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2025 Proposed Town Budget Now Available for Public Input

The proposed budget includes the 2025 operating budget and a five-year capital budget. The purpose of the proposed budget is to serve as a starting point for budget discussions with Council and members of the public January 7th-January 10th. To review the 2025 Proposed Budget, please visit: www.thebluemountains.ca/budget.

As the Town of The Blue Mountains prepared the proposed 2025 budget, a range of challenges were faced, including a fluctuating economic environment and continued growth in both population and service demand. Despite these pressures, the Town has managed to keep the cumulative tax rate increase over the past five years at just 5%, significantly lower than the 17.5% increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) during the same period. This demonstrates the Town's commitment to managing fiscal responsibility while balancing the impact of inflation on residents and municipal services.

The 2025 budget reflects a balanced approach that prioritizes core services, maintains fiscal responsibility, and strategically invests in the future, all while mitigating the impact of inflation and growth on residents. It underscores the Town's commitment to providing high-quality services, maintaining transparency in the budget process, and ensuring long-term financial health for the community.

The 2025 Proposed Tax Rate increase is 10.06%. This represents an estimated increase of \$213 to an approximate total of \$2,331 for the Town portion of the annual property taxes. These numbers are based on the median assessed value of a home in The Blue Mountains as set by MPAC at \$530,000.

"During the Special Budget meetings in January, Staff and Council are committed to working collaboratively to look for opportunities to mitigate or offset this initial proposed increase," said Deputy Mayor Peter Bordignon. "Through open dialogue, careful analysis, and a shared focus on balancing fiscal responsibility with the community's needs, staff will explore cost-saving opportunities, prioritize essential services, and identify innovative solutions. This cooperative approach ensures that the final budget reflects both operational efficiencies and the strategic priorities of the municipality, while minimizing the financial impact on residents."

Also included in the budget is a proposed increase in water and wastewater user fees. These fees are paid directly by the users that are connected to municipal water and wastewater services. For the average home in the Town, using 180m3 of water, the estimated increase for the water portion is \$17.69 with the wastewater portion increasing by \$21.85.

The 2025 Proposed Budget also includes a **\$107 million capital budget** to support key infrastructure projects throughout the Town.

Major investments proposed in the 2025 Capital Program include:

\$41.6 million in infrastructure capital projects including:

- Craigleith/Mill Street Sewage Lift Station Upgrades and Forcemain construction (\$11 million)
- Thornbury West Phase 1A & B Reconstruction (\$7.6 million)
- Westside Water Storage and Distribution (\$5.8 million)
- Peel Street North Reconstruction (\$3.4 million)
- · Thornbury Water Treatment Plant Upgrades (\$2.9 million)

\$34.5 million in wastewater infrastructure investment which is essential to prevent environmental contamination, enhance efficiency, comply with regulatory standards, and protect public health. Major investment includes the Thornbury Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion and the Thornbury Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall.

\$11.9 million towards the build of the new Craigleith Fire Hall. This investment will significantly enhance public safety by improving emergency response times and providing better community coverage through increased capacity for personnel and modern firefighting equipment.

\$3.9 million in water infrastructure investment to ensure a safe and reliable water supply, accommodate growth and protect public health and the environment.

\$2.1 million to begin expansion of the Ravenna Road Depot. Expansion of this facility will accommodate increased traffic and maintenance needs for the Town's Roads & Drainage fleet. This will ensure efficient and effective road services which will support future growth and development in the community.

\$1.9 million to replace two plow trucks. This replacement ensures that road clearing operations can be conducted in a timely and efficient manner, especially during winter, which is crucial for public safety and accessibility. The new trucks will also significantly reduce downtime and maintenance costs.

Beaver Valley Arena Public Skating

Sat & Sun: 12pm - 2pm

Excluding: Jan.11, Jan. 18, Feb. 2, Mar. 1-2

Ages 18+: \$3 p/p; Under 18: Free

Adult Skating

Mon & Wed: 10am - 12pm; Thurs: 1pm - 3pm Excluding: Jan. 1, Feb. 17

\$3 p/p; Must be 18+ years of age

Stick & Puck

Mon & Wed: 12pm - 1pm Excluding: Jan. 1, Feb. 5, Feb. 17 \$3 p/p. Must be 18 years+ of age. All skaters must wear a certified hockey helmet.

