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Mayor Matrosovs Responds to Strong Mayor Powers



#### Be Prepared and Know Your Risks with Emergency Preparedness Week 2025

The Town of The Blue Mountains Fire Department wants to remind residents and visitors to be prepared and know their risks for Emergency Preparedness Week 2025. By taking a few simple steps, members of the public can become better prepared to face a range of emergencies – anytime, anywhere.

#### **Know the Risks**

Although the consequences of disasters can be similar, knowing the risks specific to our community and our region can help you better prepare.

#### Make a Plan

Every second counts in the event of an emergency. Knowing – and rehearsing – what to do in an emergency will help you stay safe.

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Visit <u>www.getprepared.ca</u> for more resources to help prepare for all types of emergencies.

#### **About Emergency Preparedness Week**

Emergency Preparedness Week is a national awareness initiative and an opportunity for members of the public to take action to ensure they're prepared to protect themselves, their families and their communities during an emergency. This year's theme is, "Be Prepared. Know Your Risks." The public is encouraged to understand the risks in their area and learn what actions they can take to protect themselves and their households.

For more information, visit the Town's Emergency Preparedness web page <u>www.thebluemountains.ca</u> or contact:

The Blue Mountains Fire Department

(519) 599-3131 ext. 101

In case of an emergency, please call 9-1-1.



The Town of The Blue Mountains acknowledges the Province of Ontario's expansion of Strong Mayor Powers that came into effect on May 1, 2025. Town staff have been working with the Mayor to understand the scope of the powers and to learn about the impacts of the changes.

"Municipalities, including Council and the Head of Council, are established by the Province under the Municipal Act, and we are required to operate within the framework it sets," explained Mayor Andrea Matrosovs. "My continued commitment is to the community and to work within the new rules to continue to operate in a collaborative and democratic manner."

Based on this provincial directive, Mayor Matrosovs has signed two Mayoral Decisions and one Mayoral Directive in order to:

- Delegate the authority to appoint the Chief Administrative Officer to Council:
- Delegate the management of the Town's organizational structure and employment matters to the Chief Administrative Officer;
- Direct the Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of Corporate & Financial Services/Treasurer to prepare the draft 2026 Town Budget and 2026 Fees and Charges Bylaw by October 14, 2025.

"The use of strong mayor powers was required to execute these three Mayoral Decisions in order to return to what has been our Town's practices," said Mayor Matrosovs. "By signing these decisions, important Town processes related to the annual budget, CAO recruitment, organizational structure and employment matters will remain status quo."

A dedicated webpage has been added to the Town website to ensure transparency and accountability regarding the use of Strong Mayor Powers. All Mayoral Decisions and Directives will be posted on the webpage.

In addition, an information report regarding strong mayor powers will be presented to Council from Acting CAO Adam Smith on Monday, May 12, 2025. To learn more, visit: <a href="https://www.thebluemountains.ca/strong-mayor-powers">www.thebluemountains.ca/strong-mayor-powers</a>

For more information, please contact:

Andrea Matrosovs, Mayor, 519-599-3131 x406

Adam Smith, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, 519-599-3131 x246



# Official Plan Review Final Draft Documents Posted

The Town would like to inform those interested in the Official Plan Review that the final draft of the Official Plan document is now available on the project website.

On April 29, 2025, the Committee of the Whole provided final direction to Staff on required policy updates related to Affordable Housing, Height, Density, Parkland Dedication, the Georgian Trail, and Tree Protection.

These final modifications have now been completed and are scheduled to be presented to Council for final decision at the May 12, 2025, Council Meeting. Staff have prepared a tracked changes version illustrating all the text modifications from the original Official Plan, and a clean version that incorporates all the text changes, along with all schedules and appendix maps.



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#### Town of The Blue Mountains Launches New Platform for By-law Concerns

The Town of The Blue Mountains is pleased to announce the launch of Cloudpermit for By-law Enforcement services. The new cloud-based platform enables users to conveniently submit by-law complaints online, from anywhere, at any time.

