

Dental office drills down on new home

By Jamie Mountain

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

ENGLEHART – The times are changing and it was a time for change for the Englehart Dental Office.

Owned and operated by Dr. Julie Williams, the business has a new home as it recently opened the newly constructed office building at 35 Third Street. It's located just down the street from its original office space at 39 Third Street.

The Dental Office held an official ribbon cutting ceremony with its staff in front of the new location on February 24 to celebrate the move.

"I was just ready to have my own space, something I designed myself," explained Williams in an interview at the new office building.

"It just felt like the next step in the career."

Williams said she put plans into motion for the construction of the new building in January of 2020 but the process really began that March.

The old pizza place building that used to occupy the land of the new office then was demolished in July, she noted.

"Once it finally got going, it got going," said Williams with a smile.

"I just had the design (of the new building), I made it myself. None of the designers liked it but I just wanted my own space. I didn't want anything too big, just my size."

Once she purchased the lot from the town, Williams said she was able to design the building size-wise on it.

She noted that she originally planned to have a basement in the new building but ran into sewer and water line issues as well as encountering poor soil conditions.

"So it's just on a (concrete) slab now and that changed plans a little bit, but it worked out OK, we still have some storage around. It changed the chemical room slightly, so it changed in the planning as well. That delayed us a good month, month-and-a-half

with the redesigning."

Williams said that the COVID-19 pandemic also affected how she was able to carry out her construction plans.

"It definitely made material sourcing and everything very difficult," she said.

"The flooring took eight weeks when it should have been like two weeks, that delayed everything. Thank goodness I ordered all the dental equipment like nine months before needed because that didn't come in until November and it would have been bananas if it didn't come in."

Williams said the pandemic also "put a little bit of a damper" with how everything surrounding the dental office's operations flowed while the new building was being constructed, but it wasn't too much to overcome.

"We were able to get open for dentistry before ground broke, after the delays. We had to close to dentistry until the end of May (in 2020) and I was really worried about continuing but we got to open again," she noted.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Williams noted that the dental office has been open for three weeks and so far the reception from its patients and the community has been positive.

"It's been fantastic, they're loving the new space," she said.

"A lot of them are saying 'Thank you for investing in the community' and it's true, I didn't really think of that effect, but it's true. It was just always my game plan to stay (in Englehart) so now at least we have our own space to stay."

Williams said her goals for the future are just to enjoy the new office space and provide her patients with a lot more enhanced services.

"We have digital x-rays, more computers and everything, we're finally up to the 21st century" she noted.

"Long-term I just want to practice for the next 20 years, really, in comfort and in my own space. This was just the next step, I was ready."



The Englehart Dental Office has a new home at 35 Third Street in Englehart. On hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new office building on February 24 were, from the left, hygienist Sheryl Barlow, dental assistant/receptionist Tammy Robbins, dental assistant Brenda Hong, dentist and owner Dr. Julie Williams, hygienist Kate Loach and receptionist Kristy Van Vliet. (Staff photo by Jamie Mountain, LJI reporter)

Form 2 Expropriations Act

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IN THE MATTER OF an application by the Ministry of Transportation for approval to expropriate land, pursuant to s.11(2) and subsection 11.1(3) of the *Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act*, being in the Geographic Township of Otto, District of Timiskaming, Province of Ontario.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF: Site access and dewatering prior to the replacement of culverts on Dane Road 2 and all works related thereto.

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Giant canoe project idea floated at council

By **Jamie Mountain**

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

TEMAGAMI – Temagami’s 50-foot canoe project is back on track



Armstrong Township Mayor Jean Marc Boileau, at right, presented Donald Antler with a certificate recognizing his 29-and-a-half years of exemplary service as the township’s public works superintendent at council’s regular meeting on December 9. (Supplied Photo)

Armstrong’s long-time public works superintendent retires

By **Jamie Mountain**

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

EARLTON – Donald Antler is calling it a career after 29-and-a-half years of dedicated service to Armstrong Township.

Antler began his career as Armstrong’s public works superintendent on May 1, 1991, and the township said in a statement that he was “a dedicated employee. His experience, knowledge and resourcefulness

are appreciated.”

At council’s regular meeting December 9, Mayor Jean Marc Boileau presented him with a certificate honouring his long-standing service, along with offering him congratulations and best wishes in retirement.

Antler officially retired on October 31.

Caleb Fotheringham now serves as the township’s acting public works foreman.

after some delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council received a verbal update on the project from working group member Dave Wilfong at their December 10 regular meeting.

