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## The Town of The Blue Mountains

would like to ask all residents and business owners - especially snow clearing contractors - for their assistance in keeping fire hydrants clear of snow.

For your safety and the safety of your neighbours, it is important to keep fire hydrants clear and unobstructed so that they can be used by the Fire Department in case of an emergency. If there is a hydrant in front of or adjacent to your property, the Town asks for your cooperation to ensure it is clearly visible and unobstructed. Please help yourself, your neighbours and the municipality by ensuring it is kept free and clear of snow at all times. We appreciate your assistance. Water and Wastewater Inquiries 519-599-3131 X 284



## Ontario Budget Consultations

Share your ideas for the 2026 Budget on what matters most to you.

<https://www.ontario.ca/form/survey-2026-budget-consultations>

We want to hear from you! Tell us how Ontario's next budget can help support your family, business or community. The 2026 Budget will continue to focus 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.

Estimated time to complete: 3 to 5 minutes.

**Closing date: January 30, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. (ET).**

### Mailed written proposal

For those who want to give detailed input, including organizations, businesses and individuals with specific proposals. Mail your proposal to: The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance c/o Communications Services Branch, Frost Building North, 3rd Floor, 95 Grosvenor Street, Toronto, ON M7A 1Z1

**We will accept letters received by January 30, 2026.**

### Key Focus Areas for the 2026 Budget:

**Economic Support:** Protecting jobs, boosting manufacturing (e.g., via tax credits like the Ontario-made manufacturing investment tax credit), and managing economic challenges.

**Affordability & Costs:** Keeping taxes low and managing household costs.

**Public Services:** Investing in healthcare (expanding primary care teams), education, and infrastructure.

**Infrastructure:** Building critical projects, with support for municipalities.

### Fiscal Projections (from the 2025 Budget):

Deficit of \$14.6 billion projected for 2025-26.

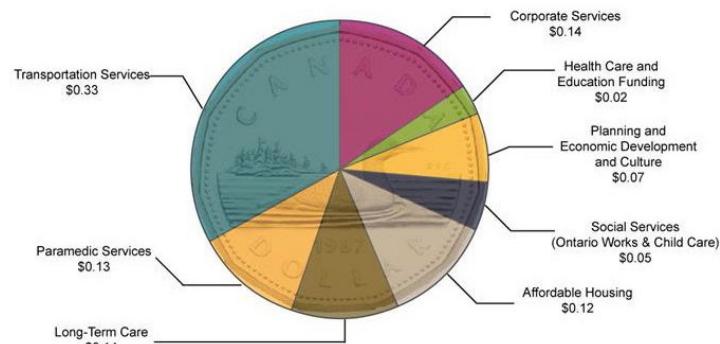
Deficit projected to improve to \$7.8 billion for 2026-27.

A small surplus (\$0.2 billion) anticipated in 2027-28.

### Recent Announcements & Actions:

- Primary Care: Investments to add hundreds of new primary care teams by July 2026.
- Municipalities: Increased funding for the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund for 2026.
- Post-Secondary: Investment in college and university facilities and programs for in-demand jobs.
- The official 2026 Budget document is expected to be released in Spring 2026, following the consultation period.

## Your 2026 Grey County Tax Dollar



The 2026 budget is set, and Grey County will be maintaining service levels this year while also making some important investments that look to the future and the changing needs of our communities. The total operating and capital budget in 2026 is \$301.9 million. This includes a combination of grants and funding, and \$84 million in municipal levy. In addition to maintaining levels of service, additional projects and investments in the upcoming year include:

- Building two paramedic bases (Faversham and Dundalk)
- Advancing road transfer projects between Grey County and local municipalities
- Capital spending on infrastructure like roads and county-owned buildings

The full 2026 budget can be found online at [grey.ca/budget](http://grey.ca/budget). New this year, in addition to the budget book, are interactive tools that help the public explore and visualize projected spending.

## Amber Alert Awareness Day

January 13 marked Amber Alert Awareness Day, and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is reminding Ontarians that Amber Alerts are a call for the public's help to find a child in danger.



An Amber Alert is an emergency broadcast that is issued in the event of a child abduction. It is only issued when the abducted child is believed to be at imminent risk of bodily harm or death.

