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Celebrate 30 Years of The Blue Mountains Public Library



In 2025, the Blue Mountains Public Library (BMPL) proudly celebrates its 30th anniversary of inspiring creativity, fostering lifelong learning, and preserving our community's heritage.

Since its opening its doors in 1995, BMPL has grown far beyond a traditional library. Today, it is home to the Craigleith Heritage Depot, museum, art gallery, and archives—a vibrant GLAM (Galleries, Libraries, Archives, and Museums) institution dedicated to serving and celebrating the Blue Mountains community.

To honour this exciting milestone, BMPL is hosting a series of free, public events throughout the fall and winter. Each program explores themes at the heart of our mission: democracy, intellectual freedom, Truth and Reconciliation, digital literacy, books, and shared history.

As we reflect on 30 years of community-driven success, BMPL is also looking ahead—with bold plans to modernize services and reimagine our spaces for generations to come. A full list of anniversary events is included below. Additional details will be announced throughout the season.

30TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT LINEUP

Exhibit in the Gallery : Daughters of Aataentsic

October | The Gallery at L.E. Shore

On Book Banning with Ira Wells

Friday, October 17 at 7pm | L.E. Shore

Adults | Admission: Free

Join writer and critic Ira Wells for a timely talk on book banning, intellectual freedom, and the vital role of libraries in protecting the right to read.

Digital Feelings: Celebrating Youth Expression Through Animation and Filmmaking

Tuesday, November 25 at 7pm | L.E. Shore Memorial Library

All Ages | Admission: Free

Discover the power of storytelling through digital art at this community showcase of youth-created animation.

Online Trivia Night: 30 Years of BMPL

Friday, November 7 at 7 pm | Virtual

All Ages | Admission: Free

How well do you know the history of the Blue Mountains Public Library? Join us for a fun and fast-paced Online Trivia Night, where participants will test their knowledge of BMPL's milestones, people, places, and quirky facts from the past 30 years. This interactive virtual event is perfect for library lovers, history buffs, and anyone up for a friendly challenge.

30th Anniversary Special Exhibition | December 2025

Reception: Saturday, November 29, 2-4pm | The Gallery at L.E. Shore
The Bay & Valley Artists (formerly the Marsh Street Artists) are bringing a special exhibition to The Gallery at L.E. Shore to help us mark 30 years of incredible art.

An Evening Soirée with Ken Haigh

Thursday, December 4 at 7pm | L.E. Shore Memorial Library

All Welcome | Admission: Free

Step back in time with Ken Haigh, the first CEO of the L.E. Shore Memorial Library, as he recounts the origins of BMPL and the grassroots movement that brought a new public library to life in 1995.

Celebrate our history, our people, and the future of your library.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2AM

It is time to
Fall Back



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INDOOR WALKING

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Centre, Thornbury

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Walking with poles with

rubber feet and walkers is

allowed.

DROP-IN BRIDGE

Monday 1-3pm; \$2 p/p;

St. George's Anglican Church,

Clarksburg

BID EUCHRE

Wednesday & Thursday,

12:50-3:30pm

\$2 per day, Small Hall

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Small
business is
big in Canada

Did you know that small and medium-sized businesses make up 48% of Canada's private sector gross domestic product? As the Bank for Canadian entrepreneurs, we invite you to celebrate entrepreneurship during BDC Small Business Week™ and help fuel our country's entrepreneurial spirit!

There are 1.1 million businesses in Canada...

98%
of businesses
have less than
100 employees

38.2%
of exports
are attributable
to SMEs

Micro business

1-4 employees

Small business

5-99 employees

Medium business

100-499 employees

Large business

500+ employees

63.7%
of private sector
jobs are in an SME

8,804
new businesses
were created each
year on average
between 2017
and 2021

...and 699,000 entrepreneurs

6 in 10 Canadians in the private sector
work in an SME

Women lead or co-lead a third
of the country's SMEs



Where small and medium-sized
businesses are found

16%
British Columbia
and the Territories

19%
Prairies

38%
Ontario

21%
Quebec

6%
Atlantic

34% → of entrepreneurs are immigrants

28% → of entrepreneurs identify as a visible minority

26% → of all entrepreneurs are women

SMEs are key
in these 3 sectors

1 Accommodation and
food services
→ **78%** of the sector's GDP



2 Construction
→ **77%** of the sector's GDP



3 Agriculture, forestry,
fishing and hunting
→ **75%** of the sector's GDP



Community Improvement Plan

The Fall 2025 intake period for applications to the Town's Community Improvement Plans is open from September 15, 2025, until October 17, 2025.

The Town has two Community Improvement Plans:

In 2021, the Town of The Blue Mountains developed two Community Improvement Plans to serve as a long-term strategy to revitalize the community, improve the quality of life of the community's residents, better utilize under-developed properties and promote private investment in land and buildings.

The Town Wide Revitalization Community Improvement Plan encourages private property improvement and revitalization.

The Housing Within Reach Community Improvement Plan facilitates the development of attainable housing.

Interested applicants are encouraged to arrange a pre-application consultation with Town Staff to discuss and confirm application requirements. Following the consultation, applicants must submit a completed application form, including supporting documentation for evaluation. Strategic Initiatives (519) 599-3131 ext. 269

Application Process

- Applicants are required to contact the CIP Administrator to arrange and participate in a pre-application consultation meeting with Town staff, in order to discuss and confirm application requirements, program eligibility, the proposed scope of work, project timing, supporting documentation requirements, etc.
- After the consultation, the applicant will be required to submit a completed application, which will include all of the application forms, in addition to any supporting documentation, as required by the Town.
- Once all the required forms and supporting materials are received, the Plan Administrator will undertake a preliminary screening of the proposal and application.
- Based on the application and proposal, the results of the preliminary screening, Town staff may perform an initial site visit and inspection of the building/property, as necessary.
- If the application clearly does not meet the program requirements, the application will not be accepted.
- If the application meets the program requirements, the application will be accepted. Acceptance does not guarantee financial incentive approval, only that it will be reviewed by Council or a delegated approval authority for final financial approval.

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Postal Workers to Escalate Strike Activity

Friday September 12th; As negotiations between the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) and Canada Post near the two-year mark, and with the Corporation showing no urgency to resolve the dispute, postal workers are escalating their strike actions.

Flyer Ban Starts, Rallies at MPs Offices Today

Monday September 15th; Today, postal workers across the country are escalating their strike action against Canada Post. As of 12:01 am local time, postal workers will neither process nor deliver unaddressed flyers (Neighbourhood Mail). As of the same time, we have lifted our national overtime ban. Neighbourhood mail includes, flyers, community newspapers and government documents.

Strike Action

Thursday September 25th; Effective immediately, all CUPW members at Canada Post are on a nation-wide strike.



The Royal Canadian Legion

Beaver Valley (Ont #281) Branch

Poppy Trust Fund Branch Status Report

Jan 1, 2024 to Dec 31, 2024

Balance in Branch Poppy Trust Funds as of January 1, 2024		\$29,347.98
Income from Campaign and all other sources	\$20297.83	
Sub Total		\$50275.81
Campaign Expenses and Youth Education Program	\$592.80	
Donations from Fund	\$22,399.53	
Total Expenses & Donations	\$25,038.41	
Closing Balance as of December 31, 2024		\$25237.40



Lawn Signs available, in advance of poppy campaign for \$20. Get yours at the Legion, Wed or Fri 3-7pm 202 Marsh St, Clarksburg



2025 POPPY CAMPAIGN

Poppy distribution will begin on October 31st. Poppies will be available from countertop boxes at many local retailers, from our in-person volunteers and from the Legion Branch in Clarksburg.

