



## Ontario Helping The Blue Mountains Build More Homes Faster



Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey recently announced that the Ontario government is investing \$1,337,250 in critical infrastructure to facilitate the construction of up to 1,041 new homes in The Blue Mountains.

The funding is being delivered through the Housing-Enabling Core Servicing Stream under the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program, which includes \$400 million to help build, repair and maintain municipal roads, bridges and culverts that will promote housing growth in communities across Ontario.

"The Town of the Blue Mountains is a vibrant, growing community and a popular year-round tourist destination for families across the Province and beyond", said MPP Brian Saunderson. "This significant investment by our Government demonstrates our commitment to collaborating with municipalities to enable much needed growth now and into the future."

The Town of the Blue Mountains will use the funding for Bridge, Culvert & Guiderails Capital Works. This project will unlock more housing opportunities and support economic growth.

"Today's announcement means more families can call The Blue Mountains home, more local businesses can grow and succeed, and more people can enjoy a safer, connected community," said Mayor Andrea Matrosovs. "I'd like to thank Minister Surma, MPP Saunderson and the Ontario government for investing in the Town and providing this important funding."

"To keep pace with growing communities across our province, our government is helping municipalities build more homes faster than ever before," said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. "Families and residents need safe and reliable roads and bridges to access these homes and travel safely to and from their destinations. That's why we are making targeted, local investments through the Housing-Enabling Core Servicing Stream to support the construction of municipal roads, bridges and culverts that keep residents safe and foster stronger, more connected communities across Ontario."

The government is also investing \$175 million to launch the Health and Safety Water Stream under the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program. This new stream will support projects that will protect homes and create resilient communities by building, rehabilitating and expanding aging water, wastewater, stormwater, flood and erosion infrastructure.

Through the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program and the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund, Ontario is providing nearly \$2 billion to support housing-and community-enabling infrastructure and build more homes across the province.

## 50 Days Till Spring!! *photo by Robert Burcher*



### Ontario Investing in Mobile Crisis Response Teams for Simcoe-Grey

Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey is proud to announce that the Ontario government is providing \$241,677.90 to help the Huronia West OPP and the Collingwood & Blue Mountains OPP provide specialized support to people who are experiencing a mental health crisis. The funding is being delivered through the Mobile Crisis Response Team Enhancement Grant and enables police to utilize trained crisis workers when responding to those in need.

"This is very good news for the residents of Simcoe-Grey and is recognition of the great work of our local Mobile Crisis Response Team that has been at the forefront of this important initiative for many years," said MPP Brian Saunderson. "The Mobile Crisis Response Teams work cooperatively with many partner organizations to ensure that those in distress are connected with the critical services they need as quickly as possible."

Mobile Crisis Response Teams consist of police officers and crisis workers responding to complex situations where mental health or addictions may be a factor. Supported by the police, crisis workers can help determine whether an individual suspected of experiencing a crisis should be sent to an emergency department for treatment and provide connections to community programming and supports if necessary.

"When people need help, every second matters. That's why we're providing training and resources to the police officers and nurses on Ontario's Mobile Crisis Response Teams so they can best support those facing a mental health or addictions crisis," said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner. "This investment will put the right people in the right places to de-escalate situations that could pose a safety risk. Working together with our police community partners, we're keeping Ontario safe."

In 2024-25, the Ontario government is allocating more than \$4.5 million to 40 police services and Ontario Provincial Police detachments to strengthen their Mobile Crisis Response Teams across the province.

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### Ontario Helping Wasaga Beach Build More Homes Faster

Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey announced that the Ontario government is investing \$10,950,158 in critical infrastructure to facilitate the construction of up to 3,050 new homes in the Town of Wasaga Beach.

### Ontario Building a Second New High School in Wasaga Beach

Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey proudly announced that the Ontario government is investing \$59.3 million to build a second new Wasaga Beach High School.

