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world book day

## **History of Canada Book Day**

Canada Book Day is celebrated in the country each year to promote reading. Canada Book Day is a part of Canada Book Week, which is a larger celebration of Canadian books and reading. During Canada Book Day, readers celebrate by organizing activities that promote reading, purchasing, and patronizing books. This holiday was an initiative of the Writers'Trust of Canada — an organization dedicated to representing and supporting Canadian writers and Canadian literature in the English language.

Canada Book Day, World Book Day, and Copyright Day were established in 1995 by UNESCO. All three days are observed on April 23. Coincidentally, the days also celebrate the works of pioneering authors such as Miguel de Cervantes, William Shakespeare, and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega. Copyright Day is also a celebration of the publishing industry and the crucial role it plays in the advancement of social, cultural, and historical aspects of humanity.

The principal aim of Canada Book Day, World Book Day, and Copyright Day is to raise awareness of the benefits of reading books. This day highlights the potential of books and the crucial role they play in imparting knowledge and values to readers. These days reinforce the idea that books are our windows into different worlds, and they help us be thoughtful and compassionate. On this day, every person, no matter their age, is encouraged to read books. Canada Book Day also acknowledges authors, editors, and publishing industry professionals who work tirelessly to bring us the best of stories.

#### **5 Facts About Books**

Reading every book will be challenging

Presently, there are 130 million books in existence.

Books can be very expensive

The most expensive book ever sold was \$30 million.

The word for the good book smell

It is called 'bibliosmia.'

The longest sentence ever is 823 words

It was written by Victor Hugo in "Les Miserables."

The most read book is the "Bible"

It's followed by "Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-Tung" and "Harry Potter."



## Clarksburg Easter Egg Hunt!

A huge thank you to everyone involved in making the first annual Easter Egg Hunt in Clarksburg on Saturday, April 19th, such a success! The Easter Bunny and helpers hid approx 1000 colorful plastic eggs from the Shed greenspace through the Village.

It was fun to see the kids handing in their found eggs for treats and goodies from 16 of our amazing local businesses.

Special thanks to our sponsor Bayside Wellness on Grey 13.

Everyone's support and generosity truly made this a memorable day for everyone involved.



## Notice of Public Information Centre for Recreational Development of 130 King St. W.

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Staff Report CS.25.13 was presented to Committee of the Whole on April 7th. The report sought direction to work with the Georgian Bay Racquets Initiative (GBRI) to review Town-owned lands for the Georgian Bay Community Racquet Centre outlined in their December 2024 deputation. Committee voted in favour of a motion that directed staff to collaborate with the GBRI to identify viable Townowned properties, conduct a preliminary feasibility assessment of locations and operating models, and provide a follow-up Staff Report by June 2, 2025. The motion also directed staff to formally meet with GBRI to ensure collaboration and share progress updates. The Committee meeting minutes were adopted by Council at their meeting on April 22, 2025.

**A Public Information Centre** is being held to present background information on the property, and to gather input from members of the public. All those interested in the project are invited to attend.

What: In-Person Public Information Centre

When: Thursday, May 8, 2025 - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON

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For more information about the project please contact: Town of The Blue Mountains

Director of Community Services, Ryan Gibbons directorcs@thebluemountains.ca (519)599-3131 ext. 281

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Clarksburg

### **BID EUCHRE**

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# Blue Mountains: Thornbury, Clarksburg, Craigleith, Heathcote, Ravenna

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## Town of The Blue Mountains Council vote against Strong Mayor Powers proposed by the Province

Ontario is proposing to expand strong mayor powers to the heads of council in 169 additional municipalities effective May 1, 2025 to help deliver on provincial priorities, such as building more homes, transit and other infrastructure across Ontario.

Ontario's strong mayor powers, initially introduced for Toronto and Ottawa in 2022, have been gradually rolled out across the province. The province currently has 47 municipalities with these enhanced powers, which have helped to cut red tape and accelerate the delivery of key priorities in their communities. These enhanced powers come with increased accountability for heads of council and maintain essential checks and balances through the oversight of councillors.

## Grey County Council Committee of the Whole, April 11

Council discussed a motion by Councillor Eccles to declare March 24th as **Agnes Macphail Day**. Council was not in favour of making a formal proclamation but spoke highly about Agnes Macphail's legacy and would support more awareness through Grey Roots Museum and other means.

Julie Alexander of **Enbridge Gas** spoke of the company's work as a utility and their role in sustainable energy solutions. Enbridge provides natural gas to 3.9 million people in Ontario. Enbridge also offers resources for building net zero homes and energy conservation retrofits. Enbridge also has offerings for municipalities to help meet climate action goals.

Council approved the replacement of a damaged, end of life **sand dome** with a new structure at a cost of \$1.8 million. The Chatsworth dome was planned for replacement in 2027, but it has partially collapsed due in part to snow load and can no longer be used safely as its structural integrity is compromised. Transportation Services requested permission to expedite construction of a replacement building in 2025.

Council received information on the **Grey County Climate Adaptation plan** and planned public engagement activities in the coming months. More information is available at www.grey.ca/ climate-action.

Council endorsed the draft terms of reference and passed a motion to form a new **Joint Municipal Services** task force. This task force will look at shared approaches to address challenges that municipalities in Grey County experience.



Your kindness and dedication make a world of difference, and we are so grateful for every one of you!

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## Notice of Completion - Town-Wide Wastewater Master Plan Environmental Assessment

The Town of The Blue Mountains has completed a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) to complete a Wastewater Master Plan. This study was 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 was completed with sufficient detail to fulfill the requirements for Schedule 'B' projects (Approach 2).

The purpose of this study was 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. Recommended projects include:

- Gravity sewer upgrades in Thornbury and Craigleith, including upgrades to the Little Beaver River Siphon (all projects exempt under MCEA);
- Sewage pumping station (SPS) upgrades at the Mill Street SPS, Alta, SPS and Craigleith Main Sewage Lift Station (all projects exempt or approved under previous MCEAs)
- New sewage lift station at the Craigleith Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) (approved under previous MCEA)
- Future WWTP expansions or upgrades (will be subject to subsequent Schedule C MCEA).

#### **Notice of Master Plan**

By this notice, the Master Plan is being placed on public record for a 30-day review period in accordance with the requirements of the MCEA process. Written comments regarding the Master Plan Project File Report can be provided to the project team within thirty (30) calendar days of this notice (May 23rd www.thebluemountains.ca

All comments and concerns should be sent directly to the staff listed below.

J.L. Richards & Associates Limited Jane Wilson, P.Eng. Senior Environmental Engineer (226) 780-7487 jwilson@jlrichards.ca

Town of The Blue Mountains Allison Kershaw, Manager of Water & Wastewater Services (519) 599-3131 ext. 226



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## Today in history:

What memorable events happened on April 23 in history? **1597** William Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor" is first performed, with Queen Elizabeth I of England in attendance **1851** Canada issues its first postage stamp, a Three-Pence Beaver **1861** Robert E. Lee named commander of Virginia Confederate forces (US Civil War)

1961 Singer Judy Garland appears in concert at Carnegie Hall, NYC; event is recorded for a double live album, wins Grammy Award for Album of the Year (the first such win by a female artist)
1962 Ranger 4, 1st US satellite to reach Moon launched from Cape Canaveral

**1969** Over 1000 square miles flooded in Shantung Province, China **1984** AIDS-virus identified as HTLV-III **1972** Apollo 16 astronauts explore the moon's surface

**1977** Czech chess master Vlastimil Hort plays 201 games simultaneously & only loses 10

**1982** The 8-bit personal home computer the Sinclair ZX Spectrum is released (goes on to sell 5 million worldwide)

**1985** New Coke debuts; Coca-Cola announced it is changing its secret flavor formula

**1992** McDonald's opens its 1st fast-food restaurant in China **2005** YouTube's co-founder Jawed Karim uploads the first video to YouTube, "Me at the zoo" showing him in front of two elephants at the San Diego Zoo. Has over 311 million views.

**2019** World's first malaria vaccine, giving partial protection to children, begins in Malawi by the WHO

**2020** Ecuador's COVID-19 death toll is then one of world's highest per capita after 7,600 more deaths than usual (503 official toll), in report by "The New York Times". US President Donald Trump suggests studying if COVID-19 could be treated by introducing disinfectant or UV lights into a human body, during a White House press briefing



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#### How Do I Get More Information?

If you wish to add your contact information to the project mailing list, or if you have any questions regarding the project, 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/130KingStreetWest

#### Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the project,

please contact: **Town of The Blue Mountains** Ryan Gibbons Director of Community Services directors@thebluemountains.ca

(519) 599-3131 ext. 281 32 Mill Street, P.O. Box 310 Thornbury, ON NOH 2P0

#### **Project Timeline**

Public Survey Closing Date May 2, 2025

Follow-up Staff Report to Committee of the Whole May 26, 2025

#### **Public Consultation**

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Date: May 8, 2025 Start Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Location: Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON



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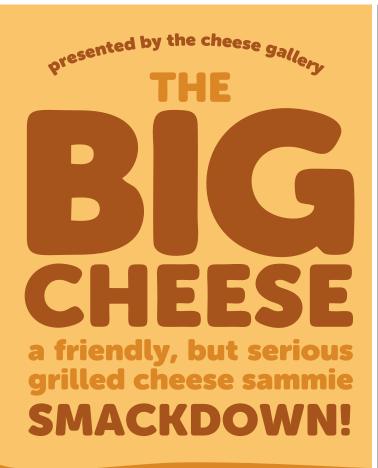


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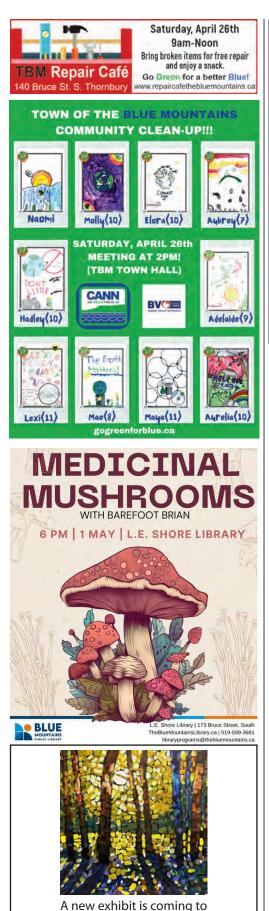
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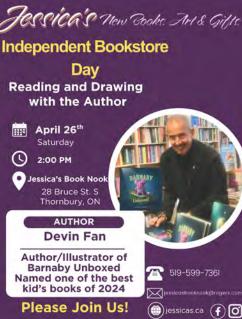
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