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*Best Wishes for  
The New Year*

## **SHIFT Landscape Architecture Contracted for Revitalization of Moreau Park and Design of Craigleith Community Park**

The Town of The Blue Mountains is excited to announce that SHIFT Landscape Architecture has been contracted to complete the preliminary and final designs of two major community parks projects – the revitalization of Moreau Park in Thornbury, and the development of the new Craigleith Community Park.

SHIFT Landscape Architecture, based out of Guelph, Ontario, has completed multiple large-scale municipal park projects including Douglas Park in Fort Erie and Lorne Avenue Park in London. They are currently developing the preliminary design concepts for the parks based off the initial public survey results. While that work is happening behind the scenes, the public will see work progressing on site with geotechnical investigations at Moreau Park.

Preliminary design concepts for Moreau Park are currently expected to be presented for a round of community engagement in February 2026. Design concepts for the Craigleith Community Park are expected to follow sometime between April and June of 2026. Staff are planning to bring a report – including preliminary cost estimates – to Council following this round of consultation to seek direction on the final elements to be included in the designs. Once Council has provided direction, SHIFT will begin detailed design with another opportunity for community consultation on the final design.

To learn more about each project, and to subscribe for ongoing project updates, please visit the Town's dedicated project web pages on [www.thebluemountains.ca](http://www.thebluemountains.ca)

About SHIFT Landscape Architecture

SHIFT is a tripartite design studio focusing on landscape architecture, public art and urbanism. They aim to provide thoughtful solutions for a wide variety of project types. Whether it is design of urban or rural places; objects or systems; they work to integrate the components in a holistic, adaptive and creative manner. They believe that nature-based solutions are the most potent opportunity to solve the climate and loss of biodiversity crises.

For more information, please contact:

Katie Love, Town of The Blue Mountains, Acting Project Manager, Community Services  
(519) 599-3131 ext. 254

## **Regional Transit Survey Seeking Public Input on Future of Rural Transportation**

The counties of Bruce, Dufferin, Grey, and Wellington, together with Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit (SMART), are inviting residents to share their transportation needs and priorities as part of a joint Regional Transit Study.

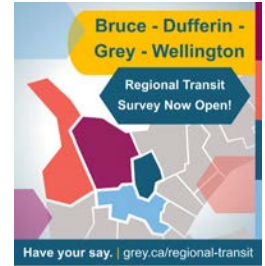
**A public survey, open until January 25, 2026**, asks residents about how they currently travel, what matters most when it comes to transit service, and their thoughts on existing transportation options across the region. The Regional Transit Survey is available online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/BDGWtransitsurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BDGWtransitsurvey) and takes approx. 5 to 10 minutes to complete. Responses remain confidential and their only use is to inform the study.

Transit needs are growing across rural communities in the region. Population growth, aging demographics, and rising costs are increasing demand for transportation options across Bruce, Dufferin, Grey, and Wellington Counties. This study will help identify what residents need, assess what transportation options are feasible, and estimate what resources are needed to operate an effective system.

Dillon Consulting Limited has been engaged to design and assess the feasibility of a unified regional transit network. The study will identify routes and service levels suitable for the region, passenger fare strategy and cost structure, and integration opportunities with existing transit services. A study presentation will go to county councils for consideration in mid-2026.

Community engagement is a key component of the planning phase. In addition to the online survey, three public open houses are scheduled for January 2026. Two sessions are in-person, and one session will be available virtually. The project webpage at [grey.ca/regional-transit](http://grey.ca/regional-transit) will share details on dates, times, and locations. Project staff will also attend community events throughout January to answer questions and gather feedback.

For more information about the Regional Transit Study, visit [grey.ca/regional-transit](http://grey.ca/regional-transit). The Regional Transit Study is receiving funding from the Province of Ontario and the federal Rural Transit Solutions Fund.





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Dorothy 519-599-5044

## SKATING AT BEAVER VALLEY ARENA



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week basis.

### Public Skating

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Jan. 18, Feb. 1, Feb. 7, Feb 8, Mar.  
7, Mar. 8, Mar. 29

Ages 18+: \$3 per person

Under 18: Free

### Adult Skating

Mon & Wed: 10am - 12pm

Thurs: 1pm - 3pm

Excluding: Feb. 16; \$3 per person

Must be 18 years of age or older.

### Stick & Puck

Mon & Wed: 12pm - 1pm

Excluding: 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

Tues & Thurs: 11pm - 12pm

Excluding: Feb. 3, Mar. 17, Mar. 19

## FREE SEWING CLASSES

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3-5pm at First Baptist  
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For information please call :

Maryann @ 519 599 2680 or

Pat @ 519 538 0020.

## Town Launches Community Improvement Plan Review Project

This initiative will review and update the Town's existing Community Improvement Plans to ensure future incentive programs and policy directions align with the community's evolving needs, strategic priorities and long-term vision.

A Community Improvement Plan (CIP) is a tool that allows municipalities to designate specific areas for revitalization and provide programs, grants or financial incentives to stimulate economic and social improvements. Since being approved in 2021, four application intakes have been completed, with more than 31 projects supported.

Based on program outcomes and through feedback received during the application intakes, various opportunities have been identified to broaden eligibility and better align grant and financial incentives with Town and community priorities. To action these opportunities, the Town has launched a formal project to review the CIP with support from NPG Planning Solutions Inc.

The review of the CIP will be informed by research on local housing, economic and demographic trends to ensure the program reflects both current and future community needs. Industry engagement will play a key role throughout the process, helping to refine existing funding programs and identify where new incentives may support revitalization, housing and business development. Engagement will be targeted to specific stakeholder groups with a direct interest in or potential benefit from the CIP programs, including landowners, developers and business owners.

The engagement efforts emphasize gathering input from stakeholder groups, with additional opportunities available for the public to share feedback. A public Open House will be held in late February 2026 at Town Hall to share findings and gather feedback. In May 2026, a formal Public Meeting will be held to present the updated draft CIP and Financial Implementation Plan.

To learn more about the project and to subscribe to email updates, please visit [www.thebluemountains.ca/CIPReview](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/CIPReview).

For more information, please contact:  
CIP Administrator (519) 599-3131 ext. 269 or  
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## Community Improvement Plan - Fall 2025

In 2021, Council approved two CIPs: the Housing Within Reach Community Improvement Plan and the Town-Wide Revitalization Community Improvement Plan. A CIP is a planning and economic development tool that municipalities use to facilitate broad community revitalization goals through grants or loans to private property owners and tenants. Combined, the two CIPs feature 18 programs.

The 10 recommended applications include a total funding request of \$92,068.37. The total construction cost of all projects is estimated at \$252,468.11. The Town will leverage \$160,399.74 in private sector investment through this intake.

### 1. 43 Bruce Street South, Thornbury (Chris Bretzler)

Total Funding Recommended: \$15,000.00

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$54,094.18

The application for 43 Bruce Street South includes the supply and replacement of four (4) exterior doors and eighteen (18) windows.

### 2. 187 Marsh Street Clarksburg (Marsh Street Centre)

Total Funding Recommended: \$10,000.00

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$33,984.63

The application for the Marsh Street Community Centre includes installation of new, highquality vinyl plank flooring over the existing wood and tile floors in the auditorium and foyers.

### 3. 3 Grey Street N. Thornbury (Blue Mountains Chamber)

Total Funding Recommended: \$3,774.20

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$7,548.40

The application for the Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce includes repairing the building's roof to prevent water leakage and ensure the office remains functional, safe and wellmaintained. The application also proposes the installation of a permanent sign above the existing billboard on the rear of the building to advertise that the space is available for monthly rentals.

### 4. 166 Russell St. E., Clarksburg (St. George's Anglican Church)

Total Funding Recommended: \$10,000.00

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$39,510.61

The application for St. George's Anglican Church includes transforming the unused portion of its property adjacent to Marsh Street into a community outreach parkette with amenities that support residents and visitors.

### 5. 53 Bruce Street S, Thornbury (Leeward House)

Total Funding Recommended: \$11,313.32

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$15,908.64

CIPRC is recommending partial project funding in the amount of \$11,313.32 under the Municipal Fees Grant Equivalent Program and Property Enhancement and Improvement Program.

### 6. 190 Russell Street E, Clarksburg (Lemonade Collective)

Total Funding Recommended: \$9,689.00

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$19,378.00

The application for Lemonade Collective includes front parking lot upgrades, such as paving, line painting, accessible parking spaces, protective barriers and the supply and installation of new pool stairs.

### 7. 108 George Street, Clarksburg (IronWorks)

Total Funding Recommended: \$2,912.60

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$5,825.15

The application for IronWorks includes supplying and installing five new windows to improve thermal efficiency in rooms used for community education programs, while also enhancing overall heat retention and reducing greenhouse gas emissions for the entire building.



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### 8. 188 Marsh Street, Clarksburg (Market on Marsh)

Total Funding Recommended: \$7,429.75

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$14,859.50

Market on Marsh seeks funding to install a retractable front awning for shade and improved climate control, a new exterior side door to enhance staff safety and airflow.

### 9. 828381 Grey Road 40, Clarksburg (David Wilding-Davies)

Total Funding Recommended: \$15,000.00

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$47,460.00

The application includes renovating a portion of the residential property to construct an affordable additional residential unit (ARU)

### 10. 39 Bruce St. South, Thornbury (Ashanti)

Total Funding Recommended: \$6,949.50

Total Estimated Project Cost: \$13,899.00

The application for Ashanti, a local coffee retail shop in Thornbury, includes replacing the canvas on the storefront awning, replacing the upper front façade of the building, repairing the exterior door, installing upgraded façade lighting and repainting the façade to improve the overall visual appeal of the storefront.



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# In Memoriam



## RHONDA (nee FLEMING) FAIRLEY

It is with the utmost sadness that the family of Rhonda Fairley announce her passing on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at the age of 68. Rhonda passed away peacefully at Chapman House Hospice in Owen Sound following a short battle with cancer.

She will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 45 years, John Fairley, her siblings; Bonnie (Steve), Ron, Brad (Michelle), Brian, and sister-in-law Gladys Gordon. Rhonda was a wonderful and kind aunt to all of her nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents Ron and Marie (nee Bondi) Fleming, her nephew Jeremy Fleming and brother-in-law Bill Gordon.

Rhonda had a long and successful career with the Bank of Nova Scotia. After moving from Brampton to Thornbury, as she was beginning to enjoy her retirement, she started to take up golf. She was enjoying learning the game and developing new friendships. A hobby she very much enjoyed was shopping and even more so when she was joined by her friends on one of their many road trips. Rhonda will be remembered for her attention to detail; "Cleanliness is next to Godliness". The world was a better place with Rhonda in it. We have lost a shining star.

As per Rhonda's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no formal funeral Mass. However, there will be a Mass in her memory and a celebration of her life at a later date. Rhonda's family will be forever grateful for the compassion and kindness she and her family were shown during her end of her life care.

As your expression of sympathy, and in lieu of flowers, donations to the Grey Bruce Hospice 'Chapman House' 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](http://www.fergusonfuneralhomes.ca)



## JOHN DOUGLAS COWAN

John Douglas Cowan; known to all who loved him simply as Dougie, passed away on the winter solstice, December 21, 2025, the darkest day of the year at the age of 88.

Dougie was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and a man of deep curiosity and humour. A lifelong music junkie with a passion for jazz, his home was rarely quiet — filled with the sounds of Miles Davis, Oscar Peterson, Duke Ellington, Billie Holiday, Sarah Vaughan, Louis Armstrong, and Ella Fitzgerald. He was equally devoted to great literature, especially Kurt Vonnegut, whose wit and humanity reflected Dougie's own outlook on life.

Known for his sharp sense of humour and infectious laugh, Dougie loved to have a good time and made sure those around him were always in on the joke. From Steve Martin movies, to baseball games at Exhibition Stadium, magical summer nights at the cottage with his family, swims to the rock, and countless drives "just to see a house," he created a lifetime of memories rooted in presence, warmth, and love.

He will be remembered for his kindness, his romantic spirit, his curiosity, and the quiet consistency with which he showed up for his family.

John Douglas Cowan is survived by his beloved wife Liz, his daughter Sarah, his son David, his granddaughter Jenna, and his grandson Jake.

Though this day marks the deepest darkness, tomorrow the light begins its faithful return — a fitting reminder of the life and love Dougie leaves behind. As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Sick Kids 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.

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## JOHN HARRY BAILEY

John Harry Bailey, beloved husband, father, uncle, and grandfather, passed away on December 5, 2025, at the age of 79, at the home he built, with his loving wife and devoted daughter at his side.

Born in Collingwood, Ontario, and raised in Dundas, John built a respected teaching career in Toronto before retiring to Thornbury—a place he had ties to since the 1960s and where he became a permanent, full-time resident in 2000.

John lived a life defined by service, community, and connection. Beginning as a student executive at McMaster University, he went on to hold executive roles with the Toronto Ski Club, to serve as President of the Thornbury BIA and President of T.C. Rotary, and later became a proud member of Legion 281.

John had two meaningful careers. He was a beloved Math and Geography teacher at York Memorial Collegiate Institute in Toronto, where he found deep fulfillment in teaching and coaching. Through his dedication, encouragement, and steady presence—both in and out of the classroom—he touched the lives of countless students and cared deeply for his colleagues. Later, combining his love of hands-on work with an entrepreneurial spirit, he became the owner-operator of Reliable Handyman and Management Services in Thornbury, working alongside—and mentoring—his stepson, Mark. He took great satisfaction in serving his customers, many of whom became friends.

Through T.C. Rotary, John's pet project was ShelterBox Canada. With the support of Rotary, he helped raise over \$100,000 and was honoured as ShelterBox Ambassador of the Year—an achievement that reflected both his compassion and commitment to helping others.

An enthusiastic athlete, John played and coached many sports, including basketball, skiing, hockey, and baseball, both at school and in the community. He especially cherished the camaraderie and laughter shared with friends in the locker room after hockey at BVCC. A lifelong lover of trains and travel, he held a particular fondness for "riding the rails."

John loved his family, friends, puppies, and his Christian faith. He was deeply proud of his sobriety of over 31 years and credited Alcoholics Anonymous with providing not only spiritual guidance, but also lifelong friendships and a lasting devotion to helping others.

John lived with resolve and determination despite profound challenges. He thrived for twelve years after being diagnosed with stage four lung cancer and, in his final year, faced a much harder battle with an aggressive form of non-Hodgkin lymphoma, which he could not overcome. Unafraid to the very end, he did not go gently. In the words of Dylan Thomas, he truly did "rage, rage against the dying of the light," a reflection of his enduring courage, resilience, and spirit.

John is immediately survived by his soulmate and wife of 30 years, Diana; his devoted daughter, Kathryn (John); and his loving stepson, Mark. He is also survived by his son, Kevin (Kerri); and his grandchildren, Alex, Nick, Daniel, Gavin, Myles, Madison, Jack, and Logan. He will be greatly missed by his sister-in-law, Julia (Randy); nieces, Kayla and Liz (Scott); nephews, Christopher (Krystal) and Webster (Jolene); great-nephews, Benson, Bentley, Damon, Owain and Vincent and cousins, Robert MacDairmid (Marie), Tim Dey (Sandra) and Richard Dey (Monika). He is fondly remembered by his honorary children, Kana (Shota), Caron (Dieter) and Jennifer and by the many good friends who were blessed to know him. He is also remembered by extended family.

John's family and loved ones wish to thank his oncologists, Dr. Anjum and Dr. Sandhu, and his wonderful nurses, Crystal and Cindy. Please consider a donation to cancer care at Owen Sound Hospital (Brightshores Foundation) or to ShelterBox Canada.

A funeral/celebration of life will be held at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 165 Russell St. E, Thornbury, Ontario N0H 2P0, commencing at noon on Saturday, March 14th, 2026.



## Ontario Investing \$1,004,878 in Collingwood General & Marine Hospital

The Ontario government is continuing to protect local health care by investing \$1,004,878 in Health Infrastructure Renewal funding (HIRF) to upgrade infrastructure at the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital. This is part of a broader \$257 million investment to support critical infrastructure upgrades and repairs at 126 hospitals and 66 community health-care facilities across the province.

Funding is being delivered through the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund (HIRF) and the Community Infrastructure Renewal Fund (CIRF), helping ensure Ontarians can continue to access the care they need in safe, modern environments

"Modern, reliable facilities are essential for our health-care teams to do their best work," said Brian Saunderson, MPP for Simcoe-Grey. "This investment will help the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital continue to provide excellent and effective care for patients today, while we continue planning and working toward a new hospital for our community."

The HIRF and CIRF programs enable health-care system partners to address their urgent infrastructure needs, including upgrading or replacing roofs, windows, security systems, fire alarms and emergency generators. This year, the Ontario government increased funding for these programs by 12.3 per cent.

"Our government is continuing to make historic investments to protect Ontario's health-care system, ensuring that more people in Simcoe-Grey can connect to the care they need, where and when they need it," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Supporting infrastructure upgrades at the Collingwood General & Marine Hospital is another way our government is ensuring people can receive high-quality care, closer to home."

Ontario continues to make historic investments in health care. Over the next 10 years, the province is investing nearly \$60 billion on major health infrastructure. This is part of the Ontario government's plan to get shovels in the ground on more than 50 major hospital projects across the province, which will deliver approximately 3,000 new hospital beds and build a connected, people-first health-care system.

Through Your Health: A Plan For Connected and Convenient Care, Ontario is expanding and modernizing hospitals and building new health-care facilities, making it faster and easier for people of all ages to connect to the high-quality care they need, where and when they need it.

### QUICK FACTS

- Collingwood General and Marine Hospital (CGMH) is an 84 bed hospital that serves over 74,000 permanent residents and welcomes millions of visitors annually across Collingwood, Clearview Township, the Town of The Blue Mountains and Wasaga Beach.
- CGMH is an acute care hospital providing a comprehensive range of services, including 24/7 Emergency Department care, General Medicine, Internal Medicine, General Surgery, Orthopaedics, Critical Care, Obstetrics, Diagnostic Imaging, and various specialty clinics.
- In 2025, CGMH and the CGMH Foundation proudly launched their Tomorrow is Built Today campaign, a momentous initiative to redefine healthcare in South Georgian Bay, encompassing CGMH's five-year strategic plan and CGMH Foundation's \$100 million fundraising campaign.

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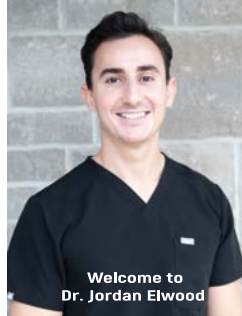
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**Staying Healthy** -- As flu activity rises, Grey Bruce Public Health is urging residents to take steps to protect their health and reduce the spread of respiratory viruses. Flu activity has been steadily increasing and cases are expected to peak in late December or early January. (COVID-19 and RSV activity have remained low in Ontario since October.)

"Getting vaccinated against the flu and COVID-19 is an effective defence against these viruses and helps to reduce the risk of developing severe illness, hospitalization, and potentially serious complications, especially for people who are at high-risk." Says Grey Bruce Health Department Physician Consultant Brittany Graham.

Where to get vaccinations? - This season's COVID-19 and influenza vaccines are available from primary care providers and at participating pharmacies. Both vaccines are publicly funded and can be given at the same appointment

- The COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for individuals with a higher risk of COVID-19 or severe COVID-19 disease, including adults aged 65 and older, residents of long-term care homes and other congregate living settings, and people with underlying medical conditions.
- The publicly funded RSV vaccine is available to seniors aged 75 and older and certain high-risk adults aged 60 to 74 who meet eligibility criteria. Eligible adults should contact their primary care provider about getting the vaccine.
- Infants, high-risk children, and pregnant people may also be eligible for protection against RSV.

Grey Bruce Public Health can assist individuals who are unable to receive an influenza, COVID-19, or RSV vaccine at a primary care provider's office or local pharmacy. Call 519-376-9420 and select Option 2 to connect with a member of the Vaccine Preventable Diseases Team.

Everyday actions can help reduce the spread of respiratory viruses. These include:

- Washing hands often
- Staying home when sick
- Covering coughs and sneezes
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### Puzzled by Retirement Residences of Different Types?

#### Want to Know more about Costs, your Rights and Protections?

--Angela Yenssen, Elder Law Lawyer from the Grey Bruce Community Legal Clinic, will be the guest speaker at a New Territory4Seniors Lunch and Learn, on Thursday, February 12th, noon – 2:30 p.m. at L.E. Shore Library's Gallery. For more information and to register, e mail seniors@bvo.ca or phone 519 599 2577, ext. 6.

**Memory and Aging Workshop**, (series) offered by Alzheimer Society Grey Bruce- Sandra Hong, facilitator.

The workshop will be offered virtually (on Zoom) Tuesdays, January 13, 20, 27 (10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.) -- designed for individuals aged 55+ who are interested in maintaining and enhancing their brain health. The workshop was developed by Baycrest Health Sciences in Toronto. It provides and provides valuable insights into cognitive aging and memory strategies.

For information and to register 519 376 7230 or 1 800 265 9013





## TOWN NEWS & NOTICES



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### Notice of Public Meeting: Stop Up & Close Portion of Alice Street, Russell Street and Arthur Street - Unopened Road Allowance

Date of this Notice: December 19, 2025

Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Hybrid Format: In-Person AND Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

#### What is being proposed?

Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains, in response to a request by the Beaver River Trail Working Group has expressed interest in stopping up and closing a portion of Alice Street, Russell Street and Arthur Street and converting the lands into a permanent public park.

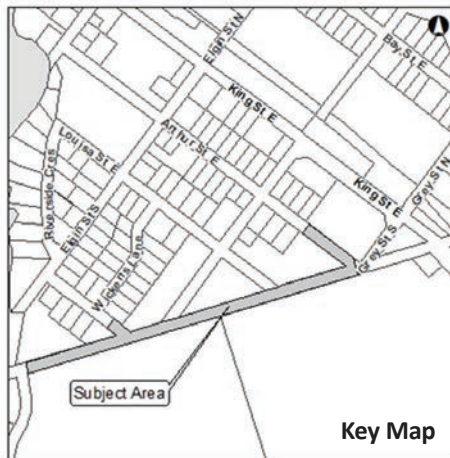
The proposal includes the creation of a parcel of land to be owned by the Town for park purposes, and to consider a Zoning By-law Amendment application to place the lands into the Open Space 'OS' zone in order to recognize and permit the proposed park use.

More information can be found at:

[www.thebluemountains.ca/PBS25062](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/PBS25062)

#### Where do I find more information?

Additional information regarding this proposal 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. or contact the planner for this file.



Key Map

#### When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on this topic has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations on this project to a future council meeting.

#### What happens at the Public Meeting?

The Public Meeting is your chance to hear more about the proposal and make your views about it known. Any person or agency may provide comments on this matter in writing or verbally at the Public Meeting.

Comments at the Public Meeting assist the Town and Council in their decision-making process, so be sure to have your say!

#### How do I submit my comments?

Written Comments – You are encouraged to provide your comments or questions in writing using email or regular letter mail to the Town Clerk. Written comments received by **Friday February 6, 2026**, will be read by the Town Clerk at the Public Meeting for the benefit of everyone in attendance and will be included in the record of the Public Meeting.

Comments can also be faxed to (519) 599-7723 or emailed [townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca).

Any submitted comments become part of the **public record**, including names and addresses.

Verbal Comments – This Public Meeting is a hybrid meeting, allowing the public to attend the meeting in person or virtually. Those that wish to make verbal comments virtually are required to pre-register with the Town Clerk, no later than five business days in advance of the Public Meeting, by **4:30 p.m. on Tuesday February 3, 2026**.

Anyone wishing to provide their verbal comments in person at the Public Meeting, can attend the Town Hall, Council Chambers.

#### Want to be notified of a decision?

You must make a request in writing to the Town Clerk if you would like to be notified of a decision on this proposal to:

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk  
Town Hall, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON  
Fax: (519) 599-7723  
Email: [townclerk@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:townclerk@thebluemountains.ca)

#### Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

**Shawn Postma**, Planning and Development Services, Phone: (519) 599-3131 ext. 248; Email: [planning@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:planning@thebluemountains.ca)

Under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and in accordance with Ontario's Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), all information provided for, or at a Public Meeting, Public Consultation, or other Public Process are considered part of the public record, including resident deputations. This information may be posted on the Town's website, and/or made available to the public upon request. This document can be made available in other accessible formats as soon as practicable and upon request.

## NEW YEAR, BIG QUESTIONS AND THE RULES THAT STILL WORK

As a wealth advisor, I hear questions about markets, world events, and what comes next. The best guidance starts with principles that have stood the test of time.

**Have markets come too far to invest now?** Markets don't break because they're old. They break when the surprise hits—the thing no one saw coming that changes the math overnight. That surprise could arrive tomorrow or in three years. The question isn't "is it too late?" It is "will I be forced to sell when it comes?"

**Is the world unstable enough to finally derail the economy?** Geopolitics feels louder every year, but headlines change constantly while innovation keeps compounding underneath. The real issue is whether your portfolio assumes calm—or is built for turbulence.

**What about the crisis people have been calling for over a decade?** Some risks may still happen. Holding back out of fear might actually cost you more in missed opportunities than most market downturns.

**Preparing for the unexpected:** The biggest market moves come from surprises that never show up in year-ahead forecasts. Forecasts help, but three rules matter more.

**Rule 1:** Save like a pessimist, invest like an optimist. Be optimistic about growth, but cautious enough to absorb surprises so your plan stays on track.

**Rule 2:** Compounding only works if you leave it alone. The goal isn't to chase the next winner; it's to earn steady returns over the longest period without being forced to sell at the worst time. Performance-chasing usually costs more than missing a hot trend.

**Rule 3:** Market drops are part of the deal. Accept the downs to earn better long-term results.

### Your three resolutions:

- 1) Remove one major risk in your finances - trim a concentrated position, reduce a leveraged asset, or sell an illiquid holding that would be hard to exit in a downturn.
- 2) Run your family finances with clear purpose, risk ranges, and rebalancing rules.
- 3) Pre-commit to your playbook: write down now how you'll behave in a market downturn, share it with your advisor, and get them to help you stick to it.

For families who've chosen to build lives here, the goal isn't outguessing the market. It's funding a specific life – doing what you want, where you want, with the people who matter most. If these questions resonate, let's talk about turning these rules into a plan that works for you.

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## Updates to Blue Box Collection Coming into Effect January 1, 2026

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to make residents and business owners aware of changes that are coming to recycling collection as of January 1, 2026.

### Updates for Residents

Starting in January residents will be able to use their blue and grey boxes for even more. Expanded collection is coming and will include:

- Paper laminate packaging
  - Tubes (toothpaste, deodorant, creams)
  - Flexible plastic (bags, bubble wrap, liners)
  - Polystyrene foam (food trays, packaging)
  - Small item packaging (medication bottles, blister packs, plant pots)
- More information can be found on the Circular Materials website. If residents have any questions or collection issues related to blue box they must contact Miller Waste at [area17@millerwaste.ca](mailto:area17@millerwaste.ca) or (519) 372-1855.

### Updates for Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Properties

As of October 2023, residential recycling collection in the Town of The Blue Mountains has been managed by Circular Materials, a not-for-profit organization appointed by the producers of recyclable materials under Ontario's legislated Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) framework. Under the Provincial legislation, recycling collection is not included for industrial, commercial and institutional (business) properties. This includes:

- Small businesses; Churches and places of worship;
- Not-for-profit organizations; Shops; Factories

The Town has a separate contract in place for the continued collection of recyclable materials from business properties. This program is not financially supported by the EPR, however the Town has approved it to continue into 2026.

### What Businesses Need to Know

- Business blue and grey box collection will continue in 2026. Collection will be on the same day as it has previously occurred (carts on Fridays, curbside on your day of the week)
  - Business blue and grey box collection is a limited weekly service
  - Three 360 litre carts, or limited to 9 units (i.e. clear bags, recycle boxes, or cardboard bundles) – bundles limited to 61cm x 46cm x 15cm (24" x 18" x 6") and 20 kg (45 lbs) per bag, box or bundle
  - Curbside garbage and organics collection will continue on the same schedule – these services also have weekly set-out limits
  - Business locations may continue to use the Landfill and Recycling Depot to drop off blue and grey box materials free of charge (other items have a minimum site use fee of \$15)
- Business locations that have questions or collection issues can contact the Town through the online service request form or (519) 599-3131 ext. 276.

### Advocacy and Provincial Response

The Town, along with many other municipalities, strongly lobbied the provincial government to allow continued financial support of recycling collection for small business locations. However, municipalities were notified on October 1, 2025, by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, that Circular Materials would not be able to fulfill this request.

As a result, many municipalities are not collecting business location recycling. The Blue Mountains has chosen to continue providing blue box service to business locations. The Town will be investigating and considering options for business location recycling service in 2026. New service models could include a fee for service or a depot-based service.

For more information, please contact:  
Jeff Fletcher, Town of The Blue Mountains  
Manager of Sustainability and Solid Waste (519) 599-3131 ext. 238

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## SOS Screenviews:

### A Non-AI Take on What to Stream by Anne Britton

Memorable: I would watch this show again by myself.  
Watchable: I would watch this show again with someone else.  
Bearable: I would watch this show again if someone paid me.  
Here are three shows that you might find interesting this month:

#### M: Apple Cider Vinegar (Netflix)

This series is about a young Australian woman who cons the alt-health world into believing she has brain cancer but is curing it through good thoughts and good food. It is an interesting foray into what people want to believe, the lengths to which they will go to prove faith over facts and, saddest of all, about the people who prey on them. This "story is based on a story which is based on a lie" as they repeat at the beginning of each episode.

#### W: Under the Bridge (Disney Plus)

This series is about the investigation into the murder of Reena Virk in Victoria, BC. This is a tragic tale of teenage alienation and violence. A pair of side plots made the show slightly tedious which is too bad because this is not a tedious story. As an aside: Kudos to Riley Keough for using her celebrity to bring attention to this story.

#### B: The Woman in Cabin 10 (Netflix)

This series is about a journalist (Keira Knightley) who is invited onto a yacht in order to cover the establishment of a charitable foundation by a billionaire couple; one of whom is dying of cancer. Hmm... sounds suspicious and yes, yes it is!! The series turns into a murder mystery when the journalist discovers someone has disappeared from the boat.

Enjoy your screenviews!



## A New Year by Alice Otrysko

January 1 marks more than just the turn of a month; it is the beginning of a brand new calendar year. Following the Gregorian calendar, New Year's Day signifies the start of the year near the northern winter solstice.

In ancient, pre-Christian Rome, under the Julian calendar, this day served as a tribute to Janus, the god of beginnings, for whom the month of January is named. According to the Gregorian calendar, January 1 is most celebrated of public holidays and often observed with flair. At the stroke of midnight, a new year starts in each time zone. Some make New Year's resolutions on that day and many call their friends and family to wish them the best for the upcoming 12 months.

As a child I remember staying up till midnight whether I liked it or not. All the cousins and aunts and uncles were gathered in one of the homes and there was food, drink and wishes. The kids were forced to celebrate with the adults while eyes were closing and sleep was overcoming us. When the toasts were said and best wishes exchanged, only then the children were allowed to go to bed. The adults stayed a bit longer but not too long, because next day, New Year's Day, was deemed a holy day and all went to Mass at the Polish church.

This was followed with more feasting at one of the homes. Finally the festivities were finished and the aunts and uncles dispersed to their own houses to rest. Christmas was now over. New Year celebrations were done. Resolutions which were made always prioritized good health. Health was the most important for everyone. The belief was that with good health all good things can happen.

Throwing away old things was another tradition. "Out with the old!" For a few days following New Year's Day, stuff was thrown away. Mostly it was old clothing but also other things. We also aired out the house that week to let out any evil spirits and welcome the good. (I remember bundling up since in Canada it was cold while airing out.)

Having a well stocked pantry that day and that week meant that no one will go hungry during the year. This was especially significant to my family since they experienced great hunger during The War and especially in Siberia where eating bark of trees and making stone soup was common. On New Year's Day dried mushrooms were made into soup and it was a delicacy difficult to come by in a labour camp. The family knew mushrooms so they gathered them even in Siberia and saved them for this occasion. On New Year's Day mushroom soup was always mandatory because it was so special for them.

Every country has their own traditions for welcoming a new year and some of them are interesting to look up.

People do what brings them joy but we all want happiness and good health and we all hope that the new year will be an even better one than the one we say goodbye to.



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**2026**

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## "Your Christmas Wish"

Grace United Church in Thornbury held its annual Christmas Eve service on the 24<sup>th</sup> of December (of course!) with all of the usual celebration, singing, pageantry and candles. During the service, those in attendance (more than 100) were invited to write down their Christmas wish on a small tag and place it on the Christmas tree at the front of the sanctuary. **Ninety-six wish tags were completed and hung with care on the tree.**

Grace United thought and hopes that there may be interest in knowing a bit about those wishes, be they for the writer, family, the community or the world.

With all of the uncertainty and conflict in our world on that evening, let alone what has unfolded since then in Venezuela, it was not surprising that 29 wishes were for peace in our country and our world. Five wishes included having a world free of anger, or asked for the people of the USA to have an "epiphany" of thought, or for Vladimir Putin to be removed from office, with freedom for all people. Having more forgiveness, acceptance of others and kindness (at home and around the world) was wished for by 14 folks, while one person wished for more wisdom

(couldn't we all benefit from having such a wish granted).

Happiness and strength of family was wished for by 15 of those in attendance, while good health for all was the wish of 9. Two family members wished for the recovery from illness for a loved one. Twelve folks wished for more love in the world, or even at home.

Surprisingly, only one person specifically wished for better care of our earth, although we all hope for it since we are part of the earth and its inhabitants (of all kinds). One person asked for the opportunity to serve others.



Only 6 of those in attendance had wishes relating to gifts under the tree, whether it be playing with a pet, or new jeans. One person wished for adequate housing for those without a proper home (and also for a basketball jersey – seems reasonable).

It is good for us all to consider such wishes for our families, community and world, and wouldn't it be wonderful if they came true. We have the ability to help make most of them a reality in 2026 and beyond.

Peace to All, Grace United Church

## The Master Gardener's Corner

Things to do in your garden each month taken from the Ontario Master Gardener Calendar by John Hethrington, Past President, Master Gardeners of Ontario. For more information, or your copy of the 11" x 17" calendar of the full year's tips for a \$2 contribution to Master Gardeners, call 519-599-5846.



Things to do in, or for your garden in January 2026

Welcome to the new gardening year. There's lots to do for your garden, even in winter.

- Cut the branches off your Christmas tree and place them over tender plants to catch the snow, which is a good insulator. It's the freeze/thaw cycle that kills the plants.
- Inspect house plants for white flies, spider mites and aphids. Apply insecticidal soap and spray with water.
- Inspect any spring bulbs you may have stored or forgotten about. Discard soft or mouldy ones.
- Plant any left over, not-yet-planted spring bulbs like daffs, tulips etc. in pots with good potting soil and a little bone meal. Water. Put the pots in an unheated garage or garden shed for 6 weeks. Take them inside in February or early March for spring blooms in less than a month.
- Expand your personal knowledge through on-line courses. Check out Master Gardener websites for lectures and seminars. Start looking on-line for seed and plant catalogues.
- Start planning your garden for next spring. I'm already making lists of plants to divide, and BUY.
- Make detailed lists under different categories, like: BIG projects, regular maintenance, new plants to buy and also, plants to divide.
- Google "Seed Catalogue Websites" and see hundreds of seed sources.
- Order flower and vegetable seeds. Decide which seeds should be started inside.
- If you can find them, try forcing amaryllis and paperwhite narcissus now for indoor winter bloom that will cheer you up during a long winter.
- At the end of the month, start the slowest germinating seeds like begonias and geraniums, also seeds for early spring bloom e.g., pansy, verbena, alyssum and dianthus.

## TELL YOUR STORY TO PROTECT OTHER SENIORS FROM SCAMS

ACE is creating a video series to help seniors recognize and avoid scams and fraud — and we're looking for seniors to participate

### WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

We want to speak with **seniors (55+) who are victims of fraud or attempted fraud** — even if no money or information was lost. Your experience can help other seniors stay safe.

### WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- Take part in a short, friendly interview (on video, audio-only, or anonymous — your choice).
- Share what happened, how you addressed the situation, and what you want other seniors to know.
- Help build real-life education tools for seniors across Ontario.

### WHAT WE PROVIDE:

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### WHO WE ARE:

The Advocacy Centre for the Elderly (ACE) is a legal clinic serving low-income seniors across Ontario.

### INTERESTED? HAVE QUESTIONS?

Contact: Kimber-lee  
Call: 416-598-2656 x 1231  
Email: [info@ace.clcj.ca](mailto:info@ace.clcj.ca)  
Website: [www.ancelaw.ca](http://www.ancelaw.ca)

*Your story can make a real difference.*

## January 12 and January 13, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meetings To Be Conducted Virtually

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise residents that the January 12 and January 13, Committee of the Whole meetings will be conducted virtually following restorations to the Council Chambers at Town Hall. HVAC issues over the holidays resulted in flooding in the council chambers and administration area

The meetings will be completely virtual for all attendees. Council and staff will be required to join virtually, and those appearing as a deputation or to provide public comment will also attend virtually. Those who wish to make a deputation or provide public comment must register in advance with the Town Clerk.

The meetings can be viewed online at [www.thebluemountains.ca/live-stream](http://www.thebluemountains.ca/live-stream).

For more information, please contact:

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk  
(519) 599-3131 ext. 232



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# The Last Picture Show

54 Years of Painting | J. David Murphy



**Exhibition**  
Jan 3-28  
2026

**Grand Opening**  
January 10  
2-4pm

**Meet & Greet**  
January 24  
1-4pm

After 54 years of painting and 40 exhibitions in Canada and Europe, J. David Murphy reflects on the culmination of his artistic journey with an exhibition of his favorite works: impressionistic Northern Ontario landscapes, European urban scenes, abstract pieces, and a few unexpected surprises.

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January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
10-11:30AM

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**SOUP'S ON**  
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Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

A soup competition featuring local eateries, in support of:

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GREY - BRUCE

Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre,  
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Admission: By Donation - Soup Tasting Tickets \$25.00 for 6 samples

Tickets now on sale!

Sample size pottery  
bowls  
made and donated by  
local potters will be  
available for purchase.  
(Limited quantity!)

This event will focus on bringing the  
community together, while supporting local  
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Saturday, January 24  
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**LUNCH BUNCH**  
4th Tuesday

**JANUARY 27TH AT NOON**

Come for lunch and bring a friend. Min. \$10 donation  
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 165 Russell St. E., Thornbury

**Saturday January 31st, 2 - 4pm**

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This year, we are excited to be celebrating  
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70<sup>th</sup> Annual

**Thinking Day  
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Saturday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, 2-4pm



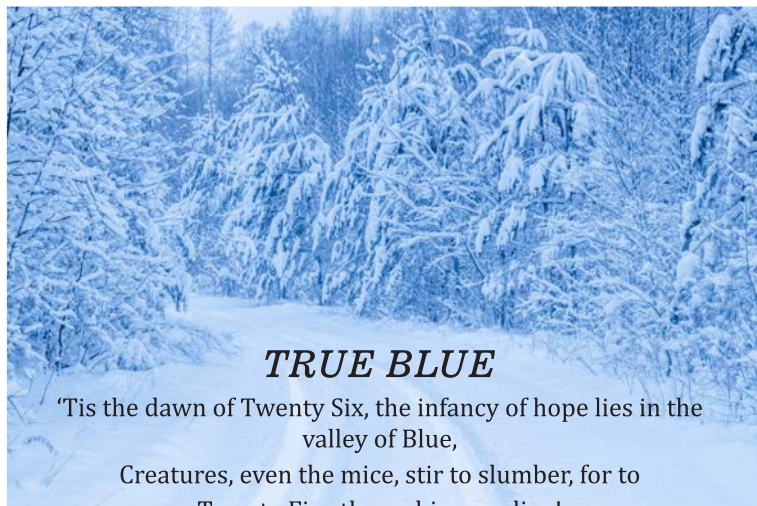
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Bring re-usable bags for baking!





## TRUE BLUE

'Tis the dawn of Twenty Six, the infancy of hope lies in the valley of Blue,  
Creatures, even the mice, stir to slumber, for to  
Twenty Five they whisper adieu!

Yet across highways and waterways, concessions and streets,  
The rumble continues, clanking machinery, and dials on alert,  
These are the girdings to our comfort, our safety, our health.  
For while we warm by the hearth, sip toasts of good cheer,  
Crews are on the ready, they the servanthood of  
Mountains Blue,  
Easing our transport, clearing debris, plumbing  
our water on-demand.

In wireless context, spanning minutes and hours of  
seamless days,  
Crews loyal to our pining and plea read emergencies  
as a text to action!

Words so easily part our lips to summon timely help,  
express concern,  
Yet 'tis ours to unwrap with thanks the gift of  
Staff and Technician alike,  
To know the Town of Mountains Blue is the true  
hearth of our comforts,  
So with humble acclaim to wish their one, their all,  
roofless applause,  
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Jeremy Wentworth-Stanley  
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