other hand, if West overbids, then 4S may be the final contract.

A bid of 3S, like 3NT, obviously has nine easy tricks, but a contract of 4S leads to an interesting battle. If North gets off to a heart lead, declarer will lose two tricks in each red suit without a fight. A club, spade or diamond lead, however, gives declarer a chance.

After a club lead (say), declarer sees that he cannot afford to draw trumps too early because he needs the third trump on dummy as a late entry to the long diamond which is



his only hope.

After winning the Ac at trick 1, declarer immediately attacks diamonds by playing Ad at trick 2 and a low diamond at trick 3.

The defender who wins this second diamond must 1) see what declarer is doing and 2) recognize that a heart switch is critical at this point. If the defence lazily tries to cash the Kc, it is all over but the shouting.

Declarer will ruff the club play, play a third round of diamonds, win a belated heart switch with the Ah, and (finally) draw trumps in three rounds ending on dummy so as to cash dummy's fourth diamond (throwing a heart) as his 10th trick.

This afternoon, 3NT was not found, 3S was uniformly rejected, and the hand was played in the spade game at every table.

The matchpoint scores were (N/S results and matchpoints in brackets):

- 5SN -2 (-200, 0 matchpoints)
- 4SN -1 (-100, 2 matchpoints)
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- 4SN = (+620, 4 matchpoints)

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	♦ K102		
8	♠ Q985		

SENIORS FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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At the AGM we will be asking for nominations for the vice president role. Our current VP's term is coming to an end; if you wish to find out more about this role, please contact the UOV SFC president, Wanda Harvey, at: wanda.harveylg@gmail.com.

SCREENING CLINICS

• Valvular heart diseases are dysfunctions of the doors that direct blood flow within the heart. These diseases affect hundreds of

thousands of people in Canada.

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.

Registration for the clinics on remaining clinics October 20 and November 5 is now closed. If you have registered and have any questions about your appointment, please call 613-696-7412 or email at: heart-valve@ottawaheart.ca.

• The Upper Ottawa Valley Seniors Friendship Club is open to all adults living in the area from Chalk River to Deux Rivieres. Website seniorsfriendshipclub.ca. Facebook www.facebook.com/sfc.uov.

DISTRICT DARTS

Hello everyone. If you missed the River Run youth theatre show Friday night, sorry to hear that - it was great, a terrific cast and a great crowd.

• We have some special dart players: they came in second at District on Saturday and they are moving on to Provincials in June. Congratulations to Lee Ann, Laurie, Mike and Chris. Good luck at Provincials!

• Community Band put on a great concert on Sunday. Massive crowd and great tunes - well done all.

• May 21 is Karaoke, May 29 is the River Run Cabaret Comedy show. June 6 is the cornhole tournament.

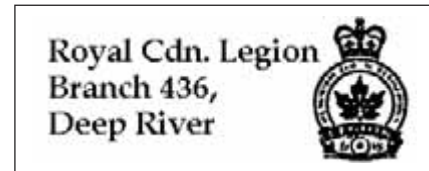
• The cheese order will be delivered on May 14. We will call and let you know - it will be behind the bar for pickup.

Euchre has ended for the summer and will be back in the fall. Fun Darts (Mondays), Cornhole (Tuesdays) and Open Mic (Sundays) are still ongoing.

MAY DINNER

• Chicken Parmesan Dinner will be served at the Chalk River & Area Lions Hall on Friday, May 29. The meal comes with Caesar salad, roll, desert, and coffee/tea. There will be two sittings: 4:30 pm and 6 pm. Call Eileen at 613-401-4546.

• B-I-N-G-O takes place on Sunday, June 14 at the Chalk River & Area Lions Hall. Doors open at 12 pm, bingo starts at 1 pm with a \$400 Jackpot!



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MATCH UP

LOST BIKE: A mountain bike fell off a car bike rack last Wednesday, May 6, somewhere between the Deep River Marina and Meilleur's Bay. It is a red Trek full suspension mountain bike and the owners are anxious for its return. If you may have picked it up or have any information that would help, please call 613-799-5789.

