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60th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FLAG

At the stroke of noon on February 15, 1965, Canada's red and white maple leaf flag was raised for the very first time on Parliament Hill. On the same day in 1996, National Flag of Canada Day was declared. Our national flag is a symbol that unites Canadians and reflects the common values we take pride in — democracy, inclusion and equity. On February 15, let's celebrate 60 years of our Canadian flag!

Prime Minister Announces the Appointment of Canada's New Fentanyl Czar

Fentanyl is a lethal drug that has torn apart communities and families across Canada and the United States. The scourge of fentanyl must be wiped from the face of the Earth, its production must be shut down, and its profiteers must be punished. The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, announced the appointment of Kevin Brosseau as Canada's new Fentanyl Czar, effective immediately.

As Fentanyl Czar, Mr. Brosseau will work closely with U.S. counterparts and law enforcement agencies to accelerate Canada's ongoing work to detect, disrupt, and dismantle the fentanyl trade. Mr. Brosseau brings extensive law enforcement experience, having served in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) for over 20 years, including as Deputy Commissioner and top cop in Manitoba. Recently, as Deputy National Security and Intelligence Advisor to the Prime Minister, Mr. Brosseau navigated Canada's most sensitive security challenges. His demonstrated expertise tackling drug trafficking, organized crime networks, and other national security threats will bring tremendous value to this position.

Canada is taking significant action to stop the production and trafficking of illegal fentanyl. We are adding new and expanded detection capacity at border entries to find illegal drugs and guns and shorten cargo container processing time. We are building a Canadian Drug Analysis Centre to analyze illegal drug samples and identify where and how these drugs are manufactured. We are deploying new chemical detection tools at high-risk ports of entry, new canine teams to intercept illegal drugs, and a new Precursor Chemical Risk Management Unit to better track precursor chemicals and distribution channels. In the 2024 Fall Economic Statement, we introduced strong measures such as steeper penalties and regulatory changes to fight financial crimes, including money laundering, that often enable fentanyl trafficking.

While less than 1 per cent of the fentanyl intercepted at the U.S. border comes from Canada, any amount of fentanyl is too much.



Grey County Affordable Housing Action

A County owned site in Dundalk was identified for redevelopment as part of the Affordable Housing Action plan. The site is located at 130 Rowe's Lane in Dundalk, the current 11-unit building is being demolished. This site has approximately one acre of developable land.

Staff proposed a three story, 40 unit building consisting of 16 bachelor apartments and 24 one bedroom apartments be developed to meet the greatest need according to the Grey County wait list in Southgate. At the August 1, 2024 Community Services Committee meeting JPM Architectural Inc was awarded the architectural tender for the build in the amount of \$348,250 exclusive of HST. JPM Architecture Inc formerly Allan Avis Architects is a local firm out of Goderich. They have successfully completed over 50 affordable housing, long term care and medical service projects and have worked with Grey, Bruce and Huron Counties. JPM Architecture is familiar with the typical project requirements for affordable builds and working with staff to meet Provincial or Federal funding guidelines and schedules.



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Beaver Valley Arena Public Skating

Sat & Sun: 12pm - 2pm; Excluding: 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. 17, \$3 p/p. Must be 18 years+ of age. All skaters must wear a certified hockev helmet.

Parent & Tots

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

Public Notice Per section 162 of the RTA - this is notice of intent to dispose of the park model trailer located at 46 Admirals Trail in Thornbury. For any questions please contact Pinder at 416.749.6857 ext. 264.

Matt's Millennial **Support Companion** Services

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The tender for services was divided into 3 schedules depending on funding and funding opportunities.

Schedule One \$75,750

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- · Drawings Ready for Site Plan Approval
- Full Architectural Drawings Plans, Elevations, Building Sections, Wall Sections and Details with Full Code Review
- Full Class 'C' Cost Estimate for overall Building costs of project with cost Breakdowns (i.e. Architectural, Mechanical, Electrical, Structural, Site Work etc.)

\$154,500 Schedule Two

- · Final Full set of Architectural, Drawings Ready for Tender, and Specification
 - · Civil Engineering Drawings and Specification
 - Mechanical Engineering Drawings and Specifications
 - **Electrical Engineering Drawings and Specifications**
 - Structural Engineering Drawings and Specifications
 - Other consultants if required

Schedule Three \$118,000

- Architectural Oversight/Review Activities During Construction and Final Signoff
- Civil Oversight/Review Activities During Construction and Final Signoff
- Mechanical Oversight/Review Activities During Construction and Final Signoff
- Electrical Oversight/Review Activities During Construction and Final Signoff
- Structural Oversight/Review Activities During Construction and Final Signoff
- Other consultants as required

The Community Services Committee supported Schedule One of the architectural services to be completed to obtain architectural drawings and a Class C estimate. Staff applied and received \$51,500 in Seed Funding from Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and the remaining funds were from the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund.

Funding Opportunities

Two funding opportunities currently available require a Class B cost estimate, a full set of architectural drawings ready for tender and the ability to have a permit within 120 days.

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation announced a new funding program called the Affordable Housing Fund which provides up to 75% of the costs of a build through a combination of a loan and a grant. The grant is significantly higher than previous programs at 30% of the 75% in eligible expenses. To apply a Class B estimate must be included in the business case.

The Last Mile Funding was announced on December 13, 2025 by the Province. It provides top up funding for affordable and supportive housing projects that are in the advanced stages of construction or shovel ready and able to start construction within 120 days of signing a contribution agreement.

A full set of architectural drawings that are tender ready are required to meet the 120 day start deadline. Grey County submitted a business case to meet the funding deadline of January 10, 2025.

Financial and Resource Implications

To meet the requirements for these funding opportunities and future funding program requirements, staff are seeking approval to move forward with architectural services under schedule two at a cost of \$154,500 exclusive of HST or \$157,219 inclusive of HST. These costs were not included in the 2025 budget.

Staff are proposing the \$157,219 be funded from the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund. After taking into consideration this unbudgeted expense, this reserve is projected to have a balance of \$451,300 at the end of 2025.



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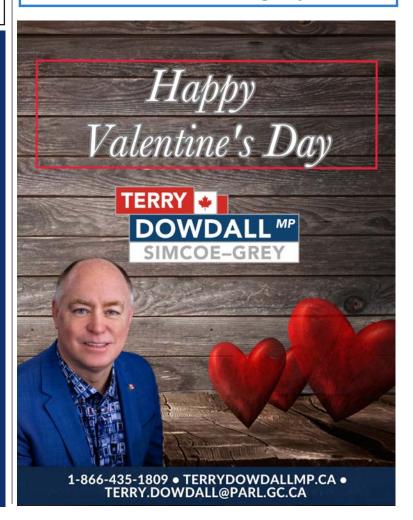




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Grey Ag Winter Course Programs!

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. Certified Crop Advisors will be able to obtain CEU credits for some of these courses.

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 & Collaborating Farmers. Sat. Mar 1, 1:30 - 4:00 pm.

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

Funding Program Opportunities

Presented by: Reps from 11 organizations offering funding to farmers. Tues. Mar 4, 1:00 - 4:15pm.

In-person course: Attend at Annesley Church, Markdale.

Building for the Future: Considerations for New Dairy Barns

Presented by: Tom Wright, Dairy Cattle Specialist; Cynthia Miltenburg, Lead Veterinarian; Christoph Wand, Sustainability Specialist; and Angie Wilson, Dairy Cattle Specialist; all of OMAFA.

Thurs. Mar 6, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

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

For the Home Gardeners - Weeds, Friend or Foe?

Presented by: Grey County Master Gardeners.

Tues. Mar 18, 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

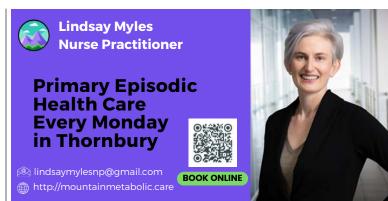
In-person course: Attend at Grey Ag Services in Markdale.

Getting Out Alive – A Pathway Through the Lambing Season

Presented by: Dr. Chris Buschbeck, Markdale Veterinary Services. Wed. Mar 19, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Hybrid course:

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For further courses in March and April and full descriptions, visit: www.greyagservices.ca or call 519-986-3756







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Meeting Date
March 28, 2025, Marsh Street Centre

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Volunteer RecognitionAwards and Fair

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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 NOH 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.

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.

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 Fax: (519) 599-7723

Email: townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

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

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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 Town Hall, Council Chambers 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON NOH 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 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.

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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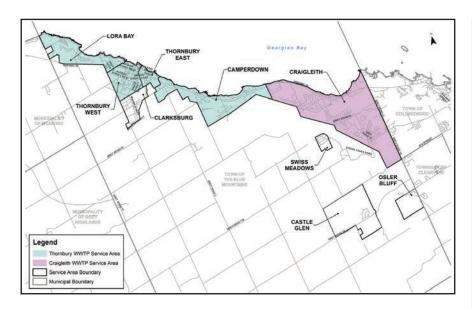
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Notice of Public Information Centre

Town of The Blue Mountains Wastewater Master Plan





The Town of The Blue Mountains has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) to complete a Wastewater Master Plan (Master Plan) for the Town's wastewater collection and treatment system. The Master Plan will provide guidance on short and long-term wastewater infrastructure improvements within the urban boundary of the Town. This study is being conducted according to the requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the MCEA process which is an approved process under the Environmental Assessment Act. This Master Plan is being completed as an Approach 2 Master Plan with sufficient detail to fulfill the requirements for Schedule 'B' projects (e.g., new or upgraded sewage pumping stations, force mains, etc.).

Existing and future collection and treatment system deficiencies (Phase 1 of the Master Plan) were presented during Public Information Centre #1 held on May 23, 2024. As part of Phase 2 of this Master Plan, the Town is developing a set of infrastructure improvements required for future sanitary servicing needs, as well as proposed phasing for the implementation of these projects.

How Will This Affect Me?

The purpose of the study is to evaluate the Town's long-term wastewater treatment and collection system needs and identify a preferred solution to be implemented to improve the system to accommodate the Town's growth. This process will help to identify system requirements and assist with long-term capital planning.

Public and agency consultation is a key element of the process and input will be sought throughout the study to inform the evaluation and selection of the preferred wastewater servicing strategy.

How Do I Get More Information?

If you wish to add your contact information to the study mailing list, or if you have any questions regarding the study, please see the Contact Information section of this notice. A dedicated project page has been added to the Town's website at:

www.thebluemountains.ca/WWMasterPlan

This notice was originally issued on Feburary 5, 2025.

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the study, please contact one of the people listed below.

Town of The Blue Mountains

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Jane Wilson, P.Eng.
Senior Environmental Engineer
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Project Timeline

Study Commencement Q2 2022

Study Completion Q3 2025 (est.)

Public Consultation

A Virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to present proposed servicing alternatives, and to gather input from members of the public. All those interested in the project are invited to attend. The meeting will include a public comment and question period.

Date: February 26, 2025 Start Time: 5:00 p.m. Platform: Microsoft Teams

Registration for the meeting is mandatory to receive a link to attend the virtual meeting. Please visit the project web page to register for the meeting and to sign up for notifications as project updates become available.



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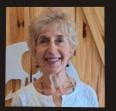
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Bluewater District School Board Seeking Public Input for 2025 – 2026 Budget

Bluewater District School Board is seeking public feedback as planning gets underway for the development of the annual budget. Students, parents/guardians, staff, and community members are invited to participate in a short online survey that will assist the Board of Trustees in identifying priorities to align resources for student success in the 2025 – 2026 school year.

The survey is now open and will be available until **Wednesday**, **March 5**, **2025** at 4:00 p.m. on the board's website at www.bwdsb. on.ca. Any interested participants who require another survey format are asked to send their request by email to budget_consultation@bwdsb.on.ca or phone 226-908-5753.

Members of the public who wish to present their ideas for the 2025 – 2026 budget are invited to do so at the Business Committee of the Whole Board meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. For details on making a presentation, please contact Bluewater District School Board by email or phone, as outlined above. Presenters must confirm their request and provide a copy of their presentation by 12:00 p.m. on Monday, March 24, 2025.

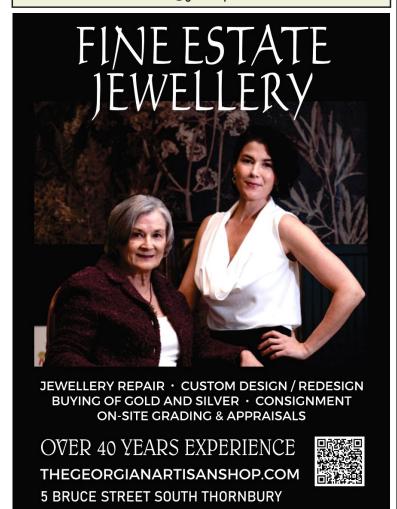


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Simcoe Grey includes The Blue Mountains, Collingwood, Wasaga Beach, Clearview, New Tecumseth, Adjala-Tosorontio and Essa.

TED CRYSLER, Ontario Liberal Party

Ted is passionate about improving the lives of Ontarians. A promoter of economic affordability, a strong proponent of public health care and education, an advocate for our ageing citizens, and a lifelong environmentalist, Ted will fight for progress in all of these areas as part of the Liberal team. tedcrysler.ontarioliberal.ca/biography



ALLAN KUHN, GREEN PARTY OF ONTARIO

Allan is standing up for the Greens to help communities bring into action solid solutions to Social and Environmental inequality!! We need to act now, with our families, with our friends and with our neighbours to bring peace back into our lives and to the



living systems of this planet! Thank You!! Go Green!! gpo.ca/candidate/allan-kuhn

BRIAN SAUNDERSON, PC PARTY OF ONTARIO

Brian is a husband, father, lawyer, teacher, coach, volunteer, and has been the member of provincial parliament for the riding of Simcoe-Grey since June 2022. He is a great believer in the power of the individual in our communities and has served on boards of numerous not-for-profit organizations locally, provincially and nationally. briansaundersonmpp.ca





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Helpful information to get ready to vote:

Confirm, update or add your voter information to the Register by February 17 to receive a voter information card in the mail with information on when and where to vote.

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- Voter information cards will be in the mail from February 17 to 22.
- Apply to vote by mail before February 21 at 6pm (Eastern Time) to receive your voting kit in the mail. Elections Ontario must receive your completed voting kit by 6pm on February 27 to be counted.
- Vote in person at your local election office from January 30 until 6 pm on February 26. Remember to bring your ID.
 Simcoe-Grey local election office. This location is accessible 818 Mosley Street, Wasaga Beach 1-(833) 505-3411
 You can vote from Jan 30 Feb 26

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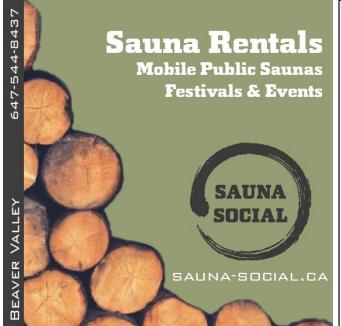
- Other Voting location information will be available after Feb. 14.
- Vote at any **advance voting location** in your electoral district from 10am to 8pm from February 20 to 22. *Remember to bring your ID*.
- Vote at your **assigned voting location** on election day from 9am to 9pm on February 27. *Remember to bring your ID.*
- You can use assistive voting technology at your local election office from February 20 to 26 and at designated advance voting locations from February 20 to 22. You can also contact your local election office to make an appointment to use assistive voting technology on election day, February 27.

As of February 4th, Simcoe Grey Candidates include:

TED CRYSLER Ontario Liberal Party
ALLAN KUHN Green Party of Ontario
BRIAN SAUNDERSON PC Party of Ontario

Others have until Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. to become candidates.

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The region's largest job fair is returning to the Bayshore Community Centre in Owen Sound on Thursday, February 20th.

If you are a job seeker looking to meet with employers from across the area, this event is not to be missed. The job fair will run from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Some of the registered employers include local hospitals and healthcare providers, long-term care and assisted living, golf courses, bus companies, municipalities, contractors, food service and hospitality, and many more. Employers can still register for a booth online at www.grey.ca/jobfair but space is limited.

"The regional job fair attracts a variety of employers recruiting for a range of positions and is a great way for job seekers to meet face to face with employers and make an impression," said Steve Furness, Grey County's Manager of Economic Development. "If you're looking for a job or are considering a change, the Regional Job Fair is a great opportunity to discover what careers are currently available throughout the region."

Job seekers are not required to register in advance for the fairs but are encouraged to come prepared and bring copies of their resumes.

Those looking for support with developing their resume or improving their interviewing skills can contact YMCA Employment Services by calling 519-371-9222 or email employment@osgb.ymca. ca to schedule an appointment. Services are available in person at the Owen Sound and Hanover offices. Remote services by phone, text, email and virtually are also available.



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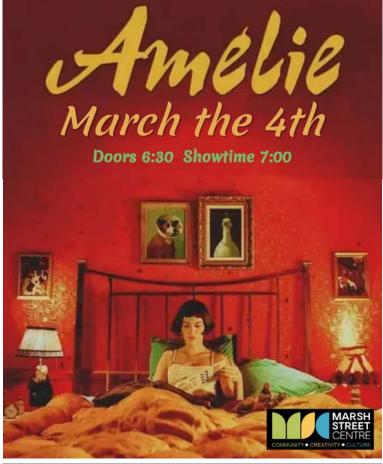


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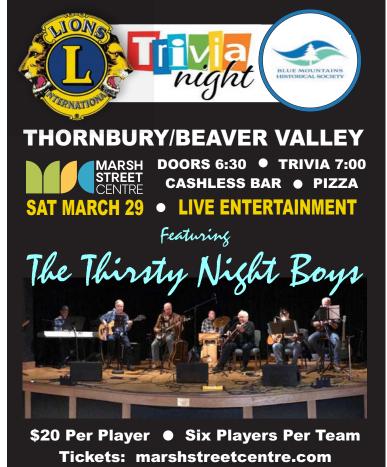
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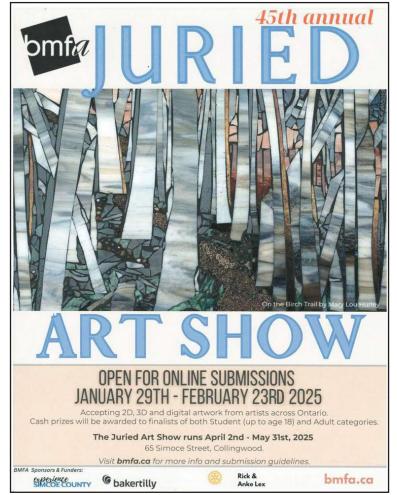


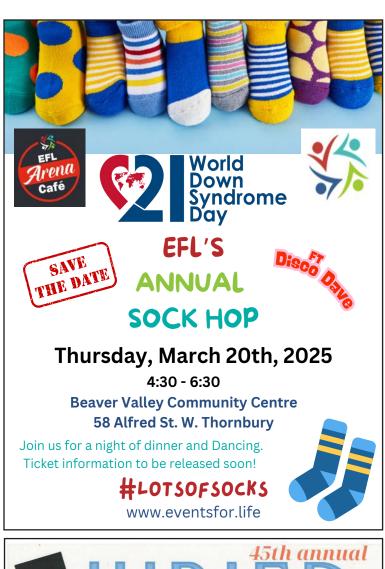


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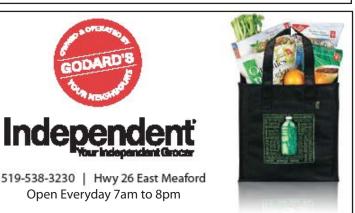
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