Parent & Tots

Thurs: 11am - 12pm, Free. Excluding: Mar. 13

Holiday Skating Schedule

Thurs. Jan. 2: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sat. Jan. 4: 12 -2 p.m. Sun. Jan. 5: 12 -2 p.m.

St. James' Fairmount Anglican Church

196759 Grey Rd 7 corner of Grey Rd 7 & Grey Rd 40 1st & 3rd Sunday 9am

Holy Eucharist BCP

2nd & 4th Sunday 9am

Morning Prayer BCP

5th Sunday 4pm - Evensong BCP Rector Jeff Kischak, 519-770-7979

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Wednesday & Thursday, 12:50-3:30pm; \$2 per day, Small Hall, Beaver Valley Community Centre Lessons Available - Bev 705-507-0563 or Dorothy 519-599-5044



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Seeking New Board Members

Beaver Valley Outreach is a grass-roots, charitable organization with programs and services that enhance the lives of children, families, seniors, youth and individuals in our community. Our vision is a vibrant, engaged and inclusive community with quality programs and services that enhance the well-being of families and individuals.

We are currently recruiting to fill vacancies on our volunteer Board of Directors, for a 3-year term commencing in March 2025.

Time commitment consists of 10 Board meetings per year, plus participation in at least one Board committee. In addition to attendance at Board and committee meetings, preparation time is required to review Board and committee materials prior to meetings. Estimated time commitment is approximately 8-10 hours per month. Successful candidates must provide a completed criminal record check.

We welcome applicants with diverse backgrounds and life experiences, including participation in one or more of our many programs and services. Application www. bvo.ca

If you are interested in joining the Board of Directors of Beaver Valley Outreach, please complete and **submit your application by 5:00 pm on January 17, 2025:**

By Email: admin@bvo.ca OR

Hand-deliver to: Beaver Valley Outreach, Att Board Vice-Chair, 54 King St E Thornbury bvo.ca/2024/12/09/join-our-board-ofdirectors/

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I have several years experience supporting seniors to live in their own homes; I drive and can help with errands, & appointments; help with pet care; I am handy and can help with outdoor/simple "handy man" work

Update on Campus of Care Project

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise the public of additional information regarding the Campus of Care project.

The Campus of Care project was initially proposed to be a development that would have included 160 long-term care beds, retirement living, workforce housing, daycare and multi-family units.

On November 8, 2024, it was announced that negotiations with SkyDev and peopleCare, the proposed developers of the project, had ceased and that the Campus of Care project would no longer be proceeding at 125 Peel Street.

On November 25, 2024, Council put forward a motion to continue to work with peopleCare to review other properties in the Town for a potential long-term care facility.

The Town would like to recognize the commitment of all parties in the negotiations of the proposed Agreements of Purchase and Sale to realize a vision for the property that would be economical and provide significant community benefit.

"Eighteen different versions of the Agreements were prepared by the parties through the negotiation process. The decision to end negotiations was not arrived at lightly, and it came only after full consideration by Council and staff of what was in the best interest of the Town," said Mayor Andrea Matrosovs. "Unfortunately, we were unable to come to an agreement, but we look forward to continuing to work with peopleCare to identify additional sites in the Town that could support a long-term care facility."

A staff report will be brought forward at the January 13, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting that will include additional information regarding the Campus of Care project.

The report will be released as part of the agenda prior to the January 13 meeting.

For more information, please contact: Adam Smith

Director of Planning & Development Services (519) 599-3131 ext. 246

DROP-IN BRIDGE

Monday 1-3pm; \$2 p/p St. George's Anglican Church, Clarksburg

REQUEST FOR SPACE FOR A TINY HOME

I am searching for land to rent that would be able to hook up water and sewer to a tiny home for myself. If you would be able to help this person please email the Review at info@bluemountainsreview.ca

Proposed Budget continued

\$1.5 million to replace the Fire Aerial Pumper. Replacement of crucial emergency response vehicles ensures public safety service levels remain high. A modernized truck also minimizes downtime and maintenance costs.