At the branch, we will also offer for sale, wristbands, poppy centre pins, lawn signs and window/windshield poppies. Donations collected during the Poppy Campaign are held in Trust at the branch level to directly support Veterans and their families

Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Tuesday, November 11th

At the cenotaph, Jack Acres Park, at 10:45am

And at the cenotaph, Ravenna at 1:00pm



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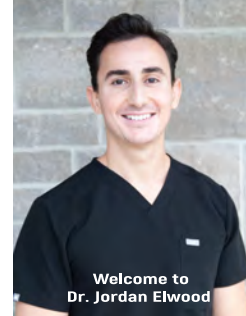
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In Memoriam

ALLAN LLOYD 'AL' LAKE

March 2, 1932 – September 12, 2025

On Friday, Sept. 12, 2025, Allan Lloyd Lake passed away peacefully at Southbridge Care Home, Owen Sound surrounded by his family. Born and raised in Clarksburg, he is survived by his wife of 66 years, Saundra (nee MacDonald), his children AJ Lake (Sue) and Linda Burnett (Graham) and granddaughters Sarah Grant (Alex), Andrea Boyle (Jesse) and Christine Burnett. He also was fortunate enough to meet his great grandchildren Leo and Oliver Boyle and Anna and Henry Grant. Al was a very devoted family man.

He was born as the fourth child to Lloyd and Alice Lake. He always looked up to his older siblings Lil, Jack and May, as he was several years younger. Then, on his 6th birthday came his favourite childhood birthday gift: his baby sister, Sheila. The five Lake kids and their families remained close throughout their lives with frequent parties, games of rummoli and maybe a few too many shots of rum. All siblings predeceased Allan but he is survived by brother-in-law Ray Eagles, of Meaford.

He is also survived by sister-in-law Shirley Lawrence, Toronto and brother-in-law John MacDonald (Joan), Thornbury. He was predeceased by sister-in-law Marilyn Taber of Toronto. He also is the much-loved uncle and great uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Allan's childhood was spent in a Tom Sawyer fashion in and around the Village of Clarksburg where he and his friends occasionally got into shenanigans along the Beaver River and in the apple orchards of the Valley. On occasion he would find himself in a bit of hot water with a parent or land owner but some quick bike pedaling home or ducking into nearby fields saved him from much consequence.

He was a hard worker from an early age, delivering The Telegram newspaper on his bicycle around Clarksburg, even in winter. Later, as a teen, he began working at his dad's business Lake's Garage and Machine Shop where he swept floors and cleaned for 5 cents/hr on Saturdays. Tiring of school, he began to work full time at the business with his Dad and brother Jack in his late teens.

He graduated a few years later from Ryerson Institute of Technology with his Automotive Technician Diploma and a brand new 1951 Ford Sedan with whitewall tires, spot light, the works. Al referred to this vehicle as a "honey of a car" and with these wheels, Al was able to travel from Balmy Beach to the Kee to Bala to attend all the Big Band Dances- usually with a gang in tow including a gal on his arm.

But it was in 1955 that he met his true honey: Saundra MacDonald. Their romance, which has thrived for 70 years, overcame all obstacles a marriage could have from parental disapproval in the early years (he was 6 yrs older and she was just a high schooler) to financial hardship and illness. But through it all, their love, friendship and mutual respect endured.

As Saun has frequently said, they were dealt spades, found hearts and ended up with the only diamonds that matter: each other. They were married in July 1959 and soon were parents to AJ and Linda. Their little family complete, Al and Saun set to work to build their lives together. Soon, their dream home was built on Hillcrest Drive where they lived, worked and raised their family for 60 years.

Al continued his career at Lakes Garage during this time, becoming a partner in 1961 with his brother Jack until 1980. In 1984, AJ joined the business which by then was incorporated and they built Lakes Garage into a well-respected regional car dealership and garage. By the time the shop closed in 2001, they were not only the longest family operated VW dealership in Canada but had won numerous sales and customer service awards including the Top Performing Dealership in all of North America by the VW Corp.

Al prioritized spending time with his family. He loved his siblings and welcomed each new member by marriage or birth into the family as his own. He taught AJ and Linda to downhill and water



ski and they spent many family afternoons sleigh riding the hills of Clarksburg or having their family game nights. Learning to drive standard transmission under Dad's watchful eye became its own epic story to be retold with a smile. Gradually, as AJ and Linda found partners, Al embraced Sue and Graham into the fold, always making them feel equally special and loved.

Sarah, Andrea and Christine were his next generation of "Dollys" and each has many special memories of his gentle love and teasing. As his family grew again with the marriage of his granddaughters, Jesse and Alex also felt his warmth. In the past 5 years, as a great-grandpa, each baby was fully welcomed into his open arms and heart. His family always knew they were loved.

In addition to his family time, Allan was a volunteer on the Clarksburg Fire Dept, promoted to Deputy Chief before retiring. He also served his community on the Clarksburg Business Association and the Chamber of Commerce. He was also active on the ski slopes, including annual trips to Tremblant/St Jovite, as well as water skiing and badminton. He and Saundra travelled the world, his personal highlight being their time on the island of Moorea, South Pacific.

He was also an avid reader, particularly history of WWII which he remembers as a formative part of his childhood. Frequent entertainers, Al and Saun were known for their generous and relaxed hosting of family and friends. And while Al loved his home in Clarksburg, his truly happy place was on the shores of Georgian Bay at the original Lora Bay waterfront cottage built by his parents in the 1950s. Al and Saun bought the cottage from his parents in 1972. This love for the cottage and boating continues to this day with his children, their spouses, grandchildren and now, his great grandchildren.

Up until his recent illness, it wasn't unusual to see Al working in his yard, trimming his granddaughters' favourite "monkey shrub", having a smoke and later in the afternoon, enjoying a rum or a rye with Saun while soaking up the last rays of a beautiful day on their front patio.

The family wish to thank Dr. Recoskie and April, the staff at both the Meaford and Owen Sound branches of the Brightshores Health System and the Southbridge Care Home, Owen Sound for their outstanding care and compassion during the past few months. Cremation has taken place.

A Celebration of Allan's Life will be held at the Marsh Street Centre in Clarksburg on Friday, October 3, 2025. A private graveside service will be conducted at Thornbury-Clarksburg Union Cemetery. As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Meaford Hospital Foundation would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca



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MARINUS KONINGEN

Surrounded by the love of his family, Marinus Koningen passed away peacefully at his home in Clarksburg on Sunday, September 21, 2025, at the age of 82.

Born on January 29, 1943, in Haarlemmermeer, Netherlands, he was the cherished son of Dirk Koningen and Jacoba Jannetja Staring. He was predeceased by his brother, Dirk Koningen, who passed away in 2016.

Marinus truly was a dreamer, a romantic, and an adventurer. With his beloved wife Katherine, he travelled to Contadora, Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, the Caribbean, the Galapagos, Europe, and Africa. He was an avid sailor with a lifelong passion for being near the water, and his favourite boat was always his Alberg 30. As an engineer, he could build, fix, or repair almost anything, always finding ways to make his family's lives better, easier, and more fulfilling.

Marinus will be lovingly remembered by his devoted wife and soulmate, Katherine; his children, Darren, Jason, Bradley, Andrew, and Michelle; and his grandchildren, Victoria, Eden, Logan, Brandon, and Lula who brought him great joy.

