



## Farmers Invited To Apply For Experimental Acres Funding Program

Farmers in Grey County can now apply for funding to test new farm practices that could improve soil health and resilience to climate change.

The 2025 Experimental Acres program was launched at Grey-Bruce Farmers' Week



on January 14. The program provides up to \$3,000 per project to farmers to help reduce their financial risk of trying innovative new practices that align with the project's climate action goals.

Applications will be accepted through February 28th. Interested farmers can learn more and apply at [www.grey.ca/experimental-acres](http://www.grey.ca/experimental-acres).

Grey County Experimental Acres projects are funded by Grey County as part of Going Green in Grey, the county climate action plan. The program supports Action 3 in the plan, Capacity Building in Sustainable Agricultural Best Practices.

Applications can fall into one of three categories:

- 1) Living Roots and Green Cover projects which extend the time soil is covered or has living roots in it;
- 2) Innovation for projects that implement new farm practices; and
- 3) Integrating Animals on the Farm for projects that incorporate livestock into farm systems.

Experimental Acres is designed to minimize the financial risk associated with trying new practices while preparing farmers for larger funding opportunities in the future. In addition to financial support, the pilot offers soil testing and education and networking with other participants.

Local dairy farmer and past Experimental Acres participant Wade Deaken explains how the program let him try something new. "I got interested in Experimental Acres to dragline the manure and see how the crop responds from that lack of compaction," he said.

Other examples of past projects have included cover cropping, inter-seeding, rotational grazing systems, tarping to avoid tillage, no-till establishment of crops, and more.

"Farmers know their businesses best. Whether the practice is new to you or has never been done before, we'd like to hear your ideas," said Emily McKague, Project Coordinator for Grey Agricultural Services.

The Experimental Acres pilot was developed as a part of Guelph-Wellington Our Food Future, a project funded by Infrastructure Canada. The County of Wellington facilitated the program in Wellington and Dufferin Counties in 2022, and Grey County joined in 2023.

For more information about the Experimental Acres program, contact Emily McKague, Grey Agricultural Services at [info@greyagservices.ca](mailto:info@greyagservices.ca) or Megan Myles, Grey County Outreach and Engagement Coordinator, at [megan.myles@grey.ca](mailto:megan.myles@grey.ca) 519-370-7060.

## Town Council Appoints Acting Chief Administrative Officer

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise the public that Adam Smith has been appointed by Council as the Acting Chief Administrative Officer, effective Friday, January 10, 2025.

This follows the extended leave of Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt for an undetermined period of time. Smith has been with the Town since 2022 as the Director of Planning and Development Services. During this time, he has played an integral role in leading the planning and development portfolio and continues to support the Town through stable leadership, strategic planning and innovation.

"On behalf of Council, I would like to offer my gratitude and appreciation to Adam for his commitment and dedication to the Town in accepting this acting role," explained Mayor Andrea Matrosovs. "With his collaborative approach and dedication to the community, he has already made a considerable impact, and Town Council looks forward to continued progress under his leadership."

Further updates regarding Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt will be provided when appropriate. For more information, please contact:

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Adam Smith, Acting Chief Administrative Officer (519) 599-3131, 246

## Highlights from the 2025 Proposed Base Budget

1st Budget Meeting held January 14th - video on town website

2nd Budget Meeting planned for January 17th -

The base budget represents the foundational costs of maintaining the Town's existing services and obligations, adjusted for known changes from the prior year. It serves as the starting point for identifying and explaining incremental changes that influence the municipal levy.

The 2025 Proposed Base Budget amounts to a total Municipal Levy of \$23,941,608 which equates to a tax rate increase of 10.06% over 2024, this includes growth of 4.53%. On a median assessed home of \$530,000 this will equate to an increase of \$213 per year or \$17.75 per month. The table below details the increase over a varying value of assessment.

