



Family Literacy Day - January 27th

How families can become more environmentally literate

Environmental literacy means understanding the natural world and knowing how to take care of it. We learn from nature—trees, rivers, animals, and even the air we breathe. When people are environmentally literate, they can make smart choices to protect our planet and live in harmony with nature.

Why is environmental literacy important?

Our planet is facing many challenges, like climate change, pollution and the loss of animals and plants. These problems affect everyone, so it's important to know how we can help. When we understand how nature works, we can make better decisions in our daily lives. This can include recycling, saving water and reducing the amount of non-renewable materials we use.

When families understand the importance of protecting the environment, they can work together to make positive changes. They can also teach future generations the significance of taking care of the Earth. Being environmentally literate helps families create a healthier, more sustainable world.

Environmental literacy and family literacy

Family literacy is about families learning together. This can involve activities such as reading books or doing fun literacy activities as a family. Learning about the environment and how to protect it can also be part of family literacy activities. When families spend time in nature, they can learn a lot from the world around them.

Imagine a family going on a nature hike. They might talk about the trees, animals and flowers they see. They might learn about how ecosystems work—how plants and animals rely on each other to survive. They could talk about how trash can harm animals and what they can do to help keep nature clean.

Families can also do activities together, like starting a garden or composting food scraps. These hands-on experiences make learning fun and help everyone in the family understand more about nature. It also brings the family closer together as they work toward the same goal—protecting the Earth.

Family Literacy Day is celebrated on January 27, 2025, and this year's theme is "Learn to be Green, Together." 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.

To download free family learning activities or to find an event near you, visit FamilyLiteracyDay.ca.

Melanoma Canada Inspires Everyone To Reach The Highest Summit

7 SUMMITS FOR SKIN CANCER

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Melanoma Canada is thrilled to announce the 2025 return of 7 Summits for Skin Cancer, its annual winter challenge, now entering its fourth year. This fun winter challenge, presented by Neutrogena®, offers two exciting opportunities to embrace the season while raising funds and spreading awareness about the importance of sun safety during colder months to prevent skin cancers, on the rise in Canada and around the world. Practicing sun safety all year long can prevent 12,000 skin cancers by 2042! www.7summits.ca.

7 Summits for Skin Cancer Challenge presented by Neutrogena®: February 1–28,

From February 1 to 28, 2025, fundraisers from across the country can participate in the 7 Summits for Skin Cancer Challenge. Throughout the month, participants are invited to complete a virtual journey of 43.29 kilometres, representing the combined heights of the world's seven tallest mountains. Participants can walk, bike, ski, skate, or engage in any winter activity while tracking their kilometres and connecting with a supportive online community through interactive features on the Strava fitness app. Various fundraising challenges and contests, designed to engage and push participants to help support Melanoma Canada's Mole Mobile presented by Neutrogena, Canada's first mobile skin cancer screening and education units which have toured Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia and will hit the road again this Spring!

Early bird registration is open now until January 31, 2025. While fundraising is optional, it is highly encouraged to support this crucial cause. Participants will receive a tax receipt for all donations are eligible for great rewards from brands like: Columbia Sportswear, Head, and Baffin.

As a special incentive, all Ontario participants who raise \$250 by February 6, 2025, earn a FREE ticket to the Slopes, Sip & Savour event on February 7, 2025 at Blue Mountain Ski Resort.

Slopes, Sip & Savour presented by Neutrogena®: February 7th

On Friday, February 7, 2025, from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm, the public, sponsors and qualified 7 Summits for Skin Cancer Challenge participants are invited to an extraordinary winter experience at the Off-Piste Après Garden of Blue Mountain Ski Resort. Slopes, Sip & Savour, presented by Neutrogena® and hosted by LiUNA Local 183, combines the thrill of skiing and snowboarding with the indulgence



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Beaver Valley Arena

Public Skating

Sat & Sun: 12pm - 2pm

Excluding: Feb. 2, Mar. 1-2

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

Adult Skating

Mon & Wed: 10am - 12pm; Thurs: 1pm - 3pm

Excluding: Feb. 17;

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

Stick & Puck

Mon & Wed: 12pm - 1pm

Excluding: 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

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St. James' Fairmount

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Holy Eucharist BCP

2nd & 4th Sunday 9am

Morning Prayer BCP

5th Sunday 4pm - Evensong BCP

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of gourmet cuisine, making it a must-attend event for adventure seekers and food lovers alike.

