



Winter Warning

We love to talk about the weather. This year, winter weather talk has reached a feverish pitch. With 3 feet or more of measured snowfall the focus has shifted from the height of snow banks to the accumulating snow on roofs.

This has led to many anguished home owners trying to determine when exactly the snow load roof apex has been achieved and clearing is required. It is more mind churning than trying to time your investment portfolio. Should I hold or sell.

I recently received a timely notice from my insurance

company advising me precisely when to take action regarding the dangers of snow accumulation. I quote. "Heavy snow accumulation can stress your roof, potentially leading to leaks or, in extreme cases, collapse. When the snow reaches a thickness of approximately 5 centimetres (2"), it acts as your indicator that it's time to clear it." 5 centimetres!! Our daily deluge of snow in mid February brought four times that every day for what seemed like weeks. At least we have been warned.

I sought the advice of an old timer. After all this winter was how all the winters were back in the day. He could not recall ever hearing of any homes collapsing under the weight of snow. Barns and sheds were a different story.

He did recall a time his father warned of the overhanging snow and ice above their household entrance and advised to run when exiting the home. This is still good advice. He did have his roof shoveled this year because of their flat roof. He instructed the shovellers to ensure the roof area above the baby grand piano was cleared well. I would have had them focus above the beds but everyone has their priorities.

Of course all that snow will melt or come down in due time. A local resident reported on a sunny day how the entire winters roof snow came off the roof in a class 2 avalanche. A class 2 avalanche in case you are wondering is capable of burying victims. See previous advice to run.

Icicles. If snow load on our roofs isn't enough to keep us up at night these menacing ice bombs wait patiently for an opportune time to claim a victim. Just the other day I was walking along a Clarksburg backstreet admiring these huge industrial sized icicles some the size of tree trunks wondering when one of these 20' ice specimens would come down. Seconds later a loud report went out and one of the larger icicles calved off before my eyes. Rather than falling straight down like a giant spear it came down like a tree being felled angling out onto the road crashing into ice cooler size blocks. If you have thoughts of taking down your icicles, think tree felling only in reverse.

Seems there has been enough accumulation above us this winter to kill us many times over. But the highest risk may be trying to do something about it ourselves. I know of two local residents recovering from snow clearing falls. By the time this is published our recent thaw may have diffused the concern. But if the thought of wet snow and further snow to come has you worried do your weekend winter warrior clearing with caution or consider hiring a roofer.

Ron Smith Clarksburg

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Gateway and Wayfinding Engagement Summary

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



The Town awarded Request-For-Proposal (RFP) 2024-02-P-ADM to Fathom Studio for the design of main entrance gateway signs and various types of community entrance signs. The fabrication and installation of the signs will be determined through a future sign location project. Town staff and Fathom Studio collaborated to plan a series of stakeholder design concept meetings and other methods to generate input regarding the design of the signage.

Through the public consultation process, a wide range of feedback was received. Through this feedback, some general themes emerged. Most respondents indicated a preference for texture, relief and dimension instead of a primarily flat graphic sign. Rustic and natural materials such as wood or stone were the most suggested, with an importance placed on eco-friendly and sustainable materials. Blue was the most common response when asked participants were asked what the colour of the signage should be.

The use of elements from the Town logo was encouraged, with an emphasis on the natural features of the escarpment and Georgian Bay. The natural beauty of the Town was highlighted multiple times by respondents, with apple orchards, farms, ski hills, recreational activities and the rural landscape suggested as elements to use in Town signage. Many responses expressed a desire for the signage to communicate a welcoming and small-town feel, with an opportunity for the community and hamlet signage to reflect the Town's history and rural character.

Participants in the stakeholder design meeting recommended that the main gateway signs for the Town of The Blue Mountains should be designed with visitors and tourism in mind, while the community and hamlet signs should represent Town identity and evoke civic pride.

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Excluding: Mar. 13

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Other considerations included:

- Featuring indigenous elements or language.
 - If Town gateway signage should be a photo opportunity.
 - Creating or refining taglines for the Town and its communities.
- Following the concept meetings and the collection of respondent feedback, Fathom Studio proposed key ideas for design recommendations:
- Develop large-scale signs for the Town, to ensure there is a clear and bold differentiation from the neighbouring communities.
 - The gateway sign should be geared toward visitors, with the community and hamlet signs more geared toward identity and civic pride. All sign types should remain consistent with each other.
 - Space will be included for established dates and taglines on community and hamlet signs. The feasibility of unique illustrated elements will be explored.
 - Brand elements will be used such as colour, line and symbol, but the entire round graphic may not be used.

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Reduced Load Restrictions in Effect March 3

Please be advised that half-load restrictions come into effect on March 3, 2025 for a variety of roads within the Town of The Blue Mountains, pursuant to By-law No. 2010-54. Where Axle Weight Restrictions signs are in place, the By-law is in full force and effect.

Half-load restrictions may be extended beyond May 31, 2025, depending on weather and road conditions. A detailed map has been produced to highlight the impacted roads. The roads highlighted in red are subject to half-load restrictions when Axle Weight Restrictions signs are in place.

The Town does not provide Axle Weight Restriction exemption permits for construction-related activities. To learn more about seasonal road maintenance, please visit the Spring, Summer & Fall Maintenance web page.

For more information, please contact:

Operations Department
(519) 599-3131 ext. 276

Grey County Reduced Load Restrictions

Reduced load restrictions of 5 tonnes per axle will take effect on many Grey County-owned roads on March 1.

Roads are at their most vulnerable to damage in the spring. Load restrictions help to extend the lifespan of the road surface by minimizing damage from heavy vehicles. Load restrictions are typically in place from March 1 to May 1. Dates may be adjusted depending on conditions of the year.

For more information about Grey County load restrictions, contact the Grey County Roads department at roads@grey.ca or call 1-800-567-4739.



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Canada Is Getting High-Speed Rail

The Toronto-Quebec City corridor is a megaregion. It's home to 18 million people, 40 per cent of our GDP, over 700,000 students, and more than 30 colleges and universities. This dynamic hub needs a transportation system that gets people from city to city, in the fastest time possible.

The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, announced that Canada is developing a high-speed rail network in the Toronto-Quebec City corridor. This transformative rail network will span approximately 1,000 km and reach speeds of up to 300 km/hour, with stops in Toronto, Peterborough, Ottawa, Montréal, Laval, Trois-Rivières, and Quebec City. Once operational, current travel times will be slashed in half – getting you from Montréal to Toronto in three hours. The official name of this high-speed rail service will be Alto.

A country that believes in itself invests in its people and infrastructure. As Canada's largest ever infrastructure project, high-speed rail will turbocharge the Canadian economy – boosting GDP by up to \$35 billion annually, creating over 51,000 good-paying jobs during construction, and unlocking enhanced productivity for decades to come. By connecting economic hubs at rapid speed, businesses will have more markets to sell to and workers will have more job opportunities. Electrified, high-speed rail will also help Canada reduce its emissions and meet its climate targets. By giving travellers an efficient and reliable option to get around, we will save Canadians time when they travel, boost tourism, connect communities, and spur affordable housing development across the region.

Cadence has been carefully selected to not only co-design and build, but also to finance, operate, and maintain this project. Cadence is a consortium of world-renowned companies with expertise and know-how in the design, development, and operation of large-scale transportation infrastructure. Cadence will collaborate and support Alto as work begins on detailed design, Indigenous consultations, land acquisition, and the environmental assessments necessary to enable construction. This decision is the result of years of careful deliberations and de-risking, as well as meaningful investment from the Government of Canada.

Canada is the ninth-largest economy in the world and Canadians deserve the best transportation options. We have world-class talent, critical minerals, natural resources, a dynamic technology ecosystem, and an ambition to grow. High-speed rail in our most populated corridor is our ambition in action. Alongside investing in high-speed rail, we are also creating more jobs with bigger paycheques, fast-tracking new affordable homes, and protecting Canadian interests.

Quick Facts

Canadian passenger rail service currently runs on tracks owned by freight rails, which limits the frequency of the service they offer and leads to delays.

To address these challenges, the Government of Canada has been advancing better passenger rail since 2016.

Canada's investment in the co-development phase of the project represents \$3.9 billion over six years, starting in 2024-25. This is in addition to the \$371.8 million that was provided in Budget 2024.

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Budget 2022 launched an innovative, rigorous procurement process that brought in world-class rail companies. A Request for Expressions of Interest was completed in October 2022, the Request for Qualifications in July 2023, and as part of the Request for Proposals (RFP), three world-class consortiums (bidders) submitted their final bid submissions in 2024.

The procurement was completed on budget and was overseen by a fairness monitor.

In November 2022, the Government of Canada created a Crown corporation, VIA HFR (now Alto), to provide oversight of this project.

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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.

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:

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

“Why Farm Insurance Matters: A Crucial Investment”

Presented by: Representatives from Trillium Mutual, Howick Mutual, and Edge Mutual Insurance Companies.

Thurs. Mar 20, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Hybrid course: Attend in-person at Grey Ag Services or online through Zoom.

“Take My Breath Away – Conditions Affecting the Equine Respiratory System”

Presented by: Dr. Tee Fox and Dr. Marika Van Schaik, Markdale Veterinary Services.

Tues. Mar 25, 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

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

“Crop Plans for Success, 2025”

Presented by: Deb Campbell, Agronomist, Agronomy Advantage and Carrie Davenport, Agronomist, Georgian View Ag Services Ltd.

Thurs. Mar 27, 1:30 - 4:00 pm. Hybrid course: Attend in-person at Grey Ag Services or online through Zoom.

“Considering Renting your Farmland? Collaboration on Farmland Rental Agreements for Farmers and Landowners,”

Presented by: Bruce Kelly, Farm & Food Care Ontario.

Tues. Apr 1, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Webinar: Attend on Zoom.

“Keep Excellent Farm Records with MS Excel”

Presented by: Emily McKague, Grey Ag Services.

Thurs. Apr 3, 7:00 – 9:00 pm.

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

“Working and Training Livestock Guardian Dogs”

Presented by: Anne Poirier, EMCA.P, IAABC.ADT, CTDI, CCFC, SDJ, AACE, Peartree Animal Wellness Centre.

Sat. Apr 5, 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Hybrid course: Attend in-person at Grey Ag Services or online through Zoom.

“Design of Beef Cattle Handling Facilities and New Barn Construction Workshop”

Presented by: James Byrne, Beef Cattle Specialist and Rajan Niraula, Senior Engineer, both of OMAFA.

Barn tour location to be announced.

Wed. Apr 9, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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

“Canva Kickstart”

Presented by: Rebecca Vito, Grey Ag Services.

Wed. Apr 9, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Hybrid course: Attend in-person at Grey Ag Services or online through Zoom.

“Canning Kitchen Calamities”

Presented by: Martha Rogers, The Valley Preservery.

Thurs. Apr 10, 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

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

“Farm Theft Prevention”

Presented by: Krista Linthorne and Robert Hann, Grey Bruce OPP. Wed. Apr 16, 1:00 - 2:30 pm. In-person course: Attend at Grey Ag Services in Markdale.

For full course descriptions, please see our website:

www.greyagservices.ca

or contact Grey Ag Services at: 519-986-3756,

info@greyagservices.ca



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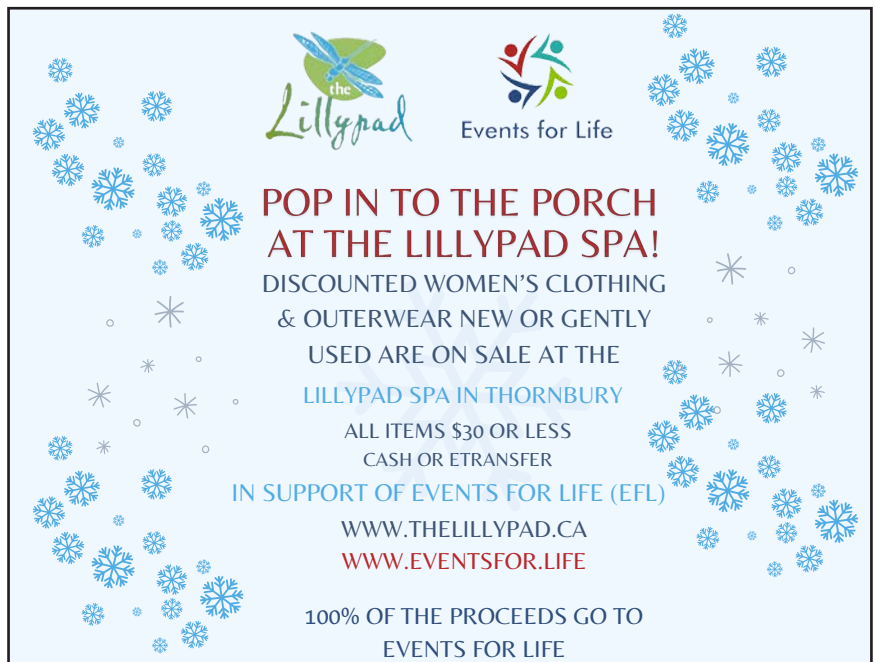
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Youth Climate Action Fund Now Accepting Applications for Round 2

The Town of The Blue Mountains and Grey County would like to advise the public that the Youth Climate Action Fund (YCAF) is now accepting applications for its second round of funding.

Following a successful Round 1 YCAF program, the Town has received an additional \$100,000 USD to distribute as microgrants of between \$1,500 and \$7,000 CAD to fund youth-led climate initiatives.

Eligible projects can include, but are not limited to:

- Awareness, education, research and co-development initiatives
- Launching climate mitigation and adaptation initiatives
- Involvement in governance of local climate action plans

These projects can be implemented in any community within the traditional Territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, which includes The Town of The Blue Mountains, Grey County, Southern Georgian Bay communities, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation, Bruce County and other communities within this area.

"We are proud to support youth in our region as they advance climate initiatives," said Town of The Blue Mountains Mayor and Grey County Warden Andrea Matrosovs. "It was inspiring to see our youth develop their projects last year. I encourage all youth to get involved and raise awareness, work together, engage their community and take bold climate action."

Projects must be led and implemented by three or more youth between the ages of 15 and 24 and support The Blue Mountains Future Story (the Town's sustainability plan) and/or Going Green in Grey (Grey County's Climate Action Plan). Proposals require the support of an eligible sponsoring organization to be considered. Organizations that are looking to participate or partner with youth applicants are encouraged to refer to the Eligible Groups and Organizations section of the Youth Climate Action Fund website.

Applications are due by March 31, 2025. Applicants are encouraged to begin the application process early to confirm project eligibility and to help youth leads partner with a sponsoring organization if necessary. Successful projects will be announced on April 22, 2025, with all projects to be completed by October 31, 2025.

For more information, including submission guidelines, eligibility criteria and funding details, visit the Youth Climate Action Fund page on the Town's Website or contact:

Nicholas Cloet, Sustainability Coordinator
Town of The Blue Mountains (519) 599-3131 ext. 235

About Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund:

Kickstarted at the Bloomberg Philanthropies Mayors Innovation Studio at COP28, as a part of the Local Climate Action Summit, the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund provides cities with the tools, techniques, and supports to leverage innovation approaches that invite and foster robust youth collaboration in climate problem-solving and policymaking. The Town of The Blue Mountains received \$50,000 USD in 2024, and \$100,000 USD in 2025 to distribute microgrants to fund youth-led climate initiatives as part of the Youth Climate Action Fund. Bloomberg Philanthropies invests in 700 cities and 150 countries around the world to ensure better, longer lives for the greatest number of people. The organization focuses on creating lasting change in five key areas: the Arts, Education, Environment, Government Innovation, and Public Health. Bloomberg Philanthropies encompasses all of Michael R. Bloomberg's giving, including his foundation, corporate, and personal philanthropy as well as Bloomberg Associates, a philanthropic consultancy that advises cities around the world. In 2023, Bloomberg Philanthropies distributed \$3 billion. For more information, please visit bloomberg.org



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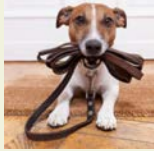
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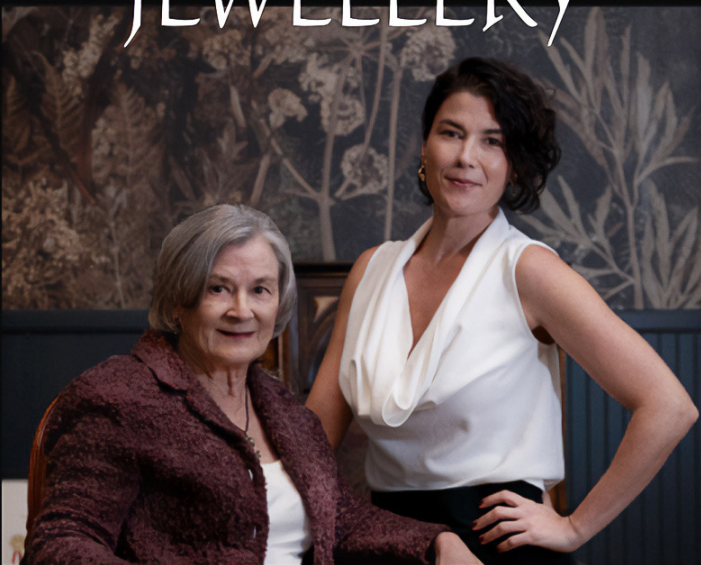
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A Just and Lasting Peace for Ukraine

From the Prime Minister's Office

Three years ago, Russia launched an illegal full-scale invasion of Ukraine that has left hundreds of thousands dead and forced millions to flee. In the face of unimaginable hardship, Ukrainians have persevered and have fought for freedom and democracy. Canada has supported and will continue to support Ukraine in achieving just and lasting peace.

The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, visited Kyiv to reaffirm Canada's unwavering support for Ukraine.

During this visit, the Prime Minister highlighted the recent conclusion of negotiations between Canada and Ukraine on the terms of Canada's \$5 billion contribution to the G7 Extraordinary Revenue Acceleration (ERA) Loans mechanism. Canada will disburse the first half of its contribution, totalling \$2.5 billion, in the coming days, with the remainder to follow soon. Announced last year at the G7 Summit in Apulia, Italy, the ERA Loans will bring forward the future revenues from frozen Russian sovereign assets. This initiative will provide Ukraine with approximately \$69 billion (US\$50 billion).

To maintain pressure on Russia, Prime Minister Trudeau announced new sanctions targeting 76 individuals and entities providing support for the Kremlin's military industrial base, involved in the unlawful deportation or forced transfer of Ukrainian children, or supporting the Kremlin's information operations capabilities, as well as senior Russian government officials and oligarchs who support Putin's regime. In total, Canada has sanctioned more than 3,000 individuals and entities who are complicit in the violation of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity and in gross and systematic human rights violations. The Prime Minister also announced that Canada is taking action against Russia's shadow fleet by sanctioning 109 vessels based on their involvement in the transfer of sanctioned goods, including hydrocarbons whose revenue fuels Russia's war machine.

In response to Russia's renewed attacks on Ukraine's energy infrastructure, which have left millions of civilians deprived of

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electricity, water, and heat, the Prime Minister also announced a \$50 million contribution to help support Ukraine's urgent efforts to repair and replace damaged energy equipment and critical infrastructure, in partnership with the Energy Community Secretariat. This builds on the \$20 million in funding Canada announced last year in support of this initiative at the Summit on Peace in Ukraine, in Lucerne, Switzerland.

During a bilateral meeting with the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, Prime Minister Trudeau noted progress on Canada's assistance commitments, including the delivery of military training and critical equipment, such as armoured combat vehicles and infantry fighting vehicles, ammunition, and F-16 landing systems and simulators.

Building on the \$3.02 billion announced in the Agreement on Security Cooperation between Canada and Ukraine last year, the Prime Minister announced that \$40 million of the total \$3.02 billion in funding will be allocated to deliver urgently needed capabilities to the Armed Forces of Ukraine through the Danish Model and another \$15 million toward supporting Canadian companies seeking to operate and invest in Ukraine's defence sector.

The Prime Minister announced new assistance measures for Ukraine totalling \$118.5 million, including:

- \$92.3 million in development assistance to strengthen local community building, support small-scale livelihood recovery projects that address community needs, reduce poverty and break down barriers to women's full participation, address food security issues, and support the return of deported children and missing persons by improving the resilience of Ukraine's government, communities, civil society, and private sector.
- \$14 million in humanitarian assistance, including for the provision of food, shelter, water, sanitation, hygiene services, and mental health and psycho-social support to those in need.
- \$8 million for weapons threat reduction to provide critical personal protective equipment to Ukrainians facing chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats, and to strengthen nuclear security in the country.
- \$4.25 million to support peace and stabilization operations, including assisting regional women's rights organizations and ensuring representatives from civil society and media can work safely.
- \$82,000 for local initiatives that will support the physical and mental health of former Ukrainian prisoners of war.

In total, Canada has committed over \$19.7 billion in multifaceted assistance for Ukraine since the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion in February 2022.

In Kyiv, Prime Minister Trudeau joined President Zelenskyy and international partners to discuss the situation on the ground as well as Ukraine's needs for military, financial, humanitarian, recovery, and other assistance. During a plenary session on the theme of "Defence and Security Strategy of Unity: Action Plan", he delivered remarks commending the Ukrainian people for their bravery and resilience in the face of unjustified and brutal violence. He reaffirmed Canada's position as an unshakeable ally who will continue to work with partners around the world to provide Ukraine with security and defence support – allowing it to recover, rebuild, and prosper.

The Prime Minister also convened his G7 counterparts and President Zelenskyy for a hybrid meeting to further discuss support for Ukraine. He underlined the importance of G7 unity in supporting a just and lasting peace in Ukraine as well as Ukraine's reconstruction and economic recovery, noting that these would be priorities for Canada throughout our G7 Presidency this year.

The Prime Minister also attended a candle-lighting ceremony where he paid tribute to all those whose lives have been lost since the start of Russia's aggression. Throughout his visit, he reiterated that Canada will always stand with Ukrainians as they continue to fight for freedom, justice, and democracy. We will defend a future for Ukraine that's written by Ukrainians. We will defend a Ukraine that is strong and free. And we will be with Ukraine in this fight until a just and lasting peace is reached.

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Call for Volunteers to participate on the Family Physician Recruitment Working Group

The Town of The Blue Mountains is seeking applications from members of the public for appointment to the new Family Physician Recruitment Working Group.

The Working Group will play a pivotal role in actively tackling key challenges and developing strategic solutions for Family Physician recruitment. Its primary objective is to attract new physicians, supporting the local community's needs by utilizing the Town's municipal authority to address healthcare access.

The mandate of the working group includes:

- Conducting detailed analysis and strategic planning
- Developing programs and partnerships
- Enhancing intergovernmental collaboration
- Exploring funding strategies
- Leading advocacy and policy development
- Engaging with and supporting the community

The Working Group will consistently update Town Council on its progress and present well-considered recommendations for Council's action.

The membership will comprise representatives from Town staff, Directors from the North East Grey Health Clinics, four public resident members, and one designated Council member who will chair and lead the Working Group's efforts.


Applicants are encouraged to complete the Application Form and include a resume, cover letter or any other background information and any special qualifications or interests related/applicable to the mandate of the Working Group. Shortlisted applicants will be confirmed on Monday, March 24, 2025 and will be invited to participate in an informal interview on either Thursday, March 27 or Friday, March 28, 2025.

NOTE: Applicants shall be qualified electors within the Town of The Blue Mountains.





All Applications should be submitted no later than **Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 1:00 pm** to:

Town of The Blue Mountains
Attention: Town Clerk
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, Ontario N0H 2P0
Email: townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

Personal information provided by the applicant is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and will be used for the purpose of candidate selection. The Town of The Blue Mountains is an equal opportunity organization. Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code




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Applications due **March 31, 2025**

 For more info, or to apply:
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DOG LICENCE REMINDER

Don't forget to licence your pet!


All dogs must be licensed within the Town. The licensing requirement applies to all residents including those that stay in the community full-time or seasonally.




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Notice

Pursuant to Section 295.1 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001 c.25, please be advised that the audited 2023 Consolidated Financial Statements for the Corporation of The Town of The Blue Mountains have been received.

The Financial Statements can be accessed on our website at www.thebluemountains.ca/financial-reporting or, upon request, from the Finance Department at 32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310, Thornbury, ON, N0H 2P0.

Monica Quinlan
Director of Corporate and Financial Services
Treasurer

The Blue Mountains 2024 Annual Water Report

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 170/03, please be advised that the Annual Water Report prepared for the Blue Mountains Drinking Water System is available for viewing at Town Hall or by visiting www.thebluemountains.ca

Rob Gilchrist, Water Supervisor
Thornbury Water Treatment Plant



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

www.thebluemountains.ca

Volunteer Recognition Awards and Fair

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025
BEAVER VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Nominations for the Volunteer Recognition Awards and applications to have a booth at the fair will be open until March 14, 2025.





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Notice of Public Meeting: With regard to amendments to Fees and Charges By-laws 2022-14 and 2014-18 related to Planning Matters, Engineering Services, and Building Services

Date of this Notice: February 14, 2025

A **Public Meeting** to consider amendments to By-Law 2022-14 and 2014-18 being By-Laws for fees and charges related to Planning Matters, Engineering Services and Building Services has been scheduled for **March 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 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 2022-14 associated with applications under the Planning Act and other related planning applications, engineering technical review, works fees, and other related engineering matters.

The Public Meeting will also provide information to the public and allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendments to By-law 2014-18 for Building Services Fees in accordance with Section 7 of the Building Code Act.

Copies of the proposed amendments to the By-laws are linked herein and are available through the Town's website, www.thebluemountains.ca/PDSFeesReview

Where do I find more information?

Please visit the Town's website at www.thebluemountains.ca/PDSFeesReview

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.



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 Fees and Charges By-law.

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 proposal and any comments received, Town staff will bring recommendations on this Fees and Charges By-law to a future council meeting.

Want to be notified of a decision?

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

Questions? Want more information?

Phone: (519) 599-3131 ext. 263 or
Toll Free (888) 258-6867
Email: planning@thebluemountains.ca

A Note about information you may submit to the Town:

Under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and in accordance with Ontario's Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), all information provided for, or at a Public Meeting, Public Consultation, or other Public Process are considered part of the public record, including resident deputations. This information may be posted on the Town's website, and/or made available to the public upon request. This document can be made available in other accessible formats as soon as practicable upon request.

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.

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Discover "Garden Stories" – A Stunning New Art Exhibit at The Gallery at L.E. Shore



The Blue Mountains Public Library's Arts and Culture Council (ACC) invites you to experience Garden Stories, a captivating new exhibit by artists Michael Black and Victoria Huntley.



Join us for the grand opening on **Saturday, March 1 between 2:00-4:00pm.** At 2:00pm Michael and Victoria will share a behind-the-scenes look at their work and the inspiration behind the exhibit. Then, from 2:30-4:00pm, enjoy a relaxed wine and mingle with complimentary refreshments.

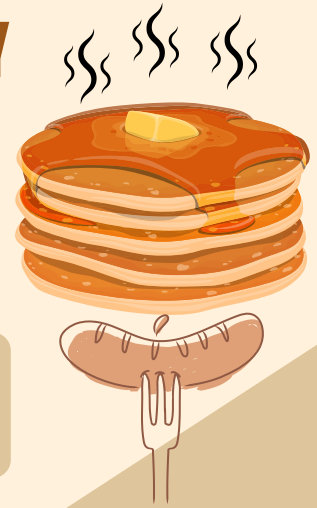
This stunning exhibit showcases Michael Black's bold abstract paintings with Victoria Huntley's vibrant glasswork, exploring gardens not just as places of beauty but as powerful symbols of climate change, history, and culture.

Free admission – all are welcome!

The Gallery at L.E. Shore (located in the L.E. Shore Memorial Library) 173 Bruce Street South, Thornbury

For more information, visit: thebluemountainspubliclibrary.ca

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<p>Tuesday Night Movies - Red Shoes Tuesday March 18th Doors 6:30p Show 7p \$15</p>	<p>Comedy Night LIVE Stand-up Saturday March 22nd Doors 7p Show 8p \$35</p>	<p>My Son the Hurricane Friday March 28th Doors 7:30p Show 8p \$45</p>
<p>Lions Trivia Night - Thirsty Night Boys Saturday March 29th Doors 6:30p Trivia 7p \$120 per team of 6</p>	<p>Price Brothers Band Country Hoedown Saturday April 12th Doors 7p Show 8p \$45</p>	<p>Rosie's Smokehouse Deluxe w/ Shane Cloutier Saturday April 26th Doors 7p Show 8p \$40</p>

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THURSDAY MARCH 6TH, 2025 • 6-9PM
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Information Call Andrea at 519 538 1311 x 4208



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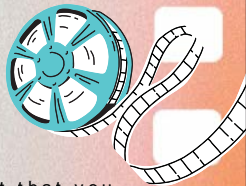
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Featuring over 130 artefacts paired with engaging text panels and archival images, the exhibit highlights historical funeral rituals and traditions, from Egyptian mummification and Viking funerals to sky burials, Dia de los Muertos, and an in-depth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

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.

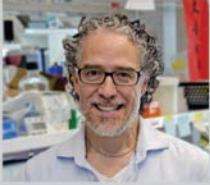


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