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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SWISHA HAPPENINGS

Walleye season opens Friday

BY DEBBIE FOLEY

For the fisherfolk, walleye season opens the Friday before the third Saturday in May, this year May 15.

A reminder to know your limits and the rules in the area you are fishing. If you are fishing on the Quebec side of the Ottawa River, no live bait fish can be used. Worms, leeches etc are fine.

Ontario licenses are recognized and valid when fishing on the island, but on the mainland you must have a Quebec license.

Until June 19 the waterway from the end of McConnell Lake to Colton Creek (roughly the Depanneur) is closed to angling as it is a walleye spawning sanctuary. Happy fishing!

LOSS AND GRIEF

The Maison des Jeunes is hosting two “Loss and Grief” sessions in June. Priscilla of Intensions Wellness will facilitate the sessions on Tuesday, June 9 and Tuesday, June 23 at 6:30 pm at the municipal hall, 48 rue de l’Elise.

In these sessions you will learn of the many different ways we can experience loss and the different ways we each experience grief.

Whether it is loss of a relationship, retirement or loss of a job, or a death, the tools needed to manage the grief that follows will be shared to help you heal and recover from the unique challenges you are facing.

While attending both sessions is encouraged, it is not mandatory.

There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Please contact Kelsey at 819-360-0092 or kdaly.mdjpontiac@outlook.com.

The river trail still has a good section underwater, but the inland trails are good for hiking.

We hope you are able to come and enjoy a break in nature! Looking forward to seeing you.



The River Recreation Improvement Association (RRIA) is gearing up for another season and anxiously awaiting the water to go down, and to warm up! Founded in 1965 as the Deep River Motorboat Club, the RRIA provides garbage and recycling services as well as picnic tables and outhouses at nine local beaches on the Quebec side of the Ottawa River. Looking forward to another season are RRIA executive and summer student/employee (left to right): John Osborne, Tess Carina, Wyatt Fitton, Jeff Wilson, and Mike English. For more information, email rria.deeriver@gmail.com.

Chimney Swift Count Night at NPD

Watching the Chimney Swifts come to roost in the ventilation stack at the Nuclear Power Demonstration (NPD) site has become something we look forward to each year. Since 2016, we've invited our communities to join us to experience possibly the largest Chimney Swift roost in Canada. If you've participated in previous years, you know. The Chimney Swift Count Nights at NPD are pretty special. The month of May marks the Chimney Swifts' return to their seasonal habitat and you're invited to join us (and the birds)! This year's event will include special guests from Birds Canada who will discuss the life history of Chimney Swifts, the causes behind their population declines, and how you can help support their recovery.

Chimney Swift Count Night
 Wednesday, May 27, 2026
 8:15 p.m.
 NPD site, Rolphton, Ontario
 Advance registration is required at cnl.ca/events
 Registration closes on Friday, May 15, 2026
 More details will be provided to registered participants on
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DEATHS



COLE, Maurice

It is with heartfelt sadness that we announce the passing of Maurice Donald Cole, aged 90. Maurice faced his recent illness with strength and dignity, surrounded by care and compassion. Maurice passed away peacefully in the early morning on Wednesday April 29, 2026.

Beloved husband of Marlene Cole (Washington), loving father of Malcolm (Heidi), Lee Taylor (Kate) Margaret Booth (Jay) and former daughter in law Suzanne Sheridan. Cherished grandfather of Charleena, Chantelle, Brett (Julie), Taylor (Miriam) and Emily (Shawn). Preceded by his sister Linda McKenzie (Donald).

A Celebration of life will be held at a later date. In memory of Maurice, donations to the Heart Institute of Ottawa or the North Renfrew Family Services would be gratefully appreciated. Maurice's memory will live on in the hearts of those he touched.

The family extends their sincere gratitude to Dr Terry McVey, Maddie and the Bayshore staff for their exceptional care and support. Special Thanks to Eddie and Lauren, Travis, Rachel and Rebecca.

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LARONDE,

Timothy (Tim)

October 11th 1961
– February 13th 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Timothy (Tim) Laronde at the age of 64.