Above all, Marinus will be remembered for his unwavering love of family, which guided and defined his life.

A private family service was conducted at the Ferguson Funeral Home in Meaford. As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Meaford Hospital Foundation would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, ON N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted. www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca



DR. DONALD FREDERICK 'DON' PRIOR

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Dr. Donald Frederick 'Don' Prior on September 24, 2025, at the age of 82, at the Meaford Hospital, Ontario, after an acute febrile illness.

Don was the beloved husband of 27 years to Leslie Prior and the proud father of Kimberley, Natalie (Scott), and Stephanie (Jamie). He will be dearly missed by his three daughters, his stepdaughter Alana (Paul) and stepson Chad (Joanne), his grandchildren Hayden and Matthew Lambert (father William), Luke Hamilton, and Addison (Addi) Dean, as well as his step-grandchildren Clara and Kate Hamilton. He was predeceased by his twin brother, Ronald Prior.

Born in Edmonton to Stanley and Mildred Prior, Don's family later moved to Toronto, first living in midtown and then in Scarborough, where he attended high school and met his first wife Anne, the mother of his three daughters. Don graduated from the University of Toronto Medical School in 1967 and went on to a distinguished career as an orthopedic surgeon at William Osler Health System (formerly Peel Memorial Hospital) for over four decades, specializing in knees and hips.

He served multiple terms as Chief of Surgery and also managed a sports medicine practice for many years, including the opportunity to play a meaningful role in supporting Canada's Paralympic athletes during the mid 1980s, reflecting his commitment not only as an orthopedic surgeon but also as a dedicated advocate for athletes with disabilities. He was admired for his precision, skill, and dedication to excellence and the highest standards of care.

Outside of medicine, Don had an insatiable curiosity and a love of adventure. Whether sailing, skiing, hiking, or cycling, he inspired in his children a lasting appreciation for the outdoors, creating family memories on holidays in Quebec and Colorado, as well as across Ontario. With Leslie, he shared passions for cross-country skiing, cycling, jazz music, gardening, and travel. Together they visited many exciting places around the world - from the Arctic to New Zealand, often with friends and family.

Growing up alongside his twin brother Ron, they had a close bond, being similar yet different in many ways. Don took a deep interest in school, studying Latin, German, the sciences, and math. He particularly enjoyed shop class, which he chose as an extra course during free periods. In high school, he served as a prefect and played the trumpet in the band.

Don was also an avid golfer and curler, a member of clubs in Halton/Peel and Caledon. He golfed even further afield, and played right up until the week before his passing. He loved both the challenge and the community the sport provided.

Don had a playful side and a love of craft and new technology, from the latest sound systems, ski equipment, car, gadget, you name it. He could be seen lugging the family's bulky BetaMax camcorder to capture milestones, ski trips in Colorado, graduations, and university frosh-week drop-offs. In his woodworking shop, he built projects both big and small, including a cherished rocking horse for his daughters. He was known as a wine expert, with a passion for fine food and restaurants, and forged lasting connections with those who served him. His holiday tourtiere, complete with decorated pastry, became a family tradition.

He loved spending time with his grandchildren, sharing his knowledge and hearing about their discoveries. He was an active member of his community, and in later years participated in amateur theatre, choir, and Tai Chi.

Don will be remembered as a man who pursued excellence, embraced adventure, and loved his family and community deeply.

A celebration of Don's life will be held in November.

As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Orthopedic Foundation (<https://movepainfree.org>), or to the Bruce Trail Conservancy (<https://brucetrail.org>) would be appreciated and may be made through the Ferguson Funeral Home, 48 Boucher St. E., Meaford, N4L 1B9 to whom arrangements have been entrusted.

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David Richard Moser

August 29, 1952 – August 2, 2025

A Celebration of Life Announcement:

To honour David's life, love, and legacy, family and friends and all who knew him are invited to gather in reflection, shared memories, and laughter. There'll be open arms to welcome you!

Tuesday, October 7th from 1–4 p.m.
with tributes to be shared at 2:30 p.m.

Meaford Hall Arts and Cultural Centre, 12 Nelson Street East



Celebrating Jean-Marc Pagé

The family of Jean-Marc Pagé invites family, friends, and neighbours to a Celebration of Life and 80th Birthday on Sunday October 26th from 1 to 4pm at Marsh Street Centre, Clarksburg. Tributes will be shared at 2pm.



This fall, let pets unlock your child's kindness and empathy. Learn more & register for Humane Education programs at www.gths.ca/youth-programs

Open Fields Farm Tour

The Town of The Blue Mountains, the Municipality of Meaford and six host locations welcomed visitors for the 3rd Annual Open Fields Farm Tour Saturday, September 27.

This free, self-guided event was an opportunity to explore six unique local farms and businesses, each offering behind-the-scenes experiences that showcase the area's agricultural background. Visitors enjoyed farm tours, demonstrations, live music, vendors, and more. *photos by Robert Burcher*

This year's participating locations were:

Alpine Ridge Alpacas - 728398 Side Rd 21, Clarksburg

Apple Springs Orchard – 1KM east of 827360 Grey Rd 40, Clarksburg

Coffin Ridge Vineyard & Winery - 599448 2nd Concession Rd N, Annan

Grey & Gold Cider - 788171 Grey Rd 13, Clarksburg

Purple Hollow Lavender Farm - 637295 St Vincent–Sydenham Townline, Meaford

Valley Ridge Family Farm - 615852 3rd Line, Ravenna



Grey County Committee of the Whole Sept. 25

Grey County will include \$130,000 in the 2026 budget to complete studies and assessments to help prepare two parcels of county-owned land for future development, including the possibility of future affordable housing builds. One parcel of land is in Durham and one parcel of land is in Markdale.

Council received a staff report providing an update on the Court Security Contribution Agreement with the City of Owen Sound as directed by Council last year. The agreement aims to help cover the gap between the City's court security and prisoner transport costs and the funding it receives from the Province. The County's contribution to the court security costs was estimated to be \$250,000 in the 2025 Budget but the actual court security costs resulted in a shortfall of approximately \$120,000 which will be covered from reserves. Grey County operates the Provincial Offences Court out of the Administration Building in Owen Sound. Earlier this year the Ministry of the Solicitor General directed all courts to increase security levels. Council directed staff to write letters to the Ministry of the Attorney General and Ministry of the Solicitor General advocating for additional provincial funding to cover these new security directives.

Grey County currently has 62 long-term care beds approved for redevelopment at Grey Gables in Markdale. The Province has asked long-term care operators with approved new bed allocations to indicate if they plan to move ahead with construction plans. Council discussed the importance of long-term care services and highlighted the significant investments underway to redevelop Rockwood Terrace in Durham into a 128-bed home. Council had a lengthy discussion noting the need for more beds, the expected impact on the levy, debt limits, the complexity of redevelopment and more. Council directed staff to inform the Ministry of Long-Term Care that Grey County is interested in maintaining the 62-bed allocation and will decide on construction once the Rockwood Terrace project is completed in 2027.

Council received a staff report to consider implementing a development charges holiday for industrial development. Development charges are a tax on new development that helps to offset the increased cost of delivering municipal services and building infrastructure with growth. The intention of a development charges holiday is to spur the development of industrial lands which could in turn result in employment growth. After discussing the report, Council voted not to move forward with an industrial development charges holiday at this time.