When the alert is issued, the description of the child (and, if available, the alleged suspect or involved vehicle) is immediately broadcast through television, radio, and LTE-connected and compatible wireless devices via Alert Ready, Canada's emergency alerting system.

The issuing of an Amber Alert is not taken lightly. Before an Amber Alert is issued, specific guidelines must be met, and all of the following criteria must be satisfied:

- The law enforcement agency believes a child under 18 years of age has been abducted.
- The law enforcement agency believes the child is in danger of serious bodily harm or death.
- There is enough descriptive information about one or more of the following: the child, the abductor, and/or the vehicle, which is sufficient to allow the law enforcement agency to believe that an immediate broadcast alert will help in locating the child.

During an Amber Alert, time is critical. If you see or hear an alert, you should watch for the child, suspect, and/or vehicle described, and report tips or sightings immediately by calling 9-1-1. Calling 911 to complain about an Amber Alert is considered public mischief and may result in charges. Learn more about Amber Alerts and how you can help by visiting [opp.ca/AMBERAlert](http://opp.ca/AMBERAlert)



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[stjamesfairmount.ca](http://stjamesfairmount.ca)

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

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Excluding: Jan. 17, Jan. 18, Feb. 1, Feb. 7, Feb 8, Mar. 7, Mar. 8, Mar. 29

Ages 18+: \$3 per person

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### 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

## INDOOR WALKING

Beaver Valley Community Centre, Thornbury  
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## FREE SEWING CLASSES

beginning Tuesday, February 17, 2026 and running for 10 weeks. Classes will be held from 3-5pm at First Baptist Church, Thornbury. There is no charge. For information please call : Maryann @ 519 599 2680 or Pat @ 519 538 0020.



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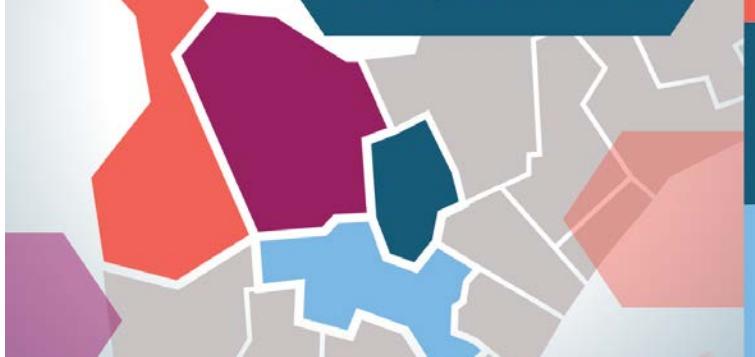
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## Call for Local Wild Weather Stories

As Grey County develops Resilient Grey, the regional climate change adaptation plan, community groups are gathering submissions about how climate change is already affecting the area.

The Georgian Bluffs Climate Action Team is seeking local submissions from residents, farmers, and business owners about how weather and the environment have changed over the decades, with particular interest in accounts spanning 10 to 30+ years.

Submissions may be featured in Local Stories: Changing Weather, alongside the Wild Weather traveling exhibit from Science North, coming to Grey Roots Museum & Archives in May 2026.

If you have a submission to share, send an email through the link below and include a description of 300 words or less along with any photos, and a member of the Climate Action Team will get in touch.

[a2gbc@bmts.com](mailto:a2gbc@bmts.com) Winter Ready Roads

## Town of The Blue Mountains Launches New Recreation Booking System

The Town of The Blue Mountains is excited to announce the launch of a new system to manage its recreation facility availability and scheduling. The new system streamlines the booking process by allowing the public to view availability, request bookings and securely make payment entirely online.

The platform is built on the Univerus Rec system, and includes all of the Town's parks, pavilions, pickleball courts, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, soccer fields, indoor spaces and ice times.

"This is a big step forward for residents and staff in terms of overall efficiency," says the Town's Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons. "This platform will make the process more convenient by allowing the public to request bookings and make payments any time they choose."

The platform is now live and can be accessed from the Facility Rentals page on the Town's website. Individual web pages for each of the Town's facilities will have direct links to view availability.

<https://app.univerusrec.com/thebluemountainspub/index.asp>

## Blue Mountain Legacy Fund

The Blue Mountain Legacy Fund is a registered charitable public foundation with an endowed fund held with Community Foundation Grey Bruce. Donations are invested with the earnings going towards community projects.