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Monday 1-3pm; \$2 p/p  
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#### St. James' Fairmount Anglican Church

196759 Grey Rd 7  
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2nd & 4th Sunday 9am  
Morning Prayer BCP  
5th Sunday 4pm - Evensong BCP  
Rector Jeff Kischak, 519-770-7979

#### BID EUCHRE

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This will support the creation of 1,145 secondary student spaces in Wasaga Beach as part of the government's commitment to building modern learning spaces for Ontario students.

This project is part of \$1.3 billion in funding to build new schools and expansions, including childcare spaces, announced as part of the Ministry of Education's Capital Priorities Program.

### Ontario Investing \$35,000,000 to Help Build More Homes in the Township of Clearview

Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey was proud to announce that the Ontario government is investing \$35,000,000 in critical water infrastructure to help build up to 4,300 new homes in the Township of Clearview. The funding is being delivered through the second intake of the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund, which includes a total of \$325 million to help municipalities build, repair, rehabilitate and expand drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure across Ontario.

### Ontario Investing \$75.5 Million to Restore Safety to Parks and Public Spaces

Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey was pleased to announce that Ontario has begun flowing up to \$75.5 million to municipalities in order to help them wind down encampments in public spaces by creating more emergency shelter spaces and affordable housing units. The County of Simcoe will be receiving up to \$3,039,900. These accommodations will provide vulnerable people with appropriate short and long-term housing alternatives to encampments and help restore safety and order to Ontario's parks and other public spaces.

"Homelessness is a serious, complex and growing issue in our Province and Simcoe County that requires coordinated action from every level of Government," said MPP Brian Saunderson. "This increased investment is part of our Government's ongoing

commitment to working collaboratively with the County of Simcoe to expand and enhance the important work the County is doing through programs like the Simcoe County Alliance to End Homelessness (SCATEH) and the Canada Ontario Housing Benefit (COBH), to provide safe and secure housing for all our residents."

"Our government has delivered significant support to municipalities to address the challenges encampments can pose to public safety across Ontario," said Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "Mayors have asked us for additional help and we have been clear that we will provide funding to municipalities that show results in winding down these sites. We can no longer accept encampments as a place to deal with mental health and addiction issues."

The funding that is being flowed to municipalities includes:

- \$50 million for ready-to-build affordable housing projects, allocated based on how close a project is to completion and its value for money, to help projects near completion but in need of additional targeted funding open their doors faster.
- \$20 million to expand shelter capacity and create additional temporary accommodation spaces.
- \$5.5 million to top up the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) to immediately free up emergency shelter spaces for people living in encampments by helping people living in shelters move into longer-term housing. This funding builds on the nearly \$400 million invested in COHB between 2023 and 2024.

As part of the government's commitment to ensuring Ontarians can safely use our shared public spaces, the province is working with local service managers to direct funding into communities where it is needed most. By helping municipalities and other project partners create more emergency shelter and affordable housing spaces, Ontario is helping vulnerable people move out of crisis situations and into stable accommodations.

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Melissa Courvoisier, HCA-RHNC, MEd., B.A., RYT 200

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## Grey Ag Winter Course Program To Begin Soon!

Each winter, Grey Ag Services offers courses of interest to producers and rural residents of Grey and Bruce Counties and beyond. Course details and registration information can be found on the Grey Ag website – [www.greyagservices.ca](http://www.greyagservices.ca). Certified Crop Advisors will be able to obtain CEU credits for some of these courses.

### Tips for Succession Success from a Lawyer's and Accountant's Perspective

Presented by: Robert W. Scriven, Bennett Grant LLP and Gerry Bowler, Bowler & Company CPA.

Mon. Feb 10, 1:30 - 3:30 pm.

In-person course: Attend at Grey Ag Services in Markdale.

### Trendy Triticale

Presented by: Christine O'Reilly, Forage & Grazing Specialist, OMAFA.

Tues. Feb 11, 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Webinar: Attend online through Zoom.

### Regenerative Agriculture 101

Presented by: Christoph Wand, Sustainability Specialist, OMAFA.