Event attendees have access to the slopes during the event, along with delectable food and drink stations curated by celebrity chefs like Corbin Tomaszewski and Cristian Pritchard. Delight your taste buds with creations from Cherry Street Bar-B-Que, Canada's only Michelin-recognized BBQ restaurant, all while enjoying live music, swag bags, and the stunning ambiance of Blue Mountain.

Tickets are \$250 for adults (18+), \$125 for youth (ages 5-17), and \$25 for infants (ages 0-4). Additional activities, like skating, are available for an extra fee.

Funds Raised Support Canada's First Mole Mobile presented by Neutrogena®

Skin cancers are more common than the combined cases of breast, prostate, lung, and colon cancers. On average four Canadians die each day from melanoma, the deadliest type of skin cancer. By participating in the 7 Summits for Skin Cancer Challenge and joining Slopes, Sip & Savour, you will directly support Melanoma Canada in its efforts to provide life-saving skin cancer screenings to communities across Canada through the Mole Mobile, presented by Neutrogena®, a Kenvue brand.

Falyn Katz, CEO of Melanoma Canada, expressed her enthusiasm: "We are thrilled to connect with our supporters virtually and in person for this one-of-a-kind winter event. Many Canadians don't realize snow can reflect up to 80% of the sun's UV rays, making winter sun exposure as dangerous as summer. Melanoma and skin cancers are largely preventable, as the majority are caused by UV rays from the sun. Through these events, we aim to raise awareness, educate the public, and fund initiatives that save lives."

How to Get Involved:

- Register for the 7 Summits for Skin Cancer Challenge today and enjoy free early bird registration rates
 - Purchase your Slopes, Sip & Savour
- For more information and to sign up, please visit 7summits.ca.

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Protect Yourself From Scams And Fraud

Scammers can target any Canadian or Canadian business. Here are some tips and tricks to protect yourself or your business from scams and fraud. Remember, if it seems too good to be true, it is.

Don't be afraid to say no

Don't be intimidated by high-pressure sales tactics. If a telemarketer tries to get you to buy something or to send them money right away:

- Request the information in writing
- Hang up
- Watch out for urgent pleas that play on your emotions.

Do your research

Always verify that the organization you're dealing with is legitimate before you take any other action:

Verify Canadian charities with the CRA

- Verify collection agencies with the appropriate provincial agency
- Look online for contact information for the company that supposedly called you, and call them to confirm
- Verify any calls with your credit card company by calling the phone number on the back of your credit card

If you've received a call or other contact from a family member in trouble, talk to other family members to confirm the situation.

Watch out for fake or deceptive ads, or spoofed emails. Always verify the company and its services are real before you contact them.

Don't give out personal information

Beware of unsolicited calls where the caller asks you for personal information, such as:

- Your name
- Your address
- Your birthdate
- Your Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- Your credit card or banking information

If you didn't initiate the call, you don't know who you're talking to.

Beware of upfront fees

Many scams request you to pay fees in advance of receiving goods, services, or a prize. It's illegal for a company to ask you to

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pay a fee upfront before they'll give you a loan. There are no prize fees or taxes in Canada. If you won it, it's free.

Protect your computer

- Watch out for urgent-looking messages that pop up while you're browsing online. Don't click on them or call the number they provide.
- No legitimate company will call and claim your computer is infected with a virus.
- Some websites, such as music, game, movie, and adult sites, may try to install viruses or malware without your knowledge. Watch out for emails with spelling and formatting errors, and be wary of clicking on any attachments or links. They may contain viruses or spyware.
- Make sure you have anti-virus software installed and keep your operating system up to date.
- Never give anyone remote access to your computer. If you are having problems with your system, bring it to a local technician.