Beloved son of Marilyn Lantaigne (Gilbert), dear brother of Tami Thibeault, Paul Laronde (Vicky) and uncle to Nathan, Amanda, Jeffrey, Tea, and great uncle to Haley. Step uncle to Taylor and Logan.

Aunts Barbara Laronde, Lucy Berger, Sandra Condon, Ann Tooley and



great aunt Vivian Bowes, and many cousins.

Predeceased by father George, and grandparents Gerald (Genevieve) Tooley, and Winnifred Laronde plus many uncles and aunts and cousins.

Special uncle Kenneth Laronde.

Tim was born and raised in Deep river and enjoyed hockey and baseball and loved his motorcycles. He worked at A.E.C.L. for 8 years, then worked in Ottawa at LOEBS for 10 years before moving to Alberta (Grassland), working in logging.

A Memorial Service will be held at Real Hope Christian Assembly, 33019 Highway 17, Deep River Saturday, May 30th at 11:00 AM, followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Interment at Deep River Community Cemetery.

KRUGER,

David “Dave” Albert

Dave passed away, peacefully, surrounded by his loving partner of 34 years, Marg Bowes, and his beloved siblings, Denis (Margaret), Diane Berezowski (John) and Pauline Billington (George) on Tuesday, May 5th, 2026 in his 78th year.

Dave will be sadly missed by his many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, close friends, extended family and golfing buddies. Dave is pre-deceased by his parents Albert and Rita Kruger, infant sister Linda, brother Paul, nephew Nathan Kruger, and his niece and goddaughter Angie Krueger, with whom he shared a very special connection.

Dave was born on November 12, 1948 in Pembroke, where he spent



his childhood growing up across the street from Holy Name School. Dave was known for the “adventures” he had in his youth, especially the ones with his brother, Denis. He modeled very well how to avoid getting in trouble/getting caught for his 5 younger siblings! He loved playing hockey at the outdoor rink, which led to his later love of golf.

After High School, Dave moved to Sudbury and spent several years

working in the mines before training to become a butcher. He spent the majority of his adult years working as a lead butcher for A&P, which is where he met his love, Marg.

When not at work, Dave could be found on the golf course, which was his other love. He was known for his wit, his sense of humour, his love of dogs, his generosity, his gift of the gab and his contagious laugh.

As per Dave's wishes, cremation has taken place, and there will be no visitation or service. In memory of Dave, please consider a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society, or the Deep River Hospital.

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ROSS, Don

Don passed away at the North Renfrew Long Term Care in Deep River, Ontario on May 4th, 2026 at the age of 97. He is survived by his loving wife Dorothy with whom he shared 74 years of happy marriage, sons Ian and David, and predeceased by his son Bruce.

Don and family arrived in Deep River in 1959 to further his career at Atomic Energy Canada Limited and retired 32 years later in Deep River. He was a quiet man with infinite patience who loved music, art and was very active in sports.

He played short stop on the ball team, played tennis, golfed, curled, jogged and enjoyed cot-

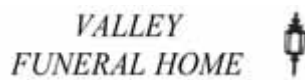
tage life at black bay. On his final day at "the plant" he jogged home.

He was active in the community and was president of the Curling Club and Chairman of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario (Algonquin chapter) for a term. He was also involved in volunteer work at the library and coached boys hockey. Once retired, Don and Dorothy travelled extensively and enjoyed visiting every continent.

"Deep peace of the gentle night to you" Gaelic Blessing

The family extends special thanks to the entire staff of the North Renfrew Long Term Care for their professional, compassionate and loving care. Thanks also to Dr. Noulty, Dr. McVey and to Janice for her help and support over a period of years.

If you wish to make a donation in Dons Memory, please consider the North Renfrew Long Term Care in Deep River.



