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Remembrance Day (also known as Poppy Day owing to the tradition of wearing a remembrance poppy) is a memorial day observed in Commonwealth member states since the end of the First World War to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty. The day is also marked by war remembrances in several other non-Commonwealth countries.

In most countries, Remembrance Day is observed on 11 November to recall the end of First World War hostilities. Hostilities ended "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" of 1918, in accordance with the armistice signed by representatives of Germany and the Entente (United Kingdom, France, and Russia) between 5:12 and 5:20 that morning. The First World War formally ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on 28 June 1919. photos by Robert Burcher





GIWINGTUESDAY

DECEMBER 2ND

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of radical generosity. GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, it has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

Join the movement and give, whether it's some of your time, a donation, or the power of your voice in your local community.

It's a simple idea: whether it's making someone smile, helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving some of what we have to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to contribute toward building the better world we all want to live in.

While many call on philanthropists, policymakers and grantmakers to repair broken systems, GivingTuesday recognizes that we each can drive an enormous amount of positive change by rooting our everyday actions, decisions and behavior in radical generosity—the concept that the suffering of others should be as intolerable to us as our own suffering. Radical generosity invites people in to give what they can to create systemic change.

A Plan to Protect Ontario by MPP Brian Saunderson

On November 6th, Minister of Finance Peter Bethlenfalvy released the 2025 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: A Plan to Protect Ontario, which supports the government's plan to protect Ontario by building a more competitive, resilient and self-reliant economy by cutting red tape, investing in infrastructure, supporting workers, improving services and making life more affordable.

"With tariffs taking direct aim at Ontario workers and communities, it has never been more important for the government to deliver on its plan to protect Ontario. We continue to make historic investments in highways, transit, health care and all the other services our communities rely on, so we can build for our growing province. We are doing this all while keeping costs down for families and helping to unleash Ontario's full economic potential," said Minister Bethlenfalvy. "We are able to take unprecedented steps to protect Ontario thanks to our commitment to fiscal prudence, which has put Ontario's finances in the strongest position they have been in over a decade."

Highlights of the 2025 Fall Economic Statement include:

- Rebating the full provincial portion of the HST for first-time home buyers of most new homes. Subject to passage of federal legislation, Ontario's new rebate would eliminate the full 8 per cent provincial portion of the HST for first-time home buyers on qualifying new homes valued up to \$1 million, saving home buyers up to \$80,000 off the cost of a new home when combined with existing provincial relief.
- Delivering on its plan to protect Ontario workers, businesses and communities from the impacts of U.S. tariffs, through the development of Ontario's Tax Action Plan. This work will focus on updating Ontario's personal and corporate income taxes to encourage and attract more business investment, help improve Ontario's competitiveness in the G7 and lower costs or provide relief for individuals and families in the years and decades to come. An update on the Tax Action Plan will be provided in the 2026 Ontario Budget.
- Investing an additional \$100 million in the Ontario Together Trade Fund (OTTF) to further help small and medium-sized enterprises continued on page 3



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Excluding: Dec. 24, Dec 25, Jan. 1,

Feb. 16

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Must be 18 years of age or older.

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Excluding: Dec. 23, 25, 30, Jan. 1,

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- 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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diversify into new markets and strengthen trade resiliency. This brings total program funding to \$150 million over three years, starting in 2025–26. The increased support will enable businesses affected by U.S. tariffs to pivot production, forge new sales partnerships and expand interprovincial trade.

- Helping Ontario manufacturers and processors lower their costs, innovate, and become more competitive by introducing legislation to enhance and expand the Ontario Made Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit (OMMITC). This includes proposing to temporarily enhance the tax credit rate from 10 per cent to 15 per cent and expand access to the tax credit as a 15 per cent non-refundable version to corporations that are not Canadian-controlled private corporations (CCPCs). In addition, the government is now proposing to amend the OMMITC eligibility criteria for investments in machinery and equipment to provide greater flexibility for businesses.
- Investing \$1.1 billion over three years to extend home care services and the Hospital to Home (H2H) program. The government's investment includes \$982 million to strengthen critical home care services and more than \$170 million to enhance and expand the H2H program. These investments will ease pressures on the health care system and hospitals, helping ensure people receive the right care in the right place.
- Supporting sectors affected by U.S. tariffs through the \$5 billion Protecting Ontario Account. In August, the government launched the initial \$1 billion of the Protect Ontario Financing Program (POFP), which is already supporting Ontario-based businesses directly impacted by higher tariff rates in the steel, aluminum, copper and auto sectors by helping them keep their doors open and keep workers on the job. The government is now developing the second and third streams, to be supported by the remaining \$4 billion. These streams will fortify Ontario's economic resilience, fuel innovation, and fast-track high-growth firms to sharpen Ontario's global edge.
- Continuing to invest in the province's most ambitious capital plan, with planned investments totaling more than \$201 billion over 10 years, including over \$33 billion in 2025–26. This plan will help keep workers on the job in the face of economic uncertainty caused by tariffs.