Be careful who you share images with

- Carefully consider who you're sharing explicit videos and photographs with. Don't perform any explicit acts online.
- Disable your webcam or any other camera connected to the internet when you aren't using it. Hackers can get remote access and record you.

Protect your online accounts

- By taking the following steps, you can better protect your online accounts from fraud and data breaches:
- Create a strong password by:
 - Using a minimum of 8 characters including upper and lower case letters, and at least 1 number and a symbol
 - Creating unique passwords for every online account including social networks, emails, financial and other accounts
 - Using a combination of passphrases that are easy for you to remember but hard for others to guess
- Enable multi-factor authentication
- Only log into your accounts from trusted sources
- Don't reveal personal information over social media

Recognize spoofing

Spoofing is used by fraudsters to mislead victims and convince them that they are communicating with legitimate people, companies, or organizations. Here are the main types of spoofing used by fraudsters:

Caller ID spoofing

Fraudsters have the ability to manipulate the phone number appearing on call display either by call or text message. Fraudsters can display legitimate phone numbers for law enforcement agencies, financial institutions, government agencies or service providers.

Email spoofing

Similar to Caller ID spoofing, fraudsters can manipulate the sender's email address in order to make you believe that the email you're receiving is from a legitimate source.

Website spoofing

Fraudsters will create fraudulent websites that look legitimate. The fake websites can pretend to be a financial institution, company offering employment, investment company or government agency. In many cases, fraudsters will use a similar domain/website URL to the legitimate company or organization with a minor spelling difference. Protect yourself from spoofing by

- Never assuming that phone numbers appearing on your call display are accurate
- Hang up and make the outgoing call when someone claims to be contacting you from your financial institution, service provider, law enforcement or government agency
- Call the company or agency in question directly, if you receive a text message or email. Make sure you research their contact information and don't use the information provided in the first message
- Never clicking on links received via text message or email

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Town of Collingwood Water Department Deals with Frazil Ice

On January 22nd, the Collingwood Water Department encountered operational challenges due to frazil ice accumulation at the intake for the drinking water treatment plant. While Operators worked diligently to address the situation, treated water production was temporarily limited. As a precautionary measure, the Town paused the supply of water to its customer municipalities, and residents were kindly asked to limit unnecessary water use for the day.

Frazil ice is a thin layer of ice that forms on open, calm water, typically on clear nights when both water and air temperatures drop significantly. It consists of loose, randomly oriented needle-like ice crystals. Unlike solid ice, frazil ice sinks rapidly, increases in size, and readily adheres to structures such as intake pipes. The buildup of ice can then restrict or block the intake of water into the water treatment plant.

By 3:00pm, thanks to the swift response of the Operators, no outages or significant pressure drops were experienced in the Town. The issues were successfully resolved, and the drinking water system returned to normal operation.

The Town expresses its sincere appreciation for the cooperation and understanding of our customer municipalities, New Tecumseth and The Blue Mountains, throughout this event. We are particularly grateful for the assistance provided by the Town of the Blue Mountains, who supplied some treated water during this time. Water supply to these municipal customers has now been fully restored.

At this time, with the predicted rise in temperatures today, overnight, and into tomorrow, the re-formation of frazil ice is considered less likely. However, our Operations team will continue to monitor the situation closely, and the Town will notify the public of any further action if necessary.

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Notice of Complete Applications and Public Meeting

Application for Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Property Location: 808108 24th Sideroad

The application was deemed **Complete** as of January 9, 2024.