[www.bluemountainlegacyfund.ca](http://www.bluemountainlegacyfund.ca)



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## Safe 'N Sound Grey Bruce Announces New Shelter Building in Owen Sound

Safe 'N Sound is proud to announce the purchase of a new building that will soon become a year-round shelter space in Owen Sound. Thanks to \$500,000 in federal funding, disbursed through the Rural and Remote stream of Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy, as administered by United Way Simcoe Muskoka, this dedicated shelter will provide a warm, safe place to rest for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Located at 612 2nd Avenue East, Owen Sound, the shelter will serve nighttime needs, while daytime drop-in and support services will continue at our current location. Once complete, the building will include 26 beds to support some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Along with space for other agencies, such as SOS (Supportive Outreach Services), Brightshores, M'Wikwedong, CMHA and others, to meet with their service users in the mornings.

"This milestone was built by many people over two decades: staff, Board members, Participants, partners, and neighbours who poured their hearts into making it possible," said Annette Pedlar, Executive Director of Safe 'N Sound. "We are creating a place where people are received with dignity, warmth, and care. It is a proud step toward a community where everyone has a safe place to sleep. This achievement is significant, yet our work is not done. With ongoing community education, collaboration, and advocacy, we are working toward a future where every neighbour has a place to call home and support to thrive."

The building requires renovations before it can open its doors, and while an exact opening date is still to be confirmed, Safe 'N Sound is hopeful the shelter will be operational by early 2026.

"This is a pivotal moment for our community which reflects a shared understanding that homelessness is a systems issue requiring real infrastructure and low-barrier responses rooted in dignity, equity, and care," said Rachel Paterson, Board Chair of Safe 'N Sound. "Guided by the voices of our Participants, our feasibility study, and aligned with provincial housing goals, we are grateful for the opportunity to create a shelter on these Lands which will offer safety, connection, and belonging. This space will serve as a long-term community hub of support and possibility for Participants, strengthening wellbeing and pathways forward for years to come."

This milestone would not have been possible without the support of our community. In addition to government contributions, ongoing fundraising efforts and local generosity have played a key role in bridging the gap toward purchasing and renovating the space. Support from The County of Grey, Community Foundation Grey Bruce, and 100 Women Who Care Grey Bruce also helped ensure this vision could become a reality.

"Reaching Home provides funding to communities to deliver projects based on local priorities that achieve clear outcomes," said Gregor Robertson, Minister of Housing and Infrastructure and Minister responsible for Pacific Economic Development Canada. "With this funding, Safe 'N Sound in Grey Bruce can offer vulnerable community members experiencing homelessness a warm, safe place to rest."

While this is a major step forward, Safe 'N Sound will continue to rely on community support to fund day-to-day operations and vital services. The journey toward a more inclusive and compassionate Grey Bruce region is a shared one, and we're so grateful to walk it together. [safensoundgreybruce.ca](http://safensoundgreybruce.ca)

## Collingwood Native Brings Padel, A Fast-Growing Racquet Sport To Georgian Bay

Andrew McKay, a Collingwood native, is bringing padel to the region with the launch of Trounce Padel Club, an indoor facility now under construction at 140 Mountain Road, Collingwood and scheduled to open in June 2026.

McKay said he first discovered padel on YouTube and sought out a private court to try it for himself. Hooked after his first match, he later travelled to Miami — widely regarded as North America's padel hub — to further immerse himself in the sport. "I saw how quickly it clicked for people — different ages, different fitness levels, all playing together," he said. "Within one session I understood why it's taken off elsewhere, and I started thinking: why not Collingwood?"

Padel (pronounced "PAH-del") is a doubles racquet sport played on an enclosed court with glass walls, combining elements of tennis and squash. The walls are in play, which tends to keep rallies going and makes the sport approachable for beginners.

Trounce Padel Club's 10,800-square-foot facility will include three indoor padel courts along with a lounge area, a full-service bar, changing rooms, a pro shop and saunas. McKay describes the concept as a members-focused club intended to balance playing time with a social atmosphere.