Assessed Value	2024 Municipal Tax Rate %	2024 Municipal Tax Amount \$	2025 Municipal Tax Rate % (Base Proposed)	2025 Municipal Tax Amount \$ (Base Proposed)	Annual Difference \$ (2025 vs 2024)
\$ 530,000	0.3995%	\$ 2,118	0.4397%	\$ 2,331	\$ 213.04
700,000	0.3995%	\$ 2,797	0.4397%	\$ 3,078	\$ 281.38
800,000	0.3995%	\$ 3,196	0.4397%	\$ 3,518	\$ 321.58
900,000	0.3995%	\$ 3,596	0.4397%	\$ 3,958	\$ 361.77
1,000,000	0.3995%	\$ 3,995	0.4397%	\$ 4,397	\$ 401.97

## Municipal Levy Walk – 2025 Proposed Base Budget

A key feature of the 2025 budget presentation is the detailed Municipal Levy Walk, which traces the changes from the previous year's municipal levy to the current year's proposed levy. This step-by-step approach categorizes adjustments into Committed, Uncontrollable, and Controllable expenses, providing a transparent view of the factors driving the budget. By presenting the levy changes in this format, the Town demonstrates how existing commitments, external influences, and strategic decisions have shaped the financial requirements for 2025. In support of the guideline council requested the increases/decreases have been categorized as follows:

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## Beaver Valley Arena Public Skating

Sat & Sun: 12pm - 2pm

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

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

## Adult Skating

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## Stick & Puck

Mon & Wed: 12pm - 1pm

Excluding: Feb. 5, Feb. 17

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## First Ministers' Statement On The Canada-United States Relationship

January 15, 2025, Ottawa, Ontario

"Canada and the United States have the closest and most successful partnership in the world. At their meeting today, Canada's First Ministers reiterated that the two countries are stronger, more prosperous, and safer when they work together.

"First Ministers discussed ways to protect Canadian families, workers, and employers from the consequences of possible U.S. tariffs, which would cause economic harm to Canadians and Americans alike. Trade and investment between Canada and the U.S. supports millions of jobs on both sides of the border and helps ensure the secure flow of goods and people between countries. They will continue to work together, standing up for Canadians in the face of unjustified and unreasonable U.S. tariffs.

"Collaborative efforts will continue to try to prevent U.S. tariffs, including actions taken by the federal government to strengthen border security and curb the flow of illicit drugs, such as fentanyl, into Canadian and American communities.

"The federal plan announced in December invests in cutting-edge technology, empowering law enforcement, and ensuring that only those eligible to remain in Canada do so. First Ministers agreed that the federal government, in collaboration with all orders of government, local police, and authorities, will continue to bolster security at the border and strengthen the immigration system. The plan must also include measures to tighten the visa issuance policy to prevent arrivals to Canada under false pretenses. Law enforcement across the country will work together to further build trust and confidence among U.S. decision-makers that Canada takes its border responsibilities seriously and is taking action.

"First Ministers agreed that enhancing security must be undertaken by authorities on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border to

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stop the flow of illegal firearms.

"First Ministers agreed to continue united advocacy efforts with key U.S. Administration, Congressional, and business leaders to emphasize the negative impacts of U.S. tariffs on American national interests and the U.S. economy. Co-operation with Canada offers significant complementary benefits to U.S. priorities.

"While they are making every effort to prevent U.S. tariffs, First Ministers are committed to continuing to work together on a full range of measures to ensure a robust response to possible U.S. tariffs, including supports for sectors, businesses, and individuals. If the federal government implements retaliatory measures, it will ensure the rapid availability of substantial resources that effectively mitigate economic impacts to workers and businesses. This includes, but is not limited to, the distribution of revenues from potential retaliatory tariffs as quickly as possible. They agreed to take a collaborative approach to U.S. engagement that recognizes the unique economic needs of all provinces and territories.