A Public Meeting to consider this application has been scheduled for February 11, 2025 at 9:30 am, Hybrid Format (In-person AND Virtual/Online)

Location: Council Chambers, Town Hall
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0
OR Virtual - Online format using Microsoft Teams

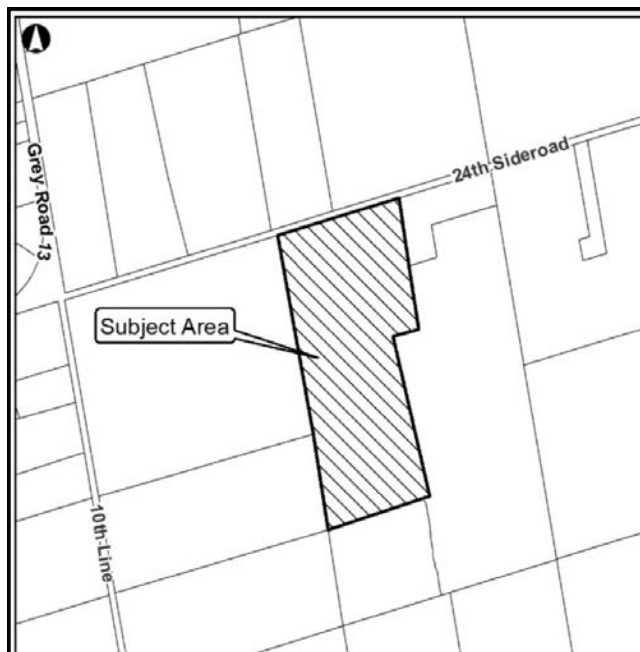
What is being proposed?

The proposal is seeking an amendment to Zoning By-law 2018-65 to permit a proposed 515 square metre, two storey building for events space up to 165 guests, as well as covered and uncovered outdoor patio spaces.

The new building and associated spaces intend to support the on-farm diversified uses and agri-tourism uses in the area by providing for a wide range of uses and activities related to apple farming and cider making. Examples of anticipated events include: corporate events such as conferences, weddings, educational tours, cider festivals, professional association meetings, town wide events (such as open fields, Blue Mountain Film Festival, Apple Pie Trail), and other partnerships such as "feast On" which relates to a recognized provincial culinary tourism initiative.

The legal description of the subject lands is Part Lot 24 Concession 10.

Key Map



Date of this Notice: January 10, 2025
File No: P3471

Where do I find more information?

Our website contains background studies, reports, plans and drawings. They are available for viewing or download at www.thebluemountains.ca/SpyCiderHouse or by scanning the QR code.



Or come visit us in Planning Services, Town Hall during regular office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or contact the planner for this file.

What happens at the Public Meeting?

The public meeting is your chance to hear more about the proposal and make your views about it known. You may also speak at the meeting or submit written comments. Information from the public will help Council in their decision-making process, so make sure to have your say!

Any person or agency may attend the Public Meeting and/or make verbal or written comments either in support or in opposition to the proposed amendments.

Where do I submit my comments?

Your written comments may be sent to the Town Clerk:

By Mail or in Person:

32 Mill St. Box 310, Thornbury ON, N0H 2P0
Fax: (519) 599-7723
Email: townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

When will a decision be made?

A decision on this proposal has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at the Public Meeting. After reviewing the application and any comments received, Town staff will bring recommendations on this project to a future council meeting.

Want to be notified of a decision?

You must make a request in writing if you wish to receive a notice of any decision of Town Council on this proposal.

Who Can File an Appeal?

Any of the following may appeal the decision to the OLT: the owner, the applicant, a specified person* or public body*, who before the by-law was passed, made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to The Blue Mountains Council.

*As defined under Section 1(1) of the Planning Act.

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Questions? Want more information?

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Toll Free (888) 258-6867
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Requests for Provincial Support to Address Family Doctor Shortage at ROMA

Representatives from Owen Sound and Grey County met with provincial officials today to discuss the region's health care needs during the 2025 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference.

Owen Sound Councillor Jon Farmer and Fire Chief Phil Eagleson joined Grey County Warden Andrea Matrosovs and County Councillors Kevin Eccles and Warren Dickert in a delegation to Anthony Leardi, Parliamentary Assistant to the Ministry of Health.

The delegates noted the need for regional collaboration to address the pressure points created by emergency room wait times and a shortage of family physicians.