"This plan reflects our government's continued commitment to strengthening Ontario's economic foundation while protecting the people and communities that make it strong," said Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey. "By investing in infrastructure, supporting workers, and keeping costs down for families, we are building a province that is more resilient, competitive, and ready for the future."

- Ontario's real GDP is projected to rise 0.8 per cent in 2025 and 0.9 per cent in 2026, in line with the 2025 Budget outlook.
- The government's approach maintains a path to balance the budget by 2027–28 as part of its fiscal plan. Ontario is prepared to do whatever it takes to provide critical financial supports to protect Ontario workers and jobs.
- The provincial net debt-to-GDP ratio in 2025–26 is now projected to be 37.7 per cent, 0.2 percentage points lower than forecast in the 2025 Budget. Over the medium-term outlook, the net debt-to-GDP ratio is projected to remain modestly lower than the forecasts in the 2025 Budget and continues to remain below target levels.
- In the recently released Public Accounts of Ontario 2024–2025, Ontario reported a \$1.1 billion deficit in 2024–25, compared to a forecasted deficit of \$9.8 billion in the 2024 Budget. The government remains focused on reducing the debt burden and bringing Ontario's finances back to balance.

In the near future, the government will launch consultations to help inform the next phase of the plan to protect Ontario as part of the 2026 Ontario Budget and hear from the people of Ontario and their ideas on protecting Ontario's economy and workers, creating more jobs, keeping taxes low and costs down, delivering better services and getting critical infrastructure projects built.



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Georgian Triangle Humane Society Launches 50/50 Lottery -\$27,785 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**.

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.

For more information, including how to purchase tickets and rules, visit https://gths.ca/gths-5050



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Reinhart Foods Ltd. Donates \$250,000 to CGMH Foundation's Tomorrow's Hospital Campaign

The Collingwood General and Marine Hospital (CGMH) Foundation is proud to announce a generous \$250,000 donation from Reinhart Foods Ltd. in support of the Tomorrow's Hospital Campaign. This generous gift continues Reinhart Foods Ltd.'s nearly four-decade legacy of giving to CGMH and marks a significant step forward in the community's journey toward a new, modern hospital for South Georgian Bay.

Reinhart Foods Ltd., a proudly Canadian, family-owned company, based in Stayner for over 125 years, has been a steadfast supporter of CGMH since 1986. Over the years, their contributions have helped fund vital medical equipment and technology, directly impacting patient care across the region. This latest gift will support the development of CGMH's future facility, designed to meet the growing needs of more than 70,000 residents and over 3 million annual visitors.

The new hospital will feature expanded services, modern infrastructure, and a patient-centered design to better serve the entire South Georgian Bay community. "We are incredibly proud to be part of this campaign," said Scott and Jeff Singer, CoPresidents of Reinhart Foods Ltd. "Our father, Tom, has always emphasized the importance of investing in our community and we are passionate that everyone in the South Georgian Bay region should have access to first class local healthcare.

We encourage all local businesses to support the Tomorrow's Hospital Campaign." Sandra Taylor, CGMH Foundation President & CEO, added, "We are so grateful to Reinhart Foods Ltd. for their continued generosity and commitment to our hospital, bringing us one step closer to building the hospital that South Georgian Bay needs and deserves."

The Tomorrow's Hospital Campaign aims to raise over \$100 million to bring this vision to life. To learn more about the campaign or to contribute, visit: TomorrowsHospital.com

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VON Community Support Programs

The VON Bereavement Support Program offers group support to help family members and friends of deceased loved ones share feelings or just be in the company of others who have experienced loss.