The launch of Cloudpermit for By-law allows the public to submit by-law complaints through the new map-based system using a mobile device, tablet or computer. The interactive map allows users to efficiently and accurately identify the location of their concern and provide additional information for the responding officer. The Town encourages all members of the community to use the Cloudpermit platform for by-law concerns related to issues such as property standards, parking, noise, animal control and other municipal by-laws.

"We're excited that we're able to expand the use of Cloudpermit to include By-law complaints," says Debbie Young, Manager of By-law & Licensing. "Cloudpermit makes it easier for the public to report an issue and enhances our ability to respond to community concerns efficiently."

The Town will discontinue the previous by-law complaints portal through Cityview with the introduction of the Cloudpermit system. The Cityview portal will remain active until July 28, 2025, as the Town transitions to the new system. For assistance with reporting your complaints via Cloudpermit, please contact By-law Services.

To access Cloudpermit for By-law Enforcement services and submit an issue, please visit: www.thebluemountains.ca/BylawComplaints. Complaints can also be submitted by phone at (519) 599-3131 ext. 249 or via email to By-law Services.

For more information, please contact: By-law Services

519-599-3131 ext. 249

#### Ontario Taking Next Steps to Protect Primary Care

The Ontario government is introducing the Primary Care Act, 2025. This legislation, if passed, will make Ontario the first Canadian jurisdiction to establish a framework for its publicly funded primary care system so that people in Ontario know what they can expect when accessing primary care services, no matter where they live. This legislation is part of the government's Primary Care Action Plan, which will connect two million more people to publicly funded primary care in the next four years, achieving the government's goal of connecting everyone in Ontario to a family doctor or primary care team.

"This first-of-its kind, nation-leading legislation marks a major step forward in our plan to protect our health care system and connect everyone in Ontario to a family doctor and primary care team," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Primary care is the foundation of our health care system, and we are establishing our government's vision for a primary care system that improves access to care and empowers people with the knowledge and tools to increase their well-being."

As part of the upcoming 2025 Ontario Budget, the government is also investing up to \$300 million to build up to 17 new and expanded community-based primary care teaching clinics in communities with high rates of unattachment to primary care. This brings the government's total investment in Ontario's Primary Care Action Plan to \$2.1 billion. In partnership with McMaster University, NOSM University, Queens University, Toronto Metropolitan University, University of Ottawa, University of Toronto, and Western University, the clinics will train family doctors and other health care professionals such as nurse practitioners, physician assistants and registered nurses. The clinics combine direct patient care with hands-on learning for primary care learners, allowing approximately 300,000 additional Ontarians to be connected to primary care. Further details about where the clinics will be located will be announced this summer. continued

"Thanks to our efforts to grow Ontario's economy while investing in people's health, we're able to continue making historic advancements to make our primary care system more accessible, innovative and connected for all," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "As a critical part of our Primary Care Action Plan, this legislation would bring us one step closer to our commitment to connect more people to publicly funded primary care and reinforce Ontario's place as national health care leaders."

The Primary Care Act, 2025 sets out six clear objectives for Ontario's publicly funded primary care system which will ensure people know what they can expect when connecting to primary care:

**Province-wide:** Every person across the province should have the opportunity to have ongoing access to a primary care clinician or team

**Connected**: Every person should have the opportunity to receive primary care that is coordinated with existing health and social services.

**Convenient**: Every person should have access to timely primary care.

**Inclusive**: Every person should have the opportunity to receive primary care that is free from barriers and free from discrimination.

**Empowered**: Every person should have the opportunity to access their personal health information through a digitally integrated system that connects patients and clinicians in the circle of care.

**Responsive:** The primary care system should respond to the needs of the communities it serves and everyone should have access to information about how the system is performing and adapting.