Provide Your Input

The 2025 Proposed Town Budget is now available for public review and input. The proposed budget includes the 2025 operating budget and a five-year capital budget. The purpose of the proposed budget is to serve as a starting point for budget discussions with Council and members of the public.

The budget will be reviewed and deliberated by Council at a series of special budget meetings scheduled for the following dates. The special budget meetings will be conducted in person and will be livestreamed, with a recording posted to the Town website following the meeting.

Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.
Friday, January 10, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. (if necessary)

Following review and direction from Council through these meetings, revisions to the budget may be made, and the updated draft budget will be posted to the Town website on Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

Following the release of the updated budget, the Town will hold a Public Meeting on February 18, 2025. The public meeting provides the opportunity for residents to address Council directly or to submit an email or letter that will be read aloud by the Town Clerk.

Following the public meeting, Town Staff will then bring a report to the Committee of the Whole on Monday, February 24, 2025, outlining the public's comments from the Public Meeting.

Following this meeting, any further changes will be incorporated into the 2025 Budget for Council approval, which is expected to occur on Monday, March 10, 2025.

Residents are encouraged to participate and share feedback with Council throughout the budget process. To learn about how to participate at a meeting or how to provide comments, please contact the Town Clerk or visit www.thebluemountains.ca/participate.

To learn more about the Town's annual budget process, including key dates for the 2025 Budget process, please visit: www.thebluemountains.ca/budget.

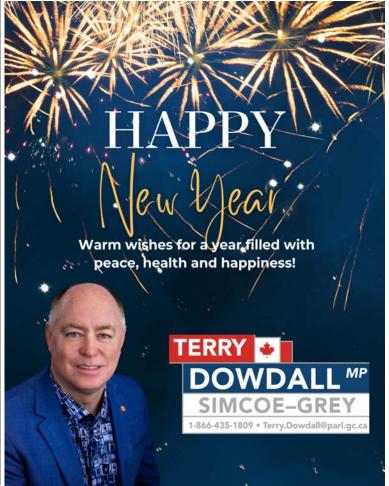
For more information, please contact: Monica Quinlan Director of Corporate & Financial Services (519) 599-3131 ext. 231

Corrina Giles Town Clerk (519) 599-3131 ext. 232











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Tax Form Checklist

Whether you file your taxes on your own or work with a tax professional, it's important to ensure you have the appropriate documentation. Use this checklist as a guide to help you gather documents you may need to complete your income tax return.

Slips

- ☐ All T4 slips
- Other information slips (T3, T5, T4E, T4A, T4AP, T4RSP, T4RIF)
- CPP benefits
- Employment income
- Employment insurance benefits
- ☐ Old Age Security benefits
- Pensions and annuities
- ☐ Social assistance payments
- ☐ Workers' compensation benefits

Receipts

- Adoption expenses
- Carrying charges and interest expenses
- Charitable donations
- Childcare expenses
- ☐ Children's fitness programs
- Interest and dividend payments
- Medical expenses
- Moving costs
- Office-in-home expenses
- Political contributions
- Professional fees
- RRSP contributions
- Sale or deemed sale of stocks, bonds or real estate
- Student loan interest payments
- Support for a child, spouse, or common-law partner
- ☐ Tool expenses (tradespersons)
- Travel expenses
- ☐ Tuition/Education amounts (For qualifying students)
- Union dues
- Vehicle expenses

Additional Documentation

- Automobile/Travel Logbooks
- Business, farm, or fishing income and expense records
- ☐ Canada Revenue Agency correspondence
- Capital gains/losses records
- ☐ Declaration of Conditions of Employment (T2200)
- ☐ Disability Tax Credit Certificate (T2201)
- Northern residents deductions
- Notice of Assessment
- ☐ Rental income & expense records

Town of The Blue Mountains Transitions to Digital-Only Parking Passes

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise residents that beginning January 2025, parking passes will be issued only through the digital residential parking pass program, and physical hanging parking passes will no longer be issued or accepted.

Residents are required to register for parking passes annually and must re-register their vehicle for 2025. Vehicle registration can be completed through the Town's website or in person at Town Hall during regular business hours. To register, residents must provide a copy of the vehicle ownership and proof of residency. All residential property owners and residential tenants in the Town can register vehicles for free. Multiple vehicles, subject to proof of ownership, can be registered per resident.