Grief is a personal journey and we are here to help.

VON Grey Bruce is pleased to share that we are now offering monthly In-Person Drop in Support in Owen Sound and Hanover. 'Together in Grief' is an opportunity to receive informal support in a safe and compassionate place.

If you feel that support would be helpful, please reach out.

519-376-5895 (ext. 2)

Town Adopts Updated Planning and Development Engineering Fees

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to inform residents. builders and developers that Council has formally adopted By-law 2025-61 to replace the existing By-law 2022-14, Being a By-law for Fees related to Planning Matters and Engineering Services. The updated By-law was formally adopted at the October 20, 2025, Council Meeting.

The updated fees for Development Engineering services will take effect immediately, whereas the updated Planning Services fees will be phased in over three years. The first phase, reflecting 80% of the full fee plus Consumer Price Index (CPI), will begin on January 1, 2026. The second phase, reflecting 90% of the full fee plus CPI, will take effect on January 1, 2027, with the final phase, reflecting 100% of the full fee plus CPI, coming into effect on January 1, 2028. The full By-law and revised fee schedules can be found on the project webpage at www.thebluemountains.ca/PDSFeesReview.

This update follows the enactment of By-law 2025-40 in July 2025, which replaced By-law 2014-18, Being a By-law under the Building Code Act Respecting Permits and Related Matters. This By-law

introduced revised fees for Building Services, which came into effect on September 1, 2025. Together, these updated By-laws complete the comprehensive review of Planning and Development Services

In 2024, the Town retained Watson & Associated Economists Ltd. to conduct a detailed analysis of development-related fees, with the goal of supporting full cost recovery while maintaining competitive rates compared to similar municipalities. A Public Meeting was held on March 11, 2025, to present the proposed changes and gather input from community members and Council. Following the meeting, Watson prepared a comprehensive report outlining the legislative context for the changes, the cost recovery model and recommended fee schedules.

The revised fees are designed to improve the sustainability of the Town's Development services, ensure financial responsibility in the delivery of services, enhance predictability in fee structure and support ongoing investment in the community.

www.thebluemountains.ca/PDSFeesReview.

For more information, please contact:

Planning Services Division, (519) 599-3131 ext. 263

Development Engineering Division, (519) 599-3131 ext. 220

The Corporation of The Town of The Blue Mountains By-law No. 2025 - 61 Schedule A-1- Planning Fees, Effective Date January 1, 2026

The Corporation of The Town of The Blue Mountains By-law No. 2025 - 61 Schedule B-1- Other Planning Fees, Effective Date January 1, 2026

Other Planning Fees

Item	Application Type	Fee
1.	Standard Agreement Fee (for agreements not included in other processes outlined in Schedule A)	\$7,748
2.	Reactivating an application that has not been acted on in 12 months ⁴	50% of the current applicable fee(s)
3.	Re-notification Fee ⁵	50% of the application fee
4.	Information Meeting Request Form	\$200
5.	Pre-Consultation Fee	\$400
6.	Telecommunication Towers	\$6,204
7.	Minor Red Line Revision comments to the County of Grey or Local Planning Appeals Tribunal – Red Line Revision or Minor Change to Conditions	\$4,860
8.	Changes to Draft Plan/Draft Plan Conditions	50% of the current applicable fee(s) \$4,860
9.	Draft Plan Extension comments to the County of Grey or Local Planning Appeals Tribunal – Extension of Draft Plan Approval	\$1,704
10.	Removal of the Holding "-h" symbol	\$2,748
11.	Local Planning Appeals Tribunal Attendance ⁶	\$1,476 for the first day of portion thereof + \$704 for each additional day or portion thereof
12.	Draft Plan Approval Clearance Letter to the County of Grey or Local Planning Appeals Tribunal	\$2,276
13.	Red Line Revision to a Site Plan Agreement	\$4,225
14.	Change to a Condition of Consent	\$1,305
15.	Condominium Exemption comments to the County of Grey	\$4,223
16.	Renewable Energy Projects ⁸	\$1,476
17.	Provision of comments to the Niagara Escarpment Commission on Development Control Permits	\$486
18.	Provision of comments to the Niagara Escarpment Commission on Niagara Escarpment Commission Amendments or to the County of Grey on County Official Plan Amendments	\$933
19.	Processing of inquiries related to acquisition of Town owned land	\$5,568

