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Georgian Triangle Humane Society Awards Tender for the Construction of The Regional Centre for Pets and People

The Georgian Triangle Humane Society (GTHS) has announced an exciting milestone in the development of its new, much-needed Regional Centre for Pets and People (RCPP). A tender has been awarded to Bertram Construction for the building of the new Animal Centre, a state-of-the-art facility designed to amplify the impact of the GTHS in the years to come. Construction of the RCPP will begin in early July.

Now celebrating 25 years, the GTHS has grown into a vital community organization delivering compassionate services that address both animal welfare and human well-being. However, the need for these services has outpaced the capacity of the organization's existing building. The current Animal Centre doesn't have enough space to support current needs. Cats and dogs are recovering from surgical care in hallways, and the team relies heavily on foster volunteers and crates in the garage to house animals - all while the organization continues to navigate a growing waitlist. The current 6,000 squarefoot facility was originally designed in 2007 to support approximately 500 animals per year. The GTHS team currently serves nearly 4,000 animals annually.

As the community continues to grow and its residents see economic pressures mounting, the GTHS has been planning a 19,000-square-foot Animal Centre to be built on five acres of secured land, enabling them to dramatically expand their ability to care, connect, and create lasting change. With the ability to provide more critical services, the organization will finally have the space to offer genuine hope for the pets and people that come to them for support.

The new Animal Centre will enable the GTHS to more adeptly provide the care and

services desperately needed within the community. It will not only double their shelter capacity — it will quintuple the number of families they're able to support through crisis, and deliver nearly five times more affordable veterinary surgeries to underserved pet owners.

Specifically, the RCPP will enable the GTHS to do the following annually:

- Welcome 30,000 visitors: With this bigger building and space, the GTHS will be able to increase adoptions and shorten the amount of time pets spend in their care waiting to find new loving homes.
- Shelter over 5,500 animals: Protection, nutrition and care will be provided to every animal, giving them the socialization and rehabilitation they need to be ready for their next adventure.
- Employ 600 volunteers and 50 staff members: Enhanced support and care will help pets thrive and boost their chances of finding loving families.
- Offer crisis support to over 2,200 people: Stability and support will be provided to those facing tough times, ensuring they have the resources they need to navigate through challenges.
- Provide over 6,700 spay/neuter surgeries: Commitment to these vital procedures prevents health and behavioural issues, curbs the number of pets needing shelter, and creates more space for other animals in need.
- Engage over 6,000 youth in meaningful programming: Workshops, tours, and hands-on activities promoting the humananimal bond will nurture compassion and empathy, encouraging young people to become active, caring community members.

The RCPP is being built through the support of the community and generous donations, and the need for this support continues. To donate to the project, please contact them. To learn more about the RCPP, please visit <u>www.supportgths.ca</u>

Official Plan Review New Staff Report Posted

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to inform those interested in the Official Plan Review that a new Staff Report, which will be presented at the Council Meeting on June 23, 2025, has been posted to the project webpage. www.thebluemountains.ca

This report informs Council that all recommendations made at the May 12, 2025 Council Meeting have been incorporated into the latest Draft Official Plan 5-Year Review. The report requests that Council adopt the proposed changes and authorize Staff to submit the Official Plan to Grey County for final approval.

Town of The Blue Mountains Launches New Digital Parking Enforcement System

Beginning June 16, 2025, the Town of The Blue Mountains is implementing a new, cloud-based parking enforcement system offered through GTechna. The new platform will replace the previous paper-based process and aims to enhance the efficiency of parking enforcement services for both the Town and the public.

The new cloud-based platform allows municipal officers to issue digitally printed tickets using mobile devices, with infraction details being instantly reflected in the Town's system. The system also has improved ability to manage ticket aging, generate notice letters and automatically retrieve vehicle ownership information from the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO), significantly reducing administrative barriers for staff.

Parking tickets issued to unregistered residents or visitors can be paid or appealed anytime through the digital portal, making it easier and more convenient to manage parking matters. Please note that parking tickets may still be paid in person at Town Hall, where staff are available to provide assistance during regular business hours. For more information about parking, please visit www.thebluemountains.ca/parking.

Later this summer, parking pass registration will also transition to the GTechna platform. Please note that residents who have already registered for a 2025 parking pass do not need to re-register until 2026. As part of this transition, residents will also be able to purchase Friends and Family Parking Passes for \$5 per day for up to 14 calendar days. Additional details about this feature will be shared closer to its launch date.

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Joanne Hart publishes her first book

It's never too late to pursue your passions. Joanne Hart has always loved storytelling starting with the bedtime stories she told her sons when they were young. She loves fairy tales herself and enjoys creating fun characters that get kids excited. One particular story grew into a lengthy generational tale that needed to be put to paper. After drafting a manuscript, Joanne let it sit on the shelf for several years before finally realizing how important it was to her that her sons have this story to



share with their own children. It was time to find a publisher for this first-time author and so **The Wicked Spells of Hagatha** came to fruition. This fantastical story bewitches the imagination challenges readers with riddles and demonstrates a valuable lesson. It's a young reader's book suitable for ages 7 to 11 available locally at Jessica's Book Nook in Thornbury, the Book Hive in Meaford as well as local Libraries in Meaford, Thornbury and Collingwood.

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Update from Grey County Paramedic Response Times in The Blue Mountains

Paramedics Services' performance is measured based on achieving target response time across five patient acuity levels and for sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) for the most urgent life-threatening code 4 calls CTAS is describe as:

CTAS Level: The 'Canadian Triage & Acuity Scale' is used to assign a level of acuity to a patient. Acuity refers to the gravity of the situation - the potential for death and/or irreversible illness. CTAS is a tool that more accurately defines the patient's need for care. Assignment of the CTAS level is to be based upon not only the presenting complaint identified on the initial assessment made by the paramedic, but also on their examination findings, and response to treatment.

- CTAS I: resuscitation (cardiac arrest, major trauma)
- CTAS II: emergent care (head injury, chest pain)
- CTAS III: urgent care (mild to moderate breathing problems, moderate anxiety /agitation)
- CTAS IV: less-urgent care (laceration requiring stitches, upper extremity injury)
- CTAS V: non-urgent care (sore throat, dressing change)

Percent Response Time Measurement

- An important measurement of how a paramedic system is performing is indicated in the time in which it responds to emergencies.
- The response time is measured from the time crew is first notified until the paramedic radios that they arrived at the scene of the emergency.
- A percentile response time measurement is the percentage of calls where paramedics arrive at the scene of an emergency in a specified time frame.
- For example, if the response time performance plan was to arrive on scene within 15 minutes 90 % of the time and it was measured against 1000 calls, 900 calls would have to be under 15 minutes to meet the target.

Blue Mountains Paramedic Coverage

- 24-hour ambulance Craigleith– 7 days per week
- Weekend and holiday coverage beginning Christmas break until March break
- Additional units as required from the County of Grey (standby units)
- Simcoe County for life threatening emergencies if they are the closer unit
- Comprehensive Deployment Review additional ambulances (with budget approval)
 - 2025 Base and 12-hour ambulance Feversham
 - 2027 Base and 12-hour ambulance Thornbury .
 - 2033 Saturday/Sunday 12-hour ambulance (reduced from original plan of 1 ambulance 7 days per week)

Blue Mountains Call Volume

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2024 - 1,521; 2023 - 1,386; 2022 - 1,758; 2021 - 1,297; 2020 - 1,319
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Response Time Performance 2024

By Lower Tier Municipalities

Municipality	SCA 6 Min 40%	CTAS 1 8 Min 60%	CTAS 2 15 Min 90%	CTAS 3 20 Min 90%	CTAS 4 20 Min 90%	CTAS 5 20 Min 90%
Service 2024	46.97	66.83	90.56	97.49	98.16	97.66
Blue Mountains	0	46.67	92.61	97.71	98.04	100.00
5 Year Average	29.73	40.45	91.45	97.40	96.14	97.63
Chatsworth	None	None	50.00	96.15	100.00	100.00
Georgian Bluffs	0	29.41	88.61	97.22	100.00	100.00
Grey Highlands	0	23.08	65.67	89.16	86.27	84.00
Hanover	50.00	73.68	99.44	99.05	100.00	100.00
Meaford	33.33	41.94	87.35	95.58	100.00	100.00
Owen Sound	91.3	96.47	97.86	99.71	99.42	98.99
Southgate	None	57.14	82.86	92.7	93.75	100.00
West Grey	42.86	43.75	91.33	97.74	98.72	94.44



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TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1812 War of 1812 begins when the US declares war against Britain
- 1815 Battle of Waterloo: Napoleon Bonaparte and France are defeated by British forces under the Duke of Wellington and Prussian troops under Field Marshal von Blücher
- 1822 Part of US-Canadian boundary determined
- 1928 American aviator Amelia Earhart becomes the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean (as a passenger), landing at Burry Port, Wales
- 1940 Winston Churchill gives his "This was their finest hour" speech to the House of Commons, urging perseverance in the war after the Dunkirk evacuation and the fall of France
- 1959 Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip Arrive In Canada
- 1991 "(Everything I Do) I Do It for You" single released by Bryan Adams (Billboard Song of the Year, 1991)
- 1968 Supreme Court bans racial discrimination in sale and rental of housing
- 1977 Space Shuttle test model "Enterprise" carries a crew aloft for 1st time, it was fixed to a modified Boeing 747
- 1979 US President Carter and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev sign SALT II treaty limiting nuclear weapons
- 1980 Indian "human computer" Shakuntala Devi sets a world record by mentally multiplying two random 13-digit numbers in 28 seconds; She correctly answered that 7,686,369,774,870 \times 2,465,099,745,779 = 18,947,668,177,995,426,462,773,730 !
- 1981 The AIDS epidemic is formally recognized by medical professionals in San Francisco, California
- 1983 Space shuttle Challenger 2 launches the first American woman into space, astronaut Sally Ride
- 2015 Pope Francis blamed Global warming on "human selfishness."





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Ontario Helping Seniors Stay Healthy and Independent

Province investing in historic number of community programs and active living centres to support healthy and socially connected living

TORONTO — The Ontario government is investing nearly \$7 million to protect seniors and older adults by supporting over 330 community projects that help them to stay fit, active, healthy and socially connected. The Seniors Community Grant Program (SCGP) is designed to help seniors increase independence, reduce social isolation and create positive connections. It is being delivered alongside a suite of supports as Ontario marks Seniors Month.

"Amid economic uncertainty and rising costs, Premier Ford and our government are proud to protect our seniors and ensure they have access to affordable and reliable community supports," said Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility. "The Seniors Community Grant Program is a critical lifeline in every corner of our province for seniors to learn new skills, get fit, enjoy group activities and stay connected to their neighbours and friends."

SCGP recipients can receive up to \$25,000 to support local programs, services and events to provide seniors with opportunities for greater social inclusion, volunteerism and community engagement. This year's investment includes an additional \$1 million, specifically for programs dedicated to improving the quality of life for senior veterans. Examples of active projects include:

- A cost-free, dedicated bus service connecting rural seniors to essential community programming in York Region.
- Pairing seniors with young adults living with developmental disabilities to collaborate on a series of art-making activities and an exhibit to showcase their artwork in Markham.
- Providing senior veterans with a series of weekly art workshops and exhibitions, led by a professional art therapist in eastern Ontario.
- Access to digital literacy and wellness workshops in underserved rural areas around northern Ontario.

Ontario is also expanding Seniors Active Living Centres (SALCs) to over 400 sites to increase access to services that connect seniors to activities and programs close to home. The centres promote wellness, encourage social interaction, and combat ageism to help seniors stay active, independent and engaged within their communities.

Finally, the government is supporting the over 100 Seniors Active Living Fairs expected to take place in 2025-26 which will provide more opportunities for seniors to learn about supports and resources in their community.

Quick Facts

Ontario's 2025-26 Budget increased funding for the Seniors Community Grant Program by an additional \$1 million, with special focus on supporting Ontario's veterans.

The number of seniors aged 65 and over is projected to increase significantly, from 2.8 million or 18.4 per cent of population in 2022, to 4.4 million, or 20.3 per cent by 2046.





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Colliers Project Leaders to Provide Project Management Services on Moreau Park Revitalization and Craigleith Community Park

Press Releases: May 28, 2025

The Town of The Blue Mountains is excited to announce that Colliers Project Leaders has been contracted to manage two major community parks projects – the revitalization of Moreau Park in Thornbury, and the development of the new Craigleith Community Park.

Colliers will be working with staff to facilitate conceptual designs and preliminary budget for Moreau Park based on the results of the public survey that was completed in 2023. Construction on Moreau Park is currently anticipated to begin in 2026, with completion in 2027. A preliminary budget has been approved. Once the design is completed, a final budget will be presented to Council based on the elements included.

Colliers will also lead the procurement of the design team for the Craigleith Community Park design process, ensuring that the results of the 2024 public survey are taken into consideration. Construction of the park is estimated to begin in 2026, in coordination with home construction on the Blue Vista site.

"We're excited to be taking the next steps in these projects," said the Town's Director of Community Services, Ryan Gibbons. "The community has shown a great amount of support and interest in these projects, and we want to keep that engagement and momentum going through the final design and construction process."

The public will have additional opportunities to provide feedback on the designs of both parks before they are finalized. To learn more about each project, and to subscribe for ongoing project updates, please visit the Town's dedicated project web pages.

Background

Moreau Park Revitalization: The Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary Club approached Town Council in September of 2022 with the concept of revitalizing Moreau Park in Thornbury under the theme, "Kindness at Play." The elements proposed by the Rotary Club included a new skate park for all ages and abilities, a year-round paved walking path, a sensory garden and an accessible playground. Council directed staff to include this project for consideration as an addition to the 2023 Town budget.

Craigleith Community Park: Over the past several years, the Town has strategically acquired six hectares of parkland in Craigleith from Windfall, Second Nature, and Blue Vista development sites. This land was gained through the parkland dedication included in each development agreement. The intent is to transform the land into a regional community park for all to enjoy.

For more information, please contact:

Ryan Gibbons

Director of Community Services (519) 599-3131 ext. 281



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Notice of Public Meeting: Proposed Property Standards By-law

Date of this Notice: June 2, 2025

Tuesday, June 24, 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 proposed Property Standards by-law will repeal and replace the current 2002-18 By-law to better address property standard and maintenance issues across the entire municipality.

Key changes include:

- Expansion to cover all areas of the municipality
- Inclusion of natural gardens, naturalized properties and Town-owned lands
- Enhanced buffering requirements for Commercial and Industrial Zoned properties
- More detailed standards for the maintenance of grading and drainage systems
- Introduction of standards for Heritage properties

Additionally, the current infraction process under the Provincial Offenses Act (POA) will transition to the Town's Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPs).

For more information, visit

www.thebluemountains.ca/property-standards The Staff Report and Proposed By-law are also available on the Town website.

When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the Proposed Updated Property Standards by-law and Proposed Updated Administrative Monetary Penalties has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing Staff Report CS.25.016 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, June 20, 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 **Tuesday**, **June 17, 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:

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Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member! Debbie Young, Manager of By-law & Licensing Phone: (519) 599-3131 ext. 242; Email: dyoung@thebluemountains.ca

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12-6PM	Big Block Fun Zone
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3-3:45PM	Groove Dancing with Tyler Boyle
4:45PM	Beaver Tail Eating Contest
5-8PM	Live Music: Miranda Journey
4:30-5:30PM	Magic Show with Sawyer Bullock
7:30PM	Live Music: The High Loves
8:45PM	Live Music: James Blonde
10:15PM	Fireworks Over the Mountain

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Thursday July 3, 6pm SHJAANE GLOVER; THE LAZARETTES Grey & Gold Cider, 788171 Grey County Rd 13, Clarksburg Friday, July 4, 8pm E.T. RHINO; ADAM WEBSTER The Corner, 5 Bruce St S, Thornbury Saturday July 5, 2pm JAYDEN GRAHLMAN Thornbury Craft, 90 King St E, Thornbury Saturday July 5, 3pm JESSE MURPHY Blue Mountain Village, 156 Jozo Weider Blvd. Saturday July 5, 8pm CONOR GAINS Blue Mountain Village, 156 Jozo Weider Blvd. Sunday July 6, 11am EMILY POWER & RICK FAIRBURN Blue Mountain Village, 156 Jozo Weider Blvd. Sunday July 6, 2pm COURTNEY BOWLES The Alphorn, 209881 Hwy 26, The Blue Mountains Sunday July 6, 6pm LULU'S BAND Music in the Park at Spy Cider & Distillery, 808108 Sd 24, Clarksburg

SUNDAYS 6-8 PM

July 6 - Lulus Band July 13 - Smokewagon Blues Band July 20 - Quisha Wint July 27 - Toronto All Star Big Band August 3 - Green River Revival August 10 - British Invasion August 17 - Strange Potatoes (bring lawnchair) Refreshments on site. Supported by Sponsors & Donations