Grey County and partners Bruce County, Dufferin County and Saugeen Mobility Transit have secured \$9.5 million in funding through the Ontario Transit Investment Fund (OTIF) to develop a regional transit network. The first phase of the project is the completion of a study that will design and cost a unified regional transit network building on previous transit planning efforts, leveraging past insights, and recommendations. The study will give staff, Council and the partners the information necessary to make informed decisions about the future potential of a unified regional transit network. The study itself is expected to take approximately six months, followed by presentations to each Council and board for consideration in the spring of 2026. The OTIF funding agreement requires contributions from all partners. Council authorized staff to sign a transfer payment agreement and to include \$145,000 in the 2026 budget for Council's consideration.



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Reunion *by Alice Otrysko*

Saturday, September 6th, I was in Toronto celebrating 60 years of life after graduating from Loretto College School on Brunswick Ave., Toronto. Loretto was a Catholic School and the values of Catholicism were taught strictly.

Thanks to Lorraine, one of our fellow classmates, she dutifully hosts this event each September and I look forward to it as do many of the others. We are fortunate to keep connected after all these years.

By this time in our lives, we have had ups and downs and stories to tell. Some of us have left us and we miss them but those of us who are here have had many adventures and not all of them were happy. I credit my own resilience and inner strength to my family who have survived horrible times due to the war but I also developed an inner strength in Loretto. The nuns who taught us didn't put up with moaning and groaning and inability to keep up. You were required to work hard and study and listen and grow. However, they also showed us affection and rewarded our accomplishments.

We were introduced to the theatre and Shakespeare and poetry, history, French, Latin and chemistry, art, gym and even taught the classics of ballroom dancing. Being an all girls school, we partnered with another girl in order to dance. But that was fine.

We wore uniforms with plastic collars and plastic cuffs. Most cuffs were scribbled inside with "notes" and phone numbers, names etc.

For gym, we wore a lighter uniform sans the dreaded collars and cuffs but had to wear tights anyway (no bare legs). P.S. As soon as the school day was over, those plastic things were taken off and put into our handbags and not put back on until we neared the school.

Every so often we had "Civies Day" where we could dress in regular clothes. That's when you saw some of the character of the girls displayed. We were still not allowed to wear make up.

In the school was a Guidance Counsellor, a Nurse and the principal who was strict but had a heart of gold. Any problems we had, we were well looked after. We were fortunate to obtain first class education which provided us with a solid basis to choose a career we wanted.

Seeing my classmates at our reunions, proves to me how strong, resilient and successful we are. Some have left us but will be remembered until our big reunion with God.



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Local SUP paddler Tim Oliver recently returned from the Netherlands, where he competed in the 11 City Tour Sup race in the rural Friesland region of Holland, northwest of Amsterdam. The race took place over 5 days and took the racers along canals, rivers and lake sections. The course passed through a total of 11 beautiful small towns in a giant ,200+ km loop, the same loop skated on by Dutch speed skaters over many years in the past in a famous annual race.

Each competitor was fitted with a tracking and timing device to record their times each day.

Out of a total of about 100 paddlers, Tim finished first overall, and more importantly, first among the top level male and female competitors. Tim's total time was 22hrs, 40 minutes over 5 days, which was approximately 9 minutes faster than the second place paddler from Italy and 15 minutes faster than 3rd place, a Dutch paddler. Both of these athletes were several years younger than Tim, perhaps adding to the significance of the win.

Tim became the first Canadian to win this international event. Paddlers from approximately 18 countries took part.

Congratulations Tim on a job well done for Southern Georgian Bay and all of Canada.

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Laurin Group Awarded Construction Contract for New Craigleith Fire Hall

Fire Hall #2 located at 796338 Grey Road 19 in Craigleith was originally built in 1989. The building began to show its age, and the Town's 2022 Fire Master Plan identified that the station was due for replacement. Town Staff identified a parcel of town-owned land south of 796511 Grey Road 19 that would be a suitable location for a new fire hall. This facility would be built to meet the needs of the expanding population and growth in tourism activity in this area. The existing Fire Hall is planned to be retrofitted as a satellite operations centre for the Town's Parks and Trails, and Roads and Drainage Divisions. Staff are also looking to incorporate touch-down workspaces for all Town staff to use in the Craigleith area.

The project budget will be funded by the Community Services Asset Replacement Reserve Fund, Roads Equipment Asset Replacement Reserve Fund, Fire Asset Replacement Reserve Fund and Fire Development Charges.

The LAURIN Group has been awarded the construction contract for the new Craigleith Fire Hall. The LAURIN Group specializes in institutional, commercial, industrial and multi-family residential projects, and has provided construction services throughout Ontario for companies including GO Transit, Hydro One and Canada Post. Contractors from LAURIN have arrived on site and begun preparation work.

The Town's new Fire Hall, has been designed to meet the Town's Net Zero Emission objectives through the use of low-carbon components and finishes.

Sustainability features of the new building include:

- Prioritization of construction materials that have lower levels of embodied carbon and higher levels of insulation performance
- Fully electrified HVAC systems to reduce reliance on fossil fuels
- Renewable energy generation through the installation of solar panels
- Water conservation and efficiency through fixtures and stormwater capture

The facility will also feature administration and crew quarters including offices, meeting room, training area, dormitory spaces and amenities, an apparatus bay with space for up to six fire trucks, as well as support spaces for firefighter gear and hose reels and an outdoor training area.

"We're extremely excited to see this project move forward," says Town of The Blue Mountains Fire Chief Stephen Conn. "This new facility will be constructed to the latest standards, ensuring that our firefighters are prepared with everything they need to service the local community for years to come."

Overall Cost Analysis

Total Tendered Amount	\$ 13,768,248
Additional Costs not included	
Station Alerting	\$ 150,000
IT Infrastructure	\$ 80,000
Furniture and facility fit-up	\$ 100,000
Additional Engineering Services	\$ 300,000
Contingency	\$ 1,439,824
Actual Project Cost	\$ 15,838,072

To learn more about the project and to subscribe for project updates, please visit the Town's dedicated project web page found on www.bluemountains.ca



Notice of Complete Applications and Public Meeting

Applications for Official Plan Amendment (P3523), Zoning By-law Amendment (P3524), Draft Plan of Subdivision (P3522), (County file No. 42T-2025-05)

Property Location: 372 Grey Road 21 (portion of land west and south of the Georgian Trail)

Public Meeting: October 21, 2025 at 9:30 am

Council Chambers, Town Hall

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

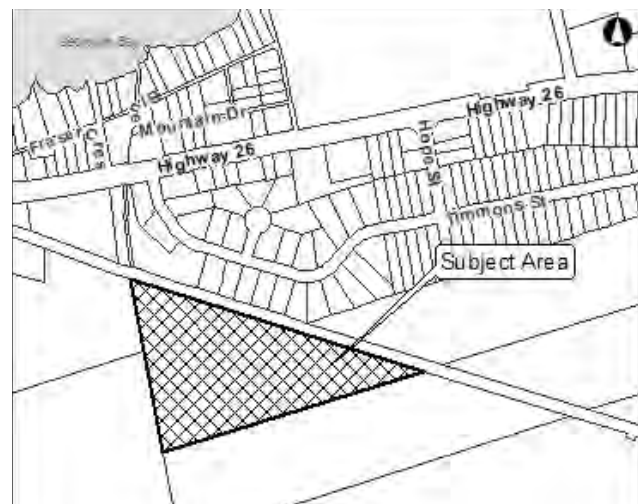
Hybrid Format (In-person AND Virtual via Microsoft Teams)

What is being proposed?