"This groundbreaking legislation and substantial investment in primary care teaching clinics marks a significant milestone for Ontario's primary care system," said Dr. Jane Philpott, Chair of Ontario's Primary Care Action Team. "By expanding capacity to train family medicine learners, along with proposing to establish clear objectives in legislation, we are working toward ensuring that primary care will be accessible for all."

Through Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care, the Ontario government continues to take bold and decisive action to grow the province's highly skilled health care workforce and ensure people and their families have access to high-quality care closer to home for generations to come.

#### **Quick Facts**

- The legislation, if passed, would set out objectives for Ontario's publicly funded primary care system that are in alignment with existing health care legislation and accountability structures including service agreements.
- The province continues to engage primary care partners to inform the broader implementation of the Primary Care Action Plan.
- As part of the province's latest investment, up to \$60 million in funding this year will support the early capital planning for new and expanded primary care teaching clinics, as well as supporting the operation of Toronto Metropolitan University's two primary care teaching clinics at its new medical school in Brampton. Starting in July 2025, Toronto Metropolitan University will add the first of its 95 undergraduate education seats and its 117 postgraduate seats, with 70 in family medicine.
- Ontario currently has 39 teaching clinics across the province where medical residents train to become family doctors. Family medicine residents typically spend up to two years training at a teaching clinic before graduation.
- The government is investing in the largest medical school education expansion in more than a decade by adding 340 seats for family medicine by 2028-29, representing a 67 per cent increase in family medicine learners.
- The government announced an investment of \$213 million to create and expand up to 80 additional primary care teams across the province to attach 300,000 more people to primary care this year.
- Since 2018, the province has added nearly 100,000 new nurses and over 15,000 new physicians to the health care system.





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# CGMH Foundation enters podcast space amidst \$100 million campaign launch May 6

The Collingwood General & Marine Hospital Foundation has entered the podcast space with "A Day Away" a 6-part series where they discuss the planning, building, & funding of South Georgian Bay's Hospital of Tomorrow. "Hosting a podcast is a new endeavour for the Foundation and one that we have chosen for its ability to provide deeper conversations and learning." says Alison Smith, Director of Communications (and recently podcast host)

"Our hope is that we can inform our community on the impact of their support and the vital role we all play in the future of healthcare."

A Day Away is centered around CGMH's innovation, collaborative spirit, and the importance of medicine in a resource-limited setting. Playfully named after the song "Tomorrow" and on theme with their campaign slogan "Tomorrow is Built Today", the podcast covers topics ranging from the frontlines of emergency care, CGMH's innovative simulation training program, attracting top talent and CGMH's President and CEO Mike Lacroix and Board Chair Barry Goodwin's take on creating a world-class hospital for South Georgian Bay.

The podcast was produced by local company Saltwater Production Company. "We talk about Tomorrow a lot around here. As a Foundation, our work is always future-planning and forward-thinking to ensure we can provide and care for generations to come." says Smith, "When we come to the hospital today, we benefit from the generosity of those that gave before us. Now it is our turn to be part of something incredibly significant and deeply meaningful to South Georgian Bay."

The Foundation is embarking on its biggest and boldest mission yet; to raise over \$100 million to help build South Georgian Bay's Hospital of Tomorrow.

At 4x the size of the current footprint, the new hospital will expand healthcare services for our fast-growing community, improve patient care and privacy, attract top healthcare professionals and build on CGMH's strengths in education and training. Thanks to the generosity of leadership donors, more than \$65 million has already been pledged.