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1.	Official Plan Amendment	
office - fide to to the	Large Scale	\$31,982
	Mid-Scale	\$29,159
	Small Scale	\$27,336
	Individual Scale	\$25,252
2.	Zoning By-law Amendment	
757 (ta) at the comment	Large Scale	\$22,129
	Mid-Scale	\$19,955
	Small Scale	\$19,102
	Individual Scale	\$13,821
	Temporary Use	\$15,559
3.	Draft Plan of Subdivision/Condominium	
	Large Scale	\$47,139
	Mid-Scale	\$35,906
	Small Scale	\$28,693
4.	Site Plan Review	The state of the s
	Large Scale	\$33,714
	Mid-Scale	\$29,555
	Small Scale	\$14,560
	Individual Scale	\$5,817
5.	Minor Variance ¹	
	Minor Variance	\$2,363
	Minor Variance Incidental	\$839
6.	Consent	AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERT
	Lot Addition (Boundary Adjustment)	\$3,313 per property
	Validation of Title	\$1,764
	Lot Creation	\$5,296
	Easement	\$3,313
7.	Part Lot Control/Deeming By-law	
	Large Scale	\$2,924
	Mid-Scale	\$2,924
	Small Scale	\$2,278
	Individual Scale	\$2,278

1 Including applications pursuant to Sections 45(1), (2) & (3) of the Planning Act

be bourne by the applicant.

4 An application, save for one that has received Draft Plan Approval, that has not been acted on in 12 months may, at the sole determination of the Director of Planning and Building Services, be deemed to be abandoned and subsequently lapsed/closed

5 In the instance where an advertised Public Open House/Meeting is deferred and/or rescheduled at the request of the proponent.

6 For each Town employee where same attends a Local Planning Appeals Tribunal Hearing in support of an application that has been "approved" by the Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains.

7 Plus \$880 for each additional day or portion thereof.

8 Including those within the Niagara Escarpment Development Control Area.



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www.bluemountainlegacyfund.ca



Tuesday December 2nd, 2025

Rooted in the community of the Town of Blue Mountains, guided by compassion, Events for Life (EFL) creates a welcoming inclusive environment where individuals with diverse abilities participate in engaging social, recreational and lifelong learning activities that foster connection, growth and community belonging.

Giving Tuesday is a global day of generosity that takes place every year on the first Tuesday in December. It was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good and give back! It serves as a counterbalance to the consumerism of Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

EFL is a Not-for-Profit charity located in Thornbury



Please consider making a donation to EFL on December 2nd www.eventsfor.life and click on the DONATE button

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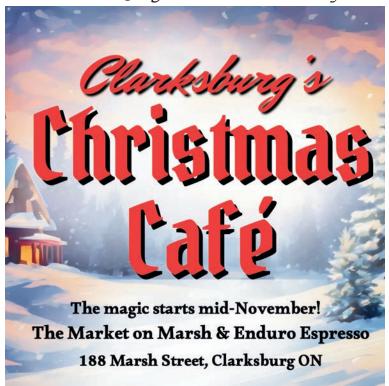


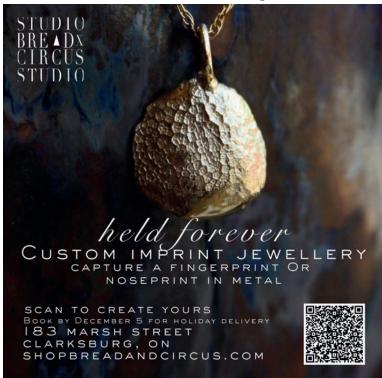
Branch 281 Beaver Valley As this fabulous Summer draws to a close, Friday barbecue season is also over. Thanks to all who, by their participation, helped to make these events

Winter Hours: From October 8th onwards

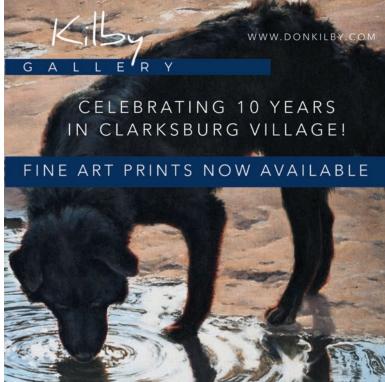
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Moreau Park Revitalization and Craigleith Community Park Projects