The above-captioned applications have been received and deemed complete as of September 5, 2025. This proposal seeks approval to:

- Change the Official Plan designation of the subject lands to:
 - revise the boundaries of the current Residential Recreation Area (RRA), Hazard (H) and Wetland (WL) designations;
 - Increase permitted density within the Residential Recreation Area (RRA) from a maximum 10 units/gross hectare to 12.94 units/gross hectare; and
 - designate a portion of the lands as Open Space.
- Rezone the lands from Development (D) and Wetland (WL) to:
 - Introduce Residential One (R1-3-H), Residential 2 (R2-H) Open Space (OS), and Hazard (H) zones;
 - Revise the boundaries of Wetland (WL) zone; and
 - Remove the Holding (H1) provision that currently applies to Wetland portions of the property.
- Subdivide the land to create:
 - 53 residential lots (47 single detached, 6 semi-detached);
 - Two roads – Streets A&B;
 - Open Space, Hazard and Wetland Blocks; and
 - Reserve lands.
- The effect of the development will also include removal of significant woodlands from a portion of the lands proposed for development.

Key Map





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Corporate Strategic Plan Council Workshop & Public Information Sessions

- **Wednesday, October 8:** Final Council Workshop (1:30 pm - 4:30 pm)
- **Wednesday, November 12:** Public Information Session #1 (5-7 pm)
- **Saturday, November 15:** Public Information Session #2 (11 am – 1 pm)

All meetings are at Town Hall. The Council Workshop will be open to the public and will be recorded and posted to the Town's website. The Public Information Sessions will provide the public with an opportunity to provide input and participate in a Q&A session following a presentation at the beginning of the session. The Presentation and Q&A will be recorded and posted to the Town's website.

For more information, visit www.thebluemountains.ca/OurPathForward

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OPEN HOUSE

Join the Town of the Blue Mountains Fire Department for their Annual Open House celebrating the 103rd anniversary of Fire Prevention Week

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SAT., OCT. 4, 2025

11 AM - 2 PM | FIRE STATION #1

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Protecting the People Around Your Table

Money worries are rising. According to FP Canada, 42% of Canadians say money is their top source of stress. That number should make us pause. And, it's one of the reasons why I advocate for financial planning, because it helps turn uncertainty into confidence.

Every October, my family marks Thanksgiving with a turkey on the smoker and a trip to the orchard. It's a reminder that the holiday isn't really about the meal — it's about the people around the table. Wealth planning works the same way. It isn't about spreadsheets or investment returns. It's about protecting the people you love, today and in the future.

Without a plan, your wealth can be depleted, whether that's as a result of taxes, time or mistakes. And then your confidence goes with it. Families deserve more than hope — they deserve the peace of mind that comes from knowing their future is taken care of.

The good news: a thoughtful plan can change everything. A structured retirement strategy creates income you can count on. Smart tax planning can keep more of your wealth working for you. Insurance and estate tools protect assets and keep transitions smooth. And just as family traditions evolve, a strong plan adapts as your goals and priorities change. In short, a plan can turn uncertainty into clarity and confidence.

And planning matters more today than ever. We're living longer. Markets are more volatile. The old rulebook for retirement no longer applies. What worked a generation ago may not work now — and waiting only reduces your options.

This Thanksgiving, as you gather with loved ones, take a moment to reflect. The meal may last a few hours, the apples a few days — but a strong financial plan can help protect your family for decades.

Keep in mind, nearly half of Canadians don't even know how much they'll need for retirement — and most don't have any written plan at all, let alone a strong one (FP Canada).

Now is the time to act. Call me to start the conversation — or join the retirement seminar we're hosting later this month to learn how to build lasting wealth.

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Wednesday, October 29, 2025
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Location:
Huron Club Lounge
94 Pine St, Collingwood, ON
Snacks and refreshments are included.

Please RSVP to
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- 📅 **DATE:** Thursday, October 23, 2025
- 🕒 **TIME:** 10:30AM - 2PM
- 📍 **LOCATION:** L.E. Shore Library
Thornbury, ON
- ✉️ **REGISTER AT :** seniors@bvo.ca

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Original Birth Certificate or Citizenship Certificate. Copies not accepted. First-time passport applications for children under 16 years of age must include one proof of parentage document that demonstrates the child-parent relationship. (Long form birth certificate).	✓	✓	
Guarantor for Adult General & Child Applications must: 1) Complete declaration of guarantor on the application and sign. 2) Sign photo. 3) Sign and date copies of supporting identification.	✓	✓	✓
Supporting identification can be - Drivers Licence, Health Card, provincial ID Card.	✓	✓	
Names, full mailing addresses and phone numbers of 2 references (individual cannot be related to you) who have known you for at least two years.	✓	✓	✓
Current, or recently expired passport (expired no more than 15 years). Note: If you have a valid passport, you must provide it for all applications.	✓	✓	✓
Name changes require proof of name change. (Marriage certificate, adoption paper, legal name change, etc.). This is mandatory if the name on your birth certificate does not match the name on your ID. You cannot use the simplified renewal form if you need to change the information on the ID page of your previous passport or if the date of issue was more than 15 years ago.	✓	✓	
In cases of adoption and / or custody, please bring all court orders .	✓		
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Georgian Triangle Humane Society Launches its First-ever 50/50 Lottery

Every ticket is a chance to fetch a win and give back to pets in need

The Georgian Triangle Humane Society (GTHS) is thrilled to announce the launch of its first-ever 50/50 Lottery, running from October 1st to November 30th, 2025. Supporters across the region have the chance to win big while helping local pets in need.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the GTHS Holiday Open House on December 4th, adding even more excitement to one of the most festive events of the year.

Tickets are available at three price points: 5 tickets for \$10, 20 tickets for \$25, or 75 tickets for \$50, making it fun and affordable for everyone to get involved. With every ticket purchased, participants not only get a shot at the grand prize, but also help provide vital care for pets in South Georgian Bay at a time when support has never been more needed.

"We know our community wants to help, but donor fatigue is real," said Karen Marsh, executive director of the GTHS. "Our first-ever 50/50 Lottery is an accessible, exciting way for people to support the pets and programs they care about. It's fun, engaging, and you could win big -- all while making a meaningful difference for the pets who need us most."

Tickets go on sale on October 1st and will be available online at

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/gths>

For more information, including how to purchase tickets and rules, visit

<https://gths.ca/gths-5050>

OCTOBER FALL'S FABLE

Across swale and veldt, ridge and plain, the season bids adieu to green!

October beckons, and to her palace she summons designers of earthy creed,

Colours gild porticos with russets and

flaxens, auburn tints, crimson ribbons,

The air crispens, tendrils of damp vapours make magic swirls, moss restores.

A leaf, ablaze yet with crinkle, flutters amid the columns of maple and birch,

Free of trunk maternal, wafts to the greeting soil, ready to enrich the humus,

Forms a coverlet to protect mouse and beetle, a burrow for worm and mole.

Nature surveys, Nature provides, Nature transforms, Nature conserves, restores,

So we of human cloak and cloth may heed her direction, accept a new diadem.

For we imagined of foliage green, we are genesis of new growth and legacy,

Yet we fall, leaf like, to nurture, to be bedding and comfort for offspring in our wake.

Our parable reveals the import of Nature in diversity, yet set together in common ,

The colours of October tell truth, to wit the cornucopia of hue vibrant, intense,

So may we of human tapestry be ablaze together, a coverlet knitted to radiance.