The City of Owen Sound requested provincial support for the creation of a new doctor-led nurse practitioner clinic. This alternative delivery model would help more families to connect with a family doctor and reduce pressure on our emergency rooms.

Grey County requested the Ministry of Health commit to providing enhanced operating and capital funding to the Hanover and District Hospital in recognition of the additional demands placed on it due to the reduction in service at the Durham and Chesley sites of the South Bruce Grey Hospital Corporation.

The delegation also noted positive developments in region-wide collaboration for physician recruitment.

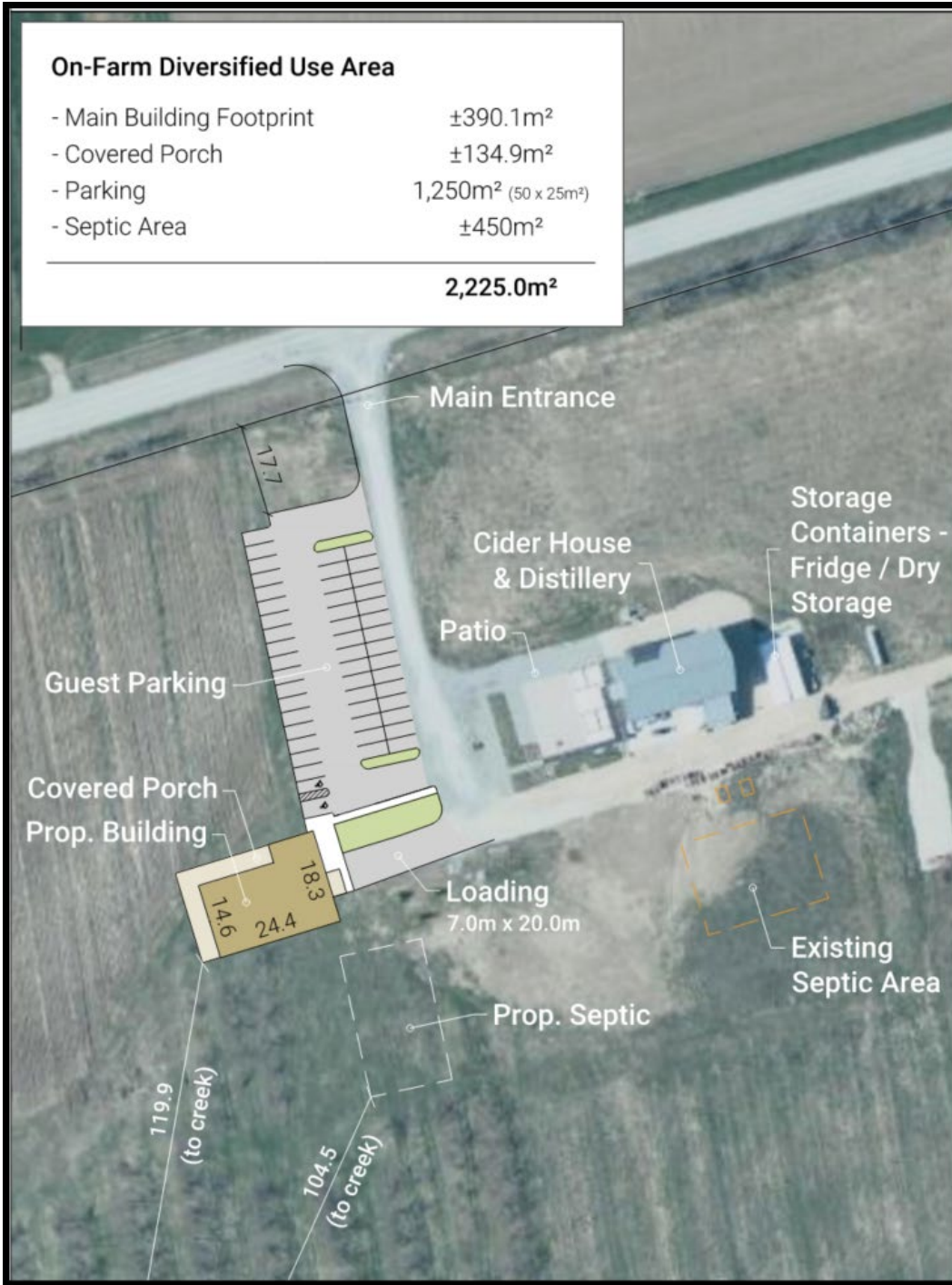
Attendees are optimistic that future discussions with provincial officials regarding the proposed solutions will be initiated from the meeting.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Applicant's Proposed Concept Plan (Excerpt Only)