"This isn't just about building courts," McKay said. "We want it to be the kind of place you go for a match and end up staying — to watch, to recover, to catch up with people. The sport is social by nature, and the space should reflect that."

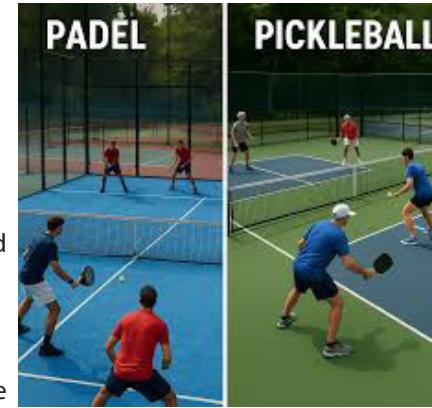
McKay said the membership model is designed to protect court availability. "You hear the same complaint everywhere: 'I joined, and I still can't book a court,'" he said. "We're trying to avoid that by keeping the experience member-first."

He also believes the sport's learning curve will help it grow locally. "With the walls and the smaller court, beginners can rally quickly," McKay said. "Tennis and squash players tend to pick it up fast, but you don't need that background to enjoy it."

A founding membership waitlist is now open ahead of the June 2026 opening. The club said founding members receive early-member pricing and priority benefits, available in limited quantities, with details posted at [trounce.club](http://trounce.club).

### Try Padel If You:

- Enjoy fast-paced, high-energy games with continuous action.
- Prefer playing in doubles and love the teamwork element.
- Want to experience strategic wall rebounds and dynamic rallies.
- Have access to a dedicated padel court (since walls are required).
- Like sports that combine power, agility, and tactics similar to tennis and squash.



Padel is perfect for players who crave excitement, competition, and group play. It's also an excellent choice if you want a full-body workout that boosts reflexes, endurance, and coordination.

### Try Pickleball If You:

- Prefer a more relaxed and social sport that's easy on the joints.
- Want something beginner-friendly with simple rules.
- Like games that emphasize precision, control, and placement rather than raw power.
- Have limited space — since pickleball courts can be set up almost anywhere.
- Enjoy playing with friends or family of all ages.

Pickleball is ideal for those seeking a strategic, low-impact sport that balances fun and fitness. It's especially popular among community players and recreational athletes who want quick, engaging matches.

## Ontario Building and Expanding 16 Teaching Clinics to Connect 300,000 More People to Primary Care

The Ontario government is investing up to \$8 million to support planning for 16 new and expanded primary care teaching clinics across the province to connect 300,000 more people to primary care. This investment is part of the government's \$2.1 billion Primary Care Action Plan to connect everyone in Ontario to primary care by 2029.

"These new primary care teaching clinics will further protect our health-care system by training the next generation of primary care clinicians, right here in Ontario," said Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "This builds on our government's unprecedented investments in primary care that will ensure anyone who wants to connect to a primary care clinician can have reliable access to primary care, no matter where they live."

Each teaching clinic will receive up to \$500,000 to support planning work. In partnership with Ontario's medical schools, these clinics will train family medicine residents in a team-based model alongside other health-care professionals, such as nurse practitioners, physician assistants and registered nurses. These clinics will offer training that combines direct patient care with hands-on learning in team-based environments, all while providing primary care for an additional 300,000 people. Initial teaching clinics are targeted to open in 2027-28, with further expansion to follow.

This funding is part of the government's broader investment of up to \$300 million – part of the \$2.1 billion Primary Care Action Plan – to build new and expanded community-based primary care teaching clinics in areas with high rates of unattachment.

In addition to funding planning grants for 16 new and expanded teaching clinics, two new primary care teaching clinics at Toronto Metropolitan University will bring the total to 18 clinics. Together with other historic investments in new medical school seats, creating over 130 new and expanded primary care teams and adding nearly 20,000 new physicians to the health-care system, these initiatives are helping to connect Ontario families to primary care, beginning with clearing the Health Care Connect waitlist as of January 1, 2025. As of this week, that waitlist has been reduced by more than 75 per cent.