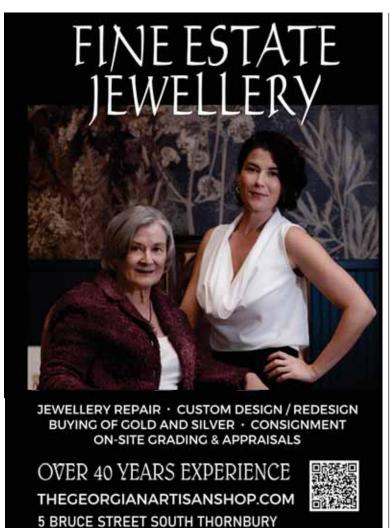
The campaign aims to raise the remaining funds from the community – residents and visitors alike who will benefit from the new hospital and the families that will benefit for generations to come. You can listen to all of the episodes on the Foundation's website at <a href="https://cgmhf.com/podcast">https://cgmhf.com/podcast</a> Or wherever you listen to podcasts: Apple Podcasts: <a href="https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/a-day-away/id1804981613">https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/a-day-away/id1804981613</a>

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- 1853 Queen Victoria asks John Snow to administer chloroform during the delivery of her eighth child, Leopold, leads to wider acceptance of obstetrical anesthesia
- 1868 Thomas D'Arcy McGee, one of the Canadian Fathers of Confederation is assassinated by the Irish, in one of the few Canadian political assassinations, and only federal politician
- 1902 Texas Oil Company (Texaco) forms
- 1927 First long-distance television transmission: an image of Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover is sent from Washington, D.C. to NYC by AT&T
- 1944 World War II: General Montgomery speaks to generals at St. Paul's School about his vision for the upcoming D-Day landings
- 1948 World Health Organization is formed by the United Nations
- 1964 IBM announces the System/360 mainframe computer
- 1969 The Internet's symbolic birth date: publication of RFC 1
- 1977 MLB Toronto Blue Jays 1st game, they beat Chicago 9-5
- 1978 Guttenberg bible sells for \$2,000,000 in New York City
- 1988 Russia announces it will withdraw its troops from Afghanistan
- 1999 The World Trade Organization rules in favor of the United States in its long-running trade dispute with the European Union over bananas
- 2020 China ends its lockdown of Wuhan, the city at the center of the COVID-19 pandemic after 76 days as the country reports no new deaths for the 1st time
- 2024 British charity fundraiser Russ Cook the "Hardest Geezer" runs the length of Africa, arriving at Ras Angela, Tunisia, almost a year after setting off from Cape Agulhas, South Africa
- 2025 Asia-Pacific stock markets have their biggest falls in a decade after US President Trump announced tariffs between 10% and 46%

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#### **Ontario Investing \$1 Billion in Skills Development Fund to Protect Workers**

As the next step in its plan to protect Ontario workers in the face of tariffs and economic uncertainty, the provincial government is expanding its Skills Development Fund (SDF) by nearly \$1 billion over the next three years, for a total of \$2.5 billion. This funding will help train and reskill Ontario workers, including those directly impacted by layoffs resulting from tariffs and ensure they have the necessary support to find good-paying jobs and help strengthen Ontario's economy.

"We're already seeing the impact of President Trump's tariffs and the economic uncertainty he has created on Ontario workers," said Premier Doug Ford. "My message to these workers and their families is clear: We'll always have your backs. Today's announcement of a further \$1 billion in SDF funding is just the latest step in our plan to protect Ontario by investing in workers and making sure they have the support they need to succeed, no matter what comes our way."

To help Ontario workers gain in-demand skills and practical handson experience, the government is expanding the Skills Development Fund by \$955 million over three years starting in 2025–26.

This includes \$705 million in new funding through the upcoming 2025 Ontario Budget to train more workers through the SDF Training Stream, building on the additional \$100 million announced in January 2025. These funds will support more projects that will help build Ontario and protect workers and jobs in industries expected to face pressures from U.S. tariffs, including manufacturing and health care.

Through the upcoming 2025 Ontario Budget, the government is also providing \$150 million over three years starting in 2025-26 to support increased demand in the SDF Capital Stream. This investment will help more organizations build, expand and retrofit their training facilities to deliver better training programs and help more workers get better jobs and bigger paycheques.