October 31, 2025

The Town has posted a Request for Proposal seeking a Landscape Architect firm to manage design work for the Moreau Park Revitalization and Craigleith Community Park projects. The bid closing date was Thursday, September 25. A preliminary schedule has been set which would see conceptual designs for the parks completed in late Q4 of 2025 based on the information gathered through the original public surveys for each project. These concepts will be presented to the public for another round of consultation and further development of the designs beginning in late Q4 of 2025 and spanning into early Q1 of 2026. Final designs are expected to be completed early in Q2 of 2026.

The contract for landscape architecture services and design is expected to be awarded in the next few weeks. During this time, various contractors will be on site at Moreau Park to gather data to help inform the preliminary designs. This work will include site surveying, and archaeological and geotechnical assessments.

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 included a new skate park for all ages and abilities, a year-round paved walking path, a sensory garden and an accessible playground.

This project presents a larger opportunity for the Town to consider incorporating additional recreational elements that have been identified through the Town's Leisure Activity Plan and Resident Satisfaction Survey. Additionally, previously approved or proposed projects including construction of a permanent, covered pavilion with washroom facilities, and resurfacing of the baseball diamonds could be included in this project. These elements will be evaluated through a multi-stage community consultation program consisting





of initial surveying and engagement to establish priorities, followed by an evaluation of conceptual designs.

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.

To launch the project, the Town has started to identify infrastructure necessary for planned improvements, such as parking and public washrooms, and will be consulting with residents and the broader community to hear what recreational and natural elements will best serve residents.



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Notice of Public Meeting: With regard to Stop Up & Close Portion Unopened Road Allowance

Date of this Notice: Oct 31, 2025

Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. Hybrid Format: In-Person AND Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON NOH 2P0

Stop Up & Close Portion Of 15th Sideroad – Unopened Road Allowance

What is being proposed?

The Town has received a request from the Bruce Trail Conservancy to consider "Stopping up and Closing" a portion of the 15th Sideroad in the Town of The Blue Mountains.

The Bruce Trail Conservancy is interested in acquiring a portion of the 15th Sideroad unopened road allowance to secure a portion of the Bruce Trail Optimum Route, and to allow for the construction of a staircase to facilitate rerouting of the Trail. The purpose is to secure a safer and more pleasant hiking experience for Bruce Trail users while helping to avoid any potential land use conflicts.

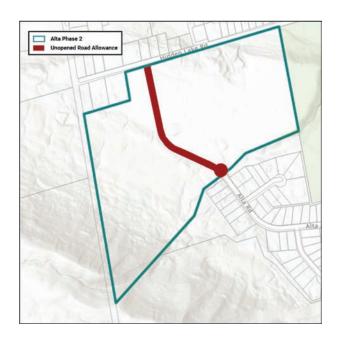
Scenic Caves Rd 15th Sideroad 15th Sideroad

Stop Up & Close Portion Of Alta Road – Unopened Road Allowance

What is being proposed?

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Where do I find more information?

Additional information regarding these proposals is available for viewing at the Planning Services Department, located at Town Hall, during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Alternatively, you can contact the Planning Services Department directly by phone and email.

Phone: (519) 599-3131 ext. 263; Email: planning@thebluemountains.ca



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Environmental Sustainability Fund Accepting Applications

Date of this Notice: October 14, 2025

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,
sustainability@thebluemountains.ca | (519) 599-3131 ext. 235

Remembrance Day Town Hall Closure

Town Hall will be closed on **Tuesday, November 11, 2025** and will reopen with regular hours on **Wednesday, November 12**. Curbside waste collection, including yard waste collection, will occur as usual on Tuesday, November 11, and for the remainder of the week. All essential services will continue to operate. Online services are available 24/7 on the Town website. The Blue Mountains Public Library will also be closed for Remembrance Day, reopening on Wednesday, November 12.