### Quick Facts

- In September, the Ontario government announced a \$250 million investment to launch a call for proposals to create and expand approximately 75 primary care teams in 2026-27 that will connect 500,000 more people to primary care.
- The call for proposals for new and expanded teams will be used to identify Interprofessional Care Teams (IPCTs) that can partner with medical schools to provide team based clinical support for primary care teaching clinics.
- Ontario currently has 39 primary care teaching clinics across the province where medical residents train to become family doctors. Family medicine residents typically spend two or more years training at a teaching clinic before graduation.
- The government is investing in the largest medical school education expansion in more than a decade by adding 340 undergraduate seats and 551 postgraduate positions by 2028-29, representing a 67 per cent increase in family medicine graduates per year.
- Ontario's Primary Care Action Team is drawing on best-in-class models of care to implement its action plan, supported by the government's investment of more than \$2.1 billion to connect approximately two million more people to primary care by 2029, which will achieve the government's goal of connecting everyone in the province to primary care.
- Since 2018, Ontario has added nearly 20,000 additional physicians to its health-care workforce, including an over 14 per cent increase in family doctors.
- Ontario is taking significant steps to strengthen its health-care workforce by making it easier for U.S.-licensed nurses and board-certified physicians to move to and practise in Ontario. So far this year, over 1,700 nurses and more than 450 doctors from the US have already chosen Ontario.



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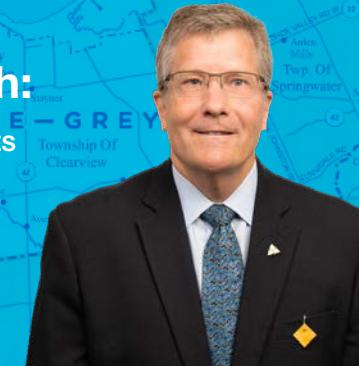
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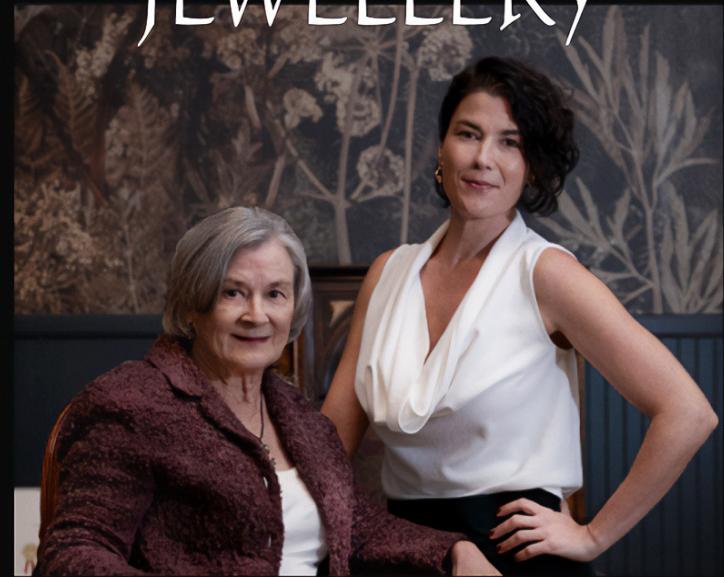
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## Free to Play

**Free to Play** supports outdoor, unstructured play for children and youth, with a focus on creating the time, space, and freedom for kids to play their own way outdoors. The initiative aims to reduce barriers to everyday outdoor play and strengthen opportunities for children and youth across Grey Bruce communities.

Free to Play is delivered locally by Community Foundation Grey Bruce as part of a national initiative supported by the Waltons Trust, the Lawson Foundation, and Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities. In this first of two calls for applications, Community Foundation Grey Bruce has \$205,000 available to disburse locally.

Eligible applicants include registered charities, incorporated non profits, municipalities, Indigenous governing bodies, schools, school boards, and other qualified donees. Projects must take place within the area served by Community Foundation Grey Bruce and support outdoor play that is child led, inclusive, and community based.

Funding request amounts vary by project. Organizations are encouraged to request the amount they need to deliver meaningful and lasting impact.

**Applications are currently open and must be submitted by February 24, 2026 at 5:00 PM PST.**

For organizations interested in learning more, there will be an online Q and A session for potential applicants on January 28 at 11:00am. This session will provide an overview of the initiative and an opportunity to ask questions.

Full details, including eligibility, timelines, and how to apply, can be found here:

<https://communityfoundations.ca/initiatives/free-to-play/>

If you have any questions or would like to talk through the initiative, please feel free to reach out. I am happy to help!