On-Farm Diversified Use Area

- Main Building Footprint	±390.1m ²
- Covered Porch	±134.9m ²
- Parking	1,250m ² (50 x 25m ²)
- Septic Area	±450m ²
	2,225.0m²



The ROMA conference took place in downtown Toronto, from January 19 to 21, 2025.

Quotes:

"These collaborative discussions with provincial officials demonstrate our City's commitment to improving healthcare access for our residents, and I'm encouraged by the productive dialogue about addressing our physician shortage and emergency room pressures." - Owen Sound Mayor Ian Boddy

"Conference delegations are a great opportunity for municipalities to speak with Provincial officials about important local issues. Timely access to healthcare is of critical importance to the wellbeing of Grey County residents and we're thankful for the opportunity to voice our concerns and advocate for solutions." - Grey County Warden Andrea Matrosovs

Quick Facts:

As of March 2023, there were 4,664 Owen Sound residents seeking a family doctor, as per the Health Care Connect registry.

The rural arm of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, ROMA advocates for policies and programs that will help build thriving rural Ontario communities. ROMA takes pride in promoting, supporting and enhancing strong and effective rural governments. About 270 of Ontario's 444 municipalities have populations of less than 10,000, while scores more are rural in character.



2025 WINTER SCHEDULE

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

Central Park Arena, 85 Paterson Street, Collingwood
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PROGRAMS

Dancing with Parkinson's

Instructor – Louise
Fee: \$60 (8 weeks), Central Park Arena
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 Clarkson 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

Friday, September 19th, 2025
Duntroon Highlands Golf

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Ontario Supporting Economic Growth in Rural Communities

Simcoe-Grey - Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey announced that the Ontario government has released a new **Rural Economic Development Strategy** with \$10 million in annual funding for the next two years, to support economic growth, workforce capacity and business development in rural communities.

"The Rural Economic Development Strategy is our plan to help rural and Indigenous communities realize their potential and support the economic prosperity of communities across Ontario," said Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs. "It's based on our government's belief that a strong and dynamic rural Ontario is essential for the success of the province's economy."

The Enabling Opportunity: Ontario's Rural Economic Development Strategy focuses on three key areas:

Safe and Strong Rural Communities - Improving local economic development capacity and championing local leadership, supporting the rehabilitation of municipal and community infrastructure, optimizing rural connectivity, and supporting communities in developing plans for housing and transportation to ensure rural communities are places where people want to live, work and play.

Business Development and Attraction - Supporting rural communities and other economic development partners in strengthening and growing rural business, encouraging entrepreneurship and innovation, attracting investment, revitalizing downtowns and diversifying regional economies.

Growing the Rural Workforce - Helping grow local talent, raising awareness of job opportunities available in rural Ontario, supporting workers in obtaining the skills needed to succeed, and attracting and retaining workers so that rural communities and small towns thrive.