Corporate Strategic Plan Public Information Sessions

- 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 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





Safe 'N Sound

Grey Bruce and Grey County's Short-Term Shelter Program will be making the seasonal switch over in services to expand access for the coldest months of the year. On November 1, Safe 'N Sound will begin keeping their doors open 24 hours a day (with a brief mid-day closure each day for cleaning and maintenance) to provide shelter from the winter elements to those with nowhere safe to sleep at night. Safe 'N Sound provides space and basic needs resources, as well as support from trained staff.

Regarding winter services, one former Participant said, "I'd like to thank Safe 'N Sound for taking me in when I had no one. The staff are very kind and the Participants are well looked after. That's the best I'd eaten in probably six months. One particular bright night one of the employees talked to me. They were kind. I was on the verge of ending it all but they and I had a conversation where they convinced me of my worth. My time there was hard but made tolerable thanks to staff."

Grey County doubles the capacity of the Short-Term Shelter Program during the coldest months. On average, 44 motel rooms are available per night in the winter, including onsite at the county-owned and operated former motel in Owen Sound, and in at other motels in the County. The Short-Term Shelter Program supports individuals and families and helps them connect with additional support services, including the affordable housing waitlist.

"Everyone needs a safe place to escape the cold and often harsh winter conditions we experience here in Grey County. This winter, the Short-Term Shelter Program will provide thousands of nights of safety and comfort to families and individuals across the region who have

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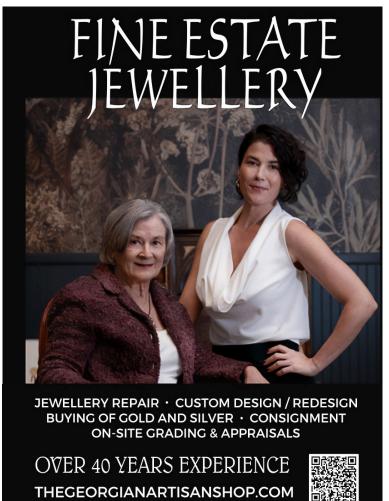
nowhere else to turn," said Grey County Warden Andrea Matrosovs.

More information about the short-term shelter program is available by calling 519-376-5744 or emailing stsp@grey.ca.

Quick Facts

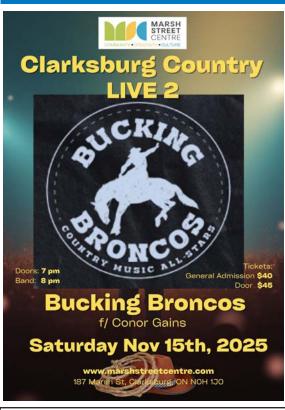
- Last winter season, Safe 'N Sound welcomed an average of 30 people a night and 70-80 people a day into its drop-in centre.
- Overnight operations at Safe 'N Sound are funded by Grey County and community donations.
- The Grey County Short-Term Shelter Program provided 7,278 nights of accommodation between November 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025.
- Grey County purchased the 22-room former Diamond Motor Inn in Owen Sound in early 2024 and began operating the short-term housing program in-house that spring. Nightly program operating costs have been reduced by over 50%.





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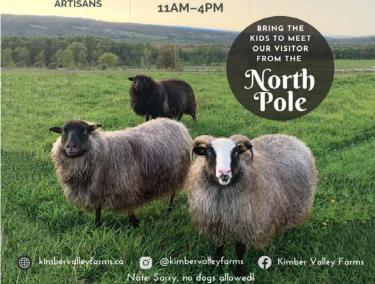
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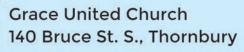
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Please be advised of the AGM of the Beaver River Watershed Initiative (BRWI) which will be held **Sat. November 29th from 10am - Noon, L.E. Shore Library, 173 Bruce St. S, Thornbury.**

We welcome BRWI members and non members to attend our AGM to learn about the current BRWI activities and elect our management team members. Your attendance will help support the Beaver River Watershed Initiative and our mission:

"To work with the community, agencies and organizations that share our vision to develop, promote and facilitate projects which will conserve, protect and enhance the ecological and social health of the Beaver River Watershed."

Brad Mulligan, Project Coordinator BRWI, will present a review of BRWI projects, both current and future.

Fred Dobbs, former Stewardship Manager of the Nottawasaga Conservation Authority will be our guest speaker. Over his ongoing 37-year career, Fred has worked with many conservation partners and funders to restore stream and floodplain habitat in the Nottawasaga Watershed.

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