DUPUIS, Glenda Carol

- Suddenly at Marianhill on Friday, May 1st, 2026 in her 62nd year. Glenda Dupuis of Pembroke, beloved daughter of the late Andy and Dorothy Dupuis (nee Hofmann). Dear sister of Raun of Renfrew, Kevin (Mary-Kay Jones) of Chalk River, Gail (Ron Walker) of Scarborough, Andrea (Charles) Audette of Pembroke, Colleen (Bob) MacNeil of Kingston and Marvin (Kathy) Dupuis of Chalk River. Predeceased by an infant sister. Sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Glenda was a 40 year member of the St. Anthony's Catholic Church Catholic Woman's League (Chalk River). She was 20 year Volunteer at the North Renfrew Long-Term Care Centre and a longtime member of the Pembroke/Deep River Special Olympics

Bowling league. She volunteered at several churches folding weekly bulletins and in the laundry facility at the Deep River Hospital.

Due to a childhood illness Glenda's speech abilities were impaired but with the support of her family, friends, the staff at Community Living Upper Ottawa Valley and her Host Family, Glenda was able to communicate and participate in a truly joyful life. She loved jigsaw puzzles, word searches, music, bowling and particularly enjoyed winning against anyone who would play King's in the Corner or Crazy Eight's with her.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the Valley Funeral Home, 33337 Trans-Canada Hwy., Deep River on Thursday, May 14th, 2026 from 5-8 p.m. A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Chalk River on Friday, May 15th, 2026 at 11 a.m. Interment St. Anthony's Cemetery, Chalk River.

As an expression of sympathy, donations to Special Olympics Canada would be appreciated. Arrangements by the Neville Funeral Home, 491 Isabella St., Pembroke. Online Condolences may be left at www.nevillefuneral-home.ca



KELLY, Rolland J.

March 27, 1942
- May 5, 2026

It is with sadness that our family announces the passing of Rolland Kelly our husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

Rolland was a fun loving, hard-working man, who was truly family focused throughout his life.

Rolland leaves behind his loving wife Lynne (Daley) of 60 years, his 2 cherished daughters, Lorraine Steele (Dave) and Kimberly Kelly (Curtis). He also leaves behind his brother Ronald (Barb), Jeannette Wright (the late Robert) and Lee-Ann McCarthy. As well as his 5 grandchildren who lovingly called him Papa, Dustin (Jordan), Savannah (Tyler), Jonathon, Stephanie (Bruno) and Terran; 2 great grandchildren Lyle and Curtis who called him Gipa.

He was predeceased by his parents Percy and

Eva Kelly (Durocher) and sister Eliette McKay.

Rolland worked at AECL for 38 years and valued his job and the friendships he formed with the people he had the privilege to work along side. Rolland was an active and familiar presence in his community. He was a longtime active member with the Knights of Columbus.

He enjoyed the great outdoors, and was an active participant and enthusiast of many sports including curling, hockey, golf and skiing. Rolland was always eager to travel whether it was on a road trip or down to the sunny South.

The family will receive relatives and friends at Valley Funeral Home in Deep River on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 from 2 - 4 and 6 - 8pm. A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Deep River on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 11am, followed by Interment at Deep River Cemetery.

In memory of Rolland, donations to either the Deep River Hospital Foundation or the North Bay Special Olympics (cheques made payable to North Bay Special Olympics) would be appreciated.

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LONG WEEKEND ROAD SAFETY

As part of a commitment to the provincial traffic safety program, the Upper Ottawa Valley (UOV) detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) will be taking part in the annual Canada Road Safety Week campaign which runs from May 12-18.

The seven-day campaign is a collaborative effort by Canadian police services which targets high risk driving behaviours that put road users at risk.

OPP officers will be highly visible in the Upper Ottawa Valley detachment area while paying specific attention to the "The Big 4" which, in terms of personal injury collisions, are impaired driving, distracted driving, aggressive driving and not using seatbelts.

Laurentian Hills to maintain zero increase in tax rate

For at least the 14th year in a row, the town of Laurentian Hills is set to maintain a zero per cent increase in its local tax rate.

Laurentian Hills council is expected to approve its 2026 budget at a special meeting Thursday, May 28. The budget is posted on the town's website for the public to view.

The budget proposes freezing the town's tax rate where it has been since 2013, at \$742 for every \$100,000 of assessment.

Individual property taxes are the result of the tax rate times the property's assessed value.

The town's total property assessment value has risen from roughly \$290 million in 2013 to more than

\$400 million in 2026, meaning total tax revenue has risen by almost 38 per cent over that time.