A grace period will be provided until February 3, 2025, for residents to register their vehicle licence plates. Also beginning January 2025, residents will now be able to register friends and family members for a digital temporary parking permit for \$5 plus HST per day, for up to 14 days per calendar year.

A parking pass allows residents of The Blue Mountains to park for free at any paid parking locations owned by the Town, including beaches, parks and trails. Please note that there is no paid parking in the downtown area, except for the Arthur Street lot across from the Post Office. Non-residents from neighbouring municipalities, including Meaford, Grey Highlands, Clearview, and Collingwood, can register for an annual parking pass for \$100.00 plus HST.

To learn more about parking in the Town of The Blue Mountains and to register your vehicle, visit: www.thebluemountains.ca/parking.

For information, Community Services 519-599-3131 ext.249



First Prize: **\$250** gift certificate Second Prize: \$100 gift certificate (at local restaurants)

Beginning March through August 2025 four tickets per month will be drawn. Winning tickets go back into the drum! Increase your odds even more with a discounted five-pack.

DINNER

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ONTARIO DOCUMENTS:

Birth or Marriage certificate, Health card, Driver's licence

ASSISTANCE WITH **PROVINCIAL PROGRAMS:** ODSP, OW, WSIB, OSAP and more

Alliston Office 180 Parsons Road, Unit 28, Alliston ON L9R 1E8 (705) 435-4087

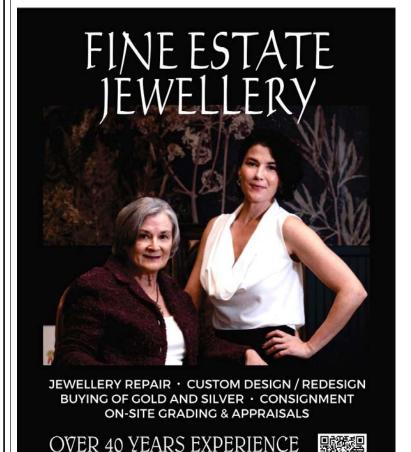
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2025 WINTER SCHEDULE

For information please contact: Sarah Rody – sarah@livingbetterwithparkinsons.ca (705) 607-6933

Central Park Arena, 85 Paterson Street, Collingwood

www.livingbetterwithparkinsons.ca

PROGRAMS

Dancing with Parkinson's

Instructor – Louise

Fee: \$60 (8 weeks), Central Park Arena, Collingwood Start: Tuesday, January 14th & Thursday, January 16th End: Tuesday, March 4th & Thursday, March 6th

Time: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Chair Yoga with Catherine

Fee: \$25 (5 weeks), Central Park Arena, Collingwood

Start: Thursday Jan.16th End: Thursday, February 13th

Time: 11:30 - 12:15

Wheel of Fitness with Sandra

Fee: \$40 (8 weeks), Central Park Arena, Collingwood

Start: Monday, January 13th End: Monday, March 3rd Time: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Walking Club with Sandra

Fee: \$10 (8 weeks), Central Park Arena, Big Room

2nd floor

Start: Wednesday, January 15th End: Wednesday, March 5th Time: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

PD Daily Management Plan – Online

You are invited to complete your own personal PD Management Plan and Profile to submit and share on the LBWP Management Portal. Use this link to learn more about the plan and how it works.

livingbetterwithparkinsons.ca/

daily-parkinsons-disease-management-plan/

As soon as your plan is completed email it to info@livingbetterwithparkinsons.ca for it to be uploaded onto the support group protected section of the website.

GROUP MEETINGS

Support Group Meetings

Every second Tuesday of the month - 1:30 – 3:00pm Collingwood Library Free Schools Room, Main Floor - Jan. 14th; Feb 11th; March 11th; April 8th; May 13th and June 10th

Online Support Group Meetings

2025 Support Group meetings will be recorded. Recordings will be posted on the website. Stay tuned for updates!

Speaker Series

To be confirmed – Stay tuned!

Spouse Support Group Meetings

First Thursday of the month - 9:30 – 10:30 am Collingwood Library Murray Clerkson Room, 2nd floor Jan 2nd; Feb 6th; March 6th; April 3rd; May 1st and June 5th

Please note: Minimum number of participants for all programs is four.

Maximum number for all programs is 12.

