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AMO Hosting Free Online Workshop Series for First-Time Candidates or Leaders Seeking Re-election

Join the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) new online workshop series for leaders seeking re-election or first-time aspiring candidates—offered at no charge for participants.

As Ontario heads toward the 2026 municipal elections, elected officials and aspiring candidates are being



tested like never before. From navigating divisive politics and social media toxicity to maintaining personal wellbeing under constant public scrutiny, the demands of leadership can feel overwhelming.

Developed in partnership with Nominee, Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities is designed to equip you with the tools, resilience, and confidence to meet these challenges head-on — and to rediscover the purpose that brought you to public service in the first place.

Through expert facilitation, guided peer-to-peer discussion, and practical takeaways, you'll leave each session with fresh insight, renewed energy, and a stronger foundation for leadership.

This workshop series is offered through AMO's Healthy Democracy Project, please find additional research and resources on the Project's website.

This workshop series held from 6:30-8:00 pm are being offered for no charge in two streams:

Stream 1: For elected officials at the municipal level across Ontario who are considering re-election in 2026 and preparing their path forward. November 26, 2025, January 28, 2026, February 25, 2026, March 25, 2026

Stream 2: For community members considering a run for municipal office in 2026—first-time candidates who want to build confidence before launching a campaign. Civic-minded leaders who want to explore whether elected office is right for them. December 3, 2025, February 4, 2026, March 4, 2026, April 1, 2026

Each stream includes four inspiring sessions (you can register for the full series or individual sessions):

Session 1—November/December 2025: Finding Your Why – Leading with Purpose and Authenticity

Session 2—January/February 2026: Praise Your Rivals – Managing Conflict and Building Effective Relationships

Session 3—February/March 2026: What Matters Most – Prioritizing Mental Health and Wellbeing

Session 4—March/April 2026: Building Your Movement – Turning Values into Action

What you'll gain by attending these sessions:

Clarity of Purpose: reconnect with your values and what drives you to serve

Resilience in Conflict: handle tough situations with skill and confidence

Personal Wellbeing: prevent burnout and create sustainable leadership practices

Stronger Communication: inspire trust and mobilize authentic community support

Practical Tools & Resources: customized workbooks, scripts, and templates you can use immediately

Peer Connection: build relationships with others also preparing to run in 2026

For more information, visit the AMO website. www.amo.on.ca Please email events@amo.on.ca with any questions.



View from the front office window of The Review, downtown Clarksburg

Fall Yard Waste Collection Continues Until November 20th

- Yard Waste is collected on your regular curbside collection day and must be curbside by 7:00 a.m.
- Yard Waste collected curbside is limited to 10 compostable bags or containers weekly
- Oversized yard waste is not collected curbside but can be delivered to the Landfill and Recycling Depot free-of-charge
- Oversized yard waste refers to any plant material that is too large to fit into a container or yard waste bag that is 89cm high x 41cm wide, or bags over the 10 bag limit

Learn more: www.thebluemountains.ca/yard-waste





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Skating program times are subject to change on a week-to-week basis.



Public Skating

Saturdays: 12pm - 2pm Sundays: 12pm - 2pm Excluding: Oct. 25, Nov. 8, Nov. 9, Nov. 15, Nov. 29, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Jan. 17, Jan. 18, Feb. 1, Feb. 7, Feb 8, Mar. 7, Mar. 8, Mar. 29 Ages 18+: \$3 per person

Under 18: Free

Adult Skating

Mondays: 10am - 12pm Wednesdays: 10am - 12pm Thursdays: 1pm - 3pm Excluding: Dec. 24, Dec 25, Jan. 1, Feb. 16 \$3 per person

Must be 18 years of age or older.

Stick & Puck

Mondays: 12pm - 1pm Wednesdays: 12pm - 1pm Excluding: Dec. 24, Feb. 4, Feb.

16, Apr. 6 \$3 per person

Must be 18 years of age or older. All skaters are required to wear a certified hockey helmet.

Parent & Tots

Tuesdays: 11pm - 12pm Thursdays: 11pm - 12pm Excluding: Nov. 4, Dec. 23, 25, 30, Jan. 1, Feb. 3, Mar. 17, 19

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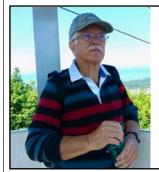
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Celebrating Jean-Marc Pagé

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



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Community Invited to Homelessness and Coordinated Access Virtual Forum

Bruce and Grev Counties will host a virtual Homelessness and Coordinated Access Community Forum on November 12, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. inviting community members to learn about local efforts to address homelessness and connect people with housing supports. The forum will explore current homelessness challenges in Grey Bruce and discuss coordinated solutions. Attendees will hear from Grey County, Bruce County, YMCA Owen Sound Grey Bruce staff, and community partners.

"Homelessness is a complex issue that requires collaboration across counties, agencies, and the community," said Tina Metcalfe, director of human services, Bruce County. "By working together, we can better connect individuals and families to the right supports at the right time and create pathways to stable housing."

The Grey Bruce Community Safety and Well-Being Planning initiative is the event host and sponsor. The forum will feature presentations and discussions on a range of critical topics, including:

- Prevention supports and early intervention services
- Emergency shelter programs and crisis response
- Encampment outreach and community safety approaches
- Transitional and supportive housing options
- Coordinated Access and the By-Name List system

"This forum is an opportunity for our community to come together. learn about the coordinated efforts underway, and be part of the conversation on how we can collectively address homelessness," said Anne Marie Shaw, director of community services, Grey County. "We value community input and encourage everyone to participate, ask guestions, and help shape our shared path forward."

Virtual meeting link will be emailed to registered participants one week before the forum

Participation is free, but you must register in advance. Community members are encouraged to submit questions online and register before October 31, 2025. www.grey.ca

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Cybersecurity:

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by Digital Main Street | October 21, 2025 |

In today's digital economy, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) rely on technology more than ever to reach customers, manage operations, and compete in a rapidly changing marketplace. From online storefronts and digital marketing to cloud-based systems and electronic payments, technology has levelled the playing field for entrepreneurs across Canada. But this digital dependence comes with an underappreciated risk: cyberattacks.

Even a single incident can lead to financial loss, reputational damage, and costly downtime. According to a survey conducted by the Insurance Bureau of Canada, 41% of small businesses that ever suffered a cyber attack reported that it cost them at least \$100,000 - not to mention the emotional toll of recovering from the disruption.

The growing need for digital resilience

As businesses adopt digital tools and online transactions, cybercriminals have adapted as well. They often view small enterprises as easy targets, assuming these organizations have fewer safeguards in place. Increasingly, this assumption proves true. Many small business owners rely on personal email accounts, use weak passwords, or skip software updates — simple oversights that can open the door to major security breaches.

Closing the knowledge gap

While awareness of cybersecurity risks is growing, there remains a knowledge gap among small business owners about how to address them. Many entrepreneurs simply don't know where to start. Others assume that robust cybersecurity requires expensive technology or specialized staff. In reality, many of the most effective measures are low-cost and accessible.

This is where collaborative programs and educational initiatives play a crucial role. By helping small business owners understand and implement practical steps — from using multi-factor authentication to securing Wi-Fi networks — these programs can make digital protection achievable for everyone, not just large enterprises with IT departments.

Empowering small businesses through collaboration

To help bridge this gap, Digital Main Street, in collaboration with Mastercard, is helping small businesses strengthen their online security. Through this partnership, entrepreneurs can access resources, tools, and training designed to simplify cybersecurity and make it part of everyday business practice.

The initiative offers digital assessments to help business owners identify vulnerabilities, practical guides on how to address them, and online learning modules that build confidence in managing cyber risks. The 'Empowering Businesses to be cyber resilient" is a free course, a course created in partnership with Mastercard, Digital Main Street and The Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas, is designed to empower small businesses with the tools and knowledge they need to fortify their operations against the growing threat of cybercrime. The on demand course covers topics such as Cybersecurity Basics, Proactive Security, and much more. The goal is not to turn every entrepreneur into a cybersecurity expert, but rather to make cybersecurity feel approachable and actionable.

Practical protection for the digital age

The partnership focuses on practical, everyday solutions that small businesses can implement immediately. Recommendations include using strong passwords and password managers, updating software regularly, setting clear policies for employee access, and backing up data in secure locations.

A stronger, safer digital community

Cybersecurity is no longer optional for small businesses operating in the digital age. As technology continues to evolve, so too must the measures that protect it. For entrepreneurs, the message is clear: building digital resilience isn't just about avoiding risk — it's about ensuring stability, customer trust, and long-term success.

To learn more about available cybersecurity resources and training opportunities, visit <u>digitalmainstreet.ca</u>.



2025 Environmental Sustainability Fund Accepting Applications

The Town of The Blue Mountains invites community organizations to apply for the Town's Environmental Sustainability Fund.

This fund has an allocation of \$8,000 that will be split between successful applications that demonstrate a clear goal of advancing environmental sustainability within the Town. There is a maximum of \$5,000 available for any single project, meaning the fund will have at least \$3,000 remaining for one or more smaller projects if the highest-scoring proposal receives \$5,000. To better support smaller projects, applicants no longer need to cover 80% of the project's value from other sources, with a minimum funding request of \$1,000.

Past recipients have included Beaver River Watershed Initiative, Beaver Valley Community School, Climate Action Now Network, Georgian Bay Forever, Pollinate TBM, Thornbury Community Gardens and Treetrust TBM. Their projects have included a wide range of project types including education programs, pilot projects, waste diversion initiatives, tree plantings, shoreline cleanups and public events, exemplifying how the Town and community organizations can work alongside one another to foster environmental sustainability and build community connections.

Interested non-profit organizations and community groups wishing to apply must submit their application no later than December 9, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. ET. To learn more about the Town's Environmental Sustainability Fund, including final reports from previous fund recipients and application templates, please visit: www.thebluemountains.ca/ESF.

For more information, please contact: Nicholas Cloet Sustainability Coordinator (519) 599-3131 ext. 235





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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





Branch 281 Beaver Valley As this fabulous Summer draws to a close, Friday barbecue season is also over. Thanks to all who, by their participation, helped to make these events

Winter Hours: From October 8th onwards

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Georgian Triangle Humane Society Launches its Firstever 50/50 Lottery -\$21,130 to date

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



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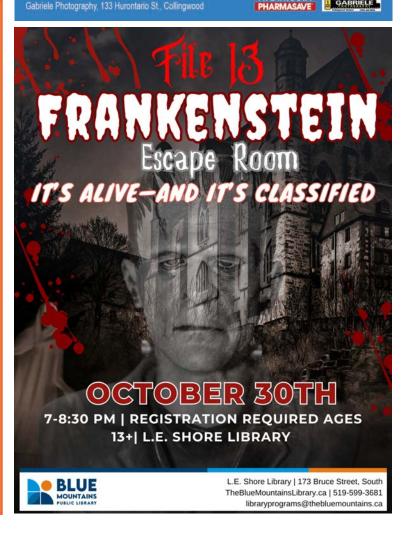
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Sat Oct 25 Join us for the Village Halloween Sidewalk Sale - 10am-4pm Fri Oct 31 Halloween Dance Party Marsh Street Centre 7pm Sat Nov 1 Pumpkin Walk 7-9pm



Thornbury Pharmasave, 45 Arthur St. W., Thornbury





EVENT SCHEDULE

2025

Tues. Oct 7th

Poltergeist Movie - Marsh Centre - 6:30pm

Tues. Oct 14th

Decorations put up around town - Check them out!

Sat Oct 25th

- Lions Pancake Breakfast 8:30 11:00 Marsh Centre
- Kids Pumpkin Painting at Marsh 9:30-12:00
- Clarksburg Village Halloween Sidewalk Sale! 10:00am-4:00pm
- Kids Halloween activities @ Farmers Pantry Oct 25 Nov 2
- "Hair of the Dog" Concert Marsh Centre 7:00 pm

Tues Oct 28th

 You choose THRILLER movie - Marsh 6:30pm www.marshstreetcentre.com website

Fri Oct 31st

 Halloween Night Dance Party "Cowboys and Aliens" Theme - Marsh Centre 7:00 pm

Sat Nov 1st

- Pumpkin drop-off Lions Park Gazebo 5:00pm
- Lions Park FREE Pumpkin Walk 7:00pm-9:00pm
- Thriller Dance 7:15pm



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Please RSVP to fraser.willson@cibc.com or 647-588-4344 Fraser Willson, CFP, CIM Senior Wealth Advisor CIBC Wood Gundy

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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.

The work is symbolic of finding joy, peace and grace. Cultivating self-love. Taking time for others. Practicing kindness to all living creatures. Immersing oneself in nature



and nurturing a conscious awareness of one's footprint on this sacred planet.

Explore each of these layers at the grand opening occurring November 1st from 2:00-4:00pm. Enjoy complimentary refreshments, meet our featured artist and dive deeper into this gorgeous show.

Following the opening, the exhibit runs until November 26th.

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Saturday, November 1, 7 – 10 PM Marsh Street Community Centre

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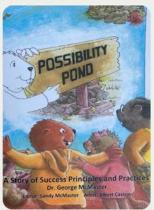
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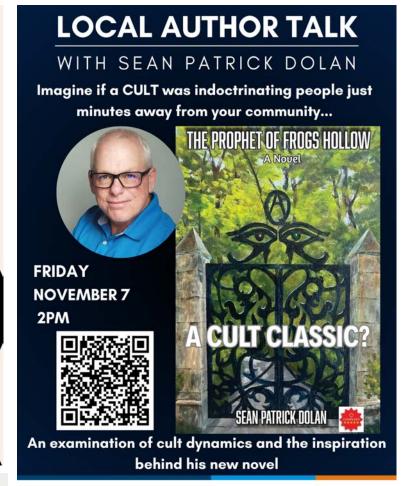


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