"First Ministers acknowledged the importance of increasing defence spending and meeting the NATO 2 per cent target as quickly as possible, recognizing its critical connection to strategic infrastructure and Canada's economic and security partnership with the U.S. and other allies. They further agreed that collective action must be taken to safeguard Arctic security and sovereignty.

"First Ministers agreed to advance development of high economic impact projects, including transportation and infrastructure projects, working in partnership with Indigenous Peoples toward economic reconciliation. These projects support Canada's economic growth and allow Canada to provide the U.S. with more of the energy, critical minerals, and other goods and services it needs to fuel shared economic growth.

"First Ministers will continue working closely together on Canada-U.S. relations and agreed to meet weekly following President-elect Donald Trump's inauguration on January 20, 2025.

"First Ministers agreed that Canada is a proud and sovereign nation, committed to upholding its values and responsibilities on the global stage. As a strong, independent country, we make decisions that reflect the best interests of our citizens, while actively contributing to global peace and stability. We stand firm in our resolve to protect our borders, support our communities, and collaborate with international partners to address common challenges."

The Government of Alberta did not approve the joint statement between the Government of Canada and the Council of the Federation.

- Committed Expenses: Fixed costs already approved by Council, such as multi-year contracts, ongoing capital projects, and previously approved service enhancements. (#1,2)
- Uncontrollable Expenses: Costs influenced by external factors, such as inflation, legislative requirements, and market-driven increases. These are forecasted and integrated into the base to reflect mandatory adjustments. (#3-8)
- Controllable Expenses: Required expenditures where the Town has some flexibility in funding levels or sources. These are carefully reviewed to optimize resources and ensure alignment with strategic priorities. (#9-14)

Item	Amount	Notes	Tax Rate Impact
2024 Municipal Levy	\$ 20,894,000		
Salaries & Benefits	1,979,697	1.	9.47%
2024 Support from Surplus	1,300,000	2.	6.22%
Inflationary Items	592,778	3.	2.84%
Investment Income	200,000	4.	0.96%
OPP Increase & PSB	111,688	5.	0.53%
CLI-ECA Requirements	55,000	6.	0.26%
Conservation Authority	37,148	7.	0.18%
OMPF Grant	- 105,200	8.	-0.50%
Debt - 2 Plow Trucks	254,405	9.	1.22%
Grants & Donations	50,000	10.	0.24%
Asset Management/Reserve Transfers - Net of R&M & Sale Of Assets	- 1,296,749	11.	-6.20%
Community Services Increased Revenues	- 111,000	12.	-0.53%
Training Budget	- 51,000	13.	-0.24%
Other	30,841	14.	0.16%
Growth			-4.53%
<b>2025 Proposed Base Municipal Levy</b>	<b>\$ 23,941,608</b>		<b>10.06%</b>

\*Note (-) Indicates decrease in Municipal Levy

### Budget Requests Above the Base – Items for Consideration

Beyond the base budget, Budget Requests represent additional funding requirements to address new or expanded initiatives, service enhancements, or emerging priorities. These requests are evaluated individually and include:

Item	Amount	Notes	Tax Rate Impact
Urban Forestry (Net of Trees & Vegetation for Tree Maintenance)	\$ 518,600	1.	2.48%
Excess Soil	254,000	2.	1.22%
Labourer and Technician (Landfill Restructuring)	125,399	3.	0.60%
3 Parks Labourers	121,820	4.	0.58%
3 Community Services labourers (split between CS, Tomahawk and BVCC)	121,820	5.	0.58%
Physician Recruitment	100,000	6.	0.48%
Admin position to support the 6 Councillors	94,751	7.	0.45%
New proposed transit agreement	75,000	8.	0.36%
Facility Coordinator as per Org Structure	56,243	9.	0.27%
Community Planning Permit System (yr1 = \$50k / yr 2 = \$250K)	50,000	10.	0.24%
2 Customer Service Reps (CSR) - Tomahawk	30,745	11.	0.15%
Special Events Coordinator	49,129	12.	0.24%
Idea Committee Training	21,714	13.	0.10%
FOI Legal services	15,250	14.	0.07%
Engineering Standards	10,000	15.	0.05%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,644,470</b>		<b>7.87%</b>