The purpose of creating the canoe is to give the town a landmark that would also be the world’s largest wood canvas canoe.

Wilfong told council he is currently building the form on which the canoe will be assembled.

“All of the dimensions are all configured, I have materials here for the form,” he said.

“The one drawback in this is getting the cedar material for the actual building of the canoe. I have a good line on some now but I still have to see if I’ll have it in time. I’ll bring an update on that shortly, probably sometime within the next few weeks.”

Wilfong said that once the form for the canoe is built, moving it to the Temagami arena would be “an ideal spot.” If that falls through, he noted that another location would be sorted out for it.

The construction of the canoe itself is planned for a March start, he said, with the form to be completed and set-up wherever the canoe is going to be built.

When June 2021 comes, Wilfong said that he would be “on hold” and that his hope is for someone - or a couple of people - to step in and keep

the project moving along. Ultimately, he said a September launch date is in the plans for the finished canoe.

“I still do not have anything back as far as the grants, we applied for two grants,” he noted.

“One is for a video documentary and the other is for the painting. (Artist) James Faubert has been brought in to this to do some form of painting on the canoe and then Bradley Paul has been lined up to do the video documentary. That could possibly change due to (Paul) putting things on hold in his video career at the moment.”

Wilfong stressed that it wouldn’t stop the video documentary from happening.

Councillor John Shymko told Wilfong after his update that he could be a failsafe to do the video documentary production and editing.

Deputy Mayor Cathy Dwyer commented that she had been talking with some people who would have a possible source for the cedar needed to build the canoe “because that’s pretty key for the whole project,” she said.

Mayor Dan O’Mara and Dwyer added that there had been some money verbally committed from citizens toward the project.

Council later agreed on a resolution that authorizes Dwyer to coordinate with other parties associated with the canoe project and bring a draft action plan to council.



Easy ways you can help prevent the spread of COVID-19

(NC) By now, most of us know how important it is to do our part to limit the spread of COVID-19. We’re familiar with public safety recommendations like wearing a mask or face covering and staying two metres apart. But there’s another easy thing that many more of us can do to have a major impact.

Health Canada is recommending that everyone with a compatible smartphone download the new COVID Alert app. It’s a free tool that can notify you of a possible exposure to COVID-19 before symptoms appear. If it notifies you of a possible exposure, you will be linked to your local public health unit’s advice so that you can limit the spread of COVID-19.

The app runs in the background without interrupting your activities. Whenever you’re near someone else who has the app, both phones exchange random codes every five minutes. The codes change often and can’t be used to identify you.

If someone with the app is diagnosed with COVID-19, they can choose to upload the random codes their phone sent. Every day, whenever your phone has an internet connection, it will get a list of the random codes from people who reported a positive diagnosis into the app. If it finds codes that match, the app notifies you that you may have been exposed and explains what to do next.

It’s important to know that the app doesn’t collect any identifiable information about you and has no way of knowing your location, name or address, or the place or time you were near someone.

Downloading the app is easy and works on iPhones and Androids. The more Canadians who install the app, the better we can limit the spread of COVID-19. Find more information at canada.ca/coronavirus

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WRAPPED UP

The Zubyck Skillz track and field program was in full swing on July 19 at the New Liskeard Algonquin Regiment Memorial Beach Park soccer fields. Children took part in fun exercises designed to improve their skills and understanding of the sports. Some of the fun is not planned, as when Miles Maga looked for Sutton Zubyck inside a folded mat. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

Delta variant

The ongoing push for vaccinations

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – As of noon yesterday (July 27), Temiskaming's active COVID-19 case count remained at zero.

That doesn't mean that there have been no people in the district who tested positive for the virus.

There have been – as has been the case throughout the pandemic, explained Dr. Glenn Corneil, the district's acting medical officer of health, earlier this week.

However, their cases are assigned

to other jurisdictions because of their home addresses.

Positive cases are not unexpected, in light of increased travel under Ontario's Step 3 of reopening, said Corneil.

But there has to date been no local spread, he said.

He urged the public to remain vigilant.

He pointed to increasing COVID-19 activity in the North Bay area, where some recent cases have been traced to the Delta variant.

Public Health Sudbury and Districts also reported late last week that the

more transmissible and dangerous Delta variant is now the dominant strain in its jurisdiction.

Two doses of vaccine are needed to best protect against the Delta variant, Corneil said.

"Our district and our individuals are more protected by the more people who get vaccinated," he said.