Total assessment for 2026 is \$408.1 million, up from \$405.6 million last year, an increase of just 0.61 per cent.

In addition to residential taxes of just over \$2.47 million, the town also receives more than \$644,500 in pipeline taxes and \$387,800 in "grants in lieu" of taxes from the Department of National Defence, Environment Canada, Ontario Power Generation, the Ministry of Natural Resources, and other agencies.

Federal and provincial grants will total more than \$982,800 in 2026, and the town will carry over a surplus of \$363,516 from 2025.

The town will also transfer \$1.01 million from reserves into this year's budget, up from \$602,321 in 2025.

Overall, the draft budget calls for \$6.233 million in spending for the current year, up from \$5.574 million in 2025.

The budget includes \$762,500 in spending on several special projects, including money for the design of a new municipal hall and public works building, town land surveys, and upgrades to the Chalk River sewage treatment plant.

POLICE COSTS

Police costs will come in at \$464,294, up from \$419,843 last year, including both the cost of OPP policing and police service board expenses.

The budget for the town's fire department will be \$453,639, including funding towards the replacement of firefighters' breathing apparatus and building and equipment repairs.

Public works will come in

at \$930,835 - up from \$801,563 million last year - including paving on Railway Street, Station Street and Wylie Road, road repairs due to this year's flooding, and driveway repairs in Mountain View subdivision.

Recreation is budgeted at \$105,527, including money for parks and playground maintenance and upgrades, and the purchase of a batting cage and pitcher's mound for the Chalk River ball field.

The budget also includes an allocation of \$967,195 back into to reserves, up from \$650,000 in 2025, including funds for the Baggs Road landfill site, fire, public works, streetlights and contingencies.

The town's total payroll for all departments will come to more than \$1.28 million including all wages and benefits, an overall increase of about 14 per cent.



PUBLIC NOTICE

=== WET PAINT ===

The County of Renfrew assumes no responsibility for paint damage claims from motorists who cross wet paint lines.

Facts:

- Line painting is done primarily during daylight hours only
- Most County Roads and some local municipal roads are painted each year
- **It takes about 2 minutes for traffic paint to dry**
- Wet traffic paint on the road may splatter on your vehicle if you cross the center line before the paint has dried

IF YOU ENCOUNTER A LINE PAINTING CREW ON THE ROAD:

Don't:

- Pass, unless the warning signs direct you to do so
- Cross the center line



Do:

- Slow down and stay well behind the truck
- Obey the warning signs on the truck
- Be patient
- Unless otherwise directed, wait for the truck to pull over before passing

If your vehicle is splattered with paint:

- Go to a car wash as soon as possible
- If the paint does not wash off, spray the affected area with WD-40 and allow it to dry for 2 hours, then rewash the vehicle
- If the paint remains, consider submitting a claim to your insurer

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Nuclear strategy

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It is somewhat disappointing that the government's strategy appears to ignore both Canada's history and the current status of its nuclear projects that are publicly available.

Perhaps one reason is that, according to the government of Canada's website, the Honourable Tim Hodgson has little back-

ground in science, resource management, technology or most importantly, nuclear.

In conclusion, if this new nuclear strategy does not address Canada's lack of (1) history with new reactor designs, (2) qualified/experienced workers, including CNSC staff, and (3) knowledge regarding the actual costs of this energy compared to other sources (ie. renewables), then Canada's "new nuclear strategy" is unlikely "to achieve energy affordability and security at home while seizing the global opportunity of a global industry."

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RCDSB awards

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“Keith is a champion for student opportunity. He launched the Hockey Academy to help students grow on and off the ice, and he coaches everything from soccer to Nordic skiing,” the board said in its profile.

“As an academic advisor for the Pembroke Lumber Kings, he is committed to student success that extends well beyond the school walls.

“Students and families trust Keith deeply because he shows up, consistently and wholeheartedly, for the people in his care. Keith, your dedication to student growth is nothing short of inspiring.”

Other recipients of the Employee Recognition Awards for 2025-26 included:

- Bryan Bennett – elementary teacher, Highview Public School
- Anita Byrnes – educational support personnel, Madawaska Valley District School
- Bonnie Gauthier – custodian, Renfrew Collegiate Institute
- Kevin Klawitter – secondary teacher, Madawaska Valley District School
- Sharon McCafferty – executive assistant to the superintendent of education and program services
- Tina Nelson – principal, K-12 Indigenous Education
- Katie Pelley – early childhood educator, Eganville and District Public School
- Carina Wuehr – custodian, Pine View Public School
- Graeme Wyatt – secondary teacher, Arnprior District High School.

“The RCDSB extends its warmest congratulations to all recipients and thanks them for their unwavering commitment to the RCDSB community,” the board said.

“SWATTING” INCIDENT IN PEMBROKE

The Upper Ottawa Valley detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating a false emergency call, commonly referred to as “swatting,” in Pembroke.

Police say that on Wednesday, May 6, shortly after 6 pm, officers received a call from an individual using a suspected false identity, claiming that a homicide had occurred at a residence in Pembroke.

Officers responded to the location and conducted an investigation. It was determined that no individuals had been injured and no homicide had taken place.

Police have confirmed the incident to be a swatting call, similar to a previous occurrence in Barry’s Bay in February.

Swatting involves deliberately providing false or misleading information to emergency services to prompt a high-risk response from emergency services.

“The safety of our communities is a top priority for the OPP. Incidents of this nature are treated seriously, and significant police resources are deployed to ensure public safety.”

Placing a false emergency call is a criminal offence, and individuals responsible may face serious charges.

The investigation remains ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Upper Ottawa Valley OPP at 613-732-3332 or Renfrew County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



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 88 Glendale Ave Newly renovated 3 bed, mn fl laundry, gas heat, detached garage MLS X12706000 \$399,900	 34224 Hwy 17 26 acres, 3 bed, 2 bath, gas fp, 3 season room, newer furn & roof, att gar, shed MLS X12129172 \$929,900	 101 Lance Rd 3 bed, full bsmt w/airtight woodstove, prop furn/ca, dbl gar w/ht workshop MLS X12542466 \$409,900	 25 Laurentian St 2 bed, 2 bath, wood fp, fin bsmt, large yard, screened porch, inground pool MLS X1271517 \$495,000	 RIVERFRONT 581 Rocky Point Ln 3 bed custom bungalow, 2 baths, lg gar walkout bsmt, 25' river front MLS X12645418 \$1,200,000	
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 33430 Hwy 17 2 bed, custom kit, wood fp, jet tub, fin bsmt w/ 2nd kit, workshop, screen rm MLS X13045952 \$899,900	 11 Hammond Ct 3+1 bed on cul-de-sac, eat-in kit, fin bsmt, private back yard, storage shed MLS X12182431 \$379,900	 7 Martin St Wheelchair access, 3 bed, oak kit, 3 season rm, hot tub, part fin bsmt, woodstove MLS X12955880 \$485,000	 18 Summit St 2+1-bed, fin bsmt, gas heat/ca, det heated garage. Close to downtown. MLS X12958584 \$339,900	 294 Lau-Ren Rd Custom 4 bed 5 bath home on 2.3 acres, 200 ft sand beach, fin walk-out bsmt MLS X12969998 \$1,449,900	
 34 Faraday Cr 3 bed, hdwd floors throughout, part fin bsmt, gas heat, backs on green space MLS X13036804 \$319,900	 6 Hillcrest Ave 1 bedroom w/att sitting rm/ office, new gas furn, AC, new 1.5 car garage MLS X12904676 \$299,900	 5 Hammond Ct 2+2 bed, hdwd, spacious, fin bsmt, carport, close to parks, cul-de-sac MLS X12146168 \$359,900	 115 Lorne Pl 2+1 bed, open concept, updated kit, den/home office, 3 seas rm, lg private yard MLS X12823122 \$360,000	 RIVERFRONT 294 Lau-Ren Rd Custom 4 bed 5 bath home on 2.3 acres, 200 ft sand beach, fin walk-out bsmt MLS X12969998 \$1,449,900	
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