The province is protecting Ontario's workers against U.S. tariffs and economic uncertainty. These new investments through the Skills Development Fund brings the total SDF funding commitment to \$2.5 billion, continuing to demonstrate the government's support for major industries and sectors while training the workers needed to build and strengthen Ontario's economy.

"Our government has a plan to protect and support the training of the province's highly skilled and world class workforce against U.S.imposed tariffs and for generations to come," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance. "Our government continues to demonstrate our commitment to invest in our greatest resource, our workers. With these investments through the Skills Development Fund streams, we are taking bold actions to support our workers and businesses, while ensuring the economic prosperity of the province."

More information about the government's plan to protect Ontario, grow our economy and make Ontario the most competitive jurisdiction in the G7 to invest, will be included in the 2025 Ontario Budget, to be released on May 15, 2025.

- More than 500,000 workers are expected to be needed to fill job openings in skilled trades-related occupations in Ontario over the next decade.
- Since the Skills Development Fund launched in 2021, the Ontario government has invested \$2.5 billion through both SDF streams, supporting the training of over one million workers for in-demand careers across the province.
- The Skills Development Fund is comprised of two funding streams: the Training Stream, which supports hiring, training and upskilling programs for jobseekers, apprentices and workers; and the Capital Stream, which supports upgrades or construction of training centres for high-demand jobs in key sectors of Ontario's economy such as skilled trades.
- The SDF Capital Stream of the Skills Development Fund is exclusively funded by the Government of Ontario. The SDF Training Stream is supported through labour market transfer agreements between the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.



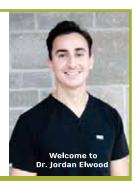
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On January 10, 2025, by Council resolution, Director of Planning and Building Services, Adam Smith, was appointed Acting CAO. Following the resignation of CAO Shawn Everitt in March 2025, Council provided direction to appoint Adam Smith as the Interim CAO and to initiate the recruitment process to fill the CAO role permanently.

The hiring of the CAO is at the direction of Council as per the Town's "Hiring of Employees Policy, POL.COR.22.02", and as delegated through Mayoral Decision MDE-2025-01 dated May 5, 2025. Hiring the CAO is a key responsibility of Council. To ensure Council selects its employee through a thorough, transparent, competitive, and ultimately successful process while establishing a solid organizational foundation for the CAO, the following requirements are generally necessary. The process will be undertaken internally, supported by the Manager of Human Resources. This will help to keep costs low while ensuring an expeditious and quality process:

- 1 Review of CAO Job Description & CAO Profile Development
- 2- Review and Update the CAO Performance Evaluation Model
- 3- Recruitment/Selection/Agreement
- 4- Review, Development, and Approval of the CAO By-law
- 5- Establishment of Onboarding Procedures

The CAO's salary and benefits are included within the Office of the CAO 2025 budget.

The estimated cost for conducting the recruitment through the Town's Human Resources Division is approximately \$20,000. This amount covers advertising the position across various platforms, including career websites and municipal professional associations. These advertising costs would be funded from the HR Division's operating budget and reserves.



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#### Notice of Public Information Centre Recreational Development of 130 King Street West



The Town of the Blue Mountains is exploring potential recreational uses for the 130 King Street West property in Thornbury. The property is 2.9 acres and is currently home to two outdoor tennis courts.

The current Official Plan designation of this property is Primary Settlement Area and the zoning is Community Living Area. Possible recreational uses could include parkland, recreational facilities or a combination thereof. Prior to any development, an appropriate Official Plan Amendment and or Zoning Bylaw Amendment request will need to be passed for the use of the land.

#### **Public Survey**

A public survey was made available on Friday, April 11, 2025. The survey's aim is to gather input from residents on future potential recreational uses for the property. The survey will close on May 2, 2025. A link to the survey can be found on the Town's dedicated project page at:

www.thebluemountains.ca/130KingStreetWest

#### 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

This notice was originally issued on April 17, 2025.

#### Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact:

#### **Town of The Blue Mountains**

Ryan Gibbons
Director of Community Services
directorcs@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**

A Virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) is being held to gather input from stakeholders and residents. All those interested in the project are invited to attend. The meeting will include a public comment and question period.

Date: May 8, 2025

Start Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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

In accordance with Ontario's Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), The Corporation of The Blue Mountains wishes to inform the public that all information including opinions, presentations, reports, and documentation provided for or at a Public Meeting, Public Consultation, or other Public Process are considered part of the public record. This information may be posted to the Town's website and/or made available to the public upon request.



#### **TOWN NEWS & NOTICES**

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#### **Notice of Watering Restrictions**

June 1, 2025 - September 1, 2025

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to remind residents that Watering Restrictions are implemented annually from June 1 to September 1.

#### **Stage 1 Water Use Restriction**

- Residents may water between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- Properties with odd numbered addresses can water on odd numbered calendar days
- Properties with even numbered addresses can water on even numbered calendar days

#### **Lawn Watering and Tips to Conserve Water**

Water only when necessary and according to the Town's Water Use Restriction guidelines.

A brown lawn doesn't always indicate a dead lawn. Brown lawns can recover their green colour after rainfall or cooler weather.

- Avoid frequent watering. Watering too often can cause your turf to develop shallow roots
- Promote a healthy lawn by aerating and mowing no shorter than 7.5cm
- If most of the lawn looks green, only water the dry snots
- When reseeding or planting, consider drought-resistant grasses, which are often more resistant to insects and disease
- Use a rain barrel
- Program irrigation systems to water deeply but infrequently and within Water Use Restriction guidelines
- Leave grass clippings on your lawn after mowing
- Check for leaks in your garden hose

For more information contact: www.inquiries@thebluemountains.ca (519) 599-3131 ext. 284

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Branches of the RCL gave more than
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with pension or disability claims, or in
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Please contact us.

rcl281beavervalley@gmail.com (519) 599 3555

# In 2024, our local poppy campaign raised over \$20K.

In the past calendar year, we have made the following specific gifts:

\$900 for specific support to a local veterans.

\$5,500 to the District Hospital Trust

\$3,500 to Homeless Veterans

\$3,500 to Caribbean veterans

\$3,500 to Service Dogs for PTSD assistance

\$3,500 to Kids Camp for children of veterans

\$2,000 to Veteran support programs

\$2,000 to Quilts of Valour – recognizing veterans' service

\$1,255 to Youth Education

\$2,000 to Ontario student bursaries

\$2,000 to Ontario Command Charitable Foundation



# Thornbury Walk for Dog Guides

Saturday, May

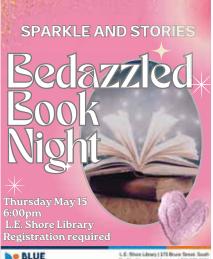


## Registration 9:00 AM • Walk 9:30 AM 3 Grey St. Thornbury ON ( Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce building)

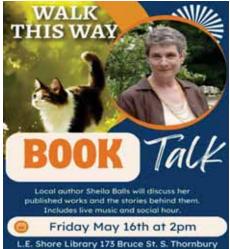
For information and donation forms contact:



waynepowney11@gmail.com 226 558 3243















Presents

a workshop for professional advisors

Thursday May 15th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Marsh St. Centre, Clarksburg

Register by May 9th: \$50 per person - lunch included

canadahelps.org/en/charities/community-foundation -grey-bruce/events/professional-advisors-lunch-learn-2/

or call CFGB @ 519-371-7203

**Exploring Inter-generational Wealth Transfers in Rural** Canada: Ryan Gibson, Libro Professor in Regional Economic Development at the University of Guelph

This presentation will explore how philanthropy could play a huge role in sustaining rural communities and how professional advisors could be part of the solution.

