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## Province closes Service Ontario office

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

The provincial government is closing Minden's Service Ontario office.

Located in a provincially owned building along Highway 35, the office, where residents go for driver's licence and health card renewals, licence plates stickers, hunting and fishing licences and a number of other services, will shut down at the end of November.

Anne-Marie Flanagan, a spokesperson for Ontario's government and customer service division, told the paper the decision to close the Minden location and others in the province followed a careful analysis.

"There's a number of factors that were carefully considered," Flanagan said, adding these factors included proximity to alternative locations, cost effectiveness and operational logistics.

There is a Service Ontario location in Haliburton Village and Flanagan said the vast majority of services that are available in Minden are also available at the Haliburton location.

There are Service Ontario locations in Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls as well.

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### Hawks scrap Spartans

The Red Hawks senior player Mackenzie Henderson, left, challenges a Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute defender during home action on Monday, May 9 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. See story on page 17.  
DARREN LUM Staff

## Supreme court dismisses Todd Bros. appeal

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

The Supreme Court of Canada has dismissed an appeal from Stouffville's Todd Brothers Contracting Limited in a years-long legal battle with Algonquin Highlands township.

Legal invoices obtained by the *Times* show the township has spent approximately \$170,000 on lawyers during the dispute, nearly as much as the company was seeking in damages.

The dispute stems from the cancellation of the crosswind runway project at the Stanhope Airport.

Todd Brothers was hired in 2009 by the council led by reeve Eleanor Harrison, for construction work on a new runway as well as rehabilitation of the existing runway. While the rehab work was completed, the construction of a new runway, controversial in the community, was rescinded by the next council, led by Reeve Carol Moffatt.

The federal and provincial funding that had been approved for the runway project was redirected to the township's portion of the MNRF base project at the airport.

Todd Brothers was seeking nearly \$180,000 in damages, representing 10 per cent of what the company was to be paid for work on the new runway.

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