Save the Dates!

World Parkinson's Day Celebration
Friday, April 11th, 2025

Picnic in the Beaver Valley, Location: TBD

South Georgian Bay Parkinson's Festival Sunday, June 22nd, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

unday, June 22nd, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Bayview Park Pavilion, Thornbury, Ontario

WSC Parkinson's Charity Golf Tournament

Friday, September 19th, 2025 Duntroon Highlands Golf

Log onto to www.livingbetterwithparkinsons.ca for regular updates.

Please 'like' Living Better with Parkinson's Facebook and Instagram pages.

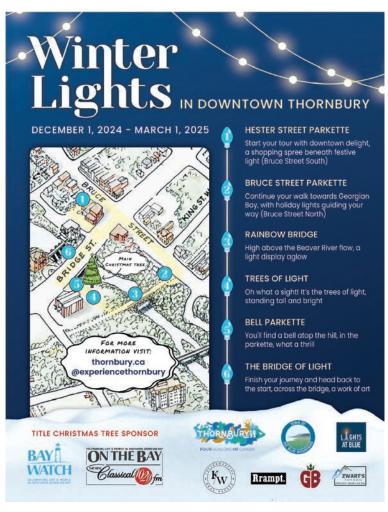
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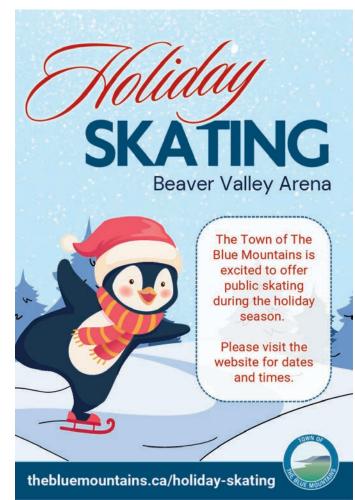


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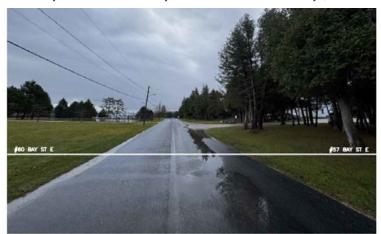






Mill Street Sanitary Pumping Station and Bay Street Reconstruction Public Information Centre No. 2 was held December 17th

One way from Mill St. to Grey St. with 6 m wide roadway (similar to current)



EXISTING CONDITION - 57 BAY ST. E.



EXISTING CONDITION - 85 BAY ST. E.

In July 2024, Council voted to direct staff to proceed with:

- The design of Bay Street East including sanitary forcemain, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and watermain by undertaking a preliminary design of a one-way street cross section with an alignment which minimizes the impact to the existing streetscape while not compromising safety or the needed infrastructure. The preliminary design is to include:
- Stormwater bike safe grates/basins within the asphalt and/or semi-mountable curb
- No sidewalks, multi-use trail, or drainage ditches
- The design of Grey Street beginning south from Bay Street East to Highway 26 in a complimentary manner to Bay Street East cross-section from Highway 26 to the Wastewater Treatment Plant with restoration to the Town standard local urban 20m ROW with no parking cross-section with 7.5 metre asphalt width and 2.7 metre multi-use trail including the installation of the outfall sanitary forcemain, storm sewer and watermain.

Growth in the collection system – Campus of Care, Thornbury West, Lora Bay and growth within the existing community limits.

The cancellation of the Campus of Care Project does not eliminate the need or urgency for the Mill St. SPS upgrades and new forcemain.

Existing Infrastructure is reaching end of life (Sanitary sewer is leaky, Nineteen watermain breaks or incidents in recent years. (1 in 2013, 7 in 2015, 1 in 2016, 1 in 2017, 2 in 2019, 2 in 2020, 3 in 2023, 2 in 2024)

Mill St. Sanitary Pumping Station has reached capacity resulting in situations where flooding has been avoided by trucking wastewater away from the pumping station during peak events.



PROPOSED CONDITION - 57 BAY ST. E.



PROPOSED CONDITION - 85 BAY ST. E.

IMPACTS ON TENNIS COURT

The Tennis Court is outside of the Town Right-of-way. No work is proposed outside of the right-of-way throughout the project. Some drainage improvements will be made around Tennis Court.