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## Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey, Bruce and West Simcoe

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey, Bruce and West Simcoe (BBBSGBWS) is proud to announce the renewal of its partnership with the James Goreski Private Foundation, receiving over \$36,000 in funding to support the agency's Outdoor Wellness Program in 2026.

This marks the fourth year the Foundation has invested in the program, bringing its total contribution to over \$100,000! The sustained support reflects a shared commitment to improving the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of children and youth across locally.

The Outdoor Wellness Program is a year-round, land-based initiative providing monthly opportunities for young people to connect with nature, build healthy coping skills, strengthen relationships, and develop confidence. Programming is hosted at the Bluewater Outdoor Education Centre (OEC) in Wiarton, which offers access to forest, trail, wetland, and outdoor learning environments ideal for experiential programming. The partnership with the OEC, alongside M'Wikwedong Indigenous Friendship Centre and Keystone Child, Youth & Family Services, enables a wide variety of nature-based learning experiences including canoeing, snowshoeing, seasonal art projects, orienteering, and foraging.

"This funding ensures that hundreds of local children and youth—many of whom face multiple barriers—have access to meaningful outdoor experiences that promote wellness, belonging, and resilience," says Beth Aubrey, Executive Director of BBBSGBWS. "We are deeply grateful for the James Goreski Private Foundation's continued belief in this program and in the young people we serve."

With this renewed investment, BBBSGBWS will provide more than 400 children and youth with equitable access to the program

by covering transportation, meals, facilitation, and equipment—removing financial and geographic barriers that often limit participation in outdoor recreation.

The mission of the James Goreski Private Foundation is to improve the lives of Grey and Bruce County residents by supporting organizations assisting those experiencing health-related challenges. The Outdoor Wellness Program directly aligns with this mission by addressing mental health, reducing isolation, encouraging physical activity, and fostering developmental relationships through experiential learning in nature.

"We are honoured to partner with organizations that prioritize the health and well-being of our communities," says the James Goreski Private Foundation. "The Outdoor Wellness Program has consistently demonstrated meaningful outcomes for youth in Grey and Bruce, and we are proud to continue supporting its growth."

BBBSGBWS extends sincere appreciation to the Foundation, the Bluewater Outdoor Education Centre, and its community partners for supporting youth wellness in the region.

### About Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey, Bruce and West Simcoe

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey, Bruce and West Simcoe provides one-to-one and group mentorship programs that foster growth, encourage belonging, and build community.

Serving a rural region of more than 11,000 square kilometres, the agency supports children and youth ages 6–18, many of whom face significant adversity. Through developmental relationships and upstream supports, BBBSGBWS helps young people unlock their potential and thrive.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grey, Bruce and West Simcoe  
519-376-4449  
www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca

## Ontario Celebrates Arrival of First Northlander Train

Government marks major milestone as province prepares to restore passenger rail service between Timmins and Toronto

The Ontario government is marking a major milestone in its commitment to bring back the Northlander with the arrival of the first of three new Northlander trainsets in Ontario. The Northlander will span 740 kilometres with 16 stops between Timmins and Toronto, with a connection to Cochrane, and is part of the government's work to protect Ontario's economy by connecting northern communities, creating good-paying jobs, supporting local industries and driving economic growth across the north.

The trainset is currently undergoing testing and commissioning work in Toronto before moving north, where Ontario Northland will begin testing the train along the Northlander corridor to ensure all systems function correctly and meet safety, performance and operating requirements. The Northlander is expected to return to service in 2026.

In 2025, the province began construction of Timmins-Porcupine Station, awarded the contract to reconstruct platforms and install shelters along the Northlander corridor and completed the North Bay Rail Bypass, which will cut travel times by 15 minutes.

Once complete, the Northlander will offer rail service from Toronto to Timmins, with a connection to Cochrane. Service will strengthen northern industries and the resource sector while improving access to good-paying jobs and essential services, including health care and education.

- Northern Ontario is an economic engine, home to more than 65,000 local businesses and contributing over \$55.5 billion to Ontario's GDP in 2024.
- Ontario has purchased three new Northlander trainsets from Siemens. Each trainset consists of one locomotive and three passenger cars.
- Northlander rail cars were designed with comfort and accessibility in mind. Each trainset has 169 seats, including accessible seating, wide aisles, accessible washrooms, charging ports, Wi-Fi and LED lighting.