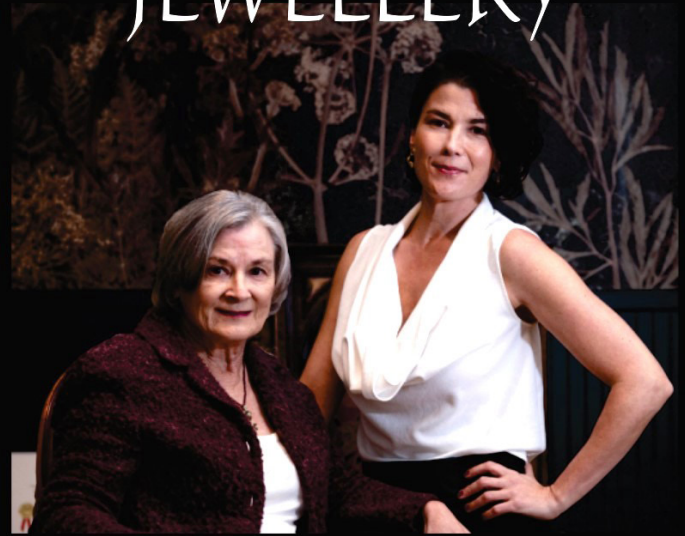
Minister Thompson's announcement of a new Rural Economic Development Strategy is a key pillar in the government's plan to help rural communities address the challenges they are facing and take advantage of new opportunities. As part of this strategy, the government has revamped the previous Rural Economic Development Program, now called the Rural Ontario Development Program, and is doubling its funding to \$20 million over the next two years. More details on the enhanced program will be available in the coming weeks.

"Rural communities and businesses are the backbone of our riding," said Simcoe-Grey MPP Brian Saunderson. "For generations, families have worked their farms and their businesses as a critical part of our local economy. This investment will enhance and strengthen that proud legacy in Simcoe-Grey."

QUICK FACTS:

- To help inform the creation of the new Rural Economic Development Strategy, our government conducted a thorough consultation process with partners from rural municipalities, not-for-profit entities, and Northern and Indigenous communities. The government held 13 regional roundtables to hear the thoughts, experiences, and ideas of those living and working in rural Ontario and received many online submissions through our website.
- Rural Ontario is a significant contributor to the vitality and resilience of the province's economic and social fabric while also being crucial to the province's overall prosperity.
- With 2.5 million people and counting, rural communities produce an estimated \$113 billion - 13 per cent - of Ontario's GDP and employ over 1.2 million Ontarians, representing 15 per cent of the province's jobs.
- Boosting the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) by \$100 million over two years is helping ensure small, northern, and rural municipalities have the resources they need to thrive.
- To learn more about the new 'Enabling Opportunity: Ontario's Rural Economic Development Strategy', visit: Ontario.ca

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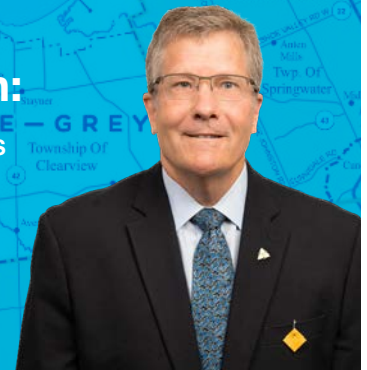
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YOU'RE INVITED

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



Blue Mountains
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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



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

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



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.



CALLING ALL STRING PLAYERS!

Join us for fun evenings of music and friendship. Play accessible and fun repertoire led by conductor Richard Mascall and special guests from the SweetWater Festival.

This ensemble is intended for intermediate and advanced amateur players - adults and high school players welcome!

Rehearsals will take place at the Meaford United Church on Thursday evenings, twice a month.

For more information:
sweetwatermusicfestival.ca/sweetstrings
sweetwatermusicfestival@gmail.com



sweetwatermusicfestival.ca



**Branch 281
Beaver Valley**

FRIDAY LUNCHES are back!

Open at 11:30

**Soup, bread, dessert
\$10**

All Welcome

202 Marsh St, Clarksburg



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
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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.