FULL TREE REMOVAL

Trees are proposed to be removed where the tree or root zone is significantly impacted by construction. Trees identified 355. Trees scheduled for removal 135-147. Trees to be protected during construction 208-220.

NECESSITY OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

When a road is improved, it is the responsibility of the Town to address their stormwater on their property. Leaving road drainage to adjacent properties would be a liability to the Town.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEPTH

The deepest infrastructure will be at Mill St. end for pumping station. Most utilities will be less than 4 m (12 ft) deep.

PARKING

Parking is not permitted on the road or right-of-way boulevard as per By-law 2022-49. With 6 m roadway, no parking will be permitted to allow for emergency service vehicle progression.

DESIGN AND DOCUMENT ACCURACY

Previous meetings were at project initiation and conceptual design. Current documents are 60% design.





EXISTING CONDITION - GREY ST.

PROPOSED CONDITION - GREY ST.

Construction Phasing Summer/Fall 2025

Stage 1 – Bay St. E. – Mill St. to Elgin St.

Stage 2 - Grey St. - Thornbury WWTP to Bay St. East.

Stage 3 – Thornbury WWTP Outfall – In-Water Work

Winter/Spring/Summer/Fall 2025/2026

Stage 4 – Mill St. Sanitary Pumping Station

Spring/Summer 2026

Stage 5 – Bay St. E. – Elgin to Grey St. and Final Connections.

ACCESS TO PROPERTY

Road will be closed to through traffic. Residents will have full access with short term limitations with appropriate notification (48 hours followed by 24-hour confirmation).

WATER SERVICE

Temporary Watermain will be provided. Minor Water Outages may be required for connections with appropriate notification.

SANITARY SERVICE

Short term (hours) outages may occur when your sanitary service is being connected. Appropriate notification will be provided.

TREE REMOVAL

Identified trees for removal will be removed in the winter before construction starts. Tree protection will be completed by Contractor under the direction of the Arborist. Opportunities for replanting with be coordinated with residents.

For project information: https://www.thebluemountains.ca/planning-buildingconstruction/current-projects/municipal-infrastructureprojects/bay-street-east
Jamie Witherspoon, P.Eng. – President
WT Infrastructure Solutions Inc.
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Mike Molloy 519-477-5392

mmolloy@ctdfibre.ca

Blue Mountain Legacy Fund

The Blue Mountain Legacy Fund is a registered charitable public foundation with an endowed fund held with Community Foundation Grey Bruce. Donations are invested with the earnings going towards community projects.

www.bluemountainlegacyfund.ca or call 519-599-3345/519-599-5794



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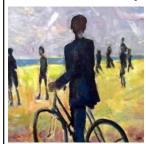
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NEW ART EXHIBIT: "Near & Far"

Sat Jan 4th 2025 2:00pm - 4:00pm



The Gallery at the L.E. Shore Library,173 Bruce St. S., Thornbury

Hailing from studios in Wasaga Beach and Hamilton, Adele Derkowski and Paul G. Russell present Near & Far at The Gallery at L.E. Shore – a new exhibit that contemplates aspects of the natural world. Portraits of earth and water, of people and places are explored in a variety of perspectives contrasting the

grand - sweeping vistas of land and sky - with the intimate detailing of faces and shadowed stones. These artists match the diversity of their subject matter with a range of mediums, including acrylic, pencil and art print.

Following the opening, the show runs January 4-29.

Design Concept Meeting

The Town of The Blue Mountains, alongside Fathom Studio, is hosting virtual Design Concept Meeting on **Thursday, January 9, from 5pm-6pm.** The meeting will allow participants to share their feedback regarding Gateway and Wayfinding Signage in the Town and provide suggestions or ideas for the new design process.



Register at www.thebluemountains.ca/form/gateway-wayfinding

The Town of The Blue Mountains is undertaking a refresh of its existing Gateway & Wayfinding signage throughout the municipality. The goal of the project is to design a uniform sign program that will instill a strong sense of character throughout the Town, establish a clear and identifiable hierarchy of signs, and reduce gaps and omissions in existing Town signage.