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# Update From The Special Advisors Regarding Work with The Board of Health for The Grey Bruce Health Unit

We are pleased to provide a third update on our work as Special Advisors to the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Kieran Moore, in respect of the Grey Bruce Health Unit. To ensure the continued delivery of critical public health services, on August 14, 2025, the Chief Medical Officer of Health temporarily assumed the powers of the Board of Health under s. 77.1 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act to support operations. We would like to start by providing updates on recent meetings of the health unit's governance partners.

On November 27, 2025, the Counties of Grey and Bruce came together to discuss a range of governance issues, including the skills matrix to support a newly reconstituted Board of Health. We are very happy to share with you that this discussion resulted in agreement from both Counties on a final version of the skills matrix. This outcome was shared with governance partners at a meeting on November 28, 2025.

A skills matrix is a framework used to identify and map the skills and key attributes of board members and is widely recognized as a good governance tool for understanding strengths and identifying needs. The matrix endorsed by Dr. Moore, exercising powers of the Board of Health, identifies sixteen unique skills that members would collectively bring to a reconstituted Board of Health. No one member is expected to possess all sixteen skills, but a board where all sixteen are present is strengthened.

The skills matrix is a critical first step toward developing a comprehensive Action Plan to address findings from the independent assessment conducted under section 82 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act. We want to express our sincere gratitude to Wardens Matrosov and Charbonneau, their councils, and their senior administrative staff for their hard work. We also want to thank members of the furloughed Board for their thoughtful input.

On December 19, 2025, we shared that Dr. Moore, exercising powers of the Board of Health, has accepted the Action Plan developed in consultation with governance partners. We look forward to sharing this with you in the new year.

During this interim period, we have been actively supporting Dr. Moore in exercising the powers of the Board of Health.

Recent decisions include:

1. Banking arrangements: Approval of a further five-year term with the health unit's existing banking provider, RBC, along with a revised policy to assess the arrangement after three years.

2. Collective agreement: Approval of the OPSEU/SEFPO Local 276 memorandum of settlement for a three-year collective agreement. Details will be posted on the Health Unit's website.

Over the past several weeks, we have been supporting the senior leadership team at the Health Unit to begin work on a strategic planning process and review of enterprise risk management. The dedicated professionals working at the Health Unit continue to deliver essential public health services with professionalism, compassion, and care. Thank you for all your ongoing work and collaboration.

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



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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.

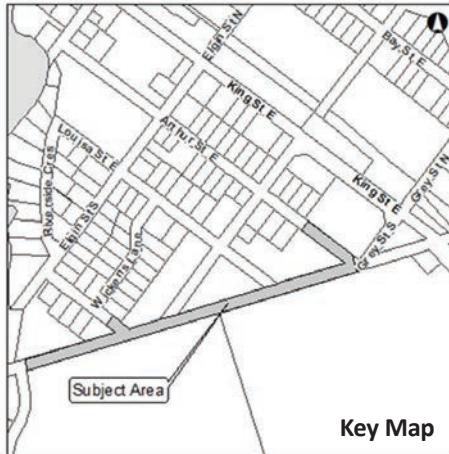
The proposal includes the creation of a parcel of land to be owned by the Town for park purposes, and to consider a Zoning By-law Amendment application to place the lands into the Open Space 'OS' zone in order to recognize and permit the proposed park use.

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.



### 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.

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January 24  
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**The Gallery**  
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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 24th, 2026 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

A soup competition featuring local eateries, in support of:

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Saturday, January 24

9am-Noon

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**JANUARY 27TH AT NOON**

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

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**Thurs Feb 19 | 6 PM**

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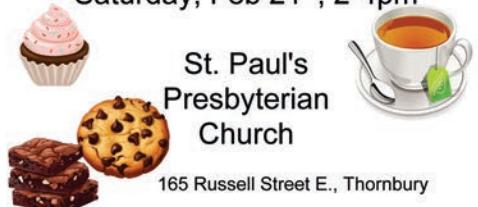
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**Saturday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, 2-4pm**



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