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)



TBM Repair Café

140 Bruce St. S. Thornbury

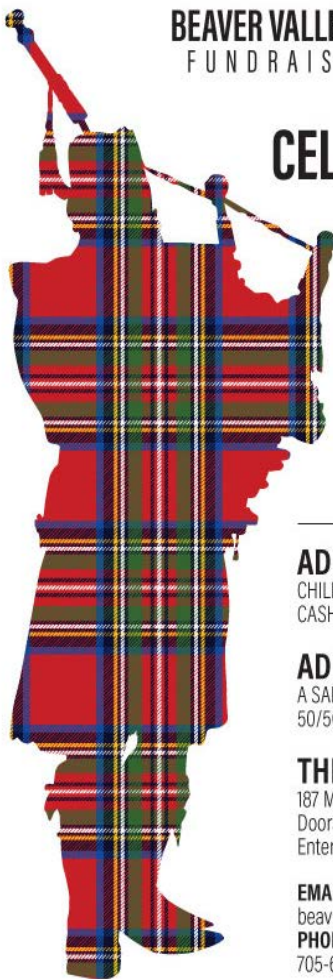
Saturday, January 25th
9am-Noon

Bring broken items for free repair and enjoy a snack.

Go **Green** for a better **Blue!**

www.repaircafethebluemountains.ca

BEAVER VALLEY PIPES & DRUMS FUNDRAISING CONCERT



CELEBRATE THE MUSIC & POETRY OF ROBBIE BURNS

SATURDAY JAN 25 2025, 12:30 PM

HIGHLAND DANCERS | CELTIC MUSICIANS
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CHILDREN (12 & UNDER) \$20
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SOUP'S ON and Silent Auction

Sponsored by:



Owen Sound

Saturday, January 25, 2025
11am-2pm

A soup competition featuring local eateries, entertainment and kids area in support of:

Alzheimer Society
GREY-BRUCE

Admission: By Donation - Soup Tasting Tickets \$20 for 6 samples



You may also purchase
sample size pottery bowls
made by local potters
(limited quantity while supplies last)

This Community Event will focus on bringing the community together, while supporting the Alzheimer Society of Grey-Bruce, and showcasing local eateries all under one roof.

Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre
Owen Sound, Ontario

For more information contact:
alzheimer.ca/greybruce/en
or 519-376-7230



WINTER DANCE SERIES
JANUARY 25, 2025
DOORS @ 7PM
SHOW @ 8PM
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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

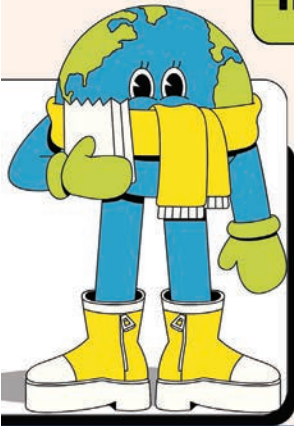
LEARN TO BE GREEN, TOGETHER

OUTDOOR STORY TIME AT L.E. SHORE LIBRARY



MON JAN 27 AT 11:00AM

Join us for stories, songs, nature scavenger hunt and crafts. Ages 0-5. Drop-in.



L.E. Shore Library | 173 Bruce Street, South
TheBlueMountainsLibrary.ca | 519-599-3681
libraryprograms@thebluemountains.ca



Challenge yourself on the Kolapore Wilderness Trails to help celebrate our 51st 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

Membership to the KWTa is not required, but encouraged.



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

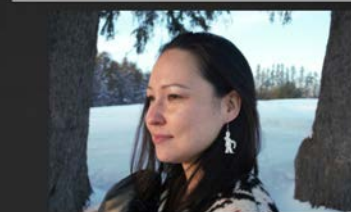
The Gallery, L.E. Shore Library
173 Bruce St. S., Thornbury

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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Tickets: \$25 at the Door / \$20 Adv. (e-transfer keainfo2@gmail.com)

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FOR MORE INFO CONTACT [KEAINFO2@GMAIL.COM](mailto:keainfo2@gmail.com)

MOSAIC GLASS TRIVETS



Tues, Feb 11
6- 8:00 pm
L.E. Shore
Library
\$42.00 /person



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69th Thinking Day

(formerly Valentine Tea & Bake Sale)

Tea & Bake Sale

Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025

2 pm to 4 pm

Tickets \$4.00

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church



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