#### Canada's Will Power Campaign an introduction and update:

Laurie Fox, Director of the Will Power Campaign

Fourteen charities in Grey Bruce are involved in the Will Power Campaign! Learn more about this important national initiative and how you can be a part of it.

**AMT and Capital Gains Inclusion Rates** update: Steve Lowe, Chartered Accountant and Entrepreneur in Wealth Management Changes to Alternative Minimum Tax and capital gains inclusion rates are proposed or being implemented. Learn what rules are in effect, what further change is anticipated and how these could potentially impact your clients'

philanthropy, financial and estate plans.



Break & Lunch Bv





May 19, 2025 @ 3pm

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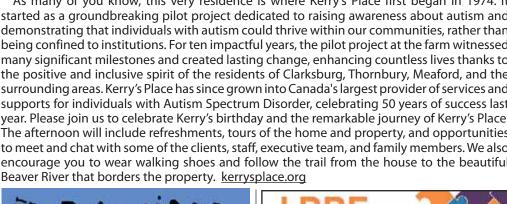
#### FEATURED FILMS





We would be delighted if you would join us for an Open House on Tuesday, May 20th, 1-5pm 788277 Grey Road 13, Clarksburg. This special occasion marks Kerry O'Neill's return to her childhood home, the original Kerry's Place to celebrate her 70th birthday

As many of you know, this very residence is where Kerry's Place first began in 1974. It started as a groundbreaking pilot project dedicated to raising awareness about autism and demonstrating that individuals with autism could thrive within our communities, rather than being confined to institutions. For ten impactful years, the pilot project at the farm witnessed many significant milestones and created lasting change, enhancing countless lives thanks to the positive and inclusive spirit of the residents of Clarksburg, Thornbury, Meaford, and the surrounding areas. Kerry's Place has since grown into Canada's largest provider of services and supports for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder, celebrating 50 years of success last year. Please join us to celebrate Kerry's birthday and the remarkable journey of Kerry's Place. The afternoon will include refreshments, tours of the home and property, and opportunities to meet and chat with some of the clients, staff, executive team, and family members. We also encourage you to wear walking shoes and follow the trail from the house to the beautiful Beaver River that borders the property. kerrysplace.org









## DIG, DIVIDE & DONATE

15+ perennials from your garden to the St. George's Plant Sale

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DELIVER PLANTS MAY 21st or MAY 22nd

PLANT SALE Saturday May 24, 8am - Noon

Email stg.plantsale@gmail.com or visit the church to register as a donor and get your donor kit















Saturday, May 24, 2025

Bayview Park - 106 Bay Street East, Thornbury 9:00 am Registration + 10:00 am Opening Ceremonies

www.walkforalzheimers.ca





#### Saturday, May 24th 9am-Noon

Bring broken items for free repair and enjoy a snack.

Go Green for a better Blue!

www.repaircafethebluemountains.ca

## **LUNCH BUNCH** 4th Tuesday

#### **MAY 27TH AT NOON**

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# The FESTIVAL TRIO returns to Thornbury!



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140 Bruce St S, Thornbury ON NOH 2PO 519.599.2438

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Please note an important update regarding the location for the 2025 season of Music in the Park. Due to planned construction on Bay Street, we will be relocating this year's concerts to the Spy Cider House and Distillery, located at 808108 Sideroad 24 (south of Grey Rd 40 on Grey Rd 2). Our first concert of the season will feature Lulus Band on Sunday, July 6th, from 6-8pm. The season will conclude on August 17th. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. These concerts are free to attend, although donations are gratefully accepted. We encourage you to bring your own lawn chair for comfortable seating.



In support of the Meaford Hospital Foundation

#### SATURDAY JULY 12 2025 9:00 a.m.

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- Regular Pricing \$50 until July 10th
- Race Day Entry Fee \$60
- Youth 18 & under \$40
- First 400 registrants for the 5K receive a FREE iconic t-shirt

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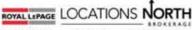
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