Jeremy Wentworth-Stanley
jeremy@officeinthebarn.com

Chapman's Invests Over \$200 Million To Expand Ice Cream Manufacturing In Ontario

Invest Ontario is proud to support a milestone investment by Chapman's, the largest independent ice cream manufacturer in Canada, as this homegrown company undertakes a major expansion of its operations in Markdale, Ontario.

This investment of over \$200 million will allow Chapman's to introduce products never before sold in Canada to consumers, while also positioning the company to develop its export business to meet growing demand in international markets.

Creating 200 new jobs, the project adds a 175,000 square-foot facility with three new production lines coming online initially and three more planned in the years ahead.

Founded in 1973, Chapman's remains a family-run business and currently employs over 800 full-time workers in Markdale, making it the community's largest employer. The investment will be supported with a loan of up to \$27 million through the Invest Ontario Fund.

Chapman's is a household name in Canada and an Ontario success story. Through this expansion, they are reinforcing their roots at home while opening doors to the world market. The award-winning brand has over 200 products in its portfolio, including ice cream, frozen yogurt, sorbet, water ice Lolly treats and a wide variety of single-serve novelties. Chapman's products are sold exclusively in Canada, in every province and territory, from coast to coast to coast. The company is known for offering frozen treats for various dietary restrictions: including lower calorie, gluten free, lactose free, peanut free, nut free, egg free and no sugar added products.

For more information, visit chapmans.ca.

Invest Ontario www.investontario.ca.

Empowering Women, Strengthening Communities: United Way Simcoe Muskoka's Women United 2025 Grants Now Open

United Way Simcoe Muskoka's Women United has officially opened applications for the 2025 Women United Grants, inviting organizations serving women and children across Simcoe County, the Town of The Blue Mountains, and the District of Muskoka to apply.

Since its launch in 2015, Women United has invested more than \$83,000 into impactful programs that empower women and girls to develop essential skills, achieve financial autonomy, and break the cycles of poverty. The 2025 grant cycle continues this commitment, offering up to \$10,000 in total funding to projects that support women and children in one or more of Women United's three priority pillars:

- Nutrition and Food Security
- Mental Health
- Literacy (traditional, financial, or digital)

The application process begins with an online eligibility questionnaire. Eligible organizations will then receive next steps for submitting their proposals.

To support potential applicants, Women United will host two virtual information sessions:

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 12pm & Thursday, Oct. 9, 10am

To sign up for any of these information sessions or to apply, please visit

<https://uwsimcoemuskoka.ca/womenunitedfunding>

Applications will remain open until October 13, 2025.

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To learn more go to <https://uwsimcoemuskoka.ca>

Ontario Protecting the Great Lakes

Ontario is providing approximately \$7.3 million to local organizations across the province for projects that will help strengthen the health and resiliency of the Great Lakes and their connecting waters, which together make up an unparalleled natural resource that supports communities, tourism and agriculture. This includes \$25,000.00 to support projects in Simcoe-Grey

"The Great Lakes hold 20 per cent of the world's fresh surface water — providing vital water resources to our communities and driving tourism and economic growth across the province," said Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. "Our government is proud to support organizations whose hard work and innovation will help preserve the Great Lakes for generations to come."

Local Great Lakes initiatives are funded by two provincial programs, the Great Lakes Program and the Great Lakes Local Action Fund. The project selected for funding in Simcoe-Grey is the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority for the Lake Huron Student Conference Model Project.

This event brings together 100 high school students and their teachers for hands-on learning and stewardship activities. Participants will engage in projects that lead to tangible environmental improvements along the Lake Huron and Georgian Bay shoreline, fostering environmental leadership and community stewardship among the youth.

"Georgian Bay and the Great Lakes are central to life in Simcoe-Grey, shaping our environment, our economy, and our communities," said MPP Brian Saunderson. "By supporting initiatives like the Lake Huron Student Project, our government is helping young people gain hands-on experience in stewardship while building the next generation of environmental leaders. It is encouraging to see provincial funding supporting projects that will strengthen the health of our shoreline and protect these waters for years to come."

Projects selected for funding are led by community-based organizations, municipalities, conservation authorities, academic institutions and Indigenous communities to protect, conserve and restore the Great Lakes and their watersheds. Funding for these projects is part of the government's commitment to the Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health and Ontario's Great Lakes Strategy.

- Of the \$7.3 million investment, \$5.5 million is provided through the 2024/25 Great Lakes Program and nearly \$1.8 million is provided through the Great Lakes Local Action Fund.
- The Great Lakes economy is the third largest in the world. Almost 83 per cent of Ontario's power generation and 95 per cent of Ontario's agricultural lands depend on the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin.
- Since 2018, the Ontario government has invested \$80.7 million in approximately 679 projects to safeguard the Great Lakes. During that time, 52 environmental clean-up actions have taken place across 17 Areas of Concern in the Great Lakes.
- Working with the Great Lakes community partners, our government is making progress on actions included in Ontario's Great Lakes Strategy, such as:
 - restoring 14 Areas of Concern around the Great Lakes
 - restoring and enhancing over 9,900 acres of wetlands across Ontario through about 590 projects with \$31 million in funding under the Wetlands Conservation Partner Program expanding the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail so it now stretches over 3,600 kilometers and connects 170 communities, villages and First Nation communities.



Tree Trust TBM 5th Anniversary Celebration Success - What a celebration!

A large crowd of interested community members, volunteers, donors, Town officials, and representatives of local organizations gathered on September 18 to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of Tree Trust TBM. The event was held at the parkette at 10th Line and High Bluff Lane in Thornbury, the site of the very first tree to receive professional arborist care from Tree Trust.

This spectacular sugar maple is estimated at more than 150 years old. With continued care, this elder tree will be able to live out its genetic potential, creating shade and beauty for many more decades.

Tree Trust has provided expert, life-extending care for 12 of the Town's legacy trees so far. Other Tree Trust accomplishments include:

- Planted 100+ Trees along the Georgian trail at Christie Beach Road and Camperdown Road
- Planted over 100 trees at TBM Parks
- Planted hundreds of saplings along the G. Trail
- Launched and maintained a Local, Native Tree Nursery, which has been expanded in 2025

The 5th Year Anniversary Celebration was held to acknowledge and thank the volunteers, donors, local organizations, Town staff and members of Council who have made these accomplishments possible. This collaborative community effort is helping us grow and care for our all-important tree canopy.

The Celebration featured comments by Mayor Andrea Matrasovs, dressed in a period outfit reflective of 1875, the year when it is estimated that the legacy tree at 10th Line was a sapling. The Mayor reminded the crowd of the impressive span of history represented by this heritage tree.

John White presented a special plaque on behalf of the Government of Ontario recognizing the community efforts led by Tree Trust. Attendees also had an opportunity to visit and meet with experts at several Insight stations, including:

- *Pruning Basics* hosted by Garden Holistics
- *All about Pollination* hosted by Pollinate TBM
- *1875 in our Town* hosted by The Blue Mountains Library
- *The Native Tree Seed Collection Club* hosted by Tree Trust TBM
- *Tree Care Tips* hosted by Arboreal Tree Care

As the Celebration came to an end a tree was planted – one of several "understory" trees that will contribute to an emerging small forest ecosystem centred around Tree Trust TBM's "first tree".

tbm@treetrust.ca



The band playing Wasaga Summer Sets on August 1, 2025.
Photo by Bryan Davies

Beaver Valley Concert Band is Looking for New Musicians!

Beaver Valley Concert Band (BVCB) is a community concert band located in Collingwood, with members from across southern Georgian Bay, including Meaford, Thornbury, Wasaga Beach, Ravenna, Stayner and beyond! We are looking for new concert band musicians of all types, including flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, French horn, trumpet, trombone and percussion.

We welcome musicians of all ages, from high school students up to octogenarians, provided they are proficient enough to play our current repertoire. The band rehearses in Collingwood on Monday evenings from 6 to 7:30pm. Interested musicians are invited to sit in on a rehearsal and then discuss their possible participation with the band's director.

The band plays a diverse repertoire for audiences of all ages, including cinematic soundtracks, jazz, marches, light classical and even a recent Grammy award-winning video game soundtrack (Baba Yetu).

We play at a variety of venues and events across the region, such as Wasaga Summer Sets, Sunday Evening Meaford Harbour concerts, Remembrance Day at the Thornbury cenotaph, retirement residences and more.

If you are interested in joining us, or booking us for an event, please contact us at beavervalleyconcertband@gmail.com, or call the band president, James Peacock, at 416-253-2096.

You can also check out our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61551567586628>



Beaver Valley Probud Club

This October, the Beaver Valley Probud Club, along with the more than 250 Probud Clubs in Canada, is celebrating Probud Month. Beaver Valley has the largest number of members among the 4,000 clubs worldwide. Probud is a social club, not a service club, and is non-profit, non-sectarian and non-political in nature. Probud is an offshoot of the Rotary Club which saw the value of a purely social group to provide fellowship, friendship, fun and learning opportunities for retired and semi-retired men and women. All leaders are volunteers.

Founded in 2001, the Beaver Valley club has a current membership of 639 men and women. Members can participate in more than 30 different recurring Group Activities, such as biking, golf, euchre, walking and hiking, dining, canoeing and kayaking, as well as dozens of one-off Social Events: barn dance, car rallies, theatre, visits to local places of interest, to name only a few. These outings allow members to "get connected and stay connected". Monthly meetings are held in the Beaver Valley Community Centre with interesting speakers who draw many members to these afternoon meetings.

For more information about Probud, please visit Probuscanada.ca or beavervalleyprobus.com



SweetStrings Tunes Up for More Concerts!

SweetStrings, the community string ensemble that was started in January, 2025 is off and running. On September 7th they made their public debut at the Marsh St Centre where a small ensemble of 10 players treated a large, appreciative audience to a range of pieces that included fiddle tunes, classical favourites and some modern, popular songs.

Under the umbrella of the acclaimed Sweetwater Music Festival, SweetStrings participated in a community jam session on September 20th, in Owen Sound that was led by Edwin Huizinga, a renowned violinist and the festival's artistic director. The Sweetwater Festival wowed audiences from Owen Sound to Thornbury for an entire week. If you missed it this year, check it out next September; definitely worth it.

SweetStrings sported their new, hot off the press, t-shirts and performed three pieces as a prelude to the community jam. Outstanding professionals, like Keith Hamm, violist for the Edmonton Symphony played alongside amateurs. It was a phenomenal event and gave the community players a real boost!

SweetStrings double-bass players Rob Farrow and Jonathan Armstrong were pleasantly surprised by the appearance of world class jazz legend, Roberto Occhipinti who casually dropped by to play alongside them. How incredible!

SweetStrings is offering 3 free community concerts this fall! They have been working with a range of amazing professional musicians to develop the music; Matthew Hayes, Kerri McGonigle, Sebastian Ostertag, Victoria Yeh and Shari Lundy. With the aid of a Trillium Seed Grant, this community ensemble is blossoming. There are now 25 players, coming from Creemore, Collingwood, Thornbury, Owen Sound, Meaford and places in-between!

The next concert is on **Thurs. October 16th** at 7:30pm at L.E. Shore Library in Thornbury. Tickets are free, but due to space limitations, folks must register for them by going to [eventbrite.ca](https://www.eventbrite.ca) and typing in Thornbury SweetStrings concert.

SweetStrings will also be playing a concert for the residents at the Meaford Long Term Care facility on December 18 which should be a lot of fun.

The final concert of the season will showcase the music SweetStrings has been developing throughout its inaugural year.. Open to the public, it will happen on Sunday, January 25th at 3pm at Meaford United Church. Why not mark it your calendar now? General admission, no pre-registration needed and entrance by donation.

By the way...if you are a community string player at the intermediate level or beyond and would like to join or find out more, contact SweetStrings at: sweetwatermusicfestival.ca

Stay Tuned... Sweet Music coming your way from SweetStrings!

Ontario Building Critical Infrastructure

Brian Saunderson, Member of Provincial Parliament for Simcoe-Grey announced that the Ontario government is investing \$12,890,561 to help renew and rehabilitate critical infrastructure in the riding. The funding will be delivered through the 2026 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) as part of the government's more than \$200 billion capital plan to protect Ontario by building key public infrastructure that will strengthen the economy and keep workers on the job in the face of tariffs and economic uncertainty.

The OCIF provides funding for local infrastructure projects in municipalities with populations under 100,000, rural and northern municipalities, as well as for Local Services Boards that own water or wastewater systems.

The 2026 OCIF allocations for Simcoe-Grey are as follows:

Township of Adjala-Tosorontio: \$537,274

Clearview Township: \$577,306

Town of Collingwood: \$1,052,428

Essa Township: \$630,539

Town of New Tecumseth: \$2,650,503

Town of The Blue Mountains: \$2,128,245

Town of Wasaga Beach: \$1,162,981

County of Simcoe: \$4,151,285

The size of grants is determined by:

- estimated Current Replacement Values (CRVs) for core infrastructure owned by municipalities, including roads, bridges, water and wastewater
- the municipality's economic conditions

The grant is designed to be responsive to local needs and economic conditions. In order to ensure that municipalities with greater requirements to replace core infrastructure and more challenging economic conditions receive proportionally larger grants, the amount of funding per \$100,000 of total core infrastructure is calculated using an "infrastructure index".

Municipalities with a higher infrastructure index will receive a proportionally larger grant per \$100,000 of core infrastructure.

"The Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund is a vital program that helps municipalities across Simcoe-Grey invest in the essential infrastructure our communities rely on every day," said MPP Brian Saunderson. "This funding supports Ontario's small and rural municipalities in making critical upgrades to roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems, ensuring they can meet the needs of residents today and in the years ahead."

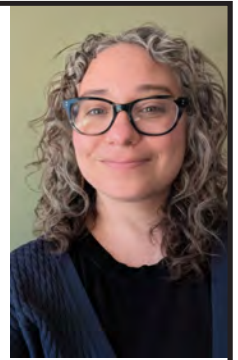
In 2026, Ontario will allocate \$400 million in OCIF funding to help 423 small, rural and northern communities address critical infrastructure such as roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems. The minimum grant amount for municipalities will increase to \$125,000 from \$100,000. Funding allocations are based on a formula that accounts for the different needs and economic conditions of each community. Communities may accumulate funding for up to five years to address larger infrastructure projects.

"Small, rural and northern communities are essential to the growth and prosperity of Ontario," said Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure. "That is why we're increasing the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund's minimum grant amount to provide predictability and stability for these communities and ensure they have the resources they need to thrive. With our record investments across all infrastructure programs, we're driving an unprecedented wave of construction—highways, transit, hospitals, schools, and more—to make communities stronger, keep workers on the job, and drive economic growth for generations to come."

- Since 2018, the government provided \$2.8 billion through OCIF to support small, rural and northern municipalities.
- Additionally, the province is investing \$4 billion in the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program (MHIP) for core infrastructure projects in growing and developing communities. This investment will help unlock even more homes in addition to the approximately 800,000 that have been unlocked with the previously announced pipeline of projects.



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Blue Mountain Legacy Fund

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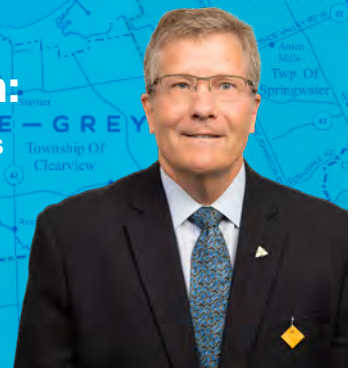
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Grey Sauble Conservation Authority Launches 2025-2035 Strategic Plan

Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) has completed its 2025-2035 Strategic Plan, a 10-year roadmap guiding the organization's efforts in environmental stewardship, community engagement, and organizational excellence.

The plan outlines several key goals:

- **Achieve Organizational Excellence:** Enhancing internal processes and governance to support GSCA's mission.
- **Effectively Monitor and Manage the Risk of Natural Hazards:** Implementing strategies to identify, assess, and mitigate the impacts of flooding, erosion, dynamic beaches, and unstable soils or bedrock.
- **Enhance GSCA Land Management:** Focusing on the sustainable management and enhancement of GSCA-owned lands.
- **Improve Watershed Health:** Implementing initiatives to protect and improve the health of the watershed.
- **Strengthen Environmental Education and Communication:** Expanding educational programs and communication efforts to raise environmental awareness and highlight the work of GSCA.

"This Strategic Plan provides a clear path forward for the next decade, allowing us to protect our watershed, support our communities, and deliver measurable results," said Tim Lanthier, GSCA Chief Administrative Officer. "I want to sincerely thank our dedicated staff, the Board of Directors, our partners, and the public for their invaluable input and support. This plan truly reflects our shared vision."

GSCA will monitor implementation, report regularly, and adjust strategies as needed to remain responsive to evolving environmental and community priorities. The full 2025-2035 Strategic Plan is now available for public viewing on GSCA's website:

www.greysauble.on.ca/strategic-plan/

NEW GYM IN TOWN! COMING OCTOBER 2025

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There's A New Gym In Town!

Our gym expansion is transforming what was formerly the squash court into a brand-new training space, opening early October 2025.

The new Back Gym will focus on weight training, featuring squat racks, free weights, a leg press, leg curl/extension, multi-trainer, and more. Meanwhile, our front gym continues to focus on cardio, giving members the perfect balance of strength and endurance training.

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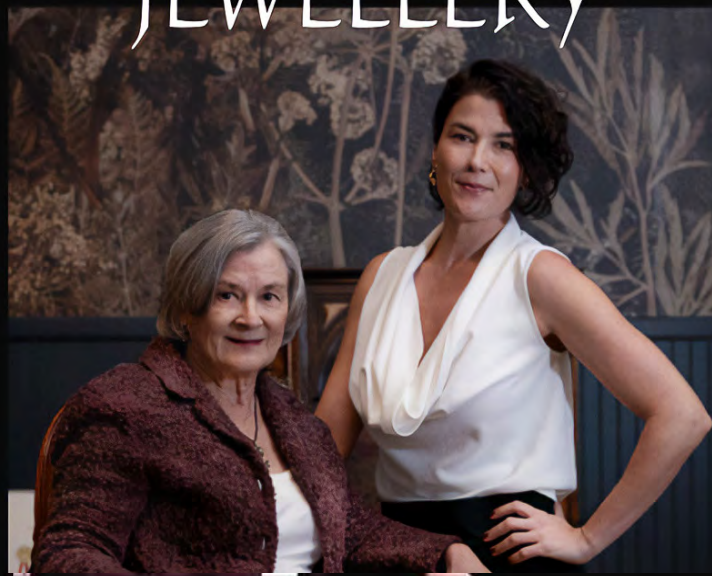
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IN THE GALLERY - OCTOBER

The Gallery at L.E. Shore Library is proud to welcome author Kathryn Magee Labelle and artist Catherine Tammaro in celebration of Daughters of Aatenstic: Life Lessons from Seven Generations. Together, these two contrasting mediums of text and art present a rich, layered narrative of Wendat/Wandat history and culture.

Kathryn Labelle's book Daughters of Aataentsic shares the powerful life stories of seven Wendat/wandat women across seven generations. Spanning centuries and borders—from Ontario and Quebec to Kansas and Oklahoma—the book highlights how these women preserved culture, resisted colonialism, and shaped their communities.

Developed in conversation with these stories, Wyandot/Italian multidisciplinary artist Catherine Tammaro offers a compelling visual exploration of Wendat/wandat matriarchal history through her exhibition.

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Hikes and Giveaways at Eugenia Falls on Bruce Trail Day - Oct. 5

The Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club is excited to partner with Grey Sauble Conservation Authority to host Bruce Trail Day activities at Eugenia Falls on Sunday, October 5th. Representatives from the Beaver Valley Bruce Trail Club (BVBTC) and Grey Sauble Conservation Authority (GSCA) will be on site from 10am to 3pm with information, hiking activities, family-friendly crafts and free Bruce Trail Reference Guides (while quantities last). Parking fees for Eugenia Falls Conservation area will be waived for Bruce Trail Day.

Prove Your Predication Skills with the "In Your Estimation" Hike

Do you think you can guess how long it will take you to hike a section of trail? Join us at 10 a.m. for a self-guided hike along a pre-determined portion of the Bruce Trail. Submit a "guesstimate" for your finish time then put your boots to the test to attempt to match that time. The winners will win bragging rights and some Bruce Trail themed prizes.

Historic Eugenia

For those looking for a more in-depth exploration of the Bruce Trail, a free guided hike departs 1:00 p.m. Hikers will be treated to views of the falls and the valley as well as learn about the Eugenia "Gold Rush" and power generation in our area. Pre-registration for the hikes is encouraged but not necessary.

Bruce Trail Day and The Bruce Trail Conservancy

Bruce Trail Day is an annual celebration of the Bruce Trail hosted by the Bruce Trail Conservancy at each of its nine Bruce Trail



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Join adventurer and local author Robert Burcher on Lief Erikson Day as he reveals explosive new evidence that could rewrite Viking history in North America. We know now that Larse aux Meadows is not where Lief Erikson first landed. Has the real site of Vinland finally been found using Geological Analysis?

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- Bull Selection
- Marketing options for your calves



Webinar Schedule
All Sessions run from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM via Zoom (Scan QR Code to Register)

Tuesday, October 28	Bale Grazing for Extended Grazing and Pasture Rejuvenation Producer Panel with Christine O'Reilly, Forage and Grazing Specialist, OMAFA
Tuesday, November 4	Building Soil Fertility on My Pasture Colin Elgie, Soil Fertility Specialist, OMAFA
Tuesday, November 11	Building the Herd Through Superior Bull Selection Scott Cornish, Regional Coordinator, Eastgen
Tuesday, November 18	Marketing My Calves - Sell Now or Retain? My Choices? Steve Duff, Chief Economist, OMAFA

EXHIBIT OPENING: The Art of Being
Sat Nov 1st 2:00pm - 4:00pm
The Gallery at the L.E. Shore Library, 173 Bruce St. S., Thornbury.

Through a captivating exhibition of whimsical paintings, Anna Green delves into the power and grace of the feminine spirit and her interaction with the natural world.

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