"The Delta variant does create some urgency to get that second dose in."

Provincial modelling suggests that the Delta variant is putting Ontario at risk of a fourth wave of COVID-19 in the fall, he said, making it "even more

important that everybody gets vaccinated as soon as they can."

He reminded residents that they can get a second shot 28 days after their first.

It's particularly important that the school-aged population eligible for vaccination get that second dose soon, he said, because it takes 14 days to reach full effectiveness.

VACCINATIONS

As of late last week, almost 77 per cent of Temiskaming's population aged 12 and older had received a first dose. Almost 65 per cent had received a second. *Continued on 5a*

Lane markers Ontario outlines highway plans

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

DISTRICT – The province has released the whats, wheres and whens of its plans for work on highways, bridges, and culverts.

The 2021 Ontario Highways Program outlines projects that are planned and underway.

It includes data on more than 580 expansion and rehabilitation projects, with the latter looking at the period from 2021 through 2024.

The government has allocated about \$2.6 billion to expand and repair provincial highways and bridges in 2021-22.

PROJECTS

Projects identified in the Ontario Highways Program in the Temiskaming area that are underway or in the planning stages include:

- Completion of the Blanche River bridge replacement in Hilliardton. Work began in 2019 and is targeted for completion this year.
- Resurfacing of 13 kilometres of Hwy. 65 West from Elk Lake to a point east of the junction with Hwy. 562. Work has begun and is to be completed next year.
- Replacement and rehabilitation of Montreal River bridges on either side of Matachewan, to be completed this year.
- Resurfacing this year of almost 16 kilometres of highways 566 and 66 around

Matachewan.

- Improvements to the intersection of Hwy. 65 East in Temiskaming Shores and the planned extension of Grant Drive. Design is now underway, with the work slated for completion in 2022.

- Resurfacing of 11 kilometres of Hwy. 11 between New Liskeard and Hwy. 569. Design is underway, with completion set for 2023-24.

- Replacement of a Hwy. 560 culvert west of Elk Lake in 2022.

- Replacement of a Straight Creek culvert on Hwy. 11 south of Latchford in 2022.

- Resurfacing of almost 21 kilometres of Hwy. 11, between New Liskeard and Roland Road, and of Hwy. 65, between Armstrong Street and the northern junction of highways 11 and 65. The work is to be completed in 2023-24.

- Replacement of the bridge over the Ontario Northland tracks in Earlton, to start in 2023-24.

- Rehabilitation of the Holdridge Creek bridge at Marten River in 2023-24.

- Replacement of a creek culvert on Hwy. 11 north of Englehart in 2023-24.

- Rehabilitation of 30.5 kilometres on Hwy. 11, from a point north of Hwy. 569 to Hwy. 573, and on Hwy. 560, west of Hwy. 573 to Hwy. 11. The work is to begin in 2023-24 and include resurfacing, paved shoulders, and bridge and culvert rehabilitation.

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Putt-ing it off HGC centennial delayed until '22

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – When you pass the century mark and survive a pandemic, what's another year to wait for a party?

The Haileybury Golf Club, founded in 1921, was in the midst of planning centennial celebrations for this year when the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

"We deferred everything until next year, because of the uncertainty," Jean Pierre Rivet told Temiskaming Shores councillors recently.

Rivet, a member of the club's anniversary organizing committee, was at city council July 13 to present a copy of his book – *Haileybury Golf Club: A Century of Memories, 100 ans de souvenirs*.

"The book itself is not only about the golf club, it's about the area and the people, the people that live in this area," Rivet said.

He noted that the presentation came just three days shy of the date 100 years earlier that the actual transaction for the golf club property went through.

The surface rights for the property were purchased from a former

mayor of Haileybury for \$5,000, he said.

At the time, he said a club board member, Bill Wright, lent the club \$4,000 and held the mortgage.

The club never repaid a cent, Rivet said, and Wright's estate went on to forgive the entire sum, both principal and interest, in 1952.

As for the centennial celebrations, he said the club plans to stage them next year.

They will include a banquet, a president's barbecue, and a couple of special tournaments – a "super" men's night and "super" ladies' night.

A granite plaque commemorating the milestone in the history of the club will also be unveiled.

The club may be able to host a visit by hickory club enthusiasts.

Rivet said 24 members of a group dedicated to the wooden clubs had been slated to visit this year from Southern Ontario, and let local golfers give the old-school clubs a try.

In the meantime, a second printing of the club's centennial souvenir book has been made. For further information or to purchase a copy, see the club's website.