Several of the existing welcome and entrance signs throughout the Town are weather damaged or missing and scheduled for replacement. Rather than replacing the signs like-for-like, the Town will refresh/redesign the signage to elevate them to current brand standards and solidify and strengthen the Town's presence.

The Town has engaged Fathom Studio to design the Town gateway and various types of community signs. They will be responsible for the creation of various sign types:

- Gateway Signs
- · Community Entrance Signs
- Village/Hamlet Identification Signs
- · Park Signs
- Trail Signs
- Community Events / Service Club Recognition Sign

The current phase of the project will only address the design of the signs. The fabrication and installation costs will be determined through a future sign location project.

After School Hip-Hop Dance Classes

Starts Thursday, January 9 at 3:30pm (L.E. Shore Library)

Looking for an awesome after-school activity that's fun and affordable? Try After-School Hip Hop with Sharin Elizabeth Dance!

An energetic, four-week hip-hop series happening every
Thursday from 3:30-4:30pm at the Library, perfect for kids ready to groove and learn some new moves. \$50 per child. Ages 10+

Register for this event on our website!

www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca / 519-599-3681

the manmade architecture that seeks to impose itself upon le land. Registration required. Register for this event on our website! www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca / 519-599-3681



New Seniors Fitness Class Added at L.E. Shore Library!

Mondays and Wednesdays Starting January 13
Improve your strength and balance and join us for a fun bi-weekly fitness class for seniors. Help keep your body moving with some easy stretches and gentle aerobics.

Pay by donation. Drop-in.

Class 1: 10-10:45am Class 2: 11-11:45am (involves floor exercises)



TALK: Iceland -A Ring Road Journey | Michael Arkless

Tue Jan 14th 7:00pm - 8:00pm The Gallery at the L.E. Shore Library, 173 Bruce St.S. Thornbury

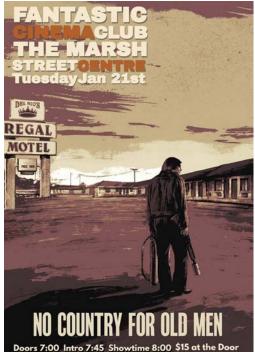
The Gallery at L.E. Shore invites you to join Michael (Mike) Arkless for a breathtaking journey through Iceland via the Icelandic Ring Road.

The Icelandic Ring Road, also known as Route #1, is a national road that runs all around the country, connecting major towns and cities. The road is a little over 1300km long, making it the longest road in Iceland.

This presentation will explore the many facets that make Iceland unique, using the Ring Road as the connecting thread of Mike and his wife, Gillian's, adventure.

Witness the Power of the earth itself, the Glaciers and Ice, the Water, the Highlands, the Wildlife and Seascape, as well as some of the manmade architecture that seeks to impose itself upon the land.





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Family Literacy Day takes place every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family.

Since 1999, schools, libraries, literacy organizations and other community groups across the country have taken part in the initiative.

ABC creates free learning and promotional resources for anyone that wants to get involved. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child's development, improving a child's literacy skills dramatically, and can help a parent improve their skills as well.

Family Literacy Day 2025 Theme: Learn to be Green, Together

Make a pledge as a family to learn ways to be more green. Use less electricity, commute together, and reuse items. Being green together is a fun way to learn as a family while being kind to the environment.

FamilyLiteracyDay.ca

New Exhibit Opening: The Colour Magenta Sat Feb 1st 2:00pm - 4:00pm

The Gallery at the L.E. Shore Library 173 Bruce Street South, Thornbury

Each year, The Gallery's Arts & Culture Council hosts a vibrant, color-themed exhibition, with past themes including blue, green, gold, turquoise, and more. Local artists are invited to submit artwork that aligns with the chosen color, and the exhibit is displayed in the "salon style," with artwork covering the walls from floor to ceiling. This format creates a rich, immersive experience, allowing a wide range of creative interpretations of the theme while offering viewers a dynamic visual journey.

All are welcome to attend the opening festivities on February 1 between 2-4pm. Enjoy refreshments, mingle with the dozens of artists who have contributed their work to the show and take in the stunning display. Additionally, you'll also experience a live painting session where multiple artists will create magentathemed artwork - right before your eyes - which will then be added to the exhibit!

Following the opening, the show runs February 1-26.



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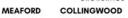


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