Thurs. Feb 13, 6:45 - 9:15 pm. Hybrid course:

Attend in-person at Grey Ag Services or online through Zoom.

### In The Know Training

Presented by: Jackie Ralph, CMHA Grey Bruce.

Tues. Feb 25, 10 am - 2 pm.

In-person course: Attend at GreyAg Services in Markdale.

### Interpreting your Soil Test Results

Presented by: Craig Reid and Brandon Dietrich, Agronomists at Sprucedale Agromart.

Wed. Feb 26, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. In-person course: Attend at Grey

Ag Services in Markdale, with the option to stay for lunch and an afternoon course on the same day.

### The Role of Lime for Optimal Crop Production

Presented by: Taylor Knott and Craig Reid, Agronomists at Sprucedale Agromart.

Wed. Feb 26, 1:00 - 3:00 pm.

Hybrid course: Attend in-person at Grey Ag Services in Markdale or online through Zoom.

### Economics of Feeding Beef Calves

Presented by: Steve Duff, Chief Economist; James Byrne, Beef Specialist; and John Molenhuis, Business Management Specialist; all of OMAFA.

Thurs. Feb 27, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

In-person course: Attend at Grey Ag Services in Markdale.

### Key Nutrients in the Equine Diet and Their Function in the Horse's Body

Presented by: Jessica McCoag, Equine Nutritionist, Purina.

Thurs. Feb 27, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Hybrid course:

Attend in-person at Grey Ag Services or online through Zoom.

### Advanced Grazing Systems - Paddock Design Workshop

Presented by: Dean Cober, Producer, Cobercow Hay and Cattle.

Fri. Feb 28, 1:00 - 5:00 pm. In-person course:

Attend at Grey Ag Services.

### Improving Grassland Bird Habitat on Farms

Presented by: Bird Ecology and Conservation Ontario and Collaborating Farmers.

Sat. Mar 1, 1:30 - 4:00 pm.

In-person course: Attend at Grey Ag Services in Markdale.

"Funding Program Opportunities,"

For further courses in March and April and full descriptions, visit: [www.greyagservices.ca](http://www.greyagservices.ca) or contact Grey Ag Services at: 519-986-3756, [info@greyagservices.ca](mailto:info@greyagservices.ca)

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## Original Exhibit on Funeral Customs Opens at Grey Roots January 29th, 2025

Grey Roots Museum & Archives is excited to announce the opening of Going Out in Style, an original exhibit exploring funerary customs across diverse cultures, with a special focus on the Victorian era.

Featuring over 130 artefacts paired with engaging text panels and archival images, the exhibit highlights historical funeral rituals and traditions, from Egyptian mummification and Viking funerals to sky burials, Dia de los Muertos, and an in-depth study of Victorian era customs. Visitors will discover how death rituals throughout history reflect societal values, beliefs, and traditions.

“Death is an inevitable part of life, yet the ways we respond to it vary widely across time and cultures,” says Sim Salata, Curator at Grey Roots Museum & Archives. “After the death of her beloved husband Albert, Queen Victoria elevated mourning to an elaborate art form, with strict rules, fashion, and ceremonies. This exhibit not only examines this Victorian obsession with funerary traditions but also explores customs from other periods and cultures, offering a broader perspective on how humanity commemorates life and loss.”

In Going Out in Style, death and grief are approached with thoughtful respect and sensitivity. The exhibit, like the funeral customs it explores, is a commemoration of life, affirming the shared sense of community that unites these traditions, regardless of era or culture. **Going Out in Style is on now through Wednesday, May 7th.** For information, visit [greyroots.com/going-out-in-style](http://greyroots.com/going-out-in-style).

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## Notice of Complete Applications and Public Meeting

### Application for Zoning Bylaw Amendment

**Property Location:** 808108 24<sup>th</sup> 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

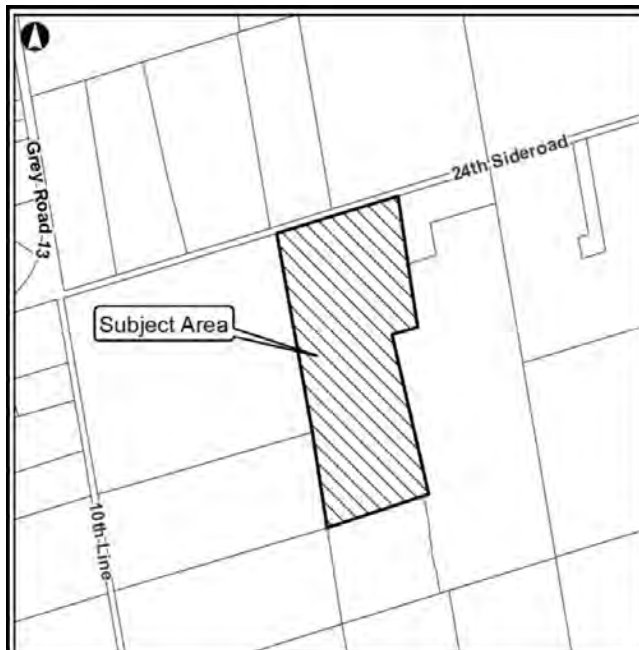
#### What is being proposed?

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](http://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](mailto: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?

Phone: (519) 599-3131 ext. 263 or Toll Free (888) 258-6867  
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### Notice of Public Meeting: With regard to the 2025 Draft Budget and 2025 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget

**Date of this Notice: January 27, 2025**

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.**

**Hybrid Format: In-Person AND Virtual/Online**

**Town Hall, Council Chambers**

**32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0**

#### What is being proposed?

The Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Meeting to provide information to the public and to allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the 2025 Draft Budget and supporting Tax Rate Changes as well as the 2025 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget.

Notice is hereby given that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains, at its regularly scheduled Council meeting on Monday, March 10, 2025, intends to adopt the Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for all departments of the Town for the year 2025 and intends to adopt the 2025 Water and Wastewater Budget.

Copies of the 2025 Draft Budget and the 2025 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget will be available through the Town's website, [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca).

#### When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the 2025 Draft Budget and 2025 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the 2025 Draft Budget and 2025 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

#### How can I make my views known about this proposal?

Any person or agency may provide comments on this matter in writing or verbally at the Public Meeting.

Comments at the Public Meeting assist the Town and Council in their decision-making process, so be sure to have your say!

#### How do I submit my comments?

Written Comments – You are encouraged to provide your comments or questions in writing using email or regular letter mail to the Town Clerk. Written comments received by **9:00 a.m. Friday, February 14, 2025**, will be read by the Town Clerk at the Public Meeting for the benefit of everyone in attendance and will be included in the record of the Public Meeting.

Comments can be faxed to (519) 599-7723, or emailed [townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca).

Any submitted comments become part of the **public record**, including names and addresses.

Verbal Comments – This Public Meeting is a hybrid meeting, allowing the public to attend the meeting in person or virtually. Those that wish to make verbal comments **virtually** are required to pre-register with the Town Clerk, no later than five business days in advance of the Public Meeting, by **Monday, February 10, 2025**.

Anyone wishing to provide their verbal comments **in person** at the Public Meeting, can attend the Town Hall, Council Chamber.

#### Want to be notified of a decision?

You must make a request in writing to the Town Clerk if you would like to be notified of a decision on this proposal to:

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk  
Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON  
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#### Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!


**Monica Quinlan**, Director of Corporate & Financial Services

Phone: (519) 599-3131 ext. 231; Email: [directorcfs@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:directorcfs@thebluemountains.ca)

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### Notice of Public Meeting: With regard to amendments to By-law 2024-19 for the Imposition and Collection of Fees and Charges for Certain Municipal Services and Activities, amendments to By-law 2024-20 for the Solid Waste Management Fees, and amendments to By-law 2024-21 for the Imposition of Water Charges and Sewer Charges.

Date of this Notice: January 27, 2025

Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Hybrid Format: In-Person AND Virtual/Online

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#### What is being proposed?

The Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Meeting to provide information to the public and to allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law, Solid Waste Management Fees By-law, and Water Charges and Sewer Charges By-law.

It is proposed that Council will consider enactment of these revised By-laws at its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on Monday, March 10, 2025.

Copies of the proposed amendments to the By-laws will be available through the Town's website, [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca).

#### When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the By-laws has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the By-laws and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

#### How can I make my views known about this proposal?

Any person or agency may provide comments on this matter in writing or verbally at the Public Meeting.

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## 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 Date

March 28, 2025, Marsh Street Centre

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## 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:  
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## Digital-Only Parking Passes

Grace period ends February 3, 2025, for residents to register their vehicle licence plates. 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)



## 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.



## 45th Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake Fundraiser

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey Bruce and Western Simcoe (BBBSGBWS) is thrilled to announce its 45th annual Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser, set to take place from April 24th to 26th, 2025 in Owen Sound and on May 2nd, 2025 in Collingwood. This exciting event is a cornerstone of the organization's efforts to support its no-cost, life-changing mentorship programs for local youth.

The event will be hosted at The Bowling Alley in Owen Sound (April 24-26) and Georgian Bowl in Collingwood (May 2), where participants will come together for a weekend of friendly competition, community connection, and a shared commitment to inspiring young lives.

"Forty-five years marks more than just an annual fundraiser – Bowl for Kids' Sake is a legacy of this community's commitment to supporting young people. The event's history and impact can be traced back to our early years and to this day, the event exists as a vital fundraiser for our organization and its growing impact" (Beth Aubrey, Executive Director).

This year's event will once again be made possible by the generous support of Bruce Power, Century 21, and the Bowling Alley. Those contributions help ensure that every dollar raised goes directly to our mentorship programs, reaching children, youth and families across the three counties served.

### Event Details:

- The Bowling Alley, Owen Sound
  - April 24: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
  - April 25: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
  - April 26: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
- Georgian Bowl, Collingwood
  - May 2: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM & 6:45 PM - 8:15 PM & 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM

### Event Highlights:

- Peer-to-Peer Fundraising: Rally your friends, family, and colleagues to raise funds for BBBSGBWS's mentorship programs, making a direct impact on local youth and families.
- Bowling Tournament: Celebrate your fundraising efforts in a friendly bowling competition with exciting prizes for the top individual fundraisers, highest scorers, and the top fundraising team.
- Silent Auction: Don't miss the chance to win incredible prizes in our silent auction, launching on April 1st, 2025.
- Community Connections: Meet like-minded community members who are passionate about supporting youth and helping young people thrive.

### Gratitude to Our Sponsors

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### How to Participate

Sign up and get more event details online at <https://greybruce.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/2025-bowl-for-kids-sake>

Your involvement will help us build stronger communities and create brighter futures for young people in Grey Bruce and Western Simcoe.

### About Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey Bruce and Western Simcoe

For over 60 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey Bruce and Western Simcoe (BBBSGBWS) has been a leading force in youth development in our region. As one of the original 10 chartered agencies in Canada, BBBSGBWS provides no-cost, one-to-one and group mentoring programs to help young people unlock their full potential and thrive in their communities.



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The Dairy Processing Modernization Initiative is over 90% subscribed and still accepting applications from cow, goat, sheep and water buffalo milk processors. Successful applicants can receive up to \$200,000 in cost-shared funding to enhance processing efficiency and food safety in their facilities. The funding can be used to help cover the costs of new or refurbished equipment, one-time training and more.

### Examples of projects include:

Four All Ice Cream in Waterloo receiving up to \$200,000 for a walk-in cooler with blast freezer/refrigeration capabilities, a pasteurizer with accessories, and a plate-heat exchanger to increase productivity and meet demand.

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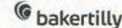
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