### Options for Council

- Delay (or Phase) projects and/or programs –
- Increase other user fees
- Review services to either reduce the level of service and/or eliminate the “nice to dos”.
- Use reserves and/or reserves funds
- Designate certain projects as dependent on securing grant funding.
- Include gapping funds where vacancies persist and/or to recognize a natural level of attrition.

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Feel a sense of belonging



Connect with her community

**HOW?**

Through our girl-driven approach, we:



### Create Safe Space

girls can share experiences and talk about what matters to them



### Motivate Growth Mindset

girls step out of their comfort zones and challenge themselves in new ways



### Encourage Positive Identity

girls explore who they are, challenge stereotypes and discover new abilities and passions



### Share Leadership

girls work in partnership with volunteers to create a fun, meaningful Guiding experience



### Engage Community

girls get involved in causes they care about

She will have fun, earn badges and experience new things with new friends.

*She will*



Build leadership skills



Get hands-on while learning to fix things and DIY



Connect with nature and care for the planet



Explore local and global communities



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Experiment with STEM



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The first phase, often known as the go-go years, is filled with adventure. During this time, retirees engage in activities such as traveling, golfing, skiing, and checking off bucket list items. This phase is typically the most expensive as retirees embrace their newfound freedom and good health.

As time progresses, the go-slow years begin to set in. Physical changes can make it difficult to participate in activities you once loved. Travel may become less feasible due to escalating insurance costs or the inability to qualify for coverage. During this phase, expenses tend to decrease significantly, and it's vital to adjust your financial plan accordingly to reflect these changes.

Eventually, retirees enter the no-go years, a phase marked by reduced mobility and increased health concerns. While daily living expenses may decline further during this time, the potential need for long-term care becomes a significant financial consideration. Planning for these costs is essential to ensure you're prepared for whatever challenges may arise.

As priorities shift from growth and accumulation during the pre-retirement phase to generating income in retirement, it becomes essential to rebalance your portfolio and establish a well-designed withdrawal plan. This plan should focus on reducing risk, avoiding large drawdowns, and accessing your funds tax-efficiently while minimizing clawbacks on government benefits. Additionally, withdrawals need to be adjusted for inflation to maintain your purchasing power throughout retirement. By aligning these elements, you can create a comprehensive approach that supports your financial stability in your golden years.

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### PROGRAMS

#### Dancing with Parkinson's

Instructor – Louise  
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Start: Tuesday, January 14th & Thursday, January 16th  
End: Tuesday, March 4 & Thursday, March 6  
Time: 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

#### Chair Yoga with Catherine

Fee: \$25 (5 weeks), Central Park Arena  
Start: Thursday Jan.16  
End: Thursday, February 13  
Time: 11:30 – 12:15

#### Wheel of Fitness with Sandra

Fee: \$40 (8 weeks), Central Park Arena  
Start: Monday, January 13  
End: Monday, March 3rd  
Time: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

#### Walking Club with Sandra

Fee: \$10 (8 weeks), Central Park Arena  
Start: Wednesday, January 15  
End: Wednesday, March 5  
Time: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

### GROUP MEETINGS

#### Support Group Meetings

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

#### Online Support Group Meetings

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

#### Speaker Series

Tuesday, February 11,  
Pershia Norouzian, PhD  
Tuesday, March 11,  
Meaford Green Care Farms  
Tuesday, April 8,  
The Pretty Dope Women's Podcast,  
Caitlin Nagy

#### Spouse Support Group Meetings

First Thursday of the month - 9:30-10:30 am  
Collingwood Library Murray Clerkson Room,  
Feb 6; March 6; April 3; May 1 and June 5

### 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.  
Bayview Park Pavilion, Thornbury, Ontario

#### WSC Parkinson's Charity Golf Tournament

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## Ways to be green together for Family Literacy Day 2025

*Family Literacy Day*, taking place on January 27, 2025, raises awareness of 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 annual initiative.

This year's theme is "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.

*Family Literacy Day* Honorary Chair, Barbara Reid, invites families to "Learn to be Green, Together" with these 10 activity ideas:

- 1. Start an indoor garden:** Learn about herbs and vegetables while growing your own food and reducing your carbon footprint.
- 2. Visit a little free library:** Recycling books is a great way to reuse items and get books for free. You can leave books for others too.
- 3. Visit a national park or nature museum:** Learn about the importance of preserving nature.
- 4. Visit the local library:** Borrow books about the environment to learn more about climate change and what you can do to help.
- 5. Eat a meatless meal:** Follow a recipe for a vegetarian meal and also boost your math and numeracy skills.
- 6. Make a craft from recycled items:** Get creative and see what you can make using plastic bottles, used clothing, or recycled cardboard.
- 7. Go screen-free for the day:** Play outside, read a book, or do a craft instead. Not only do these activities practice your learning skills, they also save electricity.
- 8. Buy something second-hand:** Buying used items instead of new is a great way to reduce waste and save money at the same time.
- 9. Go on a nature scavenger hunt:** Make a list of commonly found outdoor items, then go on a walk together with your list and see if you can find all the items.

To learn more about *Family Literacy Day*, download free activities and resources or find an event near you, visit [FamilyLiteracyDay.ca](http://FamilyLiteracyDay.ca).



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## From MPP Brian Saunderson Simcoe-Grey

The Ontario government is launching new energy efficiency programs, including the Home Renovation Savings Program, to help families and businesses in Simcoe-Grey save money. The programs are part of a new \$10.9 billion, 12-year investment in energy efficiency, the largest in Canada's history.

"These new Energy Efficiency Programs that all residents in our riding have access to will lower energy bills, put more megawatts into Ontario's energy grid, and ultimately put more money back into your pockets," said Brian Saunderson, Member of Provincial Parliament for Simcoe-Grey.

**The new Home Renovation Savings Program will launch on January 28, 2025**, and offer rebates of up to 30 per cent for home energy efficiency renovations and improvements, including new windows, doors, insulation, air sealing, smart thermostats, and heat pumps, as well as rooftop solar panels and battery storage systems for people who want to generate and store energy at home. Later in 2025, the program will expand to include rebates for energy efficient appliances, including refrigerators and freezers.

The government's Affordable Energy Act, which came into force on December 4, 2024, ensures the new Home Renovation Savings Program, and other program offerings, will be expanded to homeowners who heat their homes by propane and oil, instead of being restricted to those who heat with electricity, as it was under previous governments.

The province is also expanding the popular **Peak Perks** program with a new program specifically targeted to small businesses, including convenience stores and restaurants. Businesses will receive a financial incentive of \$75 upon initial enrollment in the program and \$20 per year for each eligible smart thermostat connected to a central air conditioning system or heat pump unit.

In addition to the two new energy efficiency programs, the province will continue to support **12 Save on Energy programs**, including the highly popular Retro fit Program for business, as well as other programs geared to low-income households, businesses, municipalities, institutions, the agricultural sector, industry and on-reserve First Nation communities.

By 2036, it is forecasted that this expansion of energy efficiency programs will reduce the province's peak demand by 3,000 MW – the equivalent of taking three million homes off the grid. The province's \$10.9 billion investment is also estimated to result in \$23.1 billion in electricity system benefits, thereby saving ratepayers \$12.2 billion in electricity system costs by avoiding the build out of new generation.

Expanding energy efficiency programs to save families money is just one way the government is meeting the province's rapidly growing demand for electricity. Ontario's Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power outlines the challenges facing the province as demand for electricity continues to rapidly grow, as well as the government's all-of-the-above approach to meet this demand, including:

**Energy Planning** – Developing the province's first integrated energy plan, including all energy resources, including electricity, natural gas, and other fuels to ensure the province's energy needs are met in a coordinated and long-term manner.

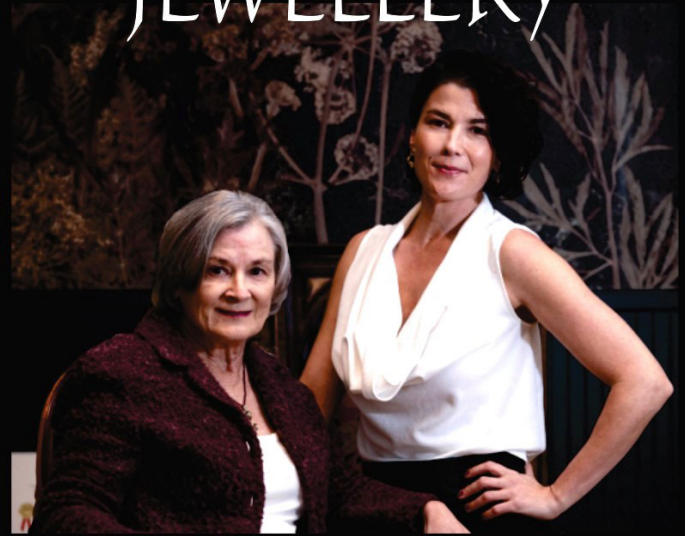
**Nuclear Energy** – Advancing clean, reliable, and affordable nuclear power through pre-development work at Bruce Power on the province's first large-scale nuclear build in 30 years, four small modular reactors at Darlington and supporting OPG's plan for refurbishing the Pickering Nuclear Generation Station.

**New Transmission Infrastructure** – Designating and prioritizing transmission lines in Southwestern, Northeastern and Eastern Ontario that will power job creators, including EV and EV battery manufacturing and clean steel production.

**Additional Competitive Procurements** – Launching the largest competitive procurement of clean energy resources in the province's history in addition to successfully re-contracting existing capacity resources at about a 30 per cent discount.

[www.saveonenergy.ca](http://www.saveonenergy.ca)

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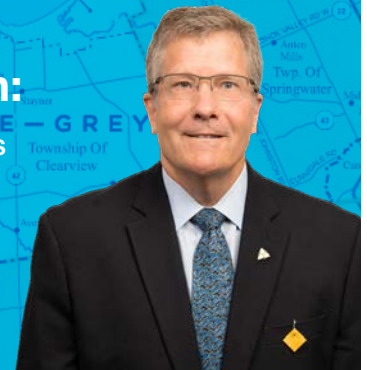
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## YOU'RE INVITED

### Mayor & Council Business Breakfast

### JANUARY 22, 2025



### 8 AM - 10AM

Join us at Town Hall for a local leaders business breakfast and round table discussion, co-hosted with The Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce. Enjoy a unique networking opportunity with local business leaders, Mayor Matrosovs and Town Councillors over breakfast!



Registration is required to attend. Add your name to the guest list by contacting [info@bluemountainschamber.ca](mailto:info@bluemountainschamber.ca)



### Digital-Only Parking Passes

As of January 2025, Town parking passes are fully digital and physical hanging parking passes will no longer be issued or accepted. For more information, visit: [www.thebluemountains.ca/parking](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/parking)



### COUNCIL CAFÉ

Residents are invited to join Mayor Andrea Matrosovs and members of the Council for an open and informal 'meet and greet' from 8 am to 10 am to discuss topics of interest for the community.

Coffee, tea and breakfast snacks will be provided.

### Meeting Dates

**JANUARY 9, 2025**  
Craigleith Heritage Depot

**MARCH 28, 2025**  
Marsh Street Centre

[www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca)

### Volunteer Recognition Awards and Fair

APRIL 30, 2025

Volunteer award nominations and fair applications will be open to submit on February 24, 2025



For more information, visit: [www.thebluemountains.ca/volunteerawards](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/volunteerawards)



### Overnight Winter Parking Restrictions



Overnight parking is prohibited on all Town streets from 2:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. These restrictions are in effect between November 1, 2024, to April 1, 2025.



## NEW ART EXHIBIT: "Near & Far"

JANUARY 2025



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.

### After School Hip-Hop Dance Classes

Starts Thursday, January 9 at 3:30pm, L.E. Shore Library  
Try After-School Hip Hop with Sharin Elizabeth Dance!  
An energetic, four-week hip-hop series happening 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](http://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)



## MYSTERY BOOK BINGO

Pick up a free Mystery Book Bingo Card at the L.E. Shore Library 173 Bruce St. S. Thornbury

Read mystery books, find the tropes, complete a line on the card and be entered in a prize draw for free movie passes.



# Legion

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## FRIDAY LUNCHES

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
## Danger ZED

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Saturday Jan 18, 2025

Doors: 7:00 pm Music: 8:00 pm

Tickets  [www.Marshstreetcentre.com](http://www.Marshstreetcentre.com)

**FANTASTIC CINEMA CLUB**  
**THE MARSH STREET CENTRE**  
Tuesday Jan 21st



**NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN**

Doors 7:00 Intro 7:45 Showtime 8:00 \$15 at the Door

## The Story Workshop:

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**TBM Repair Café**  
140 Bruce St. S. Thornbury

**Saturday, January 25th**  
9am-Noon

Bring broken items for free repair and enjoy a snack.

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**WINTER DANCE SERIES**  
JANUARY 25, 2025  
DOORS @ 7PM  
SHOW @ 8PM  
\$40 Ticket



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# LUNCH BUNCH

## 4th Tuesday

### JANUARY 28TH AT NOON

Come for lunch and bring a friend. Min. \$10 donation  
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 165 Russell St. E., Thornbury

CELEBRATING FAMILY LITERACY DAY

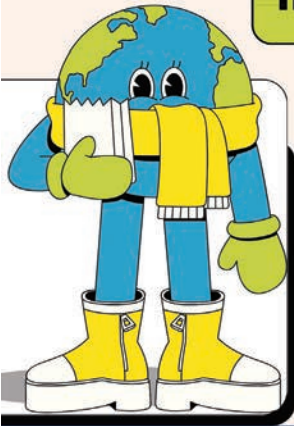
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libraryprograms@thebluemountains.ca



Challenge yourself on the Kolapore Wilderness Trails to help celebrate our 51<sup>st</sup> year.

## The Kolapore Cross Country Ski Loppet

*You've got it in you.*

**Saturday, February 1, 2025**

The Kolapore Loppet is a ski tour on ungroomed backcountry trails with 3 levels:

### K51 Gold

A 51 km tour consisting of 2 loops which will cover nearly all of the trail network.

### K26 Silver

A 26 km tour of the "Magellan Loop", the outer loop of the trail system.

### K14 Bronze

A 14 km tour of a scenic and varied loop with a little less challenging terrain.



All participants are required to register. There will be no charge for the event but a suggested donation of \$20 or more.  
[www.kolaporetrails.org/event-6017195](http://www.kolaporetrails.org/event-6017195)

Membership to the KWTa is not required, but encouraged.



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

The Gallery, L.E. Shore Library  
173 Bruce St. S., 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. All are welcome to attend the opening festivities on February

1st 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 magenta-themed artwork - right before your eyes - which will then be added to the exhibit! The show runs February 1-26.

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6- 8:00 pm  
L.E. Shore  
Library  
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## 69<sup>th</sup> Thinking Day

(formerly Valentine Tea & Bake Sale)

